

THE STORY CARRIED STING

Have Shown to Readers the neglected Industrial Possibilities of the South.

A. Tompkins, the father of the oil industry, who built his fortune on his indomitable faith in industrial possibilities of this...

WANTED TO KNOW TOO MUCH

Young Financier Forgot That Bank's Relations With Its Clients Must Be Confidential.

Banks and bankers give much time and attention to the training of their apprentices. The head of a big downtown institution was once giving a lecture on the work of the paying teller...

UNMARRED BY PLOW'S TOUCH

Rolling Plains a Scene of Great Beauty Before the Advent of the Agriculturist.

Seventy years ago... Indians were Indians, and the plains were the plains indeed. Those plains stretched out in limitless rolling swells of prairie until they met the blue sky...

BURROWED BY PRAIRIE DOG

'Devil's Corkscrews' Found in Western Mountains and Plains—Are No Longer a Mystery.

Of the many fossils which have come out of the mountains and plains of the West, few have excited wider interest than the "devil's corkscrews" found in rocks of the Miocene period...

SHOWED SKILL AS ENGINEERS

Ancients Did Remarkable Work Considering the Limited Mechanical Means at Hand.

That ancient Greek and Roman engineers were ingenious as well as skilful is proved by the works that are still extant, for instance when the Kanellos, island of Samos, water-works mentioned by Herodotus were constructed in the middle of the sixth century B. C.

STATE EXHIBIT DRAWS SETTLERS

Portland—In addition to being a wonderful display of the industrial and agricultural possibilities of the state, the Oregon state exhibit on the first floor of the Oregon building under the supervision of Mrs. Whinnie Braden, agent, is becoming a prominent factor in the immigration activities of the section.

Numerous inquiries of homeseekers are now being handled by Mrs. Braden and many people have been led to settle in various parts of the state and become a factor in its development through the activities of the bureau.

The exhibit recently was visited by the immigration, industrial and agricultural agents of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern Railway companies, and these men were so much impressed with it that they have begun to refer numerous inquiries from homeseekers to the agent.

That the exhibit is making a name for itself and for the section which it represents is indicated by communications which are continually being received from all sections of the country by Mrs. Braden.

The exhibit is characterized as the best in the country by H. W. Byerly, general immigration agent of the Northern Pacific railway, in writing from St. Paul, Minn.

"We were all much impressed with the excellence of your display and feel it is doing much good to the state," he writes. "I believe that next to your exhibit we have the finest one of products representing the northwest."

railway with headquarters at Seattle. "We haven't anything like it in Seattle or western Washington."

Letters commenting on the excellence of the display have also been received recently from S. B. Nelson, dean and director of Washington State college; William McMurray, general passenger agent of the Union Pacific system; Colonel E. Hofer of the Manufacturer and Industrial News bureau, and E. F. Benson, manager of the department of immigration and industries of the Northern Pacific railway.

Some 23 counties are now represented by agricultural displays and literature in the state exhibit. The state fair divisions governing county displays are followed and the counties are grouped according to their respective districts.

Thus eastern Oregon is represented by a beautiful sheaf and threshed-grain display; central Oregon by alfalfa and potatoes; Willamette valley by the different varieties of hay and forage crops, some grain and all varieties of fruits and vegetables; the coast counties are represented by a display of fish, shellfish, cranberries and forage crops.

The wool industry is represented by a plate-glass case exhibit of fleeces grading from the finest of the Rambouillet to the long, coarse Lincoln wool.

One of the interesting features is the lumber exhibit, which contains samples from all parts of the state, including white pine, larch, Douglas fir, spruce, oak, ash and myrtle, as well as a cedar chest from Tillamook and a beautiful myrtle table from Coos bay.

A state corn show is being held in connection with the state exhibit, which has proven conclusively that Oregon is growing corn with yields ranging from 35 to 120 bushels per acre. The corn display has created considerable comment.

It has been impossible to check the number of visitors during the past year, but records were kept several days and it was found that the daily attendance must be about 135, and greater during special convention weeks. From January 1, 1920, to January 1, 1921, 52,959 pieces of literature were given out from the state exhibit office.

British buyers placing five-year hop contracts at 25 cents minimum and one-fourth of any market increase over 25.

All Present and Accounted For

An absentminded traveler was asked to stay a few days at a country house. His wife, realizing that he was to be sure to put on a clean shirt every evening. She packed him one for each night. When he returned she said: "Well I hope you remembered to put on a clean shirt every night."

How He Benefited.

"You may have heard of me—I am Doctor Bragby," the pompous gentleman announced in the smoking compartment.

"Ah, then I have the opportunity to thank you for what you did for me," the quiet young fellow responded. "I have benefited greatly by your treatment."

"Why—er—were you a patient of mine?" Though, of course, I couldn't possibly remember all—

"Oh no; not I. But my uncle was, and I was his heir."—Town Topics.

Much Affected.

"Come now! Don't look so miserable," said a Tumlinville photographer. "Just pretend in your mind that you are going to get married tomorrow."

"Dad-burn the dad-burned luck," returned the Arkansas sifter "That's precisely what I am going to do."—Kansas City Star.

Taking No Chances.

Browne—"What caused you to withdraw all of your money in the Fleetfoot bank?"

Town—"Every time I entered to make a deposit I found the cashier with his hat on!"—Judge.

Hint for the Prince

First Bricklayer—"It says 'ere the Prince of Wales is asked to lay ten corner stones a week."

Second Bricklayer—"Why don't 'e join our union? Then 'e could refuse."—Passing Show, London.

Old and Quaint.

We halted at a quaint old inn To rest our legs,

And there we got some quaint old ham And quaint old eggs.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WORLD'S DEBT TO CHINAMAN

is Directly Responsible for improvement in the Breeding of American Porkers.

The economic genius who figured that all that was needed to bring untold prosperity to the cotton lands of New England was to add half a pound of each Chinaman's shirt tail carried out his project, but the Chinaman, without announcing his plan, has done something quite as remarkable. He has added inches to the legs of the American pig.

He has not done it alone. He has helped from the East and West India and from our own farmers in the West. The process was simple and just another instance of a great industry altering itself almost unconsciously to meet new conditions, the Chinaman's Business states.

At many years ago the prices of pig world went to the round, short, red type, the kind of hog that you don't see under. The chief purpose of the life of that hog was to turn into lard. Now it's the pig type is popular, the pig that makes a lean meat, more bacon and more

What has done it? For one thing Chinaman and his soy bean, cocoyam, cottonseed and peanut are furnishing a vast amount of lard substitutes at prices lower than the pig supply his product. So the four-legged lard factory is turning to the business and the Chinaman, his tall unlengthened, has added to legs of the American hog.

The Split Infinitive.

An infinitive is said to be split when an adverb or adverbial phrase is inserted between "to" and the infinitive, "to readily see;" this construction is not considered good English. As a rule the possessive, "of" may be the equivalent of the apostrophe "s," or it may be used with the apostrophe "s" in a somewhat different meaning, thus: saying of Wilson might mean "a thing about Wilson," while "A saying of Wilson's" would be "one of Wilson's sayings," said by Wilson himself. You could say "This is a hat of my father's," meaning one out of his numerous hats. The English language forbids the use of the genitive sign "of" whenever possible, preferring the apostrophe with "s," my father's hat.

Water Cause of Goiter.

Goiter is epidemic in important regions of South America, especially the Andes region and certain mountain-territory in tropical South America. Up to the present no investigations have been made of the water from iron-infested regions; but recently assays has succeeded in producing experimental goiter in white rats after giving them with water from the mine of Salta. These investigations should be repeated on a large scale on account of their great theoretical and practical importance. They tend to confirm the theory that water is one of the transmitting agencies of the disease.

The Superior People.

The following proclamation was recently published by the Mohammedan community: "Praise be to God and thanks for having made us superior to other creatures in having granted us a holiday, which has spread all over this island among us all, both those who live near the sea and those who live on the mainland, those who live in the south and those who live in the north, among young and old, male and female. We celebrate great rejoicings on the arrival of our Master, the owner of this country. He came to see us, his subjects, and to protect his country."—Zanzibar Gazette.

Queer Drugs Once in Use.

Alchemy and medicine, as it was practiced in the early part of the fifteenth century, had many strange beliefs. Among them was that a roasted mouse would cure cannon ball wounds. If it was bound tightly to the fracture, and old blood could be made young again by transfusion. Every starbeam was thought to be a thread of light that ran directly to the head of some living man, and his fate was determined by its action. It was also believed that rock crystal was ice that had been buried a thousand years, and that gold was once lead, that after being buried 200 years changed to red arsenic and 200 years after that was changed to tin and then to silver and last to gold.

A favorite treatment for gout was a tea of daisy petals and cures were many, although the real secret was in the fact the physicians put the patient on a diet and a rest cure went with the flowers.

Mixture of Races in France.

The mixture of races that have constituted the French people of today has determined the principal physical characteristics of our people. Thus it has been found, writes the Paris correspondent of the Journal of the American Medical Association, that the average height for men is 165 cm. (5 feet 2 inches).

The observations indicate that 85.10 per cent of the French people have chestnut hair. The blonds are next in order, forming only 12.32 per cent of the population. Pure black hair is found in 1.83 per cent—that is, slightly more frequently than red hair, which altogether was found in only 0.72 per cent of cases.

Pure black hair, so rare in France, is the rule in certain Mediterranean countries (for instance, in definite regions of Spain). Very light blonds form the majority of the population of northern Europe.

Best Sprinkler.

Many persons must have noticed that the most diligent sprinkling of lawns and flowerbeds fails to impart to the grass and plants a vital stimulus equal to that that comes from a good shower of rain.

It is because rain, falling from a great height through the air, brings with it a considerable quantity of carbonic acid, of nitrogenous particles, and of other elements nutritious to plants, which it has washed out of the atmosphere. So a sprinkler used from the top of a tall building might be slightly more effective than when employed at the surface of the ground.

Credited With the Word Bohemia.

The novelist to whom nature owes the word bohemia—not in the geographical sense, but a moral condition—was perhaps Henri Murger. If the word can be ascribed to any one writer.

Henri Murger, novelist and poet, was born March 24, 1822, in Paris. He made attractive to his readers the irresponsible life of artists and students in Paris, and left some classic tales and songs of dissolute thriftlessness and literary impecuniosity. Murger was trained for the profession of law, became for a time secretary of Count Leo Tolstoy, but, like that earlier bohemian, Villen, he chose dissipation rather than decency. He died in a charity hospital in Paris in 1861. A monument has been erected to his memory, but not without protest. Several of Murger's songs have been translated by Andrew Lang in "Ballads and Lyrics of Old France," published in 1872.

Printing Stamps by Millions.

Few labor-saving machines are more ingenious in combining a number of operations, or more impressive in the amount of work they do, than the new stamp-printing presses of the United States bureau of printing and engraving. Each press, with two operators, moistens, prints, gums and rolls a total of 4,000,000 postage stamps in an eight-hour day, states an article in Popular Mechanics. The perforations are made both lengthwise and across, both the roll and the punches being adjustable for position. One operator, in front, takes care of the unwinding roll and adjusts its path to the perforators by means of a screw. The other operator, at the rear, regulates the speed of the machine and inspects the finished work. Finally, the roll is cut into sheets of 400 stamps each.

Keep Pace With the Child.

When the child is a tiny creature, the parent must exercise self-control, gentleness, tact—never allowing her temper to interfere with judgment or to cause her to speak harshly or in anger, says Mothers' Magazine. As years go on, the most loving child is also a critic. "Mother's way" has heretofore seemed to him the best way. It rests with the mother to make it seem so always. To this end she must keep pace with her boys and girls in thought, in education, in new ideas. Parents cannot go to school again, but they can have their minds alert and open for all new facts. And they can watch their own manners and language so that the children can continue to use these as models.

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