Element of Decay.

Indirect influence had its nearly perfect work in the Persian empire, where the Queen Mother was permitted to exercise an injurious influence over the king, the court, and the empire. It was one of the tendencies which leads Sayce, the historian, to say, after touching upon it: "In short, the empire contained within it from the first all the elements of decay."

Wisdom in Action.

The times are waiting for men who shall serve and not merely inquire; strive and not merely investigate; give to their age and their kind not so much learning in bulk as wisdom in action; great doing as the only true fruitage of great thinking; the consecration to the uplifting of one's fellowmen of one's best rather than the conserving by mere culture of one's self. —Henry Potter.

Blessed Sympathy.

Sympathy with animals blesses and humanizes men and women. To get into real relations with an animal is a liberal education. It is something to be really interested even in a plant and to observe the working of life in any sphere not our own. How much more when that life is directing a personality which consciously looks up to us and will love us if we will let it!—Christian Register.

Longevity in French Villages.

A remarkable record of longevity is to be found in some of the rural parishes of France. In the village of St. Thomas de la Fliche there have been only fourteen parish priests in three hundred years, the fourteenth being still in possession. The parish of St. Germain du Val, in Paris, has had only three pastors in one hundred years, while that of Givry en Argonne has had but five in 100 years.

No Wonder.

Nerve Specialist—My dear sir, I can't understand your case at all. Here you were practically cured a few days ago and now your nerves are in frightful shape again. Have you had a sudden shock of some kind? Patient—I received your bill yesterday.

The Most Original Authors.

The most original modern authors are not so because they advance what is new, but simply because they know how to put what they have to say as if it had never been said before.—Goethe.

Useful Instrument in Farm House.

Every farm house should have a harness needle in it. One of the many uses to which the needle can be put is to sew rips in shoes that may save an extra trip to the cobbler's.—Home Department, National Magazine.

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SOMETHING for the LITTLE ONES

EASY TO MAKE BARREL BOAT

Timbers Attached Prevent Capsizing and May Be Constructed by Any Handy Boy.

A boat that any handy boy can easily make is constructed of a barrel which is kept with the opening cut in one side up by two 4 by 6-in timbers and two tie pieces, 2 by [illegible] says the Popular Mechanics. The lengths of these pieces will depend on the size of the barrel.

A good watertight barrel should be selected and an opening cut in the center between the hoops, of such a size as to allow the body of the occupant room for handling an oar. The timbers are attached to the barrel with iron straps—pieces of old hoops

A Barrel Boat.

will do. The two tie pieces are put across the timbers at the ends of the barrel and spiked in place.

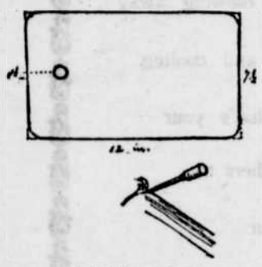
The boat is to be propelled with a single, double-end paddle. There is no danger of the boat capsizing or the water splashing into the barrel.

CUTTING BOARD QUITE HANDY

Convenient Article for Use in Any Play Room May Be Made of Ordinary Piece of Pine.

Use pine three-quarters of an inch thick. You should have a piece 7½ inches by 12 inches for a cutting board.

Round the corners by making them one-quarter of a circle whose radius is three-quarters of an inch. Round with the grain of the wood, as shown



A Cutting Board.

in the figure. Do not go quite to the line with the chisel, and finish with the plane.

Next drill the hole. Drill until the point of the drill begins to come through the wood and then take it out and put the point in on the other side of the board. When the hole is finished, plane the sides of the board and finish it with sandpaper.

LIFE OF CHINESE STUDENTS

Exercise Is Not Given Attention It Should Receive in Far East Colleges —Much Superstition.

The life of the Chinese college student is different in many ways from that of students in our own universities. The Chinese student is not very strong physically. He has stooped shoulders and a pale complexion. His life is not wholesome, for he sleeps in a small room which is not ventilated, and he does not eat very wholesome food.

Exercise is not given the attention it should have in the Chinese college. The intercollegiate sports include a 100-yard dash, the high jump, pole vault, 200-yard run and a football game. In the Imperial university at Pekin the teachers are gathered from all parts of the world. The Chinese believe that topics that are foreign to them should be taught by foreigners. The students accept practically all of the foreign teachings except medicine. The medicine which is taught is largely Chinese and is made up of many superstitions. The Chinese believe that a man has nine pulses and two hearts. They do not believe in cutting up dead human bodies for the purpose of studying their parts, as we do. They would not do this because they think the disembodied spirit might return to punish them through torture.

Wanted His Cream Spanked.

"Mamma," said four-year-old Bobby, "what is that white stuff on my berries?"

"That is what we call whipped cream," answered his mother.

A few days later Bobby dined at a neighbors and, being offered some ordinary cream, he asked: "Haven't you folks got any spanked cream?"

Just Turn Around.

I can stretch my arms apart, having a coin in each hand, and yet without bringing my hands together, I can cause both coins to come into the same hand. How is this to be done?

Answer:—Place the coin on a table, then, turning round, take it up with the other hand.

An Ox Problem.

If 12 oxen will eat 3 acres and one third of grass in 4 weeks and 21 oxen will eat 10 acres in 9 weeks—how many oxen will eat 24 acres in 18 weeks, the grass being allowed to grow uniformly.

Answer—Seven hundred and twenty.

Willing to Please Again.

Little James while at a neighbor's was given a piece of bread and butter, and politely said, "Thank you."

"That's right, James," said the lady, "I like to hear little boys say 'Thank you.'"

"Well," rejoined James, "if you want to hear me say it again you might put some jam on it."

DARROW ACQUITTED

Jury In Bribery Case Agrees In Thirty-Four Minutes.

Remarkable Scene Follows, Jurors Embracing Defendant and Judge Congratulating Him.

Los Angeles—Carence S. Darrow [illegible] Saturday of the charge of bribery by a jury, which was exactly 34 minutes considering the case.

Nothwithstanding the verdict in this case, according to District Attorney Fredericks, Mr. Darrow's ordeal is not over. Fredericks declared he would insist upon the trial of the lawyer on a second indictment.

As he sat in a cafe a few blocks from the scene of his trial and acquittal, surrounded by a few intimate friends and finding more relish in the perusal of scores of congratulatory telegrams than in his luncheon, Darrow apparently was unconcerned in the statement of the prosecutor. Although declining to discuss the threatened second long ordeal, he said he was too happy to feel alarmed at anything.

Mr. Darrow was showered with telegrams from all parts of the country, which began pouring in within an hour after the verdict was given to the world. They came from labor organizations, leaders of organized labor, intimate friends and many of whom he does not know. Most of them came from Chicago, his home and the scene of most of his professional activities for a quarter of a century.

The court room scene which followed the reading of the verdict, just 34 minutes after the jury had retired, was one that had no parallel in the court annals of this city. Jurors whose phlegmatic countenances had given no hint of their feelings throughout the three months and more which elapsed since the trial began, embraced the man they had tried and with tears running down their cheeks declared it was the happiest day of their lives.

Court officials, including Judge Hutton and the half dozen bailiffs, joined in the congratulations and Mrs. Darrow, to whom the trial was a continuous nervous strain, stood speechlessly happy with one hand in her husband's and with the other wringing those of the jurors.

FEDERAL ADVANCE SLOW.

Mexican Rebels Leave Big Job for Railway Repairers.

Juarez, Mexico—It is considered by railway men that federal troops cannot occupy Juarez before next Monday at the earliest date. In advance of the federal army, under Generals Rabago and Tellez, is a repair train, and two trains left Juarez to repair the road from this end.

Determined to have some vestige of civil government, the citizens of Juarez met and named three commissioners, each with equal power of ballot. In this way Juarez bears the distinction of being the only city in Mexico with a commission government.

Infantile Plague Serious.

Sacramento, Cal.—According to a statement issued from the office of the state board of health, there have already been 60 cases of poliomyelitis, commonly known as infantile paralysis, so far this month. Most of the cases were reported from Southern California, although there were two cases found in Stockton and one in San Jose. In Los Angeles city there were 43 cases and in Los Angeles county 48.

During July there were 188 cases in all and 35 deaths. In Los Angeles county there were 152 cases and 28 deaths. In June here were 31 cases and five deaths.

Wild Buffalo Flourish

Washington, D. C—Lieutenant Colonel Brett, commanding the Yellowstone National Park, has reported to Secretary of the Interior Fisher that his men have seen more buffalo in the wild herd in the park recently than for ten years. They counted 48 buffalo, he said, all of which appeared to be in fine condition. The tame herd which is kept in an enclosure in the park, said Colonel Brett, now numbers 144. Nearly one half of the buffaloes in the United States are in the Yellowstone park.

Taft Signs Pension Bill.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft has signed the $160,000,000 pension appropriation bill. The pension office was immediately notified and telegraph orders were sent to the 18 outlying agencies to start payment at once of the money so long held up by the delay in congress. Each pensioner in the United States will be paid by Tuesday at the latest. Paymaster General Smith, of the army, has authorized payment to enlisted men of the regular army for July, leaving the June pay to be distributed later.

Civil War Heroine Dead.

Oakland, Cal.—Dr. C. Apnette Buckel, famous nationally as the "little major" of the Union army because of her services during the Civil war, is dead. Dr. Buckel was born in Warsaw, N. Y., August 25, 1833, and was graduated from the Woman's Medical college of Pennsylvania. At the outbreak of the Civil war she volunteered for hospital service in the Union army and accompanied the troops through some fierce battles.

Insurance Man Uninsured.

New York—After spending a lifetime writing millions of insurance policies, Archibald C. Haynes died without any insurance on his own life. In his will just filed here he left only a $500 estate, which goes to his widow. Haynes was at one time one of the best-known insurance men in the country. He was general agent of the Equitable.

STARTS CLEARING-HOUSE PROBE

Attorney-General Wickersham Investigates Money Changers.

Washington, D. C.—A collateral phase of the so-called money trust, it developed recently, is being investigated by Attorney-General Wickersham.

The inquiry, which may affect clearing-house associations throughout the country, revolves about the rule of the New York Clearing-House Association requiring its members to charge a specified sum for the collection of out-of-town checks drawn on certain parts of the country, and at the same time giving them discretion whether to make charges for similar collections in other localities.

A careful study of the workings of this rule is being made by the Attorney-General, it is said, to determine whether the Sherman anti-trust law or the National bank act is being violated.

If action is taken it will take precedent for all clearing-house associations having similar rules. It is learned that the Attorney-General may refer the whole question to the Secretary of the Treasury for remedial measures if it is found that the law is being technically violated or that the practice, while not illegal, seems against public policy.

POSTOFFICE BILL PASSES.

Upper House Restricts Rights of Employes to Join Organizations.

Washington, D. C.—The annual postoffice appropiation bill was passed by the Senate at the end of two days' sharp fighting over propositions relating to parcels post, good roads improvement and the affiliation of postal employes with labor organizations.

As it goes back to the House it contains some restrictions upon the right of postal employes to join outside organizations; and an entirely new system of parcels post based on the "zone plan" with varying rates for varying distances.

The measure will go into conference with many important differences to be settled. The House provided that no employe of the postal service should be subject to reduction or removal for joining an organization having for its object improvement in conditions of labor or compensation.

After a fight involving the right of Government employes to strike, the Senate approved this in part, but provided that employes should not join an organization "which imposes an obligation or duty to strike or to assist in a strike against the United States." Under the terms of the bill as it passed both Houses, employes have the right to appeal to Congress for redress of grievances.

BALDWIN RANCH IS SOLD.

14,000 Homes to Dot Late Turfman's Last Holding, Just Sold.

Los Angeles.—H. A. Unruh, executor of the will of the late Elias J. (Lucky) Baldwin, has filed final papers completing the sale of the Rancho Clenega O'Paso de la Tijera, the last of the great turfman's holdings, to the Los Angeles Investment Company, for a stated consideration of $6,036,560. The total area involved is 3143.28 acres.

One million dollars was paid in cash, with nine notes for $500,000 each for the remainder.

The whole of the money paid will be clear cash for the heirs, Mrs. Anita Baldwin McClaughry and Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, all of the debts of the estate having been liquidated by previous sales.

The officers of the purchasing company announce that the entire holding will be cut up into lots, of which it will make 28,000. Half that number of homes will be erected by the concern, construction to begin as soon as possible. The entire ranch will provide about 2500 city blocks and 900 miles of street frontage.

Southern Pacific Sued.

San Francisco.—Suit has been filed by United States District Attorney John L. McNab against the Southern Pacific Company for alleged violations of the Federal law limiting to 16 the hours of trainmen engaged in interstate commerce. In this suit, which is one of 31 to come up for trial here on October 3, it is alleged that on the line between Red Bluff and Roseville, the company violated the law by allowing a train crew of six to work from 5 a. m. to 10:45 p. m. On each count the company is liable to a maximum fine of $500.

Shippers File Big Suit.

Los Angeles.—What was said to be the most voluminous and heaviest lawsuit ever filed in California and perhaps in any other commonwealth went on record in this city.

It was against the Santa Fe Railroad, and the mere complaint comprised 16,000 pages of separate charges of alleged violation of the long-and-short-haul clause of the state constitution. Piled up, paper on paper, the lawsuit stood more than four feet high and required the combined efforts of several strong men to move it.

Maryland to Carry Knox.

Seattle.—The cruiser Maryland, which is to sail from Seattle August 22 with Secretary of State Knox and his suite, who will attend the funeral of the Emperor of Japan, arrived at the Puget Sound Navy Yard from Seward, Alaska. She will begin loading coal at once and then will be painted and burnished. On August 21 she will proceed to Seattle to receive her passengers. Captain J. M. Ellicott commands the Maryland and will proceed to the Orient with her.

Slander on Woman Goes.

Milan.—The recent admission of women to the Masonic Order of Italy has caused considerable discussion as to the relation of this step to the Italian women's movement.

Signora Troise, the well-known author of Milan, and a leading suffragist, declares that the matter is of very serious note, if for nothing else than that it "removes the eternal slander on woman that she is unable to keep a secret."

Rebel Attack Repulsed.

Corinto, Nicaragua.—The government troops at Managua succeeded in repulsing the attacks of the revolutionary army under Generals Louis Mena and Zeledon. Their victory, however, was not pronounced. The bombardment of the city was discontinued, but it is thought to be only temporary.

The American marines and bluejackets at the legation are all well. Telegraphic communication between here and Managua has been restored.

CROPS ARE DAMAGED

Rain and Wind Play Havoc With Hops and Grain.

Spring-Sown Grain Hit—Hay and Hops Suffer Most By Strong Wind and Rain.

Rain Storm Affects Northwest.

Salem—No gleam of hope for farmers' plight, as continued rains spell ruin to Spring-sown grain.

La Grande — Small percentage of total hay tonnage irreparably damaged by wind and rain.

The Dalles—No crop damage reported.

McMinnville—Hop damage greater than at first anticipated.

Dallas—Hardest storm known in Summer season passes over section.

Philomath—Hopyards suffer and late-sown grain, yet in field, soaked by rains.

Albany—Vetch, Linn County's leading crop, greatest sufferer if rains continue.

Seattle — Heaviest rain on record throughout state.

Salem—Drizzling rain off and on throughout this week offered no gleam of hope for the farmers' plight in this section but added somewhat to the damage done to some of the crops, the grain in particular.

Three or four more days of similar weather, farmers predict, will practically spell ruin to the Spring-sown grain.

This has been considered a remarkably excellent season for grain which was sowed during the Spring months until the latest rain found a large share of it shocked and drenched it through. Today offered no improvement, even had there been no rain, as it was cloudy and lowering and the grain was soaked.

Reports continue to be received of hop acreage going down, but the reports did not indicate that as much acreage dropped as on previous days during the storm.

After summing up the reports Salem hop men say that propably their estimate of 500 acres of hops going down was somewhat strained, but they believe that now fully 500 acres of yards have gone down in the state.

Some of the hop dealers have sent reports to their Eastern houses placing the acreage down at all the way from 300 to 600 acres. So far but little damage is reported to the hops, it being possible to put up the great majority of the vines in yards where they have dropped. A few more days of the present weather, however, will result in the hop situation taking on something of a serious aspect, however, according to some of the dealers.

RESENTS JOURNEY OF KNOX.

"Dollar Doctrine" Seen In Visit to Funeral of Mikado.

Paris—A Japanese financier, whose official mission in Paris prevents the publication of his name, in reply to a question by a correspondent as to the truth of the statement that the visit of Secretary of State Knox to Japan to attend the Mikado's funeral was resented in that country, said:

"Mr. Knox's presence at the Mikado's funeral is viewed by Japanese, highest and lowest alike, as an evidence of gross bad taste. Evidently the Japanese foreign office is unable to say so as courtesy is the primordial factor in my country. Nevertheless, we Japanese who will see him at the Mikado's funeral will feel he is in our country on business, that he is working his dollar doctrine.

"We regarded the Mikado with veneration and the presence of any business element at the coming sacred rite is to us an impertinence. He may assure us of America's friendship, but we do not need to be taught what we well know."

Noted Outlaw Captured.

Salt Lake City.—Bert Dalton, alleged murderer of Marshal Dan Hanson, of Cokeville, and a member of the notorious Whitney brothers gang of outlaws, who escaped in the jail break at Evanston, Wyo., last week, was captured near Sandy, Utah, by Sheriff Joseph C. Sharp, of Salt Lake County.

Dalton was caught on a ranch, where he went to work. He is now in the county jail here and refuses to divulge the whereabouts of Ernest Crutcher and Walter Van Fosser, who escaped with him.

Secretary Wilson Is 77.

Washington—"Tama Jim" Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture and the oldest man in President Taft's Cabinet, enjoyed his 77th birthday Friday. Secretary Wilson said he was looking forward to quitting public life on March 4 next, so that he might go among his grandchildren, "don his overalls and move around among the common people." Wilson has exceeded by four years the record for long service in the Cabinet, and under his regime the scope of the Department of Agriculture has been widely extended.

J. D.'s Estate Guarded.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—John Rockefeller's estate at Pocantico Hills was guarded by a number of deputy sheriffs, because of fear of violence on the part of discharged employes. Several men recently were let go by the foremen of laborers and trouble ensued, culminating in an attempt to burn the cottage of Foreman Antonio Di Marco.

Mr. Rockefeller informed Sheriff Doyle of the situation and asked for aid.

Turks Slay Christians.

Cettinje, Montenegro—Reports are circulating here of another massacre of Christians by Mohammedans in Albania. A band of Mohammedans supported by Turkish troops attacked a section of the Christian population in the Berna district of Albania. A fierce fight ensued and women and children are reported to have been murdered by wholesale. Little girls were made captives.

Mirage Easy to Be Seen.

The celebrated Fata Morgana, a presentation of natural "moving pictures" on an immense scale which is occassionally seen in the Straits of Messina, is explained by a scientific writer as being a mirage, such as frequently occurs in various parts of the world; "in fact," he says, "one may see a mirage any day by looking through the stratum of air overlying a hot stove, or adjacent to the side of a wall heated in the sunshine." Young scientists will be interested in verifying this statement.

Displeased the Widow.

A Philadelphia traveling man, having gone upon that journey for which there is no return ticket, his many friends of the road consulted together as to the remembrance to be sent by them, and finally decided upon a design which was not only original, but which they considered peculiarly appropriate. They never could understand why the widow would not receive the beautiful suit case, made of white flowers, with the words, "His last trip," in purple violets, on one side.

Worth of Clothes.

The influence of clothes must continue to be, as it has been from the beginning of histroy, either "sacred or or profane," a foremost factor in those forces by which man's destiny is guided. His health and comfort, aims and purposes, social standing and business prosperity; everything indeed that makes his life worth living may be affected by it in directions never dreamed of by the tailor who, if he does not actually make the man, is largely instrumental in making him what he is.

Their Proper Place.

The folks who are perpetually protesting that their consciences are clear and that they have nothing for which to reproach themselves are generally in a bad way, for the probability is that their much-vaunted consciences have stopped working and are of no further use. Such people never allow that they are in the wrong; their favorite sentence is, "I told you so!" and their proper place is on a desert island with thick skinned turtles for boon companions.

Hair Fabrics.

In the manufacture of hair fabrics the hair is reduced to a paste by a solvent and all kinds of hair and fibers are used. The paste is run through an artificial silk spinner and drawn from the spinner in threads. Some of these are a yard or more in length. They can be braided or woven like artificial horse-hair. Hair composition of superior quality is kept for the manufacture of wigs and braids.—Harper's Weekly.

Ancient Italian City.

Asolo, which inspired two of Browning's verses in "Asolando," and which is observing the centenary, is a fortified town in Treviso, in northern Italy. It was the ancient Acelum, and possesses a cathedral and a ruined aqueduct. The former palace of Catharine Cornaro, queen of Cyprus, is in the neighborhood. There are beautiful seats in the vicinity, and the town has a population of under 6,000.—London Globe.

Pastor's Merited Rebuke.

When Samuel S. Colber was preaching in an old log schoolhouse in Johnson county, Missouri, in 1852, his congregation was quite small. One Sunday all were sitting at the desks forward near the puncheon floor. The sermon was monotonous and the old log seats had no backs. Observing the sleepy, downcast look of the congregation, the minister woke them up by shouting: "Arouse, heaven is not under the floor!"

Have You Noticed These?

An inventor in America has earned the thanks of all who have been seeking after a really sanitary form of kissing. In certain parts of that great country, when young ladies go to parties and places where they kiss, they are provided with a sterilized ivory ring, mounted on a silver handle. This is interposed between the kisser and the kissee, and the resulting sensation is known as "pasteurized pleasure," or "germless joy."—London Answers.

Stabbed by Umbrella.

Perhaps the strangest weapon ever used for killing was an umbrella. In October, 1908, a man named Ernest Smith was found dead in Chiswick High street, England. He had a punctured wound in the eye which had reached his brain and which the doctors agreed had undoubtedly been caused by the steel ferrule of an umbrella.

Uncle Pennywise Says:

Countless ages of time passed, as we compute time—before the earth was prepared for the advent of man. The oldest civilization known is that of Egypt, and the pyramids are things of yesterday compared with the formation of the alluvial plains of the Euphrates, or the delta of the Mississippi, not to mention the Laurentian rocks.

The Peanut Flux.

The last thing to recover from the effects of a big celebration is the five-cent bag of peanuts. It dwindles painfully during the influx of great crowds. Other foods remain comparatively stable in quantity for a fixed price, but the mob diminishes the allowance of peanuts for a nickel by half.

Lacking Important Point.

Can a woman be a successful "magician?" A contemporary wizard says that she can, and that in London there are many society women who have taken a course in wizardy as a means of becoming proficient in some kind of "parlor trick" by which to entertain company. It does seem, though, that a magician without coat sleeves to pull back, as a preliminary to doing his marvels, would be fatally deficient in paraphernalia.

His Grounds.

By a queer trick of politics an ignorant and pompous old darky was elected judge of a minor court in a certain western state. In the first case over which he presided he made a ruling so absurd that the lawyer whose case was affected by it said: "This is a very strange ruling, your honor. Upon what grounds do you make it?" "What grounds—does you say? Why, dese yer' co'thouse grounds, of co'se!" replied the judge.—Judge.

Its Only Purpose.

"O Willie, Willie," cried a teacher to a hopelessly dull pupil, "whatever do your think your head is for?" Willie, who evidently thought this another of the troublesome questions that teachers were always asking, pondered it deeply. "Please, miss," he replied at length, "to keep my collar on!"—Youth's Companion.