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Radio Over Lighting Wires.

The baffling question as to who is to pay for radio broadcasting is being solved in Staten Island, N. Y., where for the last 18 months an engineering staff has been developing the "wired radio" inventions of Major General George O. Squier. Apparatus has already been perfected by which two different radio programs can be transmitted over the lighting wires from the Staten Island generating station, and within a short time equipment for transmitting three programs will be completed. Tentative plans of Wired Radio, Inc., a North American Co. subsidiary which is doing the development work, call for the eventual establishment of a nation-wide "wired radio" service. This service will consist of three continuous programs from studios in New York, Chicago, and a Pacific coast city which will be sent over trunk wires to central generating stations in all parts of the country. From the central stations these national programs (supplemented by local programs) will be transmitted to subscribers via the lighting lines. Each subscriber will be provided, at a monthly rental of \$2, with a small tuning device that is plugged into any convenient lamp socket. Because a large percentage of the monthly rental receipts can be devoted to paying for talent, the expectations are that wired radio programs will be of an exceptionally high quality.—The Manufacturer.

New Overland Coupe Arouses Enthusiasm of Feminine Motorists.

Unusual interest among feminine motorists has greeted Willys-Overland's announcement of its new two-passenger Overland coupe. Not only is it a light car embodying the manifold advantages of the entire Overland line, but it combines with the e driving comfort and convenience almost incredible in a car of these dimensions.

With the male members of the family requiring the use of the car during the day, there is a definite need for a second car in a good many homes, a car that can be used for shopping and visiting by the women folks of the home.

The new coupe has proved itself to be ideally adapted for this purpose. Ventilating windshield, Dura window regulators, rear window curtains are little touches that appeal to feminine taste.

Coupled with these features is the ease of parking, and the unusual riding comfort due to the 136-inch spring base. Its ease of handling in congested traffic areas because of the exceptionally large steering spindles and bearings are decided factors in this new car intended for feminine use.

The new coupe is equipped with doors that are over 31 inches wide, thus providing easy entrance. The body of exceptionally heavy metal, is sturdily reinforced. Unusual pains are taken with the painting operations, fourteen coats being applied to give the car its lasting, durable finish.

The interior of the body is finished in durable, long grain Spanish leather upholstery. The seat cushion is over 45 inches wide, being ample to accommodate three medium-size people. There are 15 inches between steering wheel and cushion, rendering it convenient for the car to be entered easily from either side.

A roomy rear deck provides ample space for packages, which is an additional convenience for lady's shopping. Its hinged cover is provided with a lock and is protected against dust and leaks.

Shadows in Oil Do Not at Once Fade

Freak shadows that do not fade away at once when the objects that cast them are removed are described by S. Leonard Bastin in St. Nicholas (New York). We read: "In the great oil regions of California, pools of crude petroleum are quite commonly seen. Here the oil is allowed to remain until it is stored away in barrels. One of the curiosities of the district is the freak shadow which these ponds of crude oil produce. If, when the sun is shining brightly, a person stands so that his shadow falls across the surface of the petroleum, a very remarkable thing happens. Should the individual change his place, strange to say, the first shadow remains on the oil, while the person casts a second shadow from his new position. The longer the individual has been standing by the oil pond, the longer will the original shadow remain. The explanation of the mystery is simple: Under the influence of the hot sun, gas is freely produced in the crude oil. This rises to the surface in the form of millions of bubbles far too minute to be noticed by the human eye. When a shadow is cast over the surface of the petroleum the temperature is reduced, and this has the effect of checking the production of bubbles. The result is that the shadowed area looks different from the part which is exposed to the sun. Now, when the person moves, the temperature of the oil which has been shielded from the sun does not at once get back to its former warmth. It takes a little time to heat, and until this actually happens, the shadow effect persists, giving the curious appearance which has been described.—Literary Digest.

Easy to Tell Fortune Shown by Tea Leaves

The custom of telling fortunes from tea leaves left in the cups is by no means on the wane. It is a simple matter to memorize most of the signs, and a good imagination is also of great assistance.

Leaves in the form of a train are said to mean either a journey or the arrival or departure of some one in whom you are interested. A snake indicates enemies. Doves are supposed to be lucky, and so are stars, the crescent moon, and horseshoes, says London Tit-Bits.

News from abroad is often foreshadowed by a fent. Shoes mean a journey. If the cup is clear all round it is said to be a good sign. Gloves indicate a meeting with strangers, while stockings usually foreshadow presents.

Chairs mean visitors; keys new undertakings. Initials are usually deemed to be lucky. Black clusters of trees mean gatherings, but may also be taken to mean a cluster of worries.

Origin of Perfume

To the Greeks, who attributed the origin of perfume to a drop of nectar spilt at a feast of the gods of Cupid, we owe the addition of flower fragrance to the list of perfume materials, observes the Detroit News. Their refined sense of smell demanded more delicate scents than the strong fragrance of spices and heavy animal odors, as musk, one of the oldest and best known perfumes at that time and still popular in the Orient. Iris, rose, crocus, violet and also the aromatic plants, thyme and marjoram were favorite scents with them.

Then came the Dark ages—even for perfumers and perfumes, as the natural and inevitable result of Roman extravagance. The art of perfuming was lost, not to have rebirth until Renaissance days and the time of the famed Florentine perfumer, Reni, who, history tells us, accompanied the fourteen-year-old Catherine de Medici to France as court perfumer.

But One Got Him

"At sixteen the girl is a woman; at twenty-five, if still unmarried, she is a girl," sternly said the philosophical youth, who had devoted much time to thinking. "She will face death without a tremor and swoon at the sight of a mouse. The only time she does what you expect her to do is when you expect her to do what you do not expect her to do. The only reason she does anything is because she doesn't know why she does it. She jumps at conclusions and always lands on them, because when the conclusion skips to one side in an endeavor to avoid her it gets squarely in her way. The only man who understands a woman is he who understands that he doesn't understand her, and lets it go at that."

News Note: Two weeks later he married one of them.—Country Gentleman.

Annuity Idea Old

Historically, annuities antedate life insurance by far, says the World's Work. It is thought that the great development of banking facilities in Assyria and Babylonia must have provided annuities.

The first definite mention of them, however, was 40 B. C. in Rome, and is of such a character as to justify a belief that they had been long in use.

In the Middle ages kingdoms, municipalities and bankers obtained money by selling annuities for life or terms of years. It is said that England's national existence during the wars of William of Orange was largely maintained through the money obtained by selling annuities. At first the values of such contracts were determined without scientific calculation.

Knots Play Important Part in Asiatic Life

Knots have vast magical importance in Asiatic life, for they represent to the Asiatic mind the favorite psycho-analytic condition of repression. The mogul emperors refer in their annals to matters of state in the favorite phrase, "falling into the knot of delay." The Korean expressly refers to "the evil blowers upon knots," an act that baffles their untying. Knots tied in magical numbers upon a string, accompanied by a curse, are supposed to bring confusion upon an enemy. It is hard to get a servant in India to cut a string around a parcel; he prefers to unravel the knot. Indian merchants are fond of adding sealing wax to knots or parcels for the post because, as one told me, it increases the perplexity of untying.

Other methods are the use of charmed wicks, papers inscribed with the lamp charm and burned with perfumes, while the patient possessed by the demon stares into the light. A fever of ague is thus treated: Take some olive leaves on a Saturday while in a state of purity, and write on one "Hell Is Hungry," on another "Hell Is Thirsty," on a third "Hell Is Refreshed." Put them in a bag and bind on the left arm of the patient. After the cure they must be cast into a well or river. Certain diseases are cured by winding threads around the thumbs or the great toes at night for a fortnight. Quarant ague is cured in northern India by winding a cord seven times around an acacia, after which the patient embraces the tree. Nor are Coue methods absent. The patient must frequently adjure the evil spirit of disease to depart.—W. G. Tinsack-Fernandez in the New York Times.

Gold Common to Incas

When the Spaniards first came to the highlands of South America they found many strange things being done by inhabitants who lived all the way from what is now Ecuador to the northern part of Chile.

These people, known as the Incas, smelted copper, wove cloth, built houses of heavy masonry, embalmed dead bodies and used gold for household cooking, eating and drinking vessels. This last was their undoing, for while they put a value on gold only as something to use like any other metal, the Spaniards prized it as we do.

These people were—and their descendants are yet—inveterate users of coca, says the Detroit News. This is leaves from the tree of the plant from which cocaine is extracted. For long feats of endurance they took a small package of these leaves and constantly kept a wad of them in their mouths wrapped around a small bit of unslaked lime to free the cocaine and other alkaloids contained in the coca leaves.

Forced to Shoe Bulls

Some Arizona cattlemen are providing their bulls with shoes to protect their feet from the rough rocks of the mountain ranges. The United States Department of Agriculture reports that the shoes are similar to those worn by oxen used for road work.

Cattlemen say that heavy bulls brought to Arizona from the soft ground of the Middle West are slow to get their feet hardened to the rocky slopes on much of the Arizona range, with the result that the animals stay around the waterholes in the valleys and get little to eat. The result is the breeding of weak cows, which also remain near the water. Sometimes the bulls get up on the flat hilltops and refuse to come down over the rocky sides to water. Shoeing the bulls helps to solve the dilemma.

Dad's Occupation

Jessie and Adeline are the five-year-old twins of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stout, of Paoli. Like most boys of that age they are very observing, but unlike many children they sit quietly by while their elders are talking.

At a funeral recently where the children were present they listened attentively to the discussion of hearses, mourners and pallbearers, missing none of the details.

At the close of the talk, however, Jessie, or perhaps it was Adeline (peas look so much alike) said: "My daddy goes to nearly all the funerals. He hauls the mulberries."—Indianapolis News.

Shaves While Flying

The difficulty of shaving in an airplane while flying more than 8,000 feet above the earth was experienced by Maj. A. S. Fletcher of the Philippine scouts.

In a hurried trip from Zamboanga to Manila he took his shaving outfit with him, says the Baltimore Sun. Using water from his canteen to make lather, he attempted the job.

The lather faded from his face in the gale as fast as he put it on, but he persevered, and when he arrived at Manila showed evidence of having had a fairly good shave.

Not a Bright Prospect

"Got a new cook, I see," remarked Mr. Subbubs on arriving at his happy home as dusk was beginning to obliterate Lake Michigan.

"Yes," responded his wife briefly. "How long is she likely to remain?"

"Only a few days at best."

"I would not be so pessimistic, my dear. Why do you say that?"

"I gather from her talk that her last mistress was practically perfect, yet she only remained there a month."

Modernizing the Apache

A campaign is under way at the Fort Apache Indian reservation in Arizona to improve the living conditions of the Apache. Of all American Indians he is the most primitive. Tenaciously he holds to the codes of his fathers. He has always dwelt in the traditional wigwam. This tribe owns plenty of timber to construct modern houses, and the government has placed a sawmill on the reservation. The work of construction will be done by the Indians themselves, under the supervision of qualified government employees. Hardware and general house-fittings will be purchased with funds belonging to the tribe.

Charles H. Burke, commissioner of Indian affairs, says the Indians seem to be interested in the proposed change and it is probable a number of modern houses will be erected the coming summer. The Apache, in the past, has been the most feared Indian on the North American continent.

In Bad Condition

A man who was new to golf turned to his caddy and said: "I say, why couldn't that fellow get his ball into the hole?"

"He was stymied, sir," was the reply.

"He was what?"

"He was stymied, sir."

"Oh, was he?" replied the other; "I thought he looked rather funny at lunch."

Survivor of Indian Massacre

Ross Tanner, who is now living at Amaranth, Minn., has spent the last few years trying to locate any of his relatives. He is the sole survivor of the Indian massacre at Redwood, Minn., in 1862. As a baby he was picked up out of the bloody mud and brought to Canada by one of the Sioux women.

At the age of ten he found out that he was not an Indian and ran away from the Sioux. He hid in badger holes during the day and traveled at night until he came across a roving band of buffalo hunters. He joined them.

He thinks that he got the name Tanner from the fact that he was given the job of curing buffalo hides, says Chief Buffalo Child Long Lance in an article of the Indians of the Northwest in the Mentor.

Reasoning

An interesting illustration of the processes of reasoning by which scientific conclusions are sometimes attained is afforded by the case of the human skull discovered some years ago at Chapelle-aux-Saints, in France, which, in the opinion of some, is probably the oldest bodily relic of prehistoric man. This skull shows many of the characteristics of that of a monkey, but little indication of intelligence. Careful examination, however, revealed a slight excess of size of the left hemisphere, from which it was argued that the owner of the skull was right-handed, and consequently a user of tools, a conclusion which is thought to be supported by the fact that ancient stone implements were found in the neighborhood.

A Good Sport

A guide one day, while working on a log drive, fell into the water. At last dizzy and nearly exhausted from his struggle, he managed to grasp a big log and hold on to it. The current was so strong and swift that it swept his body under the log until his feet stuck out on the other side.

Just as a comrade, who had run to his assistance, grasped him by the shoulders, he caught sight of his own feet protruding on the other side of the log.

"I can hold on a bit longer, Jim!" he gasped. "Save the poor, fellow that's in head first, if you can."—Tatler.

An Exciting Sport

Lieut. David Rittenhouse, holder of the world's seaplane record, said in Washington the other day:

"Flying is very interesting sport—rough, dangerous, but very interesting. It's like the life of the young millionaire."

"Have you had an interesting life?" a lady asked this chap.

"You bet I have," said he. "I've gone through four marriages and three divorces and two fortunes and five sanitariums."

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, by order of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, made and entered on the 7th day of July, 1924, duly appointed executor of the last will and testament and estate of Samuel Stauffer, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them to me, properly verified, at First State Bank of Donald, in Donald, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice. And you are further notified that the date of the first publication of this notice is July 10, 1924, and the date of the last publication of this notice is August 7, 1924.

JOHN EDWIN MILLS, Executor.
C. J. Espy, Attorney for Executor.

Final Notice of Executrix

To whom it may concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Sarah W. Mann, has this day filed, in the County Court for Marion County, Oregon, her final account as executrix of the last will and testament and estate of James D. Mann, deceased, and that said court has fixed and appointed Tuesday, July 15, 1924, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. of said day, in the county court room, in the county court house, in said county and state, as the time and place for the hearing of objections to such final account and for the settlement thereof.

SARAH W. MANN.

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Carey F. Martin, attorney for estate, 413 Masonic Temple Building, Salem, Ore. June 12-July 10

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