

UNCLE SAM'S NAVAL EXPERT.

One Who Does Nothing but Play With Battleships. In a long, low building down near the river in Washington there is a man who plays with toy ships on a toy ocean. And as a result of his play he can forecast exactly how the big battleships of the United States navy will behave in a storm at sea, and he can predict to a surety how much horsepower will be needed to drive the great transatlantic liners laden with their passengers and freight. He does this before even the keels of the ships have been laid down.

He is a naval constructor in the United States navy, and the toy ocean on which he works is the United States experimental model basin. The sheet of water in the basin is 500 feet long and fifty feet wide, with a maximum depth of fourteen feet. But in this limited space the naval expert, working with a wave maker, dynamometer, a towing bridge and other apparatus, can solve all the mechanical problems connected with the construction of a ship, its probable roll when struck by giant waves and the horsepower needed in its tremendous engines to drive it through the water. He works with wooden models twenty feet long. Some of them weigh 1,000 pounds, none of them more than 2,000. The other countries of the world use paraffin models, but he works entirely with the miniature ships of wood.

The drawings and plans of the battleships to be built by Uncle Sam and the toy ocean were constructed by the navy department's bureau of construction and repair. In a little shop adjoining the building which covers the model basin the models are made and painted. Bags of shot, each weighing twenty-five pounds, are kept on hand to bring the model up to the corresponding weight of the big ship. The final tests are made in the "toy ocean" near by.—Popular Magazine.

OUR FIRST THEATER.

In 1792 the first theater in the United States was opened in the colony of Virginia at old Williamsburg. The originator was an English actor, William Hallam, Sr., who brought his own company from over seas and presented "The Merchant of Venice" as the initial performance. The idea spread rapidly, and soon New York, Philadelphia and the other leading communities of colonial America such as had in the theater. While the Virginia playhouse was the first in the United States, records had played in the colonies before this date. The first is said to have been the English strolling player, Anthony Aston, who was known as Mat Medley. The actor and his art of that Puritanical colonists. The Massachusetts legislature passed a law shortly after that forbade such performances, prescribing a penalty for actors and spectators alike of \$25 each.

Evolution of a Name. Cosmo Innes, in his work on surnames, quotes an instance showing the gradual transformation of a patronymic. "A respectable citizen of Dublin named Halfpenny threw in trade, so his children prevailed on him in his later years to change the name, which they thought undignified, and his he did chiefly by dropping the last letter. He died and was buried as Mr. Hopen. The fortune of the family did not recede, and the son of our citizen thought proper to renounce retail dealing, and at the same time looked about for a substitute for the name. He made no scruple of dropping the unnecessary 'u'. That being done, it was easy to go into the Celtic rage, which 'The Lady of the Lake' just raised to a great height. So he who had run the streets as little Kenny Halfpenny came out at the last as Kenneth MacAlpin, the descendant of a hundred kings.—London Chronicle.

Diplomacy. When King Alfonso of Spain is staying at San Sebastian, says the Manchester News, he frequently goes across to Biarritz for an afternoon of recreation.

On one occasion he arrived at the station there and hailed a hack. The driver recognized him, and when his majesty asked what the fare was said, "For the king of Spain it will be 10 francs." The king smiled and merely paid the ordinary fare as provided by the tariff. To that amount, however, he added a tip of the usual size.

A few days later he was again in Biarritz and also took a hack. Just on this occasion the coacher was more diplomatic. When asked the amount of the fare he replied, "Your majesty owe me nothing for the small service I have had the honor to render him." His majesty replied to this courteous speech by presenting the coacher with a 100 franc note.

Bricks From Babylon. There is in the British em-pire prohibiting the exportation of relics and antiques more than 100 years old, and the fact that it is on the statute books gives rise to the common practice of offering spurious articles to the tourist. Real objects of art or of sufficient age to be of value are rarely to be purchased, and the general dealer of the visitor, therefore, seeks to be to obtain stores or pieces of clay from the sites of ancient ruins or bricks with inscriptions. The former can probably be obtained, but they are practically valueless, as one piece of clay from Babylon is quite like another from Mesopotamia. Bricks from either of these places are known to be genuine are unobtainable.

With Military Honors. It is not universally known what is meant by a funeral "with full military honors." In such a funeral the coffin is borne on a gun carriage. If the dead soldier was an infantryman his sword and helmet rest on his coffin. At the funeral of a cavalry soldier his sword and helmet are fastened to the saddle of his horse, which is led immediately behind the gun carriage, and his top boots, with spurs attached, are fastened to the stirrups, with the toes pointing backward.

A String Party, drawn, if possible, from the deceased's regiment, fire three volleys over the grave, and the "Last Post" is then sounded by buglers.—Penny's Weekly.

Ceremony and Cannon Balls. There is a tale told about an officer who was conversing with a horse soldier during a hot engagement and insisted on taking off his hat and bowing profoundly every time he spoke to the duke. That great man suggested that at such a time they might very well waive all ceremony. But the officer bowed deeply to his commander's suggestion, and just as he was bending down a cannon ball eluded him and took off the head of a comrade. The officer on coming up again and seeing what had happened remarked calmly, "Your grace perceives that one loses nothing by politeness"—London News.

Luring the Bee. The Arabs and Bedouins of Tripoli live in tents, and the industry of bees in the desert is not only a source of profit but also a source of amusement. At the swarming season empty hives are placed close to the old ones, and a trail of honey laid at each entrance. If a queen is disposed to fly away with her subjects lemon rind is rubbed on a wall near the hive; the quickly diffused pungent odor attracts the bees, arrests their flight, and the lure of the honey at the portal completes their capture.

In the Trench. We live in trenches, and so few of us realize it. Life is a trench. Beside us are the jesters and the heroes, the living and the dead. In the intervals of our own occupations we make mud pies and gaze at the stars, or the sun's rays warm us and stir our loves and sentiments and cosmic cravings. We do not fight always in life's trench. Sometimes we lie asleep and dream, while others guard our sense of glory. And we helped to dig it.—Life.

A Spelling Test. "I prophesy an agreeable ecstasy in perceiving the unparalleled embarrassment of a harassed position while gauding the symmetry of a potato peeled by a slyph." Dictate this sentence and find how many of your friends will be able to spell it right.—Exchange.

As we grow less young the aged grow less old.—Bacon.

Their Gloe. "He boasts that he came of a fine old family." "Yes, and how they must have laughed when he left"—Judge.

FROZEN FOODS.

And Why Care Should Be Exercised in Eating Fresh Fish. Meat will stay fresh if kept at a temperature of 32 degrees F. Not so fish. Putrefaction is due to two causes—micro-organisms, which are present everywhere, and certain ferments normally contained in the flesh, which cause changes in composition and flavor. A temperature of 30 degrees checks the action of the former, but has little effect upon the latter. In the case of meat this has merely a "ripening" effect that improves the flavor and does no harm, but in the case of fish it makes the flesh taste disagreeable, although it may not be unwholesome.

This is why fish that is not marketed perfectly fresh is frozen. In practice 20 degrees F. is regarded as the proper temperature for storing frozen fish. Oysters should not be frozen, and it is held that they may be kept six weeks at a temperature of 30 degrees. A bulletin of the United States department of agriculture speaks as follows of the possible dangers from eating fish: "The formation of poisons quite generally, although not always, accompanies putrefaction being arrested. It therefore great care should be taken to eat fish only when it is in perfect condition. Fish which has been frozen and after thawing, kept for a time before it is cooked is especially likely to contain injurious poisons.

The general rule may be said that fish should be considered unfit for food when the eyes have lost their sheen, the cornea is somewhat cloudy, the gills pale red, when the scales are dry or easily loosened or when the meat is soft that if pressed with the finger the indentation remains. Laying fish in water for a few minutes before cooking has been recommended as a means of judging of their condition. Those which sink may be considered unadecomposed and wholesome, while those which are decomposing will float.

PERSIA'S DEVIL PLANT.

It is Death to the Animal It Grips With Its Claws. The devil plant they call it in Persia, and well they may, for it is more deadly to the flocks and herds that play so important a part in their life than is the loco weed to the herds of our southwestern states. It is in the fact that the devil plant gets in its deadly work. The flowers give place to seed pods with great belly like capsules and long, stiff stalks like those of a bean of prey. These are hidden under the brown and yellow leaves, and when a grazing animal—a sheep, a camel, a wild ass or an antelope, for example—ingests among the foliage the claws of the devil plant rub them out, but the more it rubs the deeper it forces the clawlike hooks into its skin. Its throat becomes so inflamed that it can neither eat nor drink, and consequently it dies of starvation and pain.

The animal's body lies in the open and decays, and into the decomposing flesh the hundreds of black seeds contained in the capsules of the clawed pod are discharged. For it seems that earth is not rich enough for them and only in decayed flesh can they find enough nourishment. Drivers of caravans curse the devil plant, for it may cost them many of their beasts when these are turned loose to graze at night. But most of the semitropical beasts that graze in the country have learned to avoid it, even as the American herds have learned to avoid the deadly loco weed.—New York World.

End of the Locomotive. When railroad locomotives have served their time of usefulness or are badly damaged through accidents they are ordinarily scrapped and disposed of as salvage. This at least is the practice followed by many of the companies which turn over their obsolete equipment of this kind to firms which junk it. After the sheeting is removed from the sides of the locomotive the cutting is done with oxyacetylene torches. Castings, malleable iron and the different grades of metal are separated as the work proceeds.—Popular Mechanics.

Independency. "Johnny," queried the teacher, "do you know the meaning of independency?" "Yes, ma'am," answered the little fellow. "It is when you don't cry no body 'nother' an' can look 'em in the eye and tell 'em to go to blazes."—Chicago News.

Handed Him a Jolt. Napleigh—They say she should jump from the mistakes he has made and from the foolish thing he has done. Miss Kew—If you followed that advice, Mr. Napleigh, you would be one of the brightest men on earth.—Boston Transcript.

A Financialer. "Why did you give that \$10 you owed me back before the entire company?" "So as to re-establish my credit with the others."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Worse Off. Clerk—I would like to marry, Mr. Broker, but on my salary I cannot win. Junior Partner—Well, I could on your salary, but I can't on my share of the profits.—Chicago News.

Be sure to put your feet in the right place, then stand firm.—Lincoln.

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WHY WE CAN'T FLY.

The Reason Man Is Unable to Rise in the Air Like a Bird. HE LACKS THE BREASTBONE.

In the Bird it is Very Massive and Developed Like the Keel of a Yacht, and Therein Lies the Secret of its Enormous Wing Power.

Man has always longed to fly like a bird, and all the ancient attempts at flight were based upon the tapping of wings attached to human arms. These efforts were given up long ago when it was realized that man was not and could not be strong enough to sustain himself in the air by the use of his arms. A man can only just lift himself with his arms—climbing the bar, for example—but he finds himself pretty heavy after he has done it a few times.

The reason why no man will ever be able to fly with self moved wings is that his breastbone is not big enough. A bird's breastbone has along its middle a deep keel from which spring the spornous muscles that draw down the wings when flapping or hold them level when soaring, the muscles, in other words, that support the entire weight of the bird.

The most powerful fliers have the deepest breastbones. Look at the skeleton of an albatross, a condor or a humming bird in a museum and you will notice that the keel of its breastbone projects like the keel of a racing yacht. You can see this keel, only much smaller in proportion to the size of the bird, on the carcass of any chicken or turkey after the meat has been removed, and the tender white flesh from the breast is nothing but the muscles which the bird flew when alive.

You notice that even on a chicken, which is one of the weakest of fliers, this flesh forms the greater part of the body. On a humming bird there is little else but this mass of flying muscle. In other words, the humming bird is nothing but a tiny flying machine. An albatross has a vast spread of wings, and its small body is little else but a pair of powerful pectoral muscles. These are attached by tendons to the bone called the humerus, which is the counterpart of the upper arm bone of a man. They spread out like a solid fan and are fastened to the breastbone with its deep keel, to the clavicles, or "wishbones," and to the ribs.

A man's breastbone has no keel. His humerus, or upper arm bone, is hinged to the clavicle, or collarbone, and shoulder blade. His pectoral muscles, which move the arm forward, and deltoid muscles, which lift it, are attached to it by strong tendons and sprang fanlike over his upper chest, being inserted in the ribs and collarbone. These are the muscles that do the same work for man as the pectoral muscles do for a bird. These are the muscles on which he would have to rely if he were to fasten wings to his arms and try to fly.

Compare these muscles with those of an albatross and you will see how inadequate they are. Though an albatross weighs only a few pounds, it has pectoral muscles that are actually larger than those of the most powerful athlete.

In order to have muscles powerful enough to lift his weight in the air by flapping wings a man's breastbone would have to develop a keel like a bird's and his collar bone would have to be changed to a giant "wishbone." Some writer on aviation has calculated that the keel and "wishbone" would have to project at least six feet in order to furnish attachment for the necessary muscles, for man in proportion to his size is far heavier than an albatross. This bird has small and very light legs, whereas man's legs are solid and heavy. The albatross' long wing bones are hollow tubes. This makes it lighter, while experiments in flying long ago gave up the idea of self moved wings and flight like that of a bird.—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Trouble With Golf. Queen Victoria once induced Count Elnoroff, the Russian ambassador, to try a game of golf at Balmoral. The Russian did try, but after innumerable mistakes he turned round to one of the bystanders and said: "Ach, monsieur, it would be a very nice game if the ball was ten times larger. Now let us go home."

Felt Safe. On Jimmie's birthday his mother gave him a knife. A little friend told him that he ought to give his mother a penny, so that it would not hurt his friendship, whereupon Jimmie replied, "It won't hurt anything else, so I guess I won't cut our friendship."—Delinquent.

The Way of It. "The doctor who attended me after my automobile accident told me I was full of grit." "Yes; I understand they removed a great deal of the road grit while holding to your teeth."—Baltimore American.

Employ the time well if thou meanest to gain leisure and, since thou art not sure of a minute, throw not away an hour.—Franklin.

Tennis's Mustache. The later portraits of Sir John Tenniel, the famous cartoonist of London Punch, show him wearing a full beard and mustache, but his most familiar appearance was with a mustache only, a long and curly specimen, worthy of one of Ouida's guardians. The story of how he came to grow it is interesting.

After the Crimean war the return of the soldiers with full beards started a fashion against which the Punch artists protested. One day, being out of horseback together, they solemnly halloped at crossroads and swore on their uplifted hunting crops never to wear hair on lip or chin. Tenniel was one of the party, Leech another and H. T. Pritchett the third. Leech alone remained true to the vow. Pritchett went to Ely, and on his return with a mustache called on Tenniel. He thrust his head in at the cartoonist's door and dumbly waited. "You squandered" was Tenniel's exclamation. "Then I, too, must!" And he did it.

WARRANT CALL.

Notice is hereby given that there is money on hand to pay all general fund warrants registered prior to October 1, 1914.

Interest ceases July 26, 1915. R. A. MILLER, County Treasurer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR HARNEY COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of John X. Williams, deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly and regularly appointed executor of the estate of John X. Williams, deceased, by order of the Honorable H. C. Levens, County Judge of Harney County, Oregon. All persons having claims against the said estate are notified to present the same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at his residence at Fields, Oregon, or M. A. Biggs, his attorney at Burns, Oregon, within six months from the first publication of this notice.

Filed at Burns, Oregon this 15 day of July, 1915. First publication of this notice, July 17th, 1915. (Signed) CLYDE L. McKEEVERY, Executor of the estate of John X. Williams, deceased.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Harney County. Jessie E. Miller, plaintiff

vs. Charles W. Miller, defendant. To Charles W. Miller, the above named defendant: In the name of State of Oregon, you are hereby notified that you have been named in the above entitled complaint filed against you on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons upon you, which period of time is six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit: within six weeks from the 14th day of August, 1915, that being the date of the first publication hereof, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: a decree of said court forever dissolving the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and that plaintiff have the care, custody and control of Leah Smith, a minor child, the issue of said marriage, and for general relief.

You are further notified that this summons is served upon you by publication thereof in The Times-Herald, a weekly newspaper published in Burns, Harney County, Oregon, pursuant to an order of Hon. H. C. Levens, County Judge of Harney County, Oregon, made and dated the 19th day of July, 1915, the date of the first publication being July 24th, 1915, and the last publication thereof will be on September 4th, 1915. J. S. Cook, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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You are further notified that this summons is served upon you by publication thereof in The Times-Herald, a weekly newspaper published in Burns, Harney County, Oregon, pursuant to an order of Hon. H. C. Levens, County Judge of Harney County, Oregon, made and dated the 6th day of August, 1915, the date of first publication being August 14th, 1915, and the last publication thereof will be on the 25th day of September, 1915. J. S. COOK, Attorney for Plaintiff.



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vs. Arthur E. Smith, defendant. In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and suit on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons upon you, which period of time is six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit: within six weeks from the 24th day of July, 1915, that being the date of the first publication hereof, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: a decree of said court forever dissolving the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and that plaintiff have the care, custody and control of Leah Smith, a minor child, the issue of said marriage, and for general relief.

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