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Shaping One's Course by Weights and Barometer-Experiences of Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Myers-Playing Shuttlecock Between Two Thunderstonds.

Among the very few people who have coluced next il navigation to anything like an exact science are Mr. and Mrs. Carl E. Myers, who are now living on Reid avenue, Brookiya. By a series of experiments stretching over a period of more than 16 years they have learned to manage and guide a balloon with approximately the same accuracy that a sailor employs in guiding a ship, the only element of uncertainty being the weather. A reporter called on the Myerses a few days ago to learn some of their experiences and adventures in

He found them not at all like what one would expect of people who pass a large portion of their lives in a most perilous occupation. Mr. Myers is a slender, rather short man about 40 years old, with black side whiskers, the face of a scholar and a benevolent expression. Mrs. Myers, who was formerly known professionally as Carlotta, is a sweet faced woman, with keen gray eyes, wavy brown hair and a bright, eager manner in conversation. She looks to be about 36 years old. She does not now make ascensions, having stopped in 1891, but she helps her husband in his experiments at his farm at Mohawk, N. Y. In her career she has made more than 500 ascensions. Mr. Myers has been up among the clouds 55 times himself and has superintended upward of 1,200 aerial excursions. For observational purposes and in pursuance of his studies in meteorology he still makes his dangerous trips, although indeed both hound his wife maintain that ballooning, when carefully conducted, is not a dangerous occupation. Neither of them has ever been injured.

"To an experienced aeronaut," says Mr. Myers, "the danger is really no greater than that of sailing in a small boat. It is possible to navigate a balloon by taking advantage of the different air currents, and in going down the balloonist can steer by weights on the same principle as steering a cance by leaning to one side or the other. The platform on which the aeronaut stands serves as the rudder, and by throwing his weight to one side or the other and thus slanting the platform he can guide himself. Of course his rising and falling are controlled by the valves and the sandbacs

In illustration of this Mr. Myers told how his wife once followed a course mapped out for her by Peter C. Campbell of Brooklyn, who built the airship in which Ed Hogan went out to sea and was lost four years ago. Mr. Campbell challenged Mrs. Myers to start from East New York, go to the city hall in Brooklyn, thence up the river, across New York and to the Pennsylvania station in New Jersey, to the city hall in Jersey City, and faully to land in Secancus. She made the trip in less than an hour, and Mr. Campbell gave her a handsome gold badge as a memento.

"There are two or three rules always to be observed in managing a balloon, continued Mr. Myers. 'First, be sure that everything is taut and shipshape; secondly, don't try to estimate distances for yourself-they are extremely deceptive when you are in the air. Refer to the barometer, which is the aeronaut's compass, always. The most important rule of all is, 'Never give up the ship. No matter what happens, as long as there is anything left of your balloon and you are still fastened to it, you've got a chance.'

"Have you ever had any unpleasant experiences?" asked the reporter. 'Mrs. Myers has had more experi-

ences than I have." Being appealed to Mrs. Myers, after a minute of thought, said: "A very peculiar aerial adventure I once had was over Stafford Springs, Cont., where two thunderclouds played battledoor and shuttlesock with me and my balloon. Usually I experience no difficulties with electric clouds. Their terrors diminish as you approach them, and when actually among them the danger is slight, if it exists at all. In this instance, however, I got between an op per cloud and a lower cloud, both heavily charged. I and my balloon acted as a conductor between them. First, I would go up to the upper cloud and be come charged with electricity and then be repelled to the lower cloud, only to he recharged and bounced back to the apper again. I played this elevator game 11 times before the clouds got matters adjusted to their ratisfaction. Then they let me go unburt, but pretty badly frightened by being made the plaything of such gigantic powers.

Another experience, more common to imilianists and more dangerous, I had on the accusion of the first trial of natural gas for ascension in 1880 at Franklin, Pa.," continued Mrs. Myers. The lations was filled burriedly, and to some way the bulloon cloth god gaught over the valve, closing it. went up too rapidly and tried to open the varye, but broke the nord. In such a case there is but one thing to do knot the ropes and keep the balloon from ex-panding to tis full extent. Under ordimary conditions a balloon half full at the earth sourface will be fully expanded at an attitude of \$14 miles because of the decreased presents of the stmosphere. Homer by knotting up the ballong sopes the cubic oven is diministed, and the gas begins to poor not sooner. But withstanding my doing this, so fast did the balloon sice that if reached an aitiands of more than four solles before it stopped going up. There I found a strong cast corrent, as is almost turnstably the case in very high altitudes. By the aid of that correct I traveled sit miles in as many minutes and finally iended in the only since spot in a forest of 40 miles extent. - New York Ban. LIKE MARBLE, THOUGH ALIVE.

Attacked by Catalepsy While Standing, He Remained In That Attitude.

One of the most remarkable exhibitions of the power and influence of cataepsy, a form of hysteria that contracts the muscles and divests the subject of the sensation of volition, occurred in this city a few days since, in which liomas Purdy, a laborer, was the subect. In company with several other verkmen Pardy was engaged in digging a trench.

He was standing at the top of the trench, with a long handled shovel, renoving the gravel which a workman below threw to the top, when with the suddenness of an electric flash the man became transfixed in position, as immovable as a piece of statuary. He was in the act of raising the shovel when attacked. His right hand tightly clutched the shovel handle near its end and the left hand near the middle. His left leg was advanced and slightly bent at the knee, while the blade of the shovel pointed at an inclination of about 30 degrees. His eyes were closed.

Every muscle of the lithe and compactly built workman was as taut and rigid as though constructed of iron. One of the workmen who observed his condition got out of the trench and undertook to remove the shovel held by the silent workman. The shovel, though, was clutched with an iron grip, and although he tugged hard he was unable to remove it from the clutches of the possessor. The man's feet were firmly planted on the ground as though nailed, and he stood there as rigid and motionless as a piece of statuary.

Physicians were summoned to the cene, and the marvelous sight was witnessed by hundreds of citizens. Several unsuccessful attempts to remove the shovel from his hands were made, when Police Captain Alaback, assisted by several officers, succeeded in removing it from his grasp, although it seemed that they would surely break off his fingers in so doing. The man's heart beat with the ordinary pulsations, and the lungs were performing their vocation.

After the man had stood in this position for over two hours he was picked up like a piece of marble, placed in the patrol wagon and conveyed to a hospital. He remained in substantially the same condition for two whole days, during which time his bedside was almost constantly surrounded by physicians, who were intensely interested in the case. There were indications that the man was conscious of all his surroundings. Although improved in condition, he has not yet been able to relate his experience. - Dayton (O.) Dispatch.

Requisites For Civilized Man. The primary class in a school had the question, What are the three requisites for civilized man?

Answer-Food, clothing and shelter. The next day there was a review. The teacher put the question. All could remember food and clothing, but the third had escaped their recollection.

The teacher then repeated, When a man has food and clothing what else does he need to make him happy? One little fellow frantically waved his hand and stood up

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