

**Credulous Queen Got Even With Charlatan**

Elizabeth, though so serenely confident of her charms that she saw nothing incongruous in the idea of a husband young enough to be her son, none the less shivered at the prospect of old age, and clutched at any prospect likely to avert it. A wily Dutchman, having knowledge of the queen's vanity and love of money, lured her with promises of a wonderful elixir which not only would insure perpetual youth, but also transmute base metal into gold. Elizabeth, lending a credulously hopeful ear to these attractive suggestions, provided the magician with a laboratory at Somerset house and bade him proceed with all possible speed. The alchemist set up his crucibles; made a prodigious amount of noise; improvised divers unpleasant smells, but produced nothing of material value. Elizabeth became impatient; unwillingly she saw the crow's feet forming round her eyes and the glory departing from her red-gold hair; urgently she wanted the elixir. The Dutchman made more noise and worse smells, but no elixir. Elizabeth lost her temper. The magician received an ultimatum—the elixir or the Tower—noise and smells no longer assailed him, and to the Tower forthwith he departed.—From "Queen Elizabeth's Maids of Honor," by Violet A. Wilson.

**Mankin's Heavy Debt to the Humble Burro**

The burro is a plodder, but he has done much toward development of America, especially in western states, asserts a writer in the Kansas City Times. He has carried timber, plaster and nails into the desert for houses, packed gold and silver and saved men's lives. Virtually every important ore deposit between Denver on the north and Guanajuato on the south, the Missouri river on the east and California on the west owes its discovery to the assistance given to man by the burro. He has several characteristics that qualify him for a hard life. He can be driven, but not led. He knows a straight line is the shortest distance between two water holes, and he can find and follow that line in country he has never seen before. He can live on vegetation that a horse or mule or camel would not attempt to eat. He knows more about man than man knows about him; any prospector will admit this, declaring his own pet burro has more sense than any human partner he ever had.

**Gems Rarely Seen**

Many of the most famous collections of gems in the United States have not seen the light of social function, nor even the less romantic light of day for 20 years. They belong to old families, the members of which have lost their taste for expensive adornment, but do not wish to dispose of their possessions. It is only occasionally upon the settlement of such an estate that a really rare collection is thrown on the market. Owing to a peculiarity of the market value of these stones, most of them are sold to European purchasers, says the Saturday Evening Post, for the old-time gems were cut with as small waste as possible with little regard to shape, and Americans demand regularity of facet and brilliancy.

**Hang Pictures Carefully**

Pictures carefully chosen and correctly hung do much to bring interest and charm to the home. If one has a particularly beautiful painting or etching, it should receive the place of prominence. Its hanging should be invisible, as cords and fasteners detract from the artistic value of the picture itself. Small pictures may be grouped successfully, but always should be placed against a wall space where they will not appear to be overcrowded. If a picture has strong color appearing, hang it where there will be nothing to contrast unfavorably with the color emphasized.

**First Motor Cycle**

The earliest known attempt at a two-wheeled vehicle which would proceed under its own power is said to have been made by W. W. Austin of Winthrop, Mass., in 1838. It was propelled by a coal-burning steam engine. Other more or less similar affairs followed in 1834 and 1836. In 1895 a cycle propelled by combustion engine using gasoline was exhibited at Madison Square garden, in New York city. This has been called the first appearance of the motor cycle in the form in which it is known today.

**Climate and Colds**

While every one has his own belief or superstition about common colds, recent investigations have shown that these beliefs are without scientific basis, says Hygieia Magazine. Over-exercise, cold baths, loss of sleep, drafts, kinds of underwear worn, kinds of shoes worn in wet weather, mouth breathing, sweating after exercise, coal stoves, steam heat, lack of heat, ventilation and climate did not seem to influence in any way the number of colds caught by the subjects.

**Keep the Mind Open**

It is well always to be open-minded. Necessary in it, however, to distinguish between what is good and what is bad. Too many people fall so to do, opening their minds to let in the wrong kind of stuff. Such people retrograde instead of progress.—Grit.

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**Nye's One Experience With Cyclone Enough**

I have not the necessary personal magnetism to look a cyclone in the eye and make it quail. I am stern and even haughty in my intercourse with men, but when a Manitoba simoon takes me by the brow of my pantaloon and throws me across township 28, range 18, west of the fifth principal meridian, I lose my mental reserve and become anxious and even taciturn. As the people came into the forest with lanterns and pulled me out of the crotch of a basswood tree with a "tackle and fall," I remember I told them I didn't yearn for any more atmospheric phenomena. The cyclone is a natural phenomenon, enjoying the most robust health. It may be a pleasure for a man with great will power and an iron constitution to study more carefully into the habits of a cyclone, but as far as I am concerned I could worry along some way if we didn't have a phenomenon in the house for one year's end to the other. As I sit here, with my leg in a silicate of soda corset and watch the merry throng promading down the street, I cannot repress a feeling toward a cyclone that almost amounts to disgust.—From "Bill Nye, His Own Life Story," by Frank W. Nye.

**London Mansion Long Abode of Noted Men**

London's most famous gathering place for men is Albany house, by Gladstone, Disraeli, Henry Irving, Byron, Canning and other notable figures have lived. Albany was purchased from the spendthrift duke of York during the reign of George III by Alexander Copland, a London builder, who had conceived the idea of turning the duke's Piccadilly mansion into an apartment building of 62 suites. The freeholders of the building, all of whom have always been men, number 50. Under the rules the suites are occupied almost entirely by bachelors or widowers and none may carry on a business or profession within its walls. It is operated by men of social and political prestige along business lines without idea of profit, and the trustees have turned down offers of millions for the site.—New York Times.

**Two of a Kind**

"Yes, Willie," a man said in a sour voice to his little son, "you kept your promise to run all the errands without growling last month and so I'm going to keep my promise and reward you."

The man took out a \$5 gold piece and a silver dollar. "Now, Willie-boy," he said, for he was a great bluffer, "which of these nice coins will you have?" "I won't be selfish, papa," said Willie who was a chip off the old block, "I'll take the little one." But his father slipped the gold piece back into his pocket. "For not being selfish," he said, "I'm going to give you the big one."

**Educational Museum**

Agricultural museums are found in Switzerland, Germany, Denmark and Holland. The collections consist not only of minerals, insects, agricultural products and by-products, but also contain models of farm animals, models and specifications of agricultural implements, illustrations showing the advancement of scientific investigations of insect pests, and the manner in which they attack. These collections are usually in connection with some agricultural school and are used for purposes of illustration and demonstration. One of the largest of the museums is located at Berlin in Germany.

**The Hole in Macaroni**

A visitor's query: "What makes the hole in macaroni?" was answered the other day by a macaroni and spaghetti factory. A bronze pin does it. Bronze is used for many reasons, but principally because it is clean and will not rust. Numerous little bronze pins are located within the perforations of the macaroni die. Dough is forced through the top of the die by hydraulic pressure, and as it comes through the bottom it takes on the well-known form of macaroni. A similar bronze die forms spaghetti, a smaller bronze pin being used.—New York Times.

**Goshawks Are Fighters**

Sportsmen tell tales of goshawks that illustrate their ferocity and boldness. Charles D. Lanier of Greenwich, Conn., recites an experience he had while shooting in the Carolinas some years ago. A blue heron lit near his ducking blind. Almost immediately it was attacked by a goshawk. The hawk fastened its talons in the heron's back and refused to leave its prey on the approach of Mr. Lanier. Both birds were dispatched by the aid of a stick, the goshawk bristling and showing fight to the last.

**Why Grocers Get Gray**

"Have you any nice young grocers?" inquired a frustrated young bride, who had intended to ask for chickens. "Why—why, yes," was the astonished reply at the other end of the wire. "Well, send me two dressed." "Dressed?" said the grocer, more astonished than ever. "Well, no," was the reply, after a moment's reflection. "I believe you may send them undressed. My husband is coming home early, and he can wring their necks and the cook and I will dress them."—Progressive Grocer.

**Haddox Is Named**

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—John Haddox of Hermiston has been appointed by the O. A. C. Chamber of Commerce as a special delegate from the college to the chamber of commerce of Hermiston during the Christmas holidays. Sixty students have been chosen for this work in their respective home towns throughout the state.

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