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REFORESTING BURNED OVER

AREAS OF THE FORESTS

An investigation as to the practicability of reforesting the great areas of forest lands which have been devastated by fire and which are now lying barren and unproductive is now being carried on by the United States Forest Service in the Olympic National Forest in Washington. The area selected for the experiments comprises several thousand acres on the Soladuck river, and was at one time covered with a magnificent forest of Douglas fir. It was first burned over in 1890 and again in 1895. A third fire occurred in 1906, destroying the last remnant of the original forest, leaving the entire area treeless.

In some regions a second growth of trees will come in naturally after a burn, in the course of a few years' time, and where this happens artificial means of securing reproduction is not necessary. There are, however, other burns, where new growth does not come in readily, due to adverse climatic conditions, absence of seed trees, or perhaps to the impoverishment of the soil by repeated fires. These areas are often of very large extent and in such cases some means, such as planting trees or sowing seed, is necessary to restore the forest. The burn in the Olympic forest is of this nature, and the forest service is planning to conduct a series of experiments to determine the proper means of reforesting the area. Douglas fir will be the species used.

Furnished rooms and apartments at the Baldwin.

Old Time Temperance

The first temperance society to be formed in Klamath Falls was the Margaretta V. in 1888, and it is instructive to learn that the noble members of that society were bound by a pledge good for two years not to drink more than seven bumper of wine with any meal nor more than fourteen bumper a day. They were, however, permitted to quench any surplus of thirst with beer and to drink one glass of whiskey on the side. By this ideal of abstinence may be gauged the ordinary drinking habits of our forefathers in the good old times when knighthood was in flower.—Morris Hillquit in Socialism.

His Walking Papers.—"My sister 'll be down in a minute," said little Clarence, who was entertaining the young man in the parlor. "I heard her tellin' maw a little while ago that she was goin' to give you your written permission to perambulate tonight. What do you reckon she meant by that?"

"I think I know, Clarence," said the young man, reaching for his hat. "You may tell her, if you please, that I have decided not to wait for it."—Exchange.

Feiled.—Notwithstanding, but with all his might, the burglar tugged at the dressing table drawer. In vain. It refused to open. He tugged again.

"Give it another jerk," said a voice behind him. The burglar turned. The owner of the house was sitting up in bed and looking at him with an expression of the deepest interest on his face.

"Jerk it again. There's a lot of valuable property in that drawer, but we haven't been able to open it since the damp weather began. If you can pull it out I'll give you a handsome royalty on everything that's in it." But the burglar had jumped out through the window, taking a part of the cash with him.—Exchange.

There is precious instruction to be got by seeing we are wrong.—Cortlye.

HE SPREAD OUT.

Advice the Reformer Got From His Boss In Apprentice Days.

The man was working on the side of a steeply sloping roof. All of a sudden his foot slipped, and, with a groan, he began to slide down slowly toward the edge.

As he slid he clutched with tense fingers at the tin, but it was smooth. It offered him no hold, and his speed gradually but surely increased.

As in a sitting posture, like a tobogganer, the man continued his deadly slide he began to pray in a loud, strident voice.

Memory, as if in answer to his prayer, flashed across his brain the words: "Spread out."

The man instantly lay flat on his back, spreading arms and legs to their widest angle, making himself as much as possible like a starfish. And his speed at once decreased. The additional friction surface acted like a brake. A few feet from the edge of the roof he came to a halt.

"Help!" he then shouted. But the slight movement of shouting acted like a push, and he slipped down a few inches more.

"Help!" And again he slid a little. But this time help came. A rope was thrown, and the man climbed back to safety.

He wiped the dews of terror from his brow. "My boss in my apprentice days," he said, "told me if I ever started sliding down a roof slope to spread out and it would stop me. I didn't believe him; but, by jingo, he was right."

The man smiled and sighed, musing on his long dead boss. Then he crawled back to his dangerous work on the steep slope of the roof.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

A LOST ART.

Secret of the Tools Used by the Incas and the Aztecs.

What was the combination of metals from which the Egyptians, Aztecs and the Incas of Peru manufactured their tools and arms? Though each of these nations reached a high state of civilization, none of them ever discovered iron in spite of the fact that the soil of all three countries was largely impregnated with it. But they substituted for it a combination of metals that had the temper of steel, and the secret of the combination is lost to mankind.

Humboldt tried to discover the lost art by analyzing a chisel found in an ancient Inca silver mine, but all he could make of it was that it appeared to be a combination of a small portion of tin with copper. No present known way of combining these two metals will give the hardness of steel, so there must have been something else in the chisel which Humboldt missed.

And these ancient races were able to prepare pure copper so that it equaled the temper of the finest steel produced at the present day by the most scientific process. With their bronze and copper instruments they were able to quarry and shape the hardest stone, such as granite and porphyry, and even cut emeralds. The ancient people must have independently discovered the art of tempering copper, and yet it is a secret that baffles modern scientists of the whole civilized world.—New York Times.

Lemon Omelet.

Put the yolks of four eggs into a bowl with a tablespoonful of sugar. Beat until light and add the grated rind of a lemon. Whip the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth and mix lightly with the yolks. Then stir in a fourth of a teaspoonful of baking powder. Pour in the omelet pan, in which a tablespoonful of butter has been melted, and bake in a moderate oven for ten minutes. When done cut the omelet in half, put on a hot platter, with the following lemon jelly between the layers, and serve as quickly as possible.

Lemon Jelly.—Take one-half cupful of sugar, a tablespoonful of butter, the juice and rind of one lemon and two well beaten eggs. Beat together and stir over the fire until thick.—Delineator.

A Weed That Steals Oysters.—A seaweed has invaded the oyster beds of France and carried off 400,000 oysters. It has carried them off bodily, as a thief would do. The minute seeds of this weed float up the English channel in the current of the gulf stream; they settle on oysters in the Breton beds of Morbihan, Quiberon and Belle Isle, and they grow to the size of a duck's egg. They are full of water, but at maturity the water evaporates, and air takes its place. The egg shaped seaweed is then a balloon, and, like a balloon, it lifts its oyster from the bottom and bears it out to sea.

Walking in New York.—Man walks more rapidly in the streets of New York city than in any other city in the world. The average speed during the business hours, according to the most careful calculations possible, is four and one-tenth miles an hour. After sunset the pace drops nearly one mile an hour.—New York Herald.

A Quick Shift.—Chloric Old Gentleman—Miss, if that fool 'boy of mine marries you—Young Woman—Grading her lovely eyes to him—Well, Mr. Seaside? Chloric Old Gentleman—Er—well, dash him, I can't blame the boy.—Chicago Tribune.

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