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### GASOLINE TURNS THE EARTH

Motorboats Are Replacing Gondolas in Venice, and Even the Windmills in Holland Disappear.

Motorboats in Venice, replacing the gondolas are not the only mechanical profanation that is coming in to disconcert future American travelers in Europe. A letter from Amsterdam tells us that the Dutch windmills are being replaced by mills operated by steam and electric power. Every year some of the old windmills are burned, and they are not re-erected. Time may come when a few windmills will be treasured as relics in Holland; just as similar structures are still preserved on Aquidneck and Nantucket islands for their curious interest, says the Boston Transcript. Already windmills of American construction, with steel fans arranged in wheels, instead of the picturesque old wooden arms, had begun to make their appearance, even in Holland. The metallic windmill with the revolving wheel, is more picturesque than the ordinary steam or water power mill, but it is not so picturesque as the old wooden affairs. On our western prairies and plains the tall windmills, with their big metal wheels spinning high in the air, are indeed a fine feature in the monotonous landscape, but even they are in danger of yielding to the process of pumping water by means of gasoline motors. The power of the wind, to be sure, costs nothing, while that of the gasoline motor may cost a good deal, but there are times when no wind blows, and the householder tires of waiting for it to rise. Less and less we are content to attend upon forces of nature. The beautiful sails are vanishing from the seas, to be replaced by belching smokestacks. On land windmills give place to structures operated by steam and electricity. The stalwart oxen are no longer seen at the farmer's plow; it is gasoline that turns the earth now. Homeward the unwary motor barks its way!

### FAMOUS CHIMES RING AGAIN

Bells of St. Clements, in Old London, Appeal to Children, as in the Olden Days.

"Oranges and Lemons" rang out on the old bells of St. Clements on the last day of March on an evening as fine as any during the finest winter London has ever known. The bells rang, but few heard them, prevented by the roar of the Strand traffic. It was the first time the old nursery rhyme had been rung out from the steeple for a very long while. Some hundreds of school children, who had been invited to attend the church, filed out at the close in small processions, piloted across the streams of traffic by the London policemen. Every child carried an orange or a lemon, a gift which made up to them for the faint tones in which the voices of the old bells reached their ears. Down the streets with the historic names running from the Strand to the Thames, St. Clements music was more audible, the sound carrying over the noise and roar, and into the offices where anybody, with a turn of mind for antiquity, has but to throw open his window to hear the sound of a bell cast in the year of the Spanish armada.

### Unnecessary to Graft Skin.

When much skin is destroyed in burns, a common resort is skin graft, applied either in small isolated patches to grow gradually over the surface, or in pieces up to two or three inches square to cover a large portion or all of the wound. At a recent medical meeting, Dr. E. G. Beck of Chicago called attention to a process of culture by which skin may be made to grow without grafting, even over large surfaces. As the wound heals the granulations at the edge of the spreading fresh skin place an elevated barrier in its way and if these granulations are removed as often as every 24 hours the patient's own skin is given a chance and may be watched spreading over the entire surface. A protective covering of paraffin often promotes the replacement of skin without grafting.

### Iron Germs.

In the same manner that coral is derived from certain minute sea-insects who flourish in the South Pacific, so certain iron ores are obtained from particular microscopic organisms. That is the latest scientific discovery, which promises interesting developments. It has been proved that these germs not only aid in the decomposition of rocks and in the formation of chalk and limestone, but play an active part in the forming of iron-ore deposits. Laboratory cultures have been made of bacteria which deposit iron compounds both in surface waters and in mine water hundreds of feet under ground, and the hard crusts and silty masses that choke up water-supply pipes have been found to be composed of millions of these "iron bacteria."

### Nothing Green in Death Valley.

The natural vegetation of Death valley is scant and stunted. There is not a green thing that grows there naturally. The thorny mesquit trees are of a yellowish-green tinge; so, too, are the grease bushes, while the sagebrush is either a yellowish gray or the color of ashes. A little round gourd called the desert apple grows in some of the canyons. It turns yellow when ripe and has a thin meat within that is exceedingly bitter. The cactus that grows beyond the valley in abundance is rare here. In short, the vegetation of Death valley is terribly scant, even in comparison with the Negro Desert.

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### BRAZIL'S PRESIDENT DENOUNCES RADICALS

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 12. (By Mail.)—President Pessoa in a message to the National Congress has just denounced alien radical agitators who during the past few months "attempted to promote industrial strikes for their own ends and to destroy the existing social order." Police investigations showed, he said, that the principal agents of

these strikes were aliens and that they counselled inhuman and barbarous means, such as the use of bombs, to gain their ends. The President urged that congress should arm the government with laws of defense against these elements. He recommended that the project now before congress regulating the entry of aliens into national territory be promptly passed into law, also the bill relating to anarchist crimes.

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