

OLD MIRACLE PLAYS

formed in Town Squares with the Crudest Kind of Scenery. From the beginning of the pageant...

JAPAN'S BOOKS ALL ALIKE.

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DEAD RECKONING.

One Way of Determining a Vessel's Course on an Ocean Voyage.

Dead reckoning simply means the computation of a ship's longitude and latitude from her movements as recorded in the log and without having recourse to astronomical observations.

The point of departure—that is, the latitude and longitude sailed from or last determined—the course or direction sailed in as ascertained by the compass, the rate of sailing, measured from time to time by the log, and the time elapsed.

The various principles or methods followed in arriving at the reckoning are known among navigators as "plain sailing" and "middle latitude sailing." However, the data thus obtained are always liable to considerable errors by reason of currents, leeway, fluctuations of the wind and changes in the declination of the compass.

Pointing the Point. "I think," remarked Biggs, "one of the funniest signs I ever saw was this: 'Teeth Extracted While You Wait.'"

"A friend of mine," he said, "told me of a funny sign he had seen: 'Teeth Extracted While You Wait.' Jiggs reflected.

"What is there funny about that?" he asked. "I don't quite catch the point."

Arm in Arm With a Tigress. It is related of Sir Edward Bradford that he once walked arm in arm, so to speak, with a tigress. He was out shooting and, always a fearless sportsman, had come to close quarters with his quarry.

Fire Extinguishers. About 1840 a Mr. Thomas Phillips of London invented an apparatus for putting out fire, but it was not much of a success. When put in action the steam and carbonic acid which were to extinguish the flames were not generated in sufficient quantity to do the work.

The Gladiators. Usually gladiators were matched in pairs. They fought in different ways—bladed, in chariots, on horseback, in full armor and with the lasso. Nets were used by some, who, after throwing one over the head of an antagonist, dispatched him with a three pointed lance or trident.

Convenient. Dick—Bill writes that he's living in a magnificent cottage. Sam—Why, it's so small that you can stand on the roof, reach down the chimney and open the front door.—St. Louis Republic.

There are no elevators running up and down, the ladder of fame.

BRIDES IN WHITE.

Mary Stuart Who Set the Fashion For That Color. The majority of brides choose white for selecting their wedding dress because it is the conventional color, and persons are of the opinion that it always has been favored.

TACT OF AN ACTOR.

Sothorn's Happy Thought and the Unruly Gallery Gods.

It was in the year 1863 or 1864. During the summer months Sothorn, with John T. Raymond and several other well known actors, occupied the local theater of a seaside summer resort, to which he and his company drew a houseful of people several nights in the week to hear and see them act—rehearse it really was in preparation for their next winter's New York season—the most important of their plays.

The little building had, of course, a gallery, and in the gallery the "gods" became so obstreperous on occasions that it was with great difficulty the play could be proceeded with. The ringleader, a well known rough of the town, was a man named Bill Hanrahan. One night a happy inspiration seized Sothorn. Having learned the name of this prominent member of the rowdy element, he addressed him in the midst of the most unearthly noises as follows: "Mr. Hanrahan, will you be good enough to take charge of the gallery and keep order for me? I shall feel very grateful."

The result was magical. Bill became at once an official of the theater and as such cracked the heads of a few of his erstwhile fellow rioters with such good effect that it was only a little time before the best of order prevailed.

A Matter of Business. There is a reason for everything, even a train news agent's reluctance to pass through the cars with his packet of newspapers first. A woman who had traveled fifty miles out of New York before she had a chance to buy the afternoon paper she had neglected to provide herself with said to the boy who finally appeared with papers: "Why do you always come through first with books and then magazines and leave the newspapers until the last?"

Getting Rid of Fear. "What is meant by autosuggestion?" writes a correspondent. The phrase simply signifies self suggestion to good ends. For instance, if not particularly disinclined to do something one ought one may conquer the disinclination by resolutely saying over words expressing the necessity of doing the thing at once and with pleasure. The person who is afraid to go upstairs in the dark may, it is said, overcome this fear by saying, "I am not afraid; darkness is friendly; nothing can hurt me."

Notifying the God. One of the odd things the visitor to Burma will notice is the large number of bells about the pagodas. These bells are usually hung on sacred posts a few feet above the ground. They are sweet toned, as all Burmese bells are, but they are not furnished with tongues. The worshiper who comes to pray before the pagoda strikes one of these bells with a wooden mallet. This is to attract the attention of the god.

Supreme Self Esteem. "I am afraid Bliggins is a bit of egoist," said the ready made philosopher. "Has he offended you?" "No, I offended him. I ventured to remark that nobody is perfect, and he took it as a personal slight."—Washington Star.

Time never drags nor does life ever seem monotonous to those who are always working, thinking, learning and growing.

Jefferson and the Patent Office. The first patron of our patent system was Thomas Jefferson, who during his years gave his personal attention to every application for a patent. He used to call the secretary of war and an attorney general to examine and deliberate with him, and they did it so thoroughly that in one year—the first—were granted only three patents. The first patent of all was given to Samuel Hopkins in 1790 for pearl ash.

The Coster Girl's Plumage. Feather plumes are as much of a necessity to the London coster girl on her stunts as are the pearl buttons to her masculine companion, and the big feathered hats with their drooping plumes are familiar in all gatherings of this class. Many of the girls cannot keep their money tied up in these plumes, and there thrives a busy industry in the hiring of these plumes. The loan of a single plume a day costs a quarter, or for a dollar a gorgeous trio may be had for an hour, to be returned promptly the next morning. Weather conditions cause the terms to fluctuate somewhat. A wet or foggy day will take the price out of the feathers and make re-arranging necessary, for which "Arriet" will pay an extra quarter.—London Sketch.

"Stint" and "Stunt." "Stint" is a good word as a noun. As a verb it means something not quite so good. (Do not confound it with "stunt," however. A stunt is something done for amusement. It is the horseplay of the mountebank and has nothing in common with honest, productive labor.) It is the warning to the wise that something demands to be accomplished, and to the laggard that time is on the wing.—Atlantic.

Gone to Waste. "I don't like the way they reported my speech," complained the new congressman. "Why, they sprinkled in plenty of laughter and applause." "Yes, but how about all those gas-bags?"—Kansas City Journal.

Cruel. John—I gave Fido one of those little pills I made, and he went and vomited it. Hub—I'm not surprised. He probably took it for a bone.—Boston Transcript.

Just What They Wanted. "Don't take that fellow on your feet," said the doctor. "He's a chronic groucher." "What do we want is a good thing."—Baltimore American.

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Former Senator Edmunds, one of the makers of the Sherman antitrust law, contributes to a current issue of a review an able elucidation of the stronger position of the law following recent decisions of the Supreme Court, and an able argument showing how all of the original purposes of the act are to be served through present and successive interpretations by the court, and their application to business affairs. We will be saving at least a decade in time by not going back to the beginning and beginning all over again.

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