

### Used Marriage Bracelets

Curious customs have been reported by those who have studied some of the jungle tribes. At the United States National museum is a pair of extraordinary marriage bracelets brought back from the region in 1858 by naval officers. By wearing these, a young Indian would prove his worthiness for marriage. The wristlets look harmless enough, but before the aspirant bridegroom put them on, they were filled with stinging ants of a vicious kind. Bravely wearing them, the suitor would dance from one end of the village to the other, pausing before each house. He did not flinch in his grimace, he was "approved," and presently he and the bride lived happily ever after.—Science Service.

### Your Pajamas Are Indian

When we go to bed in pajamas, we are wearing the sort of clothing that is worn as ordinary daily dress by vast numbers of the natives of India. "Pejama" is the name in that country, and long ago when people in India found that the native style of clothing was better for night wear in hot climates, they started to wear "pejamas," and when they came home to England they introduced the sleeping garment here, with the name slightly changed.—Pearson's Weekly.

### The "Travelers' Aid"

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## A SALE IN THE WIND

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IT WAS the famous wind storm of 1935 which lasted three days and nearly devastated the town of Mapleridge that gave Silas Kent the idea of selling his windmill to the town. The heavy gales practically ruined the mill as a useful farm appliance, a fact which was, actually, unimportant, as Silas had installed town water three years before. But it gave him the idea nevertheless; it was either a matter of paying to have the thing repaired, or sell it, and as Si was a hard-shelled old New England Yankee, the idea of paying for anything went against his grain.

He waited a month, then dropped over to his neighbor, Asa Gardener, and casually mentioned the subject. Asa was chairman of the board of selectmen and Si's life-long crony.

"How's that?" said Asa, regarding Si in astonishment. "Sell the town that rickety old windmill? Sell it? Why, you blasted old highway robber! It's a wonder we ain't got out an injunction agin you long ago fer defacin' the landscape with the danged old thing!"

Si reddened to his ears. "Rickety old windmill! You callin' my windmill rickety Dang you, Asa, you're plumb onromantic and onsentimental. That there windmill has been in my family for near 300 years. It was brung over in sixteen hundred and sumpin! It's the oldest danged windmill in the hull country!"

"It's time it was torn down and drug off then," said Asa. "It's cluttering up the scenery."

The next day Si went down town and tackled other prominent citizens. But he was too late. Asa Gardener had, apparently, thought Si's idea about the best joke he'd heard in years, and had proceeded to let every one in on it.

Si came home in a rage. He felt like a man who had been ridiculed, made a laughing stock. Moreover, he was serious in his idea about erecting the windmill in the village green. It seemed to him like a splendid plan. A pity those fools couldn't see it. Why, they were even talking about getting a court order to make him tear it down, just for the joke of the thing. If they succeeded it would cost him some money. The thought was griping.

It is necessary to note here that coincidence played a big part in the events of the next week. For it was coincidence, most assuredly, that caused J. Allen Brown, capitalist, philanthropist and public-spirited citizen of Boston, Mass., to pen the

letter that set all of Mapleridge agog. The letter was directed to S. Kent. He opened it in the postoffice, with half a dozen curious citizens standing idly by. He read the letter's contents and set up a whoop.

Within an hour every resident of Mapleridge knew that the great J. Allen Brown had been recently driving through the town, had spotted Si Kent's windmill, and wanted to buy it for \$1,500 to add to a collection of American relics he was making.

It took Mapleridge about a half day to grasp the significance of all this, and then things began to happen. A special town meeting was held. Speeches were made, speeches which were to the effect that Si Kent's windmill was certainly a landmark and it would be a shame to have it moved off to some museum. That windmill had stood on its present location for years! Without it the town would seem undressed. Why, Si himself had suggested erecting it on the village green with a placard to explain to tourists what it was. And wasn't that a good idea? You bet it was! It would give the town an air of distinction. Advertise the place!

A committee was appointed on the spot, a committee which waited on Si Kent the very next morning.

"What?" said Si. "Give you my windmill? After the way you treated me? After the way you talked? Dang you, get offin my property!"

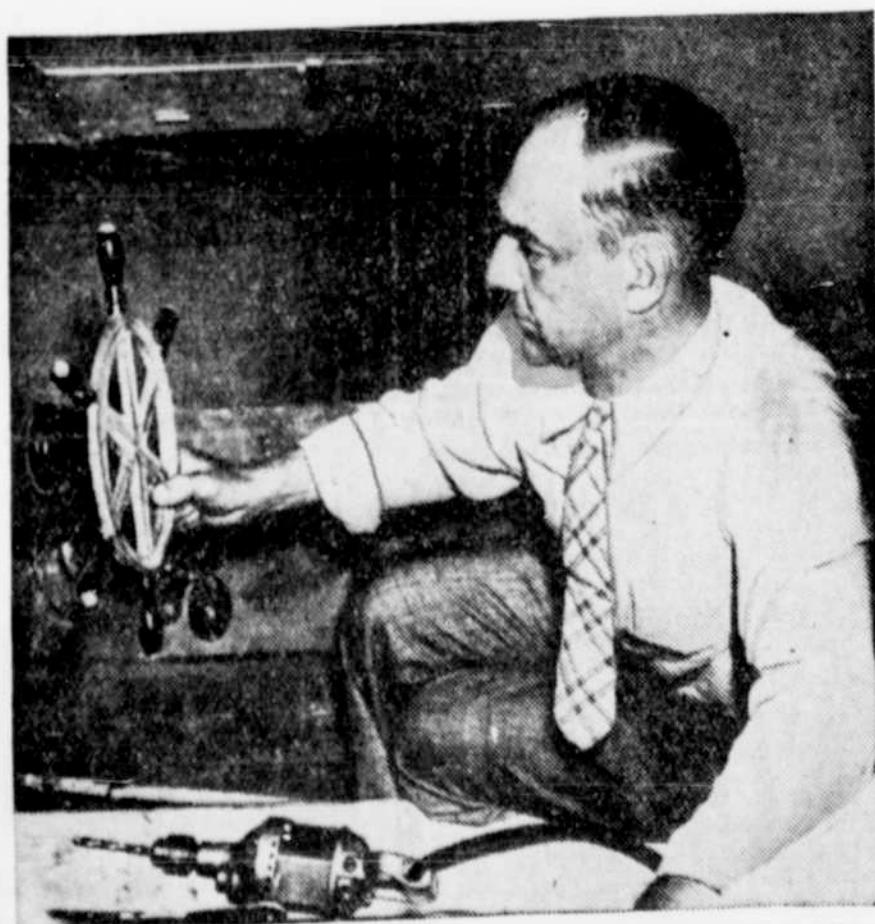
The committee withdrew to the sidewalk and consulted. They had been authorized to offer Si a price, but the majority were of the opinion that it was going to take more than a price to cool the old man's ire.

Presently they returned to Si's front piazza. Bert Englewood, a lawyer who was considered quite an orator, made a speech, a fiery speech. He pleaded with Si, appealed to his sentiment, to his public spirit, to his devotion to the dear old town of his birth. Si listened and scratched his chin and hemmed and hawed. Bert wound up by offering \$2,000 cash for the windmill, and Si weakened.

Triumphantly the committee withdrew and Si went back into his house. He closed the door and began to laugh, which was almost a phenomenon. Sara, his wife, looked at him in astonishment, and Si said:

"It's nothing, Sara, nothin'! Only it's a lucky thing fer me them folks didn't insist on me showin' 'em that letter from J. Allen. Why, there wasn't nothin' on it but a lot of scribblin' I done myself."

## Plans to Cross the Ocean in Barrel



Spending about \$1,000 of his bonus money to back his idea, Ernest Biegalski, Buffalo war veteran, is here shown in the barrel with which he plans to make a transatlantic voyage from the United States to Europe.

## Tricks of the "Uns"

In his contribution to the new Morris book, Mr. Shaw speaks of the Fabian but top-hatted Mr. Hyndman as "altogether an assuming man, quite naturally and unconsciously." The word is well chosen, but how seldom it is that we find "assuming" used as the opposite to "unassuming." But "uns" play us many tricks of that kind.

A man may be uncouth, but who ever was "couth"? Who ever heard of a "ruly" instead of an unruly temper? We all know Charles II's deathbed apology, but what would be a "conscionable" time for one to take in dying?—London Observer.

## Value of Accuracy

I do not know that there is anything, except it be humility, which is so valuable as an incident of education as accuracy. And accuracy can be taught. Direct lies told to the world are as dust in the balance when weighed against the falsehoods of inaccuracy. These are the fatal things, and they are all-pervading. I scarcely care what is taught to the young if it will but implant in them the habit of accuracy.—Arthur Helps.

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