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CURIOUS PATENTS

Some investigating person has furnished the New York Times with a brief list of patents on small things—such as any man or boy might have thought of, but didn't, and which in many instances have proved mines of wealth to the lucky discoverer. For, inasmuch as so many minds might have hit upon these things, they ought probably to be called discoveries rather than inventions, and are the outcome of luck or chance, or whatever any one may choose to call that arrangement of circumstances which is not the result of much forethought or local process. The steam-engine, the steamship, the locomotive, the telegraph, the reaping-machine, the power-loom, the sewing-machine, the telephone, the cotton gin, the telescope and sources of similar machines or instruments are truly inventions. They require a logical and philosophical combination of laws and principles. But there are hundreds of smaller things, chiefly petty conveniences and contrivances for domestic use, or amusing and entertaining toys, which are more in the nature of discoveries. These last have been only found—the others were found out.

Among these trifles is the favorite toy—the "return-ball"—a wooden ball with an electric string attached, selling for the sum of ten cents each, but yielding to its patentee an income equal to fair returns on a capital of \$500,000. The rubber tip on the end of lead pencils affords the owner of the pencil an independent fortune. The inventor of the gummed newspaper wrapper is also a rich man. The gimlet-pointed screw has evolved more wealth than most silver mines, and the man who first thought to put copper tips to children's shoes is as well off as his father had left him \$2,000,000 in United States bonds. Although roller-skates are not so much used in countries where ice is abundant, in South America, especially in Brazil, they are very highly esteemed and have yielded over \$1,000,000 to their inventor. But he had to spend \$125,000 in England alone fighting infringements. The "dancing Jim Crow," a toy, provides an annual income of \$30,000 to its inventor, and the common needle threader is worth \$10,000 a year to the man who thought of it. The "driver well" was an idea of Mr. Colonel Green, whose troops, during the war, were in want of water. He conceived the notion of driving a two inch tube into the ground until water was reached and there attaching a pump. This simple contrivance was patented after the war, and tens of thousands of farmers who have adopted it, have been obliged to pay him a royalty, a moderate estimate of which is placed at \$2,000,000. The spring window shade yields an income equal to an investment of \$1,000,000; the stylographic pen, with which this article is written, also \$1,000,000; the marking pen for shading in different colors, \$100,000; rubber stamps, the same. A large fortune has been reaped by a western miner who, ten years since, invented a metal rivet or eyelid at each end of the mouth of breeches and coat pockets to resist the strain caused by the carriage of pieces of ore and heavy tools. Fortunes have been made out of the dead as well as the living. The torpedo grave, which will explode when body snatchers meddle with it, is one bonanza; another odd, but probably not lucrative one, is an open tube running from the top of the ground to the coffin.

lid, just over the face of the corpse. If the person is in a trance and has been buried alive, he draws himself up through the hole and returns to the surface by means of a rope-ladder in the tube. If he prefers, however, to send for assistance, he pulls a cord which rings a bell near the top of the tube. After lying there long enough to assure his friends that he has no intention of coming back, the tube is pulled up, drawing as it comes a glass plate over the face of the inmate of the coffin.

Every time a woman pricks the shell of an egg preparatory to boiling it she violates a patent right, this having been secured by some genius who discovered that it would prevent their breaking during the process of boiling. It having been said that chickens hatched by artificial heat do not thrive as well as others, because they miss the maternal affection expressed in the "cluck cluck" of the natural hen, an inventor has taken out a patent which imitates that sound, soothing and charming the tender-hearted but bereaved offspring with its artificial croon and consoling the young orphan with its mechanical solicitude. This is based evidently upon another patent for babies, of a machine operated by clock-work and producing a low and melancholy murmur, which no child, however wakeful, can resist, but to which it succumbs in profound slumber. There is also the false-bottomed nest, which deludes the hen into the belief that she has not laid an egg, and combined with her own conscientious devotion to duty, persuades her to a continuance of her work until she is exhausted or deceived. A patent hen-roost, by the action of the hens, closes the doors of a bee-hive at night and opens them in the morning, protecting the hive against the ravages of the bee moth. A wire frame strung above a horse's head is also patented. It is meant to persuade the animal that it is the top of a fence too high for him to leap. This, of course, presumes that the horse is an ass.—Free Press.

How to Entertain the Girls

"What shall we do to entertain our girls?" says a religious exchange. A man who needs advice as to how to entertain his girls is not fit to edit a religious paper. We suggest that he should take one of them out buggy-riding in the afternoon, tell her what a daisy she is, and how insipid and fixed-up that other girl is. Then he should take "that other girl" out for ice cream after supper and tell her confidentially how very uninteresting and awkward the buggy-riding girl is. When the two girls meet the religious editor can depend on them entertaining each other without his personal assistance.—Texas Siftings.

In 1865 John Lemp came from Michigan to Sac county, Ia., and the same year he bought a common native cow. From that cow he has raised and sold \$1200 worth of cattle, has fifty-three on hand worth \$1100, making a total in seventeen years of \$2300, besides supplying his family with milk, butter and food for pigs.

Mr. Vanderbilt appears to be making money in some of his little outside speculations. It is said he owns \$60,000,000 of government bonds, bought within the last two years. During that time these bonds have advanced ten per cent in price, and he has received 8 per cent interest, or an increase to Mr. Vanderbilt's fortune of \$11,000,000.

Miracles

Do we believe in miracles, Alonzo? Well we should preach. When a man can set down in a New York restaurant and have brook trout, spring chicken, venison steak, and roed bird served off the same old soup bone, we are ready to take in any miracle you ever saw in print. Believe in miracles! When the American farmer can put a quart of strawberries in a box that won't hold a pint of sand; when almost any coal dealer can make seventeen hundred weight a ton; when a common-looking clerk can measure a whole yard at one sweep of a thirty-three-inch stick; when a ten-pound block of ice looks small alongside a four-ounce hailstone; when any barkeeper turns whisky into water before he opens up in the morning; when you can put out a fire with illuminating oil; when soap-fat stalks abroad as A 1 clover-fed butter; when you find a miraculous draught of fishes in the sky-blue milk, when a committee of women at a church-fair can make a barrel of soup with one oyster; when—do we believe in miracles, doubting Alonzo? It is an age of miracles. The world is full of miracles, or overrun with rascals. You may accept either interpretation.—Burlington Hawk-eye.

The Turkish Way

One day the Sultan's Prime Minister came to him with anxious face and said: "Oh, Sultan, we are short of cash. What can we do?" "Raise the taxes, oh, caiff!" "But the people can pay no more." "Then we will increase the duties on imports." "We can't, for we have no imports to increase on." "Then make another European loan." "Impossible. We cannot pay the interest on the loan we have already made." "Are the crown jewels in soak?" "They are, oh, Sultan." "Have we nothing to mortgage or sell?" "Nothing, oh, great ruler, except our sacred honor." "Then go and sell that, you ass! A Prime Minister with any fodder in his head would have thought of that in the first place!"

A Lady Lawyer's Retort

Judge Tyler, of San Francisco, was engaged in a case where Clara S. Foltz, a lady lawyer, was employed by the opposite side. The judge was getting the worst of it, and angrily turning to his fair opponent, remarked in a tone intended to be highly impressive, that "counsel had better be in other business," and that a "woman's place was at home raising her children." The words were scarcely uttered, when Mrs. Foltz, flashing her blue eyes straight into the Judge's florid face, quietly remarked: "A woman had better be engaged in almost any business than in raising such meep as you are, sir." The counsel dropped the subject.

"The trouble is," said a gentleman some days ago, a "busted" sugar-planter, "the Mississippi and Yazoo deltas were discovered and settled on about a 100,000 years ago. The whole country is artificial and liable to overflow all the time, and the more it overflows the better it is for the land. Every flood leaves it higher. It may be rough on the resident population, but it will be the making of future generations."

.... Warranty deed is, quit claim deeds and mortgages, for sale at this office.

Rooms to Rent

Anyone who wants a nicely furnished room in a pleasant locality can be accommodated at Mrs. Denny Curran's, near the Congregational Church.

Sherman Bros. Express

Will receive orders at the store of L. W. Case for upper Astoria or any other part of the city. Leave your orders on the slate and they will be promptly attended to.

For Rent

A cigar stand; the fixtures are for sale. Inquire of P. H. Fox, Main street.

Wanted

Six good carpenters and fitters can get steady employment and good wages. Inquire at this office.

Spring Opening

There will be a spring opening at Mrs. Derby's on Wednesday and Thursday, April 28th and 29th. New and popular styles of hats, bonnets, trimmings, etc.

—Music for the piano, organ, flute, violin, guitar, cornet, accordion, mandolin, concertina and other instruments, just received at Adler's music store.

Treat Your Teeth

Rather than have them pulled, let your dentist save all he can. You desire to have trouble, because you have not used Sotozod. When properly fixed, then rub on the Sotozod, and keep them all right for time to come.

Arizona Lodging House, Portland, Oregon.

New house and first class in its appointments. Third street, in R. R. Thompson's block, opposite Capt. Ainsworth. Rooms by the day, week or month. Mrs. E. Anderson.

Take Notice

On after this date an additional ten cents per cord will be charged on all orders for sawed wood not accompanied by the cash, at Gray's wood yard. July 1st, 1882.

The Weekly Astorian

Is a mammoth sheet, double the size of the Daily. It is just the paper for the live-end, containing in addition to all the current news, choice miscellany, agricultural matter, market reports, etc. It is published on Wednesday at \$2 per year in advance.

Notice

Ice cream, ice cream, at Rose's refreshment saloon, Saturday and Sunday evenings. Occident block.

Set Found

Not picked up about forty feet marked "K. K." on the lead line "No. 12." The owner can have it by applying at Theo. Brackner's cigar store and paying charges. It was picked up between Smith's point and the black buoy. JAS. FREEMAN.

Postponed

The auction sale of the large Cascade has been postponed until Saturday, April 29th, at 10 o'clock A.M. The large lot may be seen at the foot of Columbia street. For particulars and terms of sale apply to J. D. Brown, at the St. Charles Hotel, Portland, Oregon. GILMAN & CO., Auctioneers.

I. O. O. F. Anniversary

Members of Beaver Lodge No. 33, I. O. O. F., and surrounding brother lodges, are respectfully invited to meet at the lodge room on Wednesday, April 26th, 1882, at one o'clock P.M., to celebrate the 63rd anniversary of Old-fellowship in America. By order N. G. F. S. JEWETT, Secretary.

28th All citizens of Oregon who desire to inform their friends in the states of the condition and progress of this state, can have no more complete and comprehensive volume of facts to send them than by subscribing for this journal, and having as much as weekly to their friends. We must not be directed. For \$3.00 in advance, we will send three copies of THE WEEKLY ASTORIAN one year.

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To this day, after a lapse of two hundred and fifty years, science has given nothing to take its place. It effectually cures a morbid appetite for stimulants, by restoring the natural tone of the stomach. It attacks excessive love of liquor as it does a fever, and destroys both alike. The powerful tonic virtue of the Cinchona is preserved in the Peruvian Bitters, which are as effective against malarial fever to-day as they were in the days of the old Spanish Viceroy. We guarantee the ingredients of these bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. —The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it. Loeb & Co., agents for Astoria.

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At Mrs. Munson's lodging house.

Notice

The Astoria Shirt and Oil Clothing Factory has moved next house to O'Brien's Hotel. Persons wishing good oil clothing to keep them dry will please call.

Attention Fishermen

Use Nicholas's Balm of Gilead oil for sore or chapped hands, for sale by Joe G. Charters. Tide tables free to all. For the finest ladies in the city go to the Oriental bathing room, opposite Holden's auction store. JOE G. CHARTERS, Prop.

To the Ladies

Dressmaking in all its branches; neat and reasonable, at Mrs. Denny Curran's, Cass street, near Congregational Church.

Brain and Nerve

Wells' Health Renewer, greatest remedy on earth for impotence, leanness, sexual debility, etc. \$1. at druggists. Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Oregon.

Catarrh of the Bladder

Stinging, smarting, irritation of the urinary passages, diseased discharges, cured by Buchuquina. \$1. at druggists. Oregon Depot, DAVIS & CO., Portland, Oregon.

"Rough on Rats"

The thing desired found at last. Ask Druggists for "Rough on Rats." It clears out rats, mice, snakes, flies, bed-bugs, lice, etc.

War! War! War!

Water front offered free to any person that will build a saw mill in the city of Williamsport. Lumber we must have to build this city. We have one store in running order at present. Quite a number have already located homes in this city, and yet there is room. Sold on time to suit purchasers. Located one mile south of Astoria, on the sunny side of the hill, on Young's bay. J. WILLIAMSON, SR.

Will Remove

Mr. C. H. Cooper, of the I. X. L. store has leased the entire lower floor of the Knights of Pythias building and will remove his stock on or about the first of May. Being overstocked and wishing to reduce his present stock he will offer a special inducement, a very liberal discount to all cash customers buying goods to amount of \$10 or over. Remember that in patronizing this sale that the discount will be handed back in cash.

Musical Instruction

Prof. Fred. Mayer, of Switzerland, is in the city of Astoria, organizing a class in instrumental music. Any one who contemplates taking a course of instruction on the piano will find this a rare opportunity. Prof. Mayer may be seen at Mrs. Twilght's.

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Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering with teething, or other distressing ailment? Call for a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it, who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle.

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Is not a "cure all," it is a blood-purifier and tonic. Impurity of the blood poisons the system, deranges the circulation, and thus induces many diseases known by different names to distinguish them according to effects, but being really branches or phases of that great general disorder, impurity of blood. Such are Eczema, Eruptions, Itch, Scald Head, Ringworm, Nervous Disorders, Headache, Backache, General Weakness, Heart Disease, Dropsy, Kidney Disease, Piles, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula, Skin Disorders, Pimples, Ulcers, Swellings, etc. King of the Blood prevents and cures these by attacking the cause, impurity of the blood. Chemists and physicians agree in calling it "the most genuine and efficient preparation for the purpose." Sold by Druggists, \$1 per bottle. See testimonials, directions, etc., in pamphlet, "Treatise on Diseases of the Blood," wrapped around each bottle. D. RANSOM, SON & CO., Proprietors, Buffalo, N. Y.

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