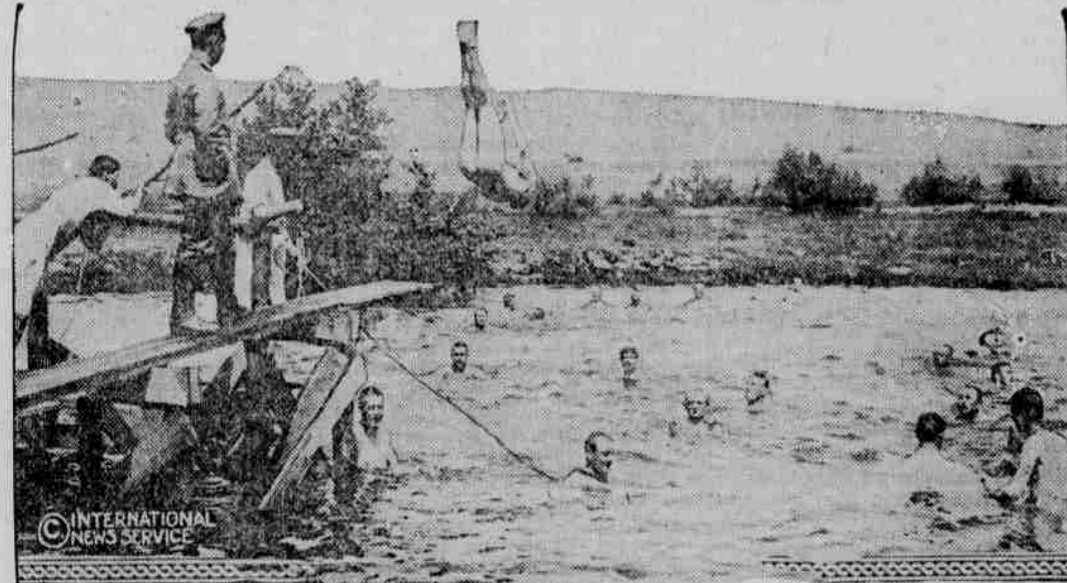


## WATER SCARCE IN MEXICO CITY



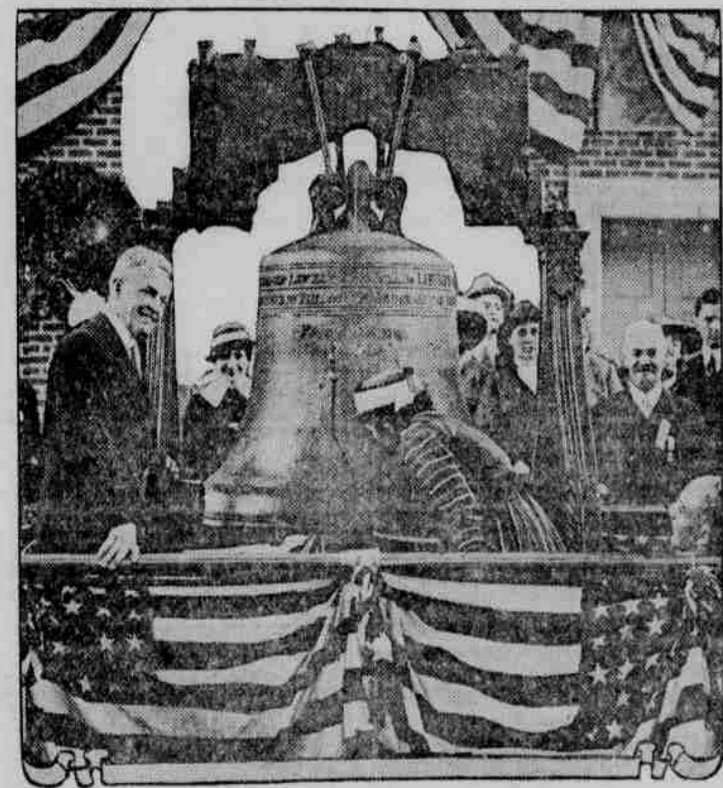
Not only did the food supply fail in Mexico City, but for days at a time the water supply was cut off and at all wells water was sold at a high price. The photograph shows one of those wells, the owner of which was ejected by force in order that the poor people might get water.

## GERMANS ENJOY A STOP IN POLAND



Scene in Russian Poland when a German infantry company halted in the course of a hot and hard march long enough to permit the tired soldiers to refresh themselves with a swim in a stream.

## LIBERTY BELL AT SAN FRANCISCO



"Native daughter" of California kissing the Liberty Bell after it had completed its triumphant journey to the Panama-Pacific exposition. It has been installed in the Pennsylvania building to remain until December 1.

## BARRICADES IN ALSATIAN VILLAGE



These stone barricades were erected by the Germans in the Alsatian village of Requeville, after it had been taken from the French.

### Signals.

In the pioneer days of North America many a traveler found the salt for which he was suffering by following the course of the deer to one of their "licks," and later many of these places became important sources of commercial supply. Sometimes it's hard to see how the hints man has caught from animals can be used, but every man who keeps on asking why until he finds the answer adds to the sum of human knowledge. Sir John Lubbock, for instance, made a painstaking

investigation which showed that bees prefer blue flowers to all others. This sounds like one of those 10,000 facts without much significance. Maybe it is. But if the future is to be read in the light of the past, some day we shall ask why, and learn something new that will be of use to man. Meanwhile the wayfarer with his eyes open has the pleasure that comes to a man who does not walk through a forest trail only to be able to say at the end: "I saw a lot of trees."—Milwaukee Journal.

### A Mighty Question.

Bacon—It is estimated that if the oceans evaporated they would yield about 4,500,000 cubic miles of salt. Egbert—But would even all that be enough to change all the "fresh" people?

### No Proof.

"Of course I think America the greatest country on earth. I was born here." "I don't see how that act supports your assertion as to its greatness."—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

## FIRES CHAIN SHOT

Deadly Field Gun The Invention of New Yorker.

Primarily Designed for the Destruction of Aeroplanes, Dirigible Balloons, and the Like—Application of Old Principle.

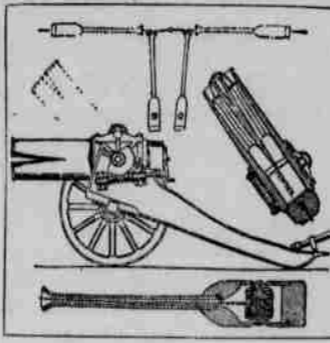
A double-barreled field gun to shoot chain shot is the newest invention in ordnance to be filed at the patent office. The inventor is Julius Wodiska, a New Yorker, who is very confident of its great usefulness in warfare and also of its practicability. The drawings of the new gun plainly show that it certainly has the element of novelty, and, if it works as the inventor hopes, would be a murderous weapon against a line of troops and could sweep the sky of air-craft.

"My invention," says Mr. Wodiska, "can be used either for naval or land work, and if the latter either as a field gun or mounted on a permanent emplacement. The gun has two barrels, whose axes slightly diverge from one another so as to be suitable for throwing projectiles united by chains; such projectiles when they leave the gun continue to diverge from one another and stretch the connecting chain, thus forming, in effect, a continuous projectile of considerable length transverse to the direction of fire. Projectiles of this class, while long known, may now find a new field of application as a means for destroying aeroplanes, dirigible balloons and the like.

"One of the important features of the invention lies in the fact that there is only one explosion or powder chamber for the two barrels, so that the two projectiles are fired at exactly the same moment from the two different barrels. The improved character of my chain shot is that the shot are united by a chain of considerable length. This chain is held up to the line the projectile is fired, within the body of one or both of the projectiles and is capable of being extended as the projectiles increase their distance from the gun. At all stages during flight this extensible chain tends to be kept tightly stretched between the two projectiles.

"So far as I am aware, in all ordnance of this character previously connected together by chains of definite and rather limited length, so that the area swept over by the chain has been correspondingly limited. In this gun I have provided means which will prevent any entanglement of the chain in the bore of the gun as well as any wedging or wearing action of the chain upon it.

"The object of my invention is to provide a gun and suitable chain shot therefor which shall be free from many of the disadvantages hitherto



How the Double-Barreled Field Gun is Worked.

appurtenant to guns of this class, and which, without increase of powder charge or size of gun, shall be capable of greater destructiveness."

**Stolen Art Recovered.**  
A statuette by Anders Zorn, the Swedish artist, which was stolen last summer from the Baltic exposition at Malmoe, has been recovered under unusual circumstances. When it was lost from the art section of the exposition there was an uproar in police and artistic circles. The value of the piece can be gathered from the fact that it had been insured against theft for 5,000 crowns, but, though detectives all over Scandinavia were sent on the hunt for the piece of statuary, which represented a girl called "Alma," there was no trace of it. A reward of 500 crowns was offered for its recovery.

A few days ago "Alma" was found. The lucky man was a railroad clerk in Stockholm, named Wigren. He had been given the unenviable job of searching through a mass of articles that had been abandoned in the railroad trains, and which were to be sold at auction the following day. In an old traveling bag was found the little piece of statuary, and the reward the clerk received amounted to three months' salary.

### Visitation of Locusts.

After doing millions of dollars of damage to cereal and fruit crops of Nicaragua, swarms of locusts so vast as to obscure the sun for hours have invaded the Atlantic coast section of Honduras and are ravaging the great banana plantations near Celba and Truxillo. Passengers in New Orleans from Celba told of the appearance of the locusts over the city of Celba on June 9. They said that for several hours the sky was hidden above and to the south of the city by millions of insects. They had the appearance of a great cloud, moving rapidly and getting more dense every minute. The high mountains back of the city were entirely obscured for more than an hour. After hanging over the city the locusts began to settle down in the rich banana valleys to the south. In spots the ground was even covered to a depth of several inches and so numerous were the hungry insects that they left great trees bare of leaves and bark.

### Where It Goes.

A married man's energy is divided 60-40, says Doc Wiley. Sixty in providing food and 40 in providing mother's raiment. However, we have yet to hear from mother on this question. —Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

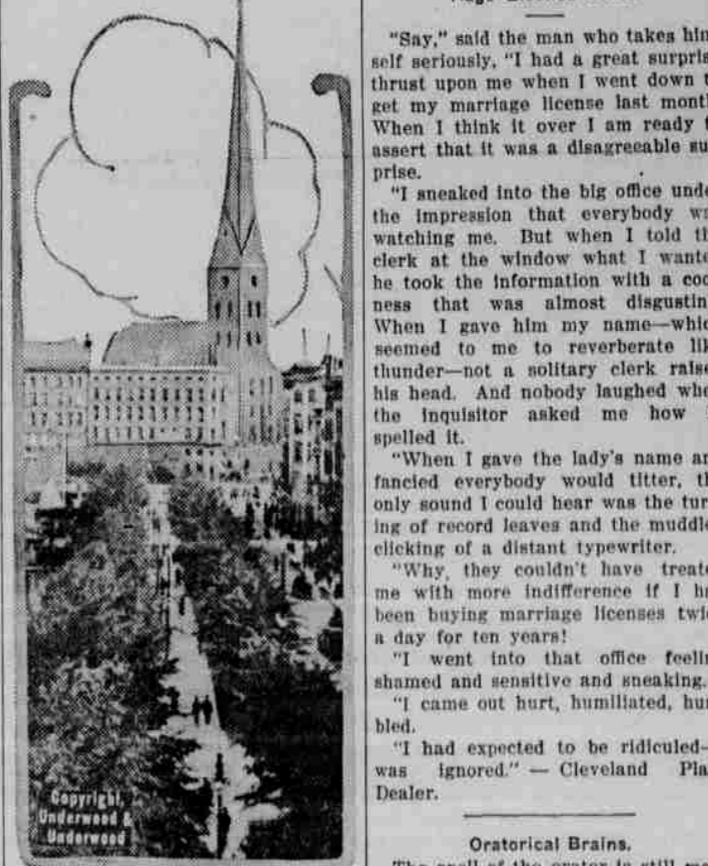


PICTURE of Hamburg, which is described as the "New York of Europe," is drawn by the National Geographic society as follows:

"Hamburg, the great German city on the North sea mentioned so often in press dispatches these days, is the New York of Germany; in fact, the New York of Europe. It has the same proud confidence of vast riches and a great commerce, the same careless insouciance about things and people, and the same restless wealth-hunger, and the same unemotional aloofness from the stranger. Much as American boys flock from all over the country to try fortune in New York, German boys turn toward Hamburg, the city-state which is the trading heart of Germany. Then, too, Hamburg and New York are the greatest of all seaports. Hamburg prior to the present war did more business than any other port in the world except New York.

"Both Hamburg and New York are islands of foreign soil in their native lands. Before the war, Hamburg was English and French in tone. In Hamburg alone, of all the German cities, the people earnestly drank tea between four and five o'clock in the afternoon. Everywhere else in the Fatherland, coffee, sweetbreads and rich cakes are served punctually at four o'clock. Both of the world's first ports are cosmopolitan to a point of wild confusion; every tongue and custom being native to their manner, the common denominator for the reduction of a world of peculiarities being found in their counting houses and exchanges.

"The city-state, Hamburg, has an area of 160 square miles, and is exceedingly rich in agricultural, meat, dairy and fruit produce, while the city proper covers barely 29 square miles.



The city is a great commission house for Germany and for the world, an enormous part of the Empire's import and export passing through its warehouses. Only one harbor on earth rivals that of Hamburg for nervous, continuous connection, and that harbor is New York.

### Is Strictly Business.

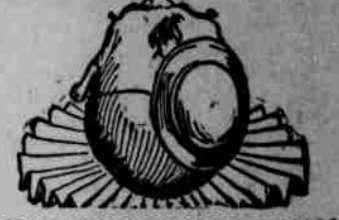
"There is little Old World piquancy about Hamburg. It is as strictly a growth of business and overseas trade as is the city of New York. Such buildings of historic interest as there are in the city, such art and Bohemian life as it possesses, are so essentially crowded into the background by high office buildings, congestions of cumbersome freight drays, the sirens and smoke at the harbor front, and the peculiar expressions on every hand speaking of 'deals,' of 'profit and loss,' and of 'cent per cent,' that they remain unsuspected by visiting Americans.

### INFLUENCED BY HIS MOTHER

John Bright's Explanation of His Supreme Mastery of the Art of Public Speaking.

The famous English orator, John Bright, was asked how he came to be such a master of the art of public speaking. He answered that the only help he ever had in that direction he got by listening to his mother read the Bible. She was accustomed to read the Bible aloud to the children, and he was so fascinated, he said, by her way of reading that he had tried ever since to imitate it. John Bright became a great statesman, who carried out the teachings of the Bible in a noble and helpful life. Such was the power of his eloquence that he brought about great and beneficial changes in the laws of England. His mother's Bible reading during the years of his impressionable childhood influenced his whole life; the careful, unburied, reverent and expressive way in which she read was the

## ON THE FUNNY SIDE



### HUSBAND NOT AN OPTIMIST

Aunt Matty Could Stand for Considerable Laziness, but Placed Ban on Newfangled Religions.

"How is your husband?" asked Mrs. Wells of her colored washwoman. "Poorly, mighty poorly, ma'am. He's laid up with a misery in his back, but he says he's mighty glad it ain't no toothache. He never could stand toothache." "Too bad!" sympathized the lady. "Did the clothes fit him that my husband sent over?" "No'm, they didn't. He was the regretful reply. 'No'm, they didn't. They was too big. He had to gib them to his brother Eph. He was mighty glad they fit Eph, though.'" "Dear me! I'm sorry the clothes did not fit him. Has he worked any lately?" "No'm, he ain't. 'Pears like he can't get no work. Says he's glad though, that times is gettin' better.'" "Well, I declare," said Mrs. Wells greatly interested. "Your husband must be a regular optimist." "No, indeed, he ain't," denied Aunt Matty, indignantly. "He's a Method ist, an' if he was to line any of them newfangled religions I'd give a dollar."—Judge.

### The Unresented Personality.

"What are your friend's qualifications for the appointment you wish me to obtain for him?" inquired Senator Sorghum.

"Well," replied the political plugger, "he hasn't any special ability." "Do you call lack of ability a special feat?" "No. But it's an advantage. A man who hasn't ability can make friends without creating envy, and everybody is rather pleased to see him get helped along at public expense."

### Willing to Work.

Taking pity on the tattered wanderer, the kindly housewife asked sympathetically: "But why don't you go to work?" "I would," the tramp replied, "but the war has made work scarce in my line."

### What is your line?

"I'm a hunger strike breaker,"—Youngstown Telegram.

### Anticipating the Future.

"This political opponent of ours is making a strong appeal," said the campaign manager.

### Explaining an Escape.

"Were you ever among cannibals?" asked Miss Silligal.

"Yes," replied the constant traveler.

### 'Tis a Cold World.

"After a man has held office for a number of years and then becomes a back number in politics he is seldom able to earn a living." "That's true. He's almost as helpless as the man whose wife has conducted a successful boarding house for a long time and dies suddenly of heart disease."

### AMBIGUOUS.



Mrs. Skolder—I would have stayed away longer, but I didn't think you could afford it.

Skolder—Nonsense, my dear, I would have willingly borrowed money to have had you stay away longer.

### The Second Stage.

"Young Gadson and Miss Doppe have reached the second stage of their courtship."

### Sight Unseen.

"What do you think of the location they have selected for the new rail road terminal, Mrs. Nutch?" "I haven't given much thought to it but I heard my husband say it's a 'pea foot sight'"—Buffalo Express.

### DIDN'T INTEREST THEM MUCH

Coming Bridegroom Felt Himself Ignored by the Clerks in Marriage License Office.

"Say," said the man who takes himself seriously, "I had a great surprise thrust upon me when I went down to get my marriage license last month. When I think it over I am ready to assert that it was a disagreeable surprise."

"I sneaked into the big office under the impression that everybody was watching me. But when I told the clerk at the window what I wanted he took the information with a coolness that was almost disgusting. When I gave him my name—which seemed to me to reverberate like thunder—not a solitary clerk raised his head. And nobody laughed when the inquisitor asked me how I spelled it."

"When I gave the lady's name and fancied everybody would titter, the only sound I could hear was the turning of record leaves and the muffled clicking of a distant typewriter. 'Why, they couldn't have treated me with more indifference if I had been buying marriage licenses twice a day for ten years!'"

"I went into that office feeling shamed and sensitive and sneaking. 'I came out hurt, humiliated, humbled.'"

"I had expected to be ridiculed—I was ignored."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Oratorical Brains.

The spell of the orator is still magnetic, and talk is as cheap as it used to be. The telephone puts a price on "hot air"; the phonograph sells the most expensive kind of oratory at a low rate of charges, but the man with a fast speech center, a large vocabulary, a flexible mouth, ample chest, some literary tastes, fine sense of self-confidence, who has lost the sting of fear and found the mission passion, smelled the call of destiny, may be heard with profit on the political stump, the chautauqua platform, the sacred pulpit and sundry other places. While human life by word of mouth can influence other human lives and speech is free to all, oratorical brains—large, specialized, cultured and properly directed—will mint money.

### Worth While Quotation.

It is a good thing to be rich and a good thing to be strong, but it is a better thing to be loved of many friends.—Euripides.

### INFLUENCED BY HIS MOTHER

chief influence in producing one of England's greatest and noblest orators.

There are many ways in which a mother may influence legislation, even in communities where she may not yet cast a vote.—Youth's Companion.

### Love That Endures.

Men and women may not forget in marriage the law of human nature, that that which is not expressed dies. And any love that is to endure and to grow must express itself in multiplied little ways. It is a serious matter that the repeated word of love and praise, the caress, the kiss, and the thoughtful attention should begin to fail.—Dellmeator.

### Too Much Honor.

Mildred was spending a day with a neighbor who had prepared a dainty luncheon table for the occasion. When Mildred was informed luncheon was ready and arrived in the dining room she stopped, with a look of amazement in her face and exclaimed: "Oh, Mrs. S., don't put all your finery on for me."