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Miles—How did it happen?

Giles—He accidentally got near a bargain counter where $1 shirt waists were being sold at 98 cents and was trampled underfoot.—Columbus Dispatch.

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"Yes," said Miss Tartun, "except that poor, dear Fan needn't have been quite so prompt in making her responses. She hadn't the slightest reason to fear that Jack would repent and back out when she had him actually at the altar."

A Farmer's Irrigation.

Under above caption in a recent issue of The Furrow, the following article appeared:

"There is at least one man in the rain belt region of the United States who has solved the drouth problem, and in overcoming his drouth nightmare he has somewhat unexpectedly discovered that every year brings a drouth, to a greater or less extent. 'I have put in, as you see,' he said to me, 'a simple plan of irrigating some of my land from a little stream running through the place which I thought would give me crop insurance during dry years; but it has taught me that never a year goes by that there is not some period or periods of greater or less extent that a watering does not greatly increase the crop. I can observe accurately, because I have my irrigated crops growing practically alongside those which get only rainfall for their watering.'

"This farmer's discovery of the efficiency and ease of irrigating was in a measure accidental. A little stream which showed a capacity—in July—of about six cubic feet per second, or say, 2,500 gallons a minute, which is a much smaller stream than the figures would indicate to the unwary, runs with a slight fall through a piece of rich bottom land and at one point near its lower end had been dammed by the boys to form a bathing pool. Several years ago, while in the midst of a destructive drouth which was burning up the crops even on this usually moist bottom land, the farmer raised this dam by throwing in earth with the help of a plow and scoops, and crudely flooded several acres of cabbages, melons and some recently planted late corn. The result was so satisfactory and the idea of overcoming nature so fascinating, that the next year, after the spring high water season, a more substantial dam was put in at the head of the field which enabled the flooding of the entire bottom, with a little rough surveying to find the levels. The yield is stated to have been enormous, and while the farmer's tendency has been to over-irrigate, he is learning more than he ever knew before about the great productive capacity of land which has enough water at the right time, and also the great response which comes from heavily manured soil when well supplied with water. His dam is a cheap affair, built entirely by labor on the farm, and largely reconstructed each year. It has no storage capacity, the irrigation depending entirely upon the regular flow."

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Nothing but the Truth.

Mr. Askitt—What age would you rather have lived in, Miss Thirtiodd?

Miss Thirtiodd—In the birthdayless age, I think.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

No other corporation pursues a dishonest dealer or contractor so persistently and so relentlessly as does the government of the United States. Neither the petty grafter nor the man guilty of big frauds escapes trial when once the hand of the law is laid on him. The conviction of the gang of men engaged in petty frauds in the Postoffice Department two or three years ago is an instance of one kind, and the success of the prosecution of Greene and Gaynor, guilty of defrauding the government of more than a million dollars on engineering work in Georgia, is an instance of the other kind. Captain Carter, the army officer, who had charge of the inspection of their work, was convicted of participating in the frauds, and sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army and to five years' imprisonment. He has served his sentence and is now free, trying to prove his innocence. Greene and Gaynor, after they were indicted in 1902, forfeited their bail and escaped to Canada. For three years they fought extradition, but the British government finally surrendered them, and they were put on trial. After a trial lasting thirteen and a half weeks they were convicted, sentenced to imprisonment for three years, and to pay a fine of five hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars each—the amount which they are charged with stealing.

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In response to public sentiment the House committee has stricken from the agricultural appropriation bill the item providing for the free distribution of garden seeds. Seventy-five years ago Congress appropriated $1,000 for the purchase and distribution among farmers of "rare and valuable" seeds. The purpose was to encourage the tillers of the soil to raise the standard of the crops and was a laudable one. Since that time the appropriation has steadily increased until now it amounts to $300,000. Instead of having the original purpose in view, the custom has degenerated into a political one whereby congressmen can increase their pull in their respective districts. Tons of common seeds are distributed and the only effect is to let the farmers know that their representatives in Congress are expecting their votes. From a real benefit to the agricultural interests, the custom has fallen into a species of graft. That the farmers no longer appreciate the government's liberality is evidenced by the scores of letters received by congressmen condemning the practice and urging that it be stopped.

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The report that Rev. Thomas Sherman, son of the late W. T. Sherman, had started on a journey over the route of the famous "march to the sea," conducted by his father, and that he was accompanied by a troop of the Twelfth Cavalry, caused a great deal of unfavorable comment throughout the South. It was explained later, however, that the cavalrymen were sent to study the battlefields between Chattanooga and Atlanta, and that the officers merely permitted Father Sherman to accompany them. In view of the misapprehension, existing, the President ordered the troop to return to post at Fort Oglethorpe after it had gone as far as Resaca. Father Sherman abandoned his trip at Cartersville, Ga., apparently angered by the action of the President, and returned to Chattanooga. He is reported as saying that he was an invited guest of the Federal government.

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When the last link of the cable connecting the United States with China was completed, the President sent a message of congratulation, addressed to "Their Imperial Majesties, the Empress Dowager and the Emperor of China." The Emperor answered the message with another one of felicitation, which he concluded wth, "By order of the Dowager Empress we now offer to your excellency our sincerest congratulations," and signed himself as Emperor. It seems that even an interchange of international courtesies has to be effected in China by order of the Dowager, who rules because she can, not because she has the right.

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Former Consul General McWade at Canon, China, who was removed on the recommendation of Assistant Secretary of State Peirce, appeared before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and made serious counter charges against Peirce, while defending his own course and character with numerous affidavits from people of prominence in Canton. McWade charged that Peirce was in Canton only a few hours, and that while there he virtually compelled him to give up a valuable tiger rug. Since the hearing this rug has been returned to its former owner by Peirce.

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It was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Shaw that he had removed the $25,000,000 limit to the funds he would advance to national banks dollar for dollar on gold imports. Hereafter national banks by announcing an intention to import gold and depositing collateral in the subtreasury may withdraw a like amount from the national treasury. This action tends to establish the new rule as a settled policy.

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No discourtesy was meant when the President, on behalf of the nation, declined the offer of financial assistance for San Francisco from a foreign steamship company. The quick response from all parts of the country had indicated that there was no need of outside assistance. There was precedent for the President's action, as it is not long since Russia declined outside assistance for the relief of suffering occasioned by a domestic disaster, on the ground that the country was able to take care of its own needy

SPIDER THAT EATS BIRDS.

Lives in the Forests of the South American Tropics.

There has just been deposited in the insect house at the zoo a specimen of the bird-eating spider, which earns its name by occasionally including in its menu some of the brilliantly hued humming birds and vari-colored finches of the South American tropics.

It is doubtful whether the silken threads which he spins in profusion constitute his most effective tackle for securing his prey. Indeed, it is more probable that the little birds get caught through alighting upon the banana and other leaves, in the twisted folds of which the spider makes his home. The similarity of his coloring to the bark of trees to which he attaches himself is also a powerful factor in enabling him to approach his prey.

The silken threads which help to ensnare so many beautiful birds are a serious annoyance to the traveler when riding or driving through the less frequented forests. As they continually strike the face one is reminded of some fiendish motor trap on the Surrey roads.

The bird-eating spider is much smaller, although not less ferocious in appearance, than the famous tarantula. The body of a full-grown tarantula is as big as a hen's egg and on an average it gives from twenty to forty yards of silk, the weaving of which was expected at one time to prove a very considerable industry in some of the Australian colonies. The silken output of the bird-eating spider is greater in proportion.—London Daily Graphic.

A DISAPPOINTING STORY.

It was poor, timid Miss Prudy Heath of Roxbury who, when the first railroad trains came through, went about among her friends, asking plaintively of each, "Would you ride in them ravin' stages?" Sooner or later they all did so; but she never ventured. Miss Ann Frickett of Wrenby objected to the coming of the railroad on other grounds.

"Draft animals are a gift of the Lord to man since Adam's time," she declared, "and it's a clear flying in the face of Providence to throw over beasts for b'llers."

Transit at the present time is accomplished by means so increasingly various and rapid, and new inventions and improvements follow each other so swiftly, that one scarcely pauses to accustom oneself to each new machine, but, rather, one assumes an attitude of a general acceptance toward additional methods of progress of any kind—underground, overhead, submarine or aerial. Two young persons who read aloud, in a remote farmhouse where they were staying, a recent air-ship story by Mr. Kipling, were greatly amused at the disappointment of an old lady of nearly 80 when she found that the tale was fiction.

"I call that a mean trick!" she said, indignantly. "Storing up disappointment for folks instead of satisfying 'em! There was I, all the time you were reading, thinking to myself how I'd got a ride in an automobile unexpected, by way of 'thank you' for giving some gingerbread an' milk to the young fellow that druv it while he was tinkering out there in the lane, an' hoping next time 'twould be a flying ship come along instead.

"'Mebbe 'twill light right down in the pasture,' thinks I. 'No reason it shouldn't, and jest as much reason it should as an automobile in the lane—and my! how I should like to fly!'

"And now you say 'twas all made up out o' whole cloth, that story, and there ain't like to be any air ships running reg'lar for years! Much good I'll get of 'em then!

"That writer may be clever enough, but he' an unconscionable cheating critter, I say!"

NOVEL GROWTH OF TOBACCO.

Scarlet Plant Originated from Crossing of Red and White Flowers.

The National Council of Horticulture, through its committee, says of the scarlet tobacco plant: "One of the flower novelties of last year which was successfully grown by many experts is a tobacco plant which produces scarlet flowers, nicotiana Sanderae. It is named for its producer, an expert of England. The plant was originated by crossing two South American tobacco plants, one of which had white and the other red flowers. The result was a flower varying from a light pink to the deepest red. Planted in the foreground of a border of the more familiar nicotiana affinis, which has white, star-shaped flowers of a wonderfully sweet fragrance, a combination of color most striking is produced.

"A pleasing characteristic of this tobacco plant is the flowering time, which begins at twilight and lasts until the hot rays of the following day wither the blossoms. Thus it is in bloom at the time when it is most appreciated by persons returning home from a weary day's work. The plants are easily grown from seed sown on pulverized soil. Another method is to sow the seed in shallow boxes and transplant, when the fourth or fifth leaf has appeared, to open beds.

"This plant appears to bear flowers all summer long, and with ordinary care should succeed under a great number of conditions. It has been successfully tested in England, Germany and the United States. It has done well in sunlight and partial shade."

Speaking Their Minds.

The queer thing about the people who boast of always speaking their minds is that they nearly always have such disagreeable minds to speak. Did you ever hear any one preface a compliment, a commendation or anything gracious or pleasant by saying, "I always must speak my mind?"—Woman's Life.

His Model.

Critic—That villain in your story is a perfect masterpiece. Where did you get the character?

Novelist—I imagined a man possessed of all the forms of wickedness which my wife attributes to me when she is angry.—London Tit-Bits.

FLASHES OF FUN

Church—Are you acquainted with Flapbush? Gotham—Oh, yes; why, we sleep in adjoining pews! Yonkers Statesman.

"Do you think the widow will break his will?" "Won't be necessary. She did that long before she became a widow."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Maid—Are you at home to Mrs. Toney, mum? She's at the door. Mistress—I am if she has a new hat on—not otherwise.—Cleveland Leader.

Inert Ike—Wot does "procrastinate" mean? Homeless Homer—To put off. Inert Ike—Gee, but wuzn't we procrastinated from dat fast freight!—Cleveland Leader.

Jones—What do you think of the Louvre gallery? Smith (just back)—Oh, the pictures are pretty good, but there are no jokes underneath them.—New York Sun.

Christian Science Mother—Eleanor, what is the matter? Christian Science Child—Oh, mamma, I got a terrible error of the mind in my stomach.—Medical Journal.

Strawler—I've seen Suppem, the tailor, going up to your studio every day for a week. Is he sitting for you? Dauber—No, he's laying for me.—Cleveland Leader.

Madge—They say she is very clever, but I have never noticed it. Marjorie—Of course not. She says all the clever things about you after you have gone.—Harper's Bazar.

New York Man—Why do they call Boston "the Hub?" San Francisco Man—Because the swiftest part of the country is the furthest from it, I guess.—Cleveland Leader.

"Do you joke writers ever make jokes at your own expense?" "For the first few years all our jokes are made that way. After that, if we're lucky, we get paid for 'em."—Ex.

Mother—Has Charles proven himself to be a thoroughly abstemious man? June Bride—Yes, indeed! He particularly abstains from giving me any money—Detroit Free Press.

"There are too many grafters in the world," said the patriotic citizen. "Unquestionably," answered Senator Sorghum; "pretty soon there won't be enough graft to go 'round."—Washington Star.

Miss Passey—A fortune teller has told me where I should find my future husband. Mrs. Situplate—Goodness! give me her address at once. Perhaps she could tell me where my present one is.—Judge.

Hix—I don't believe half our rich men know when they are well off. Dix—Where did you get that idea? Hix—At the court house. I was down there this morning looking over the tax lists.—Chicago Daily News.

"Dear John," wrote Mrs. Newlywed from the shore, "I inclose the hotel bill." "Dear Jane, I inclose check," wrote John, "but please don't buy any more hotels at this price—they are robbing you."—Smart Set.

Sporting Customer—A pound of cheese, please. Grocer—Gorgonzola or Cheddar? Sporting Customer—Oh, I don't care. Start 'em both across the counter and I'll take the winner.—Philadelphia Telegram.

Cabby—I 'ad a beard like yours once, but when I found what it made me look like I got it cut off. Bussy—An' I had a face like yours once, an' when I found I couldn't get it cut off I grew a beard.—Punch.

"Do you know anything about this note?" asked the man from the collection agency, sternly. The impecunious one looked at the paper carefully. "No," he decided, "I can't say that I ever met it."—Cleveland Leader.

Mrs. Goode (a clergyman's wife)—My husband always says a short prayer before each meal. The New Cook (indignantly)—Well, he needn't take sich precautions phile I'm at th' range; I'm no cookin' school graduoate!—Puck.

Friend—What's that big box on the front of your machine? Automobilist—That's a camera for taking moving pictures. You see, I go so fast I don't have time to look at the scenery, and so I photograph it as I go along.—L'Illustration.

Daughter—No, mamma, Harold has not proposed yet—that is, no in so many words. Mother—Mercy on me, Jane! You must not wait for words! Proposals are mostly made up of sighs, gurgles, stammers, coughs, hems, haws, and looks, you know.—Ex.

"What are you studying now?" asked Mrs. Cumrox. "We have taken up the subject of molecules," answered her son. "I hope you will be very attentive and practice constantly," said the mother; "I tried to get your father to wear one, but he couldn't make it stay in his eye."—Medical Standard.

"A girl," said Miss Prim, "should always teach a man his distance." "Yes," replied Miss Koy, "but the right sort of a man would know his distance. I have no patience with the fellow who stands off about three feet and then leans 'way over to kiss you, as if you were a hot potato."—Ex.

"Sody crackers? Yes'm," said the country store keeper; "I got 'em. I'll—er—send 'em up to you!" "Well," replied Mrs. Medders, "I did 'low to take 'em with me." "Yes'm, but, ye see, Bill Bruser he's a-doin' on top o' the bar'l jest now an' he ain't in the best o' humor to-day."—Philadelphia Press.

One of Those Questions.

"So," said Captain Bragg, describing an experience in the Philippines, "the scouts came up and rescued me just in the nick of time. But, I tell you, I felt at one time that I should become hopelessly insane——"

"And didn't you?" breathlessly asked Miss Chatters.—Philadelphia Press.

Giving Him a Bit.

Binks—What a humorist Staley is!

Jinks—Humorist? Bah! Exhumorist, you mean. Most of his jokes have been buried for decades."—Boston Transcript.

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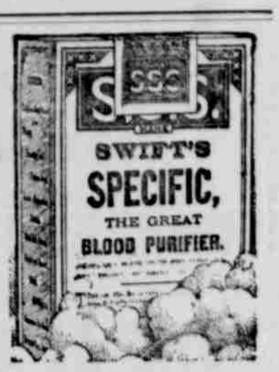

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