

You Never Can Tell

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names. Finally he pointed out the name of a firm—"Lane, Summers & Griggs, Importers." "You see," he explained, "the day I called you up I had occasion to call up these people. This name just above theirs is"—and he pointed out her own—"Lane, Miss Summer, librarian." Now, he went on, "that name of yours interested me so that I got curious to hear your voice, and when I had heard your voice I was determined to see you. Of course I didn't know any such person as Elsie Turner in Chicago, but I soon realized that by some strange coincidence you did—because you're always ringing her into the conversation and making it uncomfortable for me. I just—didn't want to go on any longer under false colors, so to speak, so I had to tell you."

Summer pulled the telephone book out of his hand and hugged it up to her breast, at the same time rolling him an accusing look out of the corner of her dancing eye. Then she lunched up her shoulders and laughed merrily.

"Silly," she giggled. "Don't you suppose I knew you didn't know me from Adam, nor any Elsie Turner person, either? Why, I never even heard of her myself!"

"What?" Lawrence Gardner's pipe fell out of his mouth and he sat up eagerly. "You were pretending, too?"

But Summer would not look at him and only nodded with downcast eyes. So Gardner drew from his pocket the telegram he had received from his father that morning and she read it with flushing cheeks.

"What in Sam Hill's keeping you so long in New York? You ought to have finished there ten days ago. I'm buried in my eyes in work here, so for heaven's sake marry the girl—and come home."

"Yours, DAD."

The telegram fluttered to the floor and Summer started to rise, but Gardner reached up and dragged her down beside him.

"Dad's a wise old boy," he said, with his cheek against hers; "will you marry me, Summer?"

And Summer snuggled a bit, as she murmured, "You never can tell, Larry, dear. Something like that's liable to happen most any day, now."

ALL HAD IDEAS ABOUT FIRE

Members of Family Differed Considerably Concerning Its Proper Arrangement, Says Harriet Beecher Stowe.

The fact is, that there is no little nook of domestic life which gives snug harbor to so much self-will and self-righteousness as the family hearth; and this is particularly the case with wood fires, because, from the miscellaneous nature of the material, and the sprightly activity of the combination, there is a constant occasion for tending and alteration and so a vast field for individual opinion.

First came an enormous back log, rolled in with the strength of two men, on the top of which was piled another smaller log; and then a forestek, of a size which would entitle it to be called a log in our times, went to make the front foundation of the fire. The rearing of the ample pile thereupon was a matter of no small architectural skill, and all the ruling members of our family circle had their own opinions about its erection, and these they maintained with the zeal and pertinacity which become earnest people. My grandfather, with his grave smile, insisted that he was the only reasonable fire-builder in the establishment; but when he had arranged his sticks in the most methodical order, my grandmother would be sure to rush out with a thump here and a twitch there, and divers incoherent exclamations tending to imply that men never knew how to build a fire. Frequently her intense zeal for a general effect would end in a general rout and roll of the sticks in all directions, with puffs of smoke down the chimney, requiring the setting open of the outside door; and then Aunt Bob would come in, and with a face severe with determination, tear down the whole structure and rebuild from the foundation with exactest precision, but with an air that cast volumes of contempt on all that had gone before.

Small Stove Is Dangerous As a Source of Fire When Overheated or Overloaded

Unless properly installed and used the small stove is dangerous as a source of fire, according to the United States department of agriculture. Some people expect too much of a small stove and overload it. If a stove is too small for the space it is expected to heat it is liable to be overheated or filled so full of fuel that fire will fall out on the floor when the door is opened. The pipe also is liable to be overheated and the resultant danger is cited as a great source of farm blazes.

Stoves should not be placed close to papered walls or woodwork unless proper protection is provided. The floor near stoves or fireplaces also should be covered with some non-inflammable material. Screens, to prevent coals dropping on the floor, should be placed. The door leading to the fire box on a stove should never be left open to check the draft, as the small explosions constantly occurring in the fire are very apt to throw out live coals and start a fire. Open fireplaces should not be used unless provided with effective screens.

Chimneys should be cleaned regularly to remove soot and any other inflammable material. This is best accomplished by means of pieces of metal (such as scrap tin), limbs of an evergreen tree, or a bundle of brush attached to a rope, chain, or wire and worked up and down in the chimney from the top.

Bodies of Americans Who Died in France During the War to Be Brought Home

Bodies of Americans who died in France during the war will be transferred to the United States if their nearest relatives so desire. Otherwise the dead will remain undisturbed.

Already a large number of relatives have informed the war department of their desire to have the bodies returned. In the near future a letter will be sent to the nearest relative of every soldier or civilian whose body rests in France, asking their wishes with regard to the transfer.

A memorandum on this subject, drafted by Lieut. Col. J. C. Ashburn of the adjutant general's department, says:

"It cannot be stated just now when the transfer of bodies will begin, as it must be deferred until conditions, including that of transportation, war-time conditions, are favorable. Due notice will be given through the public press.

"It is not deemed advisable to grant requests for relatives, friends or undertakers to go to France to superintend the preparation and shipment of, or to accompany bodies back to the United States. Organizations have been formed, known as grave registration units, whose duty it is to look after burials, care of cemeteries and preservation of identification records so that there will be no question as to identity."

HAVE A LAUGH

High. "Does your butcher continue to explain why things have gone up?" "Not any more. He simply makes the high sign and lets it go at that."

Looking Ahead. Kathryn—"What do you think of Katie Pfaffner, the latest society bud?" Kitty—"I think by next season the bud will be a full blown wall flower."

Its Class. "We had a sensational case of kidnapping at our house last night." "What was that?" "The baby slept all night."

Woman's Way. "She's giving a very elaborate party." "Gotten up solely on my account." "I thought you two were on the outs."

"We are. And that's the reason she got up the party."

Hard Words. "Why did you hit this man?" "Your honor, he grossly insulted me."

"But how?" "He said I didn't have any more fight in me than the German navy."

Keeps Buzzing. "I'm troubled with a buzzing noise in my ears all the time." "Have you any idea as to the cause?" "Yes, my wife wants an auto."

We Know. "What has become of sawmill drama?" "Eh?" "You know. The kind that was written by a stage carpenter."

Had to Hand Out. "What did pa say when you told him you wanted to marry me?" "Asked me to lend him ten dollars."

Strychnia Most Useful and Most Used Stimulant to the Heart and Nervous System

Ask any physician "What is the most useful and most used stimulant to the heart and nervous system?" and he will answer "Strychnia," notes a writer in Milwaukee Sentinel.

Strychnia is an alkaloid found originally in the seed of the strychnos nuxvomica, the poison-nut tree found in India, Burma and Siam and growing also in Cochinchina and Australia.

The tree is of moderate size and has a fruit the size of a small orange, with a hard shell and a bitter pulp enclosing one to five seeds, less than one inch in diameter and one-fourth inch thick and shaped like disks. It is the bitterest substance known, and when one has heart failure, or nervous exhaustion, or is run down or needs a tonic, some doctor is sure to give him the alkaloid from one of these peculiar Indian trees.

Text books on medicine frequently refer to "emergency heart stimulants," meaning by this drugs used by a hypodermic injection to produce prompt stimulation of a weakened heart. Some of the most valuable heart stimulants require a good deal of time after being given to produce their effects, hence the need of emergency heart stimulants. Strychnia, we know, is a splendid emergency heart stimulant.

A tree which has various species—several hundred, in fact—throughout the world, and is of some medical interest, is the acacia. The acacia senegal is the type of tree which furnishes gum acacia, or gum arabic. While acacia is not possessed of any marked curative properties of itself, it is a constituent of many important preparations in pharmacy, as, for instance, in the making of emulsions, where its heavy mucilaginous qualities make it a valuable vehicle for oily and resinous substances. It is also widely used in the preparation of pills and troches.

Gum catechu, a substance containing tannic acid and used in dyeing, which was at one time used as a remedy in colitis and dysentery, comes from the acacia catechu and acacia suma, both native to India.

Japan's Urban Population Rapidly Increasing as in Other Civilized Countries

When we speak of Japan mainly as an agricultural country this gives an inadequate conception of the great strength of the urban population which is increasing in Japan as in other civilized countries, writes H. M. Hyndman in Asia Magazine. Apart from Tokyo, with its 2,000,000 inhabitants, and Osaka, with 1,400,000, there are five other cities which have together a population of 2,000,000, and there are in all 66 towns with a population of over 30,000 each. Moreover, the greater part of the larger cities and towns are collected close together in comparison with the total area of the Japanese islands. Railways now connect the main industrial and agricultural centers, supplementing the admirable water communications by sea and canal. This concentration of industrialism and improvement in transport combine to give Japan a focus of material influence which can scarcely fail to increase her pressure upon China in time to come.

A glance at the map shows how this long procession of islands from Saghalien to Formosa, lying like a series of wharves along the coast of eastern Asia, with its outposts and inlets at Corea, on the Liaoting peninsula, at Kiao-Chauu and now at Fukien, gives Japan an enormous commercial as well as a strategic advantage in the competitive war of the near future, as compared with her rivals in Europe or in America. Never in history was so remarkably favorable a geographical situation in the hands of one nation, controlled by men capable of taking full advantage of it and looking to the future of Asia as in some sort the heritage of the Japanese race.

WORDS OF WISE MEN

Providence is noiseless as it is irresistible.—Rev. S. C. Logan.

A man without self-restraint is like a barrel without hoops, and tumbles to pieces.—Henry Ward Beecher.

But he who knows and knows that he knows, is a wise man. Follow him.—From the Arabian Proverbs.

All high and grand emotions scorn the tongue, that lies as helpless in the mouth as would be artillery to express the sound and grandeur of mountain thunders in tropical storms.—H. W. Beecher.

Nay, thou sweet South of heats and balms Keep all thy sprays and plummy palms, Keep all thy fragrant flowery ease, Thy purple skies, thy purple seas! These boughs of blessings shall not fall, These voices singing in the gale, The vigor of these mighty lines: In some remote and sunbright deep, See high in heaven above me now A palm tree wave its rhythmic bough!

And yet this old pine's haughty crown, Shaking its clouds of silver down, Whispers me snatches of strange tunes And murmurs of those awful runes Which tell by subtle spell and power Of secret sympathies, the hour When far in the dark north the snow Among great bergs begins to blow.

Problem in Feeding Cow Is to Satisfy Appetite

The problems involved in winter feeding are usually distinctly different from those of summer feeding. Pasture, (or green feed), usually the basis of summer feeding, is not available. Broadly speaking, there are two factors involved in this problem, first to satisfy the needs of the cow and second, to suit the pocketbook. The cow must have an ample supply of feed of a palatable nature, and this feed must be supplied at a price which will permit a profit on the feeding operation.

13 Month Year, New Calendar Idea Scheme Launched by American Equal Month Association

A plan to save \$50,000,000 a year in time and \$15,000,000 in coin by the addition of a month to the present twelve month calendar has been launched by the American Equal Month association, according to an announcement made by that organization.

The idea is to divide the year into thirteen months of twenty-eight days each, making each month begin with a Monday. This, of course, will leave one day lying around loose in an ordinary year, so it is proposed to make that day New Year's day, an independent legal holiday, located between the last calendar day of the previous year and the first day of the following year. In leap years the extra day will also be made an independent holiday and will be slipped in between two months, where it will not be noticed.

The thirteenth month, or rather the extra month under the proposed system, will be called "Liberty," to make the calendar more American, the officials of the association say. Thus, the calendar will read January, February, Liberty, March, etc.

The saving in money will be through the abolishment of printed calendars. That is where the saving of time and labor will come in, it is averred.

The officers of the association state that the bill has been very carefully drawn for presentation to congress, and provides that the change will take place on Sunday, the first day of 1922.

Boys' Working Reserve Extended Plans Would Place 500,000 on Farms This Year

An industrial unit of the United States Boys' Working Reserve, the aim of which shall be to maintain the agricultural training of all American boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty who are engaged in industry, is the plan of the Reserve for 1921. This unit is already partly organized under the plan of the Farm Unit of the Reserve.

Other plans for 1921 which the Boys' Working Reserve has announced are as follows:

To enroll and place on American farms 500,000 boys.

To afford all these boys training in farm practice before they go to the farms, by means of the central farm training camps and farm-craft lessons.

To help them raise enough food-stuffs to feed Europe in 1919.

To maintain the education and welfare of all American boys of high school age.

Brains Necessary to Make Prosperity and to Prevent a Stagnation of Business

The Latins had a motto, "First live; then be a philosopher." Business is the thing which enables us to live. The workman of today, asserts a writer in Forbes Magazine, enjoys more comforts than the rulers, of former ages solely because of the development of the vast, undefinable, all-comprehensive thing we call business. Civilization can only reach its highest levels where business flourishes. Where business stagnates, the people stagnate. In regions where business is undeveloped, there the people live rude, unrich, ignorant lives. What would be the value to China or Russia of a hundred men of the caliber of Davidson, or Ford, or Du Pont, or Vanderbilt, or Farrell, or Schwab, or Edison, or Coffin, or Rockefeller, or Repligle, or McCormick, or Thomas E. Wilson, or Woolworth, or Helnze, or Patterson, or Baker, or Bush, or Doehny, or Gary, or Keith, or Perkins, or Ryan, or Shedd, or Speyer, or Steffinius, or Stone, or Vail, or our towering railroad giants?

Red-Haired Heroes Numerous Among Men Wearing Military Decorations Denoting Nerve

"Ginger for pluck" is an old saying which would seem to be confirmed in the bestowal of military decorations for bravery. "It was in the ruined square of demolished Ypres last Christmas Eve," writes a British officer in London Answers, "that I was first impressed by the large number of red-haired men who were receiving the military medal.

"Since that afternoon I have noted the complexion of every officer and man wearing a military decoration, and the impression made at Ypres has been strengthened, in consequence. There must be something in the old saying, for wherever soldiers are gathered together there is a red-haired, beribboned man in the midst of them.

"Take our most famous fighting division—the Invincible Fifth—first. This is composed almost entirely of Highland troops, and the Highlanders are nearly all full-blooded blondes. Of course, there are dark-haired heroes in plenty, but nevertheless red hair and pluck would seem to be synonymous. Red hair is common among our most daring airmen, and although I cannot say how many holders of the Victoria Cross sport ruddy locks, I am prepared to wager that they form a large percentage.

"Scientists say that red hair is caused by a large proportion of iron in the system, and certainly carrots and freckles have been worn by men of iron while doing the work of men in the devil's own war."

Mothers' Cook Book

The first requirement for food nutrition is an adequate supply of fuel for all body activities. This must be accompanied by or include those substances which serve to build up the organism and maintain it in repair, constituting a so-called "balanced diet."

Simple Dishes, Good for the Children.

A delicious and easily digested dessert is:

Fruit Tapioca. Soak three-quarters of a cupful of pearl tapioca in water to cover for one hour. Add one-half a teaspoonful of salt and put into a double boiler; add four tablespoonfuls of sugar and cook until transparent and soft, stirring frequently. Add a little more water if too stiff, then add one-half cupful of currant or grape jelly and stir until dissolved. Serve cold in a glass dish with cream.

Pineapple Dessert. Spread rounds of bread with butter and cover with rounds of pineapple; set in the oven, adding some of the juice to soften the bread. When well heated serve with a spoonful of jelly in the center of each pineapple round.

Rhubarb Betty. Spread butter on small squares of bread, line the bottom of a pyrex dish with the bread and cover with canned rhubarb that has been properly sweetened. A few raisins finely chopped may be added, with a grating of nutmeg or spice, such as cinnamon.

Candied Yams. Parboil three medium-sized sweet potatoes until nearly tender, then peel and slice lengthwise. Lay in a shallow pan of pyrex or earthenware and cover with one to one and a half cupfuls of canned peach sirup and dot with bits of butter, using two tablespoonfuls. Bake for 30 minutes in a moderate oven. Brown in a hot oven or under the broiler flame.

Tomato and Barley Soup. Put four tablespoonfuls of sweet butter fat in a saucepan and add two medium-sized onions finely chopped, and fry until tender. Then add two quarts of boiling water, one quart of canned tomatoes, one cup of pearl barley and seasoning of salt and pepper to taste. Cook for three hours over a slow fire.

Nellie Maxwell

Bible Mentions

There are mentioned in the Bible the names of nineteen different precious stones, six metals, 104 trees and plants, thirty-five animals, thirty-nine birds, six fishes, eleven reptiles, twenty insects and other small creatures.