

WHY DRUGGISTS DIE YOUNG

Customers Like This Very Particular Lady Must Be Great Strain on the Nerves.

The drug store was filled with worried looks—prescription faces. All were eager for quick action and the druggist was doing his best to meet all the demands. A woman, the only one without a prescription in her hand, shifted back and forth until she got directly in the path of the druggist.

"Wait on me, please," she said snappily. "I'm in a hurry."

"What did you wish?"

"Some birdseed—canary bird. And I want the real stuff, none of this camouflaged birdseed—sand, cornmeal, sawdust and a lot of other stuff."

"But, lady, we—"

"Oh, you can't fool me. I've been reading up on this birdseed graft. I read in a magazine where they were jamming all sorts of junk into this stuff we're feeding our poor little canaries. Think of cheating a poor little canary."

"But, lady, you don't understand—"

"Oh, yes, I do understand. I want birdseed that has a glaze on it—the kind that shows it is fresh by its bright color. I don't want this gritty stuff. I know what I'm talking about. I've been reading up and—"

"How much did you want, lady?"

"Oh, about a nickel's worth."

And the poor, unhappy prescriptioneer fell in a faint.—Indianapolis News.

DAYS OF CHIVALRY ARE GONE

This Hustling Age Seems to Have Little Time for the Merest Elementary Courtesy.

It was the hottest and most uncomfortable day of the summer and the car was even more crowded than usual, says the Indianapolis News. Two young women who had done their full share of work for eight long hours, managed to squeeze into the car with the rest of the passengers. Of course all the seats were taken. Even a suggestion that some one offer the girls a seat was far from their minds. They stood in the aisle, as good naturedly as they had done nearly every day in months past. One can imagine their surprise when an elderly man rose to proffer one of the girls a seat.

"Take my seat, lady," he said, "you look lots more tired than I."

Gratefully, one of the girls started for the seat. A tall broad-shouldered man was just ahead of her.

"Naw, yuh don't," he snarled, "I guess I'm nearer the seat than you are," and he started to sit down.

"Well, I guess if you are going to take the seat I may as well keep it until I am ready to get off," the first man said, and with that he sat down again.

Two blocks later he got off the car, the tall broad-shouldered man rushed to the seat, and the young women held on to the straps.

More Than Her Mouth.

Although the groundhogs at the "Zoo" did their best to keep the spring day away from that fine park and

playground for the people, fine will bring spring within a few weeks now at the worst. Time has a way of making things move.

Although crowds at the National Zoological park have fallen off materially during these cold winter Sunday days nevertheless many visit the park every Sunday. Much attention is given the animals kept indoors, naturally.

Thus the mother hippopotamus has her admirers. Recently two small boys, that good sort that shy rocks at cats and sparrows, were standing in front of the hippopotamus cage watching Mrs. Hippo eat hay.

"Look at 'er open 'er mouth!" said one boy, lost in admiration.

"Mouth nothin'!" exclaimed the other. "That ain't 'er mouth—it's 'er whole head she's openin'!"—Washington Star.

Tomb Was Tramp's Home.

A tramp who had solved the present day problem of where to live by taking up his abode in one of the old Roman tombs at Arles, on the Rhone, gave two Dutch tourists the fright of their lives.

They had gone out to see the remains by moonlight, when suddenly out of a tomb emerged a human form, which the moon caused to appear exceedingly ghostlike. The tourists fled at top speed for the town, declaring that they had seen a resurrection. The "ghost" was interrogated by the police and will be prosecuted for the French equivalent of wandering without visible means of subsistence.—From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail.

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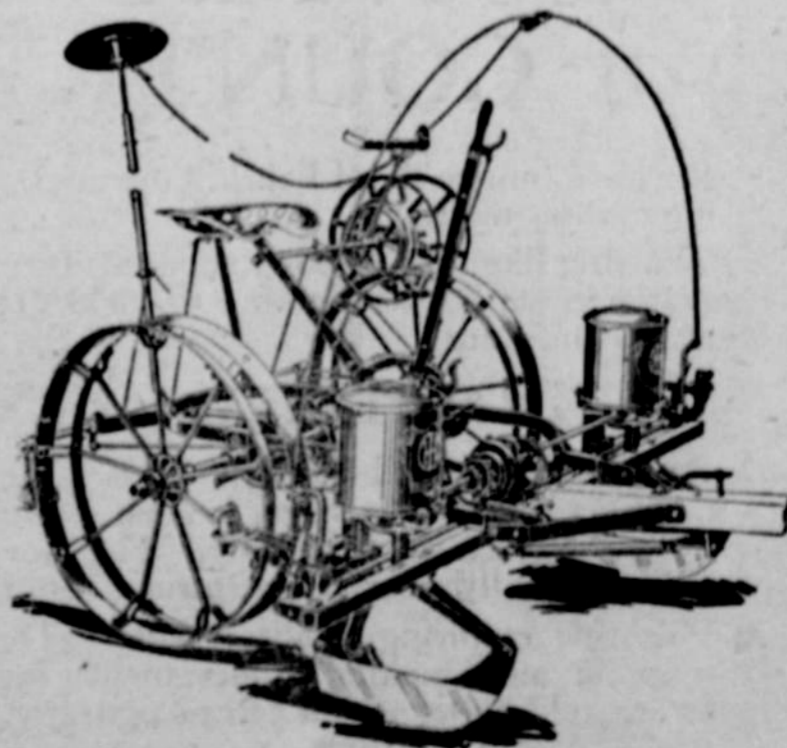
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