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## CUSHMAN'S

### HEROIC EFFORT

#### To Save Fourteen Hun- dred Dollars

Special to the Mail.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Congressman Cushman of Washington is making a race against time to save \$1400 mileage before the extra session adjourns. He received news at Tacoma that the session would probably speedily adjourn, and he immediately took a fast train for Washington.

#### Wild Animals in Captivity.

"Are wild animals happy in captivity?" said the keeper of the zoological gardens, in answer to a question asked by a visitor. "Well, at first thought it may sound strange, but they are happy, and some of them are very, very happy."

"It seems to be the general opinion that when the liberty of an animal is taken away the animal will pine away and die. That's a pretty bit of sentiment, but apparently it's all wrong. You would naturally think that a wild animal in captivity would become dangerous, but such is not the case."

"Take the monkeys, for instance. They look very unhappy, don't they? Why, those little lumps play from morning till night, and they're as cheerful as larks, excepting when they are ill. Go in the bird house and listen to the songs, the chirps and trills, then look around for an unhappy bird. Watch the bears play and the leopards and other members of the cat tribe roll over each other like little children on a nursery floor."—Philadelphia Press.

#### The Strain on the Eye.

There is no reason why a muscle or muscles of the eye should not be fagged out just as the muscles elsewhere do. Let one bear a weight all day long, does he not attribute his consequent headache to the heavy burden he has borne? It seems without elaborate thinking we could conceive of the results following upon prolonged use of the eye. Nature has done all she could to protect and prolong the usefulness of the eye. No earthly architect ever yet planned a structure that would not yield, crumble and fall, and the human, so exquisitely uplifted in curious and mysterious ways, falls and returns to dust more rapidly and surely than need be, for the reason that we do not realize how much one part is sustained or overthrown by another. One tiny muscle is potent enough to disturb the whole economy, especially if intercurrent diseases exist in addition to "eye strain."

#### The Drug Habit.

Men of talent and brilliance whose mental products have pleased and astonished the world and women around whose fascination and charm has revolved many a distinguished social circle have fallen alike victims to this insidious and degrading habit. The false idea that better and more original work can be done by means of such an unnatural stimulus has been the ruin of many noble characters. Whether it be cocaine, morphia, antipyrine, phenacetin—the shameful list grows almost daily—the fact remains that the highest mental and moral principles of the drug habit are slowly undermined and dragged down to the dust. The responsibilities of the medical practitioner in prescribing these potent remedies are, therefore, very considerable, while those of the dispensing chemist are hardly less.—London Medical Press.

#### Postage to China.

Postage between the United States and China in places served by the United States postal agency at Shanghai is now at the same rates as domestic postage. Two cents will carry a letter from any part of the United States to Tientsin, Poochow and many other districts in China.

## CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONS.

### How to Make Candies at Home For the Holidays.

A writer in the Ladies' Home Journal gives the following rules for making candies at home for the holidays: "Never stir the sugar and water after the sugar has dissolved. Wipe down constantly the granules forming on the side of the saucepan. Do not shake or move the saucepan while the sirup is boiling. As soon as the sugar begins to boil watch it carefully, having in your hand a bowl of ice water, so that you may try the sirup almost constantly. Have everything in readiness before beginning."

"If the sugar grains use it for old fashioned cream candy or sugar taffy. It cannot be used for fondant. Use only the best granulated sugar for boiling and confectioners' XXX for kneading. If your fondant grains without apparent cause you may have boiled it a little too long. A few drops of lemon juice or a little cream of tartar will prevent this. Fondant is the soft mixture which forms both the inside of the French candies and the material in which they are dipped, and it is to obtain this that the sugar is boiled."

"After the sugar has reached the 'soft ball,' a semihard condition, it must be poured carefully into a large meat plate or on a marble slab. Do not scrape the saucepan or you will granulate the sirup. Make your fondant one day and make it up into candy the next. Never melt fondant by placing the saucepan immediately on the stove. "Prevent the danger of scorching by standing the pan containing it in a basin of water. If the melted fondant is too thick add water most cautiously, a drop at a time. A half teaspoonful more than is necessary will ruin the whole. To cool candy stand it in a cool, dry place. To keep candy put it between layers of waxed paper in tin boxes. If the day is bright and clear the sugar loses its stickiness quickly; therefore select a fine day for your candy making."

### How to Prevent a Repetition of Gifts.

"The use of a Christmas notebook," advises a writer in the Pittsburg Press, "will prevent many of the holiday misfits that are always awkward and sometimes extremely embarrassing. Each year in mine goes a list of all the presents I give and receive and the names accompanying every gift. The children have their ages tabulated against the gift sent, so that as the years go on I may not offend the boy preparing for college with a bag of marbles or the girl thinking of her first long gown with a doll. Our friends' children have a trick of springing up with remarkable suddenness, and these humiliating experiences are very common. But chiefly does the Christmas notebook prevent repetition of gifts. Holiday inspirations seem to move in a cycle of their own. Once entered they produce impressions with sometimes most unfortunate accuracy. To one friend to whom I gave a reading glass three years ago I have twice since been on the point of sending another, saved each time by my Christmas memory book. Pans for two young cousins seem to be my first Christmas thought each year from the time two years ago that I bestowed them on these relatives, and so on. In my own rather large family I should make many blunders except for the sure guide of date, name and article duly inscribed. Everybody nowadays has so much to think about that needless details should be spared them, and while notebook memories are rather despised they are much better at Christmas than untimely or resurrected remembrances."

### How to Make Plum Pudding Balls.

If the remains of a plum pudding or any sort of a sweet pudding are not presentable for another serving they can be made into little balls. Brush with melted butter and lemon to moisten, then wrap each in a paraffin paper, twisting or tying tight; set them in a steamer and steam until heated through; take from the paper and serve with hot fennel sauce. If one has not quite enough pudding for the serving add a beaten egg, a few raisins and a little lemon juice to Boston brown bread crumbs; mix with the pudding to make the desired quantity. The addition will not be detected, for the pudding will be quite as good.

#### Suspicion.

"I am a little bit afraid of her," said Miss Cayenne. "She has wonderful tact." "Yes; she must know everything that could possibly annoy one; otherwise she couldn't be so skillful in avoiding all disagreeable subjects."—Exchange.

## DINES

### LABOR

### LEADERS

#### President Pledges a Fair Deal

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Washington Nov. 24.—President Roosevelt dined the Butte labor leaders today also Congressmen Dixon of Montana, Cortelyou and Wright discussed the wage question at table. President Roosevelt assured the Butte visitors that the government is prepared to favor the working men whenever the good of the public service is not hampered, and was told in reply that all labor asked was a square deal.

"You will always get that," said the President, "as long as I have anything to do with the administration of public affairs."

## PANAMA

### CANAL

### TREATY

#### Ratification Followed by Something

#### Breaking Line Leaves it Doubtful

Special to the Mail.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Upon ratification of the Panama canal treaty, the 9th and 10th reg-

(Right there the line went broke, and our readers can draw on their imaginations for the rest of the dispatch.—Ed. Mail.)

#### How to Make Surprise Walnuts.

Split English walnuts in halves, taking care not to crush the shells, and remove the meats. Glue the outside of the halved shells and dry them. These make dainty receptacles for small Christmas gifts, jewelry, money, candies, raisins or caraway seeds. Fill a half shell with the gift or candies, insert a loop of baby ribbon by which to hang the nut to the tree and glue to it the corresponding half shell. For variation the shell may be painted to represent old women's faces and a fan-them penwipers or needlebooks, or they may contain amusing mottoes and be placed, ungilded, with other nuts at dinner.

#### How to Improve the Voice.

There is nothing more attractive than a musical speaking voice in woman. It denotes refinement and culture, and by the exercise of certain muscles it can be brought to perfection as well as the singing voice. To accomplish this throw out the tongue as far as possible, then turn it back, touching the palate with tip of tongue. This is the leading exercise of several others.

#### How to Make a Christmas Royal Tart.

Make a very rich pie crust, cover the bottom of a pie tin with it and bake. Now make a thick, rich cornstarch custard and while hot pour upon the pie crust. Garnish with candied cherries and angelica and set away in a very cold place to become stiff.

## WORKING OFF A GROUCH.

### The Operations of a Carious Phase of Human Nature.

John was grouchy and cross and found fault with his dinner. His wife surveyed him calmly.

"I know there is some reason for your—your—what shall I call it? Well, for your unhappy frame of mind," she said. "Probably things have gone wrong at the office, but why should you come home to work off your anger on me? I'm not to blame in the slightest. It's a curious trait of human nature that when one has been whipped he at once wants to turn around and whip somebody else."

"I suppose that trait was left out of your nature," remarked John sarcastically.

"No, indeed," replied his wife. "When things go wrong in the kitchen I am rather inclined to scold the children. If you reprimand me for extravagance, my impulse is to fuss with the first person I meet. If I have been out calling and return home late to dinner, I feel very much inclined to rate you for coming home so early. I've watched this same trait in the children. When I scold Alice, she always finds occasion to shake Maud on the sly. If you spank Jim, he generally goes out and makes faces at the little girl across the way. If the children come home from school saying 'teacher was awful cross today,' I jump to the conclusion that the principal had been criticizing the teacher. If you tell me I'm not economical, I know you have just suffered from a slump in the stock market, and I suppose after you and I have had a little heated discussion you go down to the office and make things unpleasant for the clerks."

"To be frank with you, Mary," said John, "I do not often find you guilty of working off a grouch on me. Tell me what you do instead."

Mary smiled demurely. "I wait until you go out of the house; then I run for my room, lock the door, throw myself on the couch, burrow my head in the pillow and have a good cry."—New York Press.

## HEALTH'S DECALOGUE.

1. Rise early, retire early and fill your day with work.
2. Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.
3. Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.
4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest.
5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.
6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.
7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.
8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement, but abuse of them leads to dissipation and dissipation to vice.
9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.
10. Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickaxe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—French Medical Review.

#### Useful Wood Lore.

If you are lost in the woods sit down the moment you realize it and think it over. If you start off at random you will be sure to walk in a circle. None but the most experienced woodsmen can keep a straight course, and even they go in a circle when they get really lost.

If you know the direction of camp tie some strip of white rag to a tree and then start off. You can find the compass points by remembering that moss always grows on the north side of trees. Keep tying strips of rag to trees as you go on. Then you can find your way back to the starting point if you should fail to strike the path that leads to safety.

#### He Did.

Mrs. Gaddy—Does your husband furnish you with plenty of pocket money? Mrs. Gaddy—Yes, indeed. He leaves his money in his pocket every night.—Baltimore American.

The human body being lighter than the water of the Dead sea, swimming in it is difficult, the head alone tending to sink in the water.

## AGAINST

### PORTAGE

### RAILWAY

#### Repeal of Bill to Be Attempted

(Special to the Coast Mail.)

Salem, Nov. 24.—The greatest fight in the coming session of the legislature will not be over the assessment and taxation law, but for the repeal of the state portage railway at The Dalles.

The Oregon Railway and Navigation Company is fighting the state in its efforts to relieve the farmers and shippers of the Columbia basin and wants the state portage bill repealed. Pledges are being secured from members of the legislature in advance of the session to secure the repeal of the portage commission bill and the appropriation of say \$165,000, as a measure of economy and to save the tax payers.

The state is up against the O. R. & N. Co. in trying to get the right of way of the portage road, the big corporation having tracks that are in the way and must be removed to let the state portage through.

On pretense that the federal government will build a canal twelve miles long costing \$4,500,000 and relieve the farmers of the great Columbia basin, the state is asked to abandon its portage railroad and leave the producers and shippers to the tender mercies of the Harriman syndicate until they get ready to complete the twelve mile rock canal.

#### Ecuador Marriages.

In Ecuador a marriage must be made by the civil authorities before it is made by a clergyman.

## The Mexican Boundary Line.

The international boundary line between the United States and the republic of Mexico is marked by pyramids of stones placed at irregular distances along the line all the way from the Rio Grande to the Pacific ocean. Whether it was found practicable to do so these pyramids were built on prominent peaks at road crossings, fords, etc. The line was not surveyed, as is the usual custom, the location of the monuments being based on astronomical calculations and observations.

## All His Eggs in One Basket.

Goodman Gonrong—We don't get nothin' at that house. I asked the woman for some cold vittles, a cup of coffee, some 'clothin' an' a place to sleep in the barn, an', by gum, she said I was comin' it a little too strong, an' she shut the door in my face.

Tufford Knut—That's wot ye git, ye blame fool, fur puttin' all yer eggs in one ask it.—Chicago Tribune.

## Considerate.

"Have you ever done anything to make the world happier?" asked the solemn looking person with the unbarbered hair.

"Sure," answered the jolly man with the double chin. "I was once invited to sing in public and declined."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

## Plenty Dropped.

Flutter—I suppose there's money to be picked up in the stock market. Flutterer—There ought to be. Why, I myself have dropped considerable of it there.—Boston Transcript.

## Much Water Pumped.

The greatest pumping plant in the world is one which draws 5,000,000 gallons of water a day 287 miles to the gold fields at Bulla Bulling, Australia.

## A "Loop the Loop" Railway.

The crookedest railway in the world is one from Boswell to Friedens, Pa. The air line distance being five miles. The road doubles on itself four times, and at one point, after making a loop of about five miles, the road comes back to within 300 feet of itself on a grade fifty feet lower.

## How to Make Candy Bags.

The gayest candy bags for Christmas are made of tulle in shades of red, blue, pink and green. These are cut square, oblong, stocking shaped or circular, are embroidered in tinsel and have a drawing string of baby ribbon or colored worsted. Pretty bags are made by sewing silk American flags together and shirring about an inch from the top with red satin ribbon. Paper muslin bags, shaped to simulate pointed caps, turned upside down and filled with candy, are popular with young folks.



GOOD CLOTHES FOR BOYS

NEW LINES, EXTENSIVE VARIETIES, GR. G. VALUES.

Magnes & Matson