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Smithings' Little Joke

Didn't Impress Caller
The Smithings, coincident with young Smithings' admission to partnership in the firm, had moved to a more pretentious neighborhood. In their first few days there they made two acquaintances, Mary Jane Ammons and Mrs. Porter Wadlington. Acquaintance with Mary Jane, the rouping five-year-old daughter of their next-door neighbor, was simple and inevitable. An introduction to Mrs. Wadlington, a prominent and influential clubwoman, had been effected through a mutual friend.

One afternoon Mr. Smithing saw Mary Jane race across their front yard. A moment later there was a knock at the door. He tiptoed to the door, turned the knob cautiously, then suddenly threw it open, remaining at the same time in hiding behind it. There was a moment of utter silence. Then came a frigid feminine voice: "Is there anybody at home?" Smithing peered around the door. It was Mrs. Porter Wadlington!

Dream of Developing

Atom Power Realized?
A Dutchman has recently received a patent for running an engine on power obtained from the atom. He has discovered that if mineral sands containing titanium are heated to a temperature of 1,700 degrees Centigrade the atoms disintegrate, and an enormous amount of heat is generated. The sand is heated in a small electric furnace, and the heat caused by the sudden breaking up of the atom is forced by a pump through tubes that heat the water in a boiler, and supply the power to drive an engine or turbine. This patent has passed through the patent office almost unnoticed, but it is actually the first stepping stone to the realization of the power from the atom which all the world is waiting for. It may easily develop into the most dramatic achievement of the century.—London Times.

Hidden Chancery Funds

A "List of Dormant Funds in Chancery" is published triennially in England, and is of little use to claimants, as the title of the suit concerned, which is all that is quoted, may give no hint as to what persons are entitled to the money.

Maori Fish Legend

Old legends still prevail among the Maoris of New Zealand. One of the earliest of these stories tells of the formation of the north island of New Zealand, which resembles a fish in shape. A great warrior named Maui brought up from the depths of the ocean a giant fish, the tale runs. The fish did not sink again, but in course of time it died and the body petrified and became land.

No Greeting for Women

There is not the American thrill of hubby's homecoming for the wife of the unsmiling and inscrutable Arab. The men folk return from their sojourns with sober, nearly sad faces, kiss brothers and fathers and male friends on the cheek and with never a look at their women, solemnly stalk out of the station.

Violin Traded for Auto

Ranch and Live Stock
Sheridan, Wyo.—The trade of a violin for a 320-acre ranch, an automobile, a tractor, seven head of horses and 150 chickens has been recorded here. The violin, said to be a two-hundred-year-old "Bergonzi," and valued at between \$8,000 and \$10,000, was owned by R. H. Williams, who made the trade with O. P. Biley, a rancher, here.

LONE GRAVE MARKED BY WOMAN'S CLUB

Resting Place of "Mystery Belle" Revered.
Lexington, Ky.—Under the auspices of the Woman's Club a simple marker has just been erected over what is known as the "lone grave," in Graham Springs city park, at Harrodsburg, Ky., 25 miles southwest of here, telling briefly the history of the grave and requesting the public to treat it with respect and reverence.

This "lone grave" is one of the interesting historic spots at Harrodsburg, the oldest town in Kentucky, and the tragic story of its occupant has just come to light as a result of the activities of the Woman's club to memorialize the spot.

Belle of Ball; Found Dead.

One day while wandering in the grounds she came upon a spot of such scenic loveliness that she exclaimed that when she died she would wish to be buried there. That night she was the belle of a brilliant ball at the Springs hotel and the next morning was found dead in her room.

Sarcophagus Never Marked

The stone sarcophagus in which she was buried was never marked with a name or date. Years ago the stone pillars fell and some were broken and the flat stone was later raised on a concrete support by order of the city officials.

FAD FROM GERMANY



Cylindrical Homes Used in Saxon Housing Plan

Dresden, Germany.—Standard houses are built in cylindrical form at Greiz, Saxony, from plans of a civil engineer with a view to solving the housing problem.

Kiss the Mayor

New York.—Probably Mrs. Jimmie Walker does not mind, for it might mean re-election. At a Democratic outing on the Berengeris many young women voters insisted on kissing the blushing mayor.

Peace, Goodwill



Columbia, Peace and the Spirit of Brotherly love have been joined in one person, a beautiful woman. This young lady was one of the central figures in a pageant staged at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia, celebrating 150 years of American Independence. The Exposition continues until December 1.

Twins Rare Among Indians.

It is a rare thing for twins to be found among Indians, and the discovery of two five-year-old girls in the Passamaquoddy tribe has caused intense interest among the tribesmen around Portland, Me., says the Detroit News. The father is William Socco, a noted athlete, and this is the first time that twins have come to the Passamaquoddy in their 150 years of settlement on the border between the United States and Canada. The twin girls have been carefully secluded for five years to avoid the influence of the "evil spirits."

There Quickness Wins

A scientist discovers that the slowest thinkers live longest. That's the kind of a proposition that can't be proved at a busy street intersection.

Mistaken Kindness

Probably nothing is more annoying to a pigeon fancier than the well-intentioned person's act of kindness in locking up a carrier pigeon that has "fallen by the wayside." Usually the bird has merely descended to rest after a long flight and will continue on its destination if released. It is the tendency of most persons, however, to imprison the bird until the owner claims it. Pigeons racing over long distances frequently have been held up for days, fanciers say.

Many Seniors Unkissed

As a result of a questionnaire sent to a number of university seniors it has been found that 60 were willing to marry for money, 57 preferred bachelorhood and 86 admitted never having been kissed. Fourteen said they never had danced and 12 thought their education not worth while. Mark Twain seemed to be the favorite author.

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Man's Fate.

There is nothing specially deplorable in any individual having to meet the fate which is common to mankind.

The Te Deum.

The Te Deum is a famous Latin hymn of praise and supplication—so-called from its first words—used in the ritual of the Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. Its date and authorship are uncertain, but it is commonly supposed to be the joint production of St. Ambrose and St. Augustine, on the occasion of the baptism of the latter, about 390 A. D. On this account it is frequently called the "Ambrosian Hymn." It also has been ascribed to Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, to Nicetus, and to Hilary of Poitiers.

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