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The Record Cover

With this issue we begin a new series of six covers, all the work of recognized artists and printed in one of the greatest color plants in the country.

The subject of this issue is "The Tulip Girl" and who does not love these early brilliant, upstanding flowers of spring? The tulip is a hardy bulbous plant with a bell shaped perianth of six distinct segments. There are eighty species. The common tulip from which most garden varieties are obtained, is a native of Asia Minor. A common error gives this credit to Holland. It grows from 6 to 24 inches high with a solitary flower usually red in color.

A great many varieties are cultivated by florists who divide them into three classes, known technically as roses, bybloemens and bizarres. The rose tulips have a white ground marked or colored with some shade of rose, scarlet, crimson, or red. Bybloemens are also white marked by shades of purple and black. Bizarres are the yellow ground flowers marked with shades of orange, scarlet, brown or black. Darwins or Rembrandts are later varieties.

The tulip has the power of breaking or rectifying as it is called, that is, after seven to ten years of cultivation, a breeder or seedling, hitherto self-colored, blooms all variegated or striped and edged with colors. The foliage also a dark green shade becomes mottled. Tulips were introduced in England in 1577 and in Holland by Clusius, a German, who cultivated tulips on a large scale, was responsible for their popularity in that country, which continues today, the Dutch gardeners being the leading producers of bulbs.

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To learn to do things and accomplish you must learn to do without things.

June 14 is flag day. This reminds us that the flag has not been changed since 1818 except by the addition of stars as new states were admitted to the Union, but it is about the only thing that law makers have not changed.

Two important conventions in June—American Water Works at Toronto and National Association of Master Plumbers at Buffalo, New York. They each deserve a large attendance. No other two organizations in the country wield so great an influence on the health of the people or upon industry.

The day begins with all of its irritating and petty annoyances to distract and divert attention from the real tasks worthy of accomplishment. Those who can rise above them retire to rest with the knowledge and satisfaction of having made an advance. Those who are incapable of distinguishing between the large and the small, go around and around day by day, like a leaf in a whirlpool. Habitual planning of the day's work and a cultivated habit of disregarding little things leads to achievement and advancement. Hugo's thought on this is well worth reading and remembering, and if necessary committing to memory. He says:

"He who every morning plans the transactions of the day, and follows out that plan, carries a thread that will guide him through the labyrinth of the most busy life. The orderly arrangement of his time is like a ray of light which darts itself through all his occupations. But where no plan is laid, where the disposal of time is surrendered merely to the chance of incidents, all things lie huddled together in one chaos, which admits of neither distribution nor review."

Did you do anything today like Hugo suggests? Or, was your "time surrendered merely to the chance of incidents"?

Think it over—it may lead to better things tomorrow.

You cannot believe in honor until you have achieved it. Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world.—George Bernard Shaw.

With March weather ranging between temperatures of 80 and 90 and April with cold rains and high winds, one wonders where poets get their inspiration. They certainly have to strain their license.

Decatur has been honored with a distinguished visitor during the past few weeks in the person of Edwin Markham, the poet and author of "The Man with the Hoe". He was a guest of friends in this city while filling lecture dates in Central Illinois.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Headquarters 1734 N. Street, N. W., Washington, issues a Home Equipment Primer in five parts. A copy of Part 3 is before us. The importance of plumbing is emphasized, and the first pages of the book are given to this subject. The statement is made "that there are over 4,000,000 dwellings housing approximately 21,500,000 people that are without bathroom fixtures and under such town conditions the health of entire communities is affected by this situation." Attention is called to the fact that almost 10,000 towns in the United States are without sewer systems and three thousand of this number have water works. An urgent message is delivered for remedying this condition.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs has been behind this movement for several years. The women realize the crying need of betterment of these conditions. They know the dangerous effect on health resulting from lack of sanitation. They are bringing it to public attention by a crusade bound to bring about better conditions. They have made themselves a powerful ally of the plumbing industry. Every plumber should throw his effort and influence to strengthening the movement by hearty co-operation.

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BE GOOD NATURED AND WORK

**Charles Schwab of Bethlehem Steel Has
Found That it Pays.**

"I'll never retire until my time comes to die," said Charles Schwab, of the Bethlehem Steel Co. in a recent interview. Like many other men, some rich and some not so rich, Mr. Schwab has learned that work and not wealth brings happiness and contentment. Continuing, he said:

"I have learned a lot since I started as a boy with Mr. Carnegie. I learned a lot about steel, but more important, I learned a lot about life. Ah, that is the thing. Be happy, boys. Enter into your work good naturedly. If you succeed, laugh. But, better still, if you fail, laugh, too. Forget your failures and build for the future.

"Money isn't much. I am poorer now than I was 40 years ago. Of course, we want money enough to pay our bills as we go along, but a whole lot of money is of no use. It is only a symbol of success.

Objective Never Reached

"I was once asked if a big business man ever reached his objective. I replied that if a man ever reached his objective he was not a big business man. It is ever onward with successful business men until life flows out of his body.

"When my time comes to die I do not want to be surrounded by granite and marble. I want to be amidst steel beams and 'L's' where I have been happy all my life.

"I will now leave you to go back to my business, but I again will say—be good natured."

JUNE

I gazed upon the glorious sky,

And the green mountains round,
And thought that when I came to lie

At rest within the ground,

'Twere pleasant, that in flowery June,

When brooks send up a cheerful tune,
And groves a joyous sound,

The sexton's hand, my grave to make,
The rich, green mountain turf should break.

—Bryant.

RARE COINS

Among 30,000 specimens of money displayed in a New York bank were a Venetian bazzo, a Spanish castelano, an Indian chuckrum, a Tripolitan manbut, a Turkish yuzluk, and a Polish zloty. New Yorkers had difficulty determining the value of the coins until bank officials explained in plain English their relation to our simoleon, shekel, plunk, cartwheel or buck.

DEATH OF A. J. WILSON

Albert J. Wilson, past president of the National Association of Master Plumbers, died March 24th, after an illness of only a few hours' duration. The funeral was held March 27th from St. Monica's church.



Death was due to uraemic poison but Mr. Wilson in his usual vigor and physical strength, did not recog-

nize himself as a victim of the insidious disease. At the close of business Friday, March 24th, he was seized with a sudden sinking spell and was hurried to a hospital. He rallied quickly and his family was assured that he would be entirely recovered in a few days, but on Sunday he passed on.

With his brother Mr. Wilson had carried on the business left by his father who was a pioneer in California. A strong, aggressive personality he was recognized as a leader in the trade. He was a prominent member and worker in the National Association, whose president he became a few years ago, serving his term with credit to himself and his brother members.

He will be greatly missed at the coming convention in Buffalo.

IAGO'S SMOLDERING VILLIANY

O sir, content you,

I follow him to serve my turn upon him;

We cannot all be masters, nor all masters

Cannot be truly followed. You shall mark

Many a duteous and knee crooking knave,

That, doting on his own obsequious bondage,

Wears out his time, much like his master's

ass,

For nought but provender; and, when he's

old, cashier'd;

Whip me such honest knaves; others there

are,

Who, trimm'd in forms and visages of duty,
Keep yet their hearts attending on them-

selves;

And, throwing but shows of service on their

lords,

Do well thrive by them, and, when they have

lined their coats,

Do themselves homage; these fellows have

some soul;

And such a one do I profess myself

For, sir,

It is as sure as you are Roderigo,

Were I the Moor, I would not be Iago;

In following him I follow but myself,

Heaven is my judge not I for love and duty,

But seeming so, for my peculiar end;

For when my outward action doth demon-

strate

The native act and figure of my heart

In compliment extern, 'tis not long after

But I will wear my heart upon my sleeve

For daws to peck at; I am not what I am.

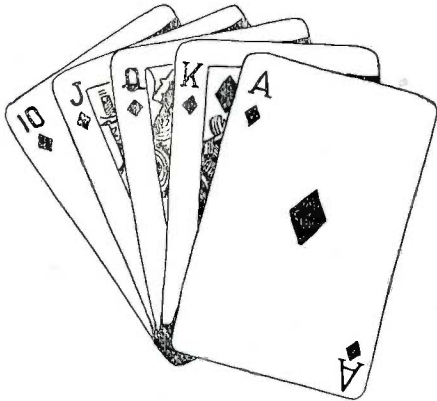
PLAYING CARDS

You May Know How to Bet Three Aces, But Do You Know Card History.

In this day and age nearly every one plays cards—bridge, five-hundred, hearts, and even poker, but of the thousands who hold a hand few give a thought to the history of the 52 cards composing the deck. Their origin has been credited to Arabia but authorities after much research question this preferring to accept Italy as having introduced them. They were popular in France in the 13th century and in England.

A writer gives the following interesting account of the early use of cards, which were then much the same as now:

"Playing cards, with their suits of hearts, spades, clubs, and diamonds, were copied



The pat hand that put the holder in the bug house when no one came in.

from French ones which found their way into England in the fifteenth century, according to card authorities.

These French suit signs are supposed to have been introduced into the French court by a famous knight, Ettiene Bignoles, or Lahire, as he is called. He is said to have invented the game of piquet, which was the game of knights and chivalry, in contrast to the old card games which had come out of the east, and which had their inception in chess, the game of war. Lahire is said to have had the help of his friend, Ettiene Chevalier, who was secretary to the king and a clever draftsman and who may have been responsible for the new designs.

The suit of coeurs (hearts) denotes the church, carreaux (diamonds), or arrowheels, are symbolic of the vassals, the class from whom the archers and bowmen were drawn: trefles, or clover (clubs), signifies the husbandmen, and piques, or points of lances (spades), the knights themselves.

In many books on fortune telling with English cards, diamonds stand for wealth, hearts for love and spades for death and disaster. This has been used in explanation of why the king of diamonds and the jacks of hearts and spades are in profile, or one-eyed.

The old king is supposed to be looking toward wealth, while the young jack of hearts is looking toward love, and the jack of spades, who faces the other way, is turning from death and sorrow.

In the old French court cards, the positions vary with every maker and in every locality. The earliest English "cards for playing" are dated 1678 and bear the name of L. Hewson. In these Hewson cards and all succeeding English packs the rule of the two one-eyed jacks holds good, although the jack of spades sometimes turns to the right and sometimes to the left."

THE FOURTH FAUCET

Following the issue of The March Record we received the following letter from Mr. Howard Holbrook of the Justus Plumbing company, of Kansas City, explaining to our entire satisfaction, why a cow has four faucets. He says:

The Mueller Record,
Decatur, Illinois.
Gentlemen:

Quoting The Record of March 1929:

"TELL US"

"There are only three kinds of milk, condensed, evaporated and bottled—so why four faucets on a cow?"

Not questioning the erudition of your editors, but if this matter is taken up with the engineering board at the factory, they will no doubt concur with my opinion, that the FOURTH FAUCET is for WATER.

Seriously yours,

Howard Holbrook,

If you play with your money, how can you expect it to go to work?

NO COMPLIMENT



Teacher—Thomas, if I saw a boy beating a donkey and stopped him from doing it, what virtue would I be showing?

Pupil—Brotherly love.

I'm Tellin' You



J. W. Carnifin of Fryeville, W. Va., is the champion egg eater. He ate 72 eggs in 15 minutes despite the fact that he is 72 years old and had to push each egg through a bale of whiskers. If he wasn't a yokel before he started he surely must be now.

Who was Elhawan? asked the Lit D.
Howin' L should we know.

What's the old name of the game of backgammon asks one of those "what do you know" writers. Give it up, but if he wants to know about golf we used to call it "old sow" when we were kids.

Another one asks: "What is the first rule in the prevention of colds?" Ignorance once more, but before the 18th the first rule of cure was hot toddy.

As we go down in one vice we go up in the other. Tobacco production in 1928 exceeded 1927 by a small matter of 7,000,000 lbs. Blow a little of the smoke this way, please.

We go fall down and go boom, but up in Chi they say we go boom and fall down.

An advertisement reads: Wanted a good maid for mouse work, and might have added only high jumpers need apply.

Miss Morrow should like the old song "My Sweethearts the Man in the Moon."

The scientists claim the destructive power of lightning has been decreased. Just about in the same proportion of a mule's hind legs. If you are in line with either the destructive power is still there. Don't let anybody fool you, brother, scientist or not.

More than 2,000,000 automobiles are scrapped every year, and there are about two million more on the road that ought to be scrapped.

The day of miracles has not passed. Jesus changed water into wine. Down in Virginia in a bootlegging case a pint of evidence was changed into water during the trial.

Einstein has out-smarted all but twelve persons in the world with his new theory—and who knows—the twelve may be kidding the professor.

You'll lessen your chances of riding in a hearse if you exercise common sense and caution when you ride in your auto.

The Golden Rule is the best rule in life and this applies with equal force to automobile driving.

"How sweet are corn cobs?" asked the Lit. Dig. We don't know. Never ate any, but we have a permanent recollection of how hard they are from a lump back of the ear where one connected during a corn cob battle of bad boy days.

Lindy kept out of the sea when he flew to Paris but he went ker-plunk when he hit the matrimonial sea.

You've just got to admit Einstein is smart. That's a recognized rule when you can't understand a man.

The Pennsylvania tires have begun their spring song on the cement highways.

Cal has gone back to his home in Northhamp And Hoover has captured D. C. While Dawes in Chicago is still on the ramp, And Curtis has quit his tepee.

Four out of five buy radios on time, and then have a — of a time getting anything out of it and a hard time making the payments.

"Alimony is the greatest curse in America," says Judge William M. Genniwell, of the Superior Court of Chicago. Maybe so, Judge. But what about alky-money?

Dr. Johnson, psychologist of the Mellon Institute of Industrial Research of the University of Pittsburgh, told the National Academy of Science, "that fatigue may be as reprehensible as drunkenness, and as dangerous as asphyxiation." He finds there "is no essential difference in the effects produced on the human body by the poisoning resulting from fatigue, from intoxication or from asphyxiation."

What'll you have this round? Say the word.

LONGEST HIGHWAY BRIDGE

The world's longest highway bridge has been completed and was opened on March 2d. It crosses San Francisco Bay and connects San Francisco and Oakland. In a straight line these two cities are only eight miles apart. Heretofore a person desiring to drive from one to the other without using the ferry had to cover a distance of 85 miles. This distance was cut to 69 miles when the Dumbarton bridge across the bay from Niles to Redwood City was opened in January of 1927. With the opening of the new bridge it has again been cut to 44 miles.

The bridge spans the bay between Little Coyote Point, near San Mateo and Mt. Eden near Hayward, Alameda county. This toll bridge is 7.1 miles long. Its rapid construction and completion—106 days in advance of the contract date—is a cause of much satisfaction and reflects creditably on the Raymond Concrete Pile Co. The contract was awarded to this company in December, 1927. Many obstacles were met in the way of wind, fog and tides. These natural barriers restricted work from 4 a. m. to 9 a. m. during a part of the time.

The bridge represents, says Western Construction News, one of the finest pieces of construction of its kind ever undertaken. An adequate description is not possible. A proper appreciation of the character of this enterprise is left to engineers. The massiveness of the structure gives the motorist a sense of security. At the sides electroliers are used at frequent intervals, and at night present a beautiful spectacle.

The published toll rates seem very reasonable, 40c for a two passenger car, 45c for a five passenger car, 50c for a seven passenger car plus five cents per person.

THE TREE

I love thee when the swelling buds appear,
And one by one their tender leaves unfold,
As if they knew that warmer suns were near,
Nor longer sought to hide from winter's cold;
And when with darker growth thy leaves
are seen
To veil from view the early robin's nest,
I love to lie beneath thy waving screen,
With limbs by summer's heat and toil
oppressed;
And when the autumn winds have stripped
thee bare,
And round thee lies the smooth, untrodden
snow,
When naught is thine, that made thee once
so fair,
I love to watch thy shadowy form below,
And through thy leafless arms to look above
On stars that brighter beam when most
we need their love.

—James. Very.

If some women were as hard to please before marriage as afterwards more men would be bachelors.

Quiet minds cannot be perplexed or frightened, but go on in fortune and misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunder storm.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

VOLUNTARY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Plumbing Contractors Doing Their Bit for P. & H. Industries Bureau.

The plans of the Plumbing & Heating Industries have been enlarged. The scope of the work is much greater and far-reaching than was originally contemplated when the enterprise was launched. This organization has been an effective instrument for the creation of good will and increased business from its inception. It spreads the gospel of good plumbing and heating; of sanitation and health; of modernization and commerce. It is making the public plumbing conscious.

It takes money to do all this and the source of supply and the amount of funds has been somewhat limited to the National Association, manufacturers and jobbers.

Now voluntary contributions are being taken and the results so far are quite gratifying.

New Source of Revenue

Favorable action on this proposal has been taken by the Indiana Society of Sanitary Engineers. While certain members stated that they would make much larger donations, the sum of two dollars was set as a minimum.

This action was taken for two reasons. It was first of all as an expression of confidence in the work the Bureau is doing for the local contractor. It was furthermore a concrete statement that the master plumbers of Indiana wish to help finance the Bureau's activities.

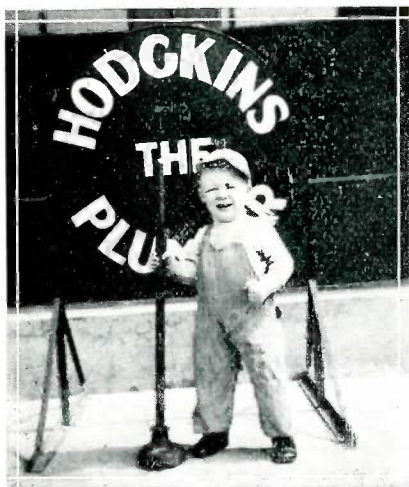
In going on record in favor of individual support of the Bureau, Indiana contractors lined up with the contractors in Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Minnesota who took similar action at their state conventions. Illinois pledged \$2,000 on the convention floor, Wisconsin, \$2,600, and Ohio contractors, who in 1928 paid \$1,800 toward the support of the Bureau, at their 1929 convention at Mansfield, pledged \$3,000. The Illinois Association is now giving members who were not at the convention an opportunity to subscribe.

Both the Nebraska Retail Master Plumbers' Association and the State Association of North Dakota at their annual conventions unanimously adopted resolutions endorsing the Bureau and recommending that their members subscribe to it.

Flicker Stars

Mrs. Mosquito—Where is your daughter?

Mrs. Housefly—She just went to the front door for a screen test.



This is a picture of the plumbing store of Fred A. Hodgkins of Houston, Texas, and standing in front when the picture was taken is the pride of his heart, Master Abel LeRoy Hodgkins, grandson, aged one year, with a plumber's friend to help hold him up. "He prefers Mueller Goods exclusively" writes his proud grandfather which indicates that the young gentleman's early education is being directed along proper channels.

HOW TO GET RICH

We can't tell you, but can give you reference to one who can—Mrs. Josephine Weber of Seattle. If you like the method start in on it by getting yourself a job as scrub woman.

Mrs. Weber had \$500 some twelve years ago when she was left a widow. With this she bought a good, safe bond, and procured a job in an office building where she mopped floors and polished furniture.

At no time did she make over \$75 a month, and that for only a short time during the war. She developed the habit of saving every penny except what was necessary for a meagre living. Her investments were in unquestionable securities—the kind that do not pay large, but safe returns. Oil stocks, gold mine stocks and the like she passed up, showing that she had a strong brain as well as a strong back.

And, now at 55 she considers herself able to retire on about \$1000 per year income, and has forgotten her mop and furniture polish, to indulge in her pet hobbies of growing roses and raising chickens.

She is not rich as riches go these days. The point of it is, she had the correct formula for getting rich, which is:

Work, ignore luxuries and save.

If you like it, try it—you know the first hundred years are the hardest—after that it's summer seas—if there is anything left of you physically or mentally.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

Fine Structure to Span St. Lawrence Between Brockville and Morristown.

Another great bridge is soon to connect Canada and the United States spanning the great St. Lawrence from Morristown, N. Y. to Brockville, Canada.

The act incorporating the Canadian company was passed at Ottawa last year, and the project has been brought substantially nearer realization by recent legislation at Washington.

Such a bridge will be welcomed by all motorists, especially those of the eastern states and Canada.

From the present bridge at Queenston on the Niagara River, to Montreal, a distance of 350 miles, says the Canadian Engineer, Canada is separated from the United States by a great waterway, comprising Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River. Along this entire distance there is no bridge for highway traffic. The St. Lawrence occupies 175 miles of the total distance, but is without a bridge.

This proposed bridge with approaches will be about 7,000 feet long. Two main spans are provided, consisting of steel arches 850 feet in length, one on the Canadian and one on the American side. The bridge will provide for motor and auto traffic and its cost is placed at \$6,000,000.

Important points are to be reached by roads radiating from the bridge are:

In Canada—

- (1) Ottawa and the Laurentian Mountains.
- (2) Rideau Lake district.
- (3) Peterboro and Kawartha Lakes.
- (4) Toronto and intervening towns.
- (5) Montreal.
- (6) Thousand Islands district.

In New York State:

- (1) Thousand Islands district.
- (2) The Adirondack Mountains.
- (3) Hudson River points.
- (4) Atlantic Coast resorts.
- (5) Boston and vicinity.
- (6) New York and intervening cities.
- (7) The Catskill Mountains.

PUZZLED



Willie—Mother?
Mother—Well.

Willie—Were men scarce when you married papa or did you just feel sorry for him.

"LIVING COMFORT"

Clever Little Booklet Issued by P. & H. Industries Bureau

"Living Comfort of Today", the booklet telling of the importance of modern plumbing and heating in the home, is now ready for distribution to the trade by the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau. Copies of it have already been mailed with a letter of transmittal to 3,000 people who requested it through coupons in Saturday Evening Post advertisements.

The booklet, which is written in narrative form and illustrated by pen and ink drawings, is, as far as is known, the only one which deals with modern plumbing and heating in general without reference to any particular brand. The text impresses upon the layman the importance of the master plumber and the heating contractor as the logical distributor of plumbing and heating supplies. The letter of transmittal to Saturday Evening Post readers also calls attention to the contractor.

To date, the Bureau has received requests for price quotations of 125,000 copies of this booklet from manufacturers, wholesalers, and contractors. Members of the industries who purchase them in quantities will have their names and addresses imprinted on them without extra cost.

The booklet has been designed to fit any standard business envelope, and will ride with a sales letter and either a government reply card or an invoice for two cents. In other words, it does not increase either mailing or postage costs when used as a direct-mail piece.

CLIP THE COUPON

On the back cover page of this issue you will find a coupon asking for a copy of the pocket catalogue showing Mueller toilet combinations and lavatories. The attention of plumbers especially is called to this coupon. You are invited to mail back the coupon and get the small catalog referred to. We feel quite sure that the plumbing trade is going to be highly pleased with this new line. The patterns are new and very attractive and the ware itself takes its place with the finest turned out anywhere. We have devoted months to perfecting this new line and have been successful in the production of the lines which we are now prepared to market in a big way. You may rest assured that Mueller vitreous ware takes its place alongside of Mueller plumbing goods, which for many years has enjoyed the reputation of high quality.

Send in the coupon and get this new catalog for your files.

"Could you give a poor fellow a bite?" asked the dust-stained tramp.

"I don't bite, myself," answered the lady of the house, "but I'll call the dog."

HAD THE JURY WITH HIM

Accessories Before the Fact in Texas Bootleg Case.

Reporting an interesting and humorous bootlegging case from Texas to West's Docket, Percy Powers of Mag—um, Texas, tells the following:

"Judge Fires, now a District Judge in the Panhandle of Texas, and for many years one of the state's best known criminal lawyers, tells a good one.

A few years ago he was called on to defend an old farmer, in whose possession officers had found a complete still in operation. The farmer had already run off about ten gallons of liquor and had two forty-gallon barrels of mash. In Texas, liquor is allowed for medicinal purposes.

The accused had testified that he had some ailment, and a physician had advised him to take a teaspoonful of liquor three times a day. Upon cross-examination the state's attorney cross-examined at length that the physician had only advised a teaspoonful three times a day, and the amount of liquor found. However the old farmer was pretty quick, and explained that by saying:

'Well, I thought, while I had the still, I would make enough to last me the rest of my days.'

To the surprise of every one the jury acquitted the farmer. His counsel rushed over to congratulate him, and remarked how afraid he had been that a conviction would follow. To this the old farmer answered:

'Well, Judge, you were very much alarmed over this, but I never was much afraid. Three of the men on the jury furnished the sugar for this'."

It's better to suffer defeat than have reason to be ashamed of victory.

INSIDE INFORMATION



Teresa—That Walter Marks that got married the other day is a very nice fellow.

Tom—Don't you believe it. I saw him treating his wife as I wouldn't treat a dog.

Teresa—I don't believe it. You must be mistaken, dear. What was he doing?

Tom—Kissing her.

Plumbers at Buffalo

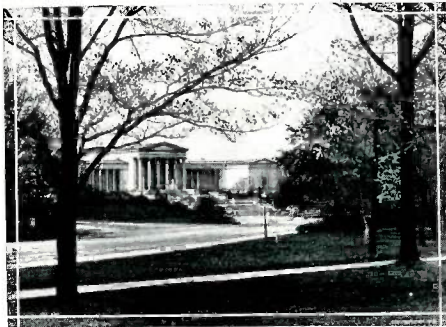
The stage is all set for the Plumbers' National Convention at Buffalo, June 24-28. The leading men of the industry from all portions of the United States will be there to promote the best interests of the trade. The leading manufacturers will be there to show the latest developments in plumbing goods. There is every promise of this being the biggest and most thoroughly beneficial gathering of plumbers and sanitary engineers yet held. The Buffalo committee has apparently overlooked nothing that will contribute to a successful and enjoyable meeting. In so far as one may judge from the work of the committee the arrangements are perfect for the sessions of the delegates and for the exhibitors. The social and entertainment features have been generously provided.

Public Sold on Plumbing

During the past eight or ten years the Plumbers' National Convention has passed through a systematic development which has greatly added to its attractiveness from a show standpoint. Manufacturers and jobbers have given serious thought to their displays to attract not only the attention of the plumbers but the public as well. The exhibits possess an undoubted educational value, presenting as they do in a most favorable way, the new things in plumbing goods. At no time has the American public been more favorable to sanitary plumbing than now or as eager to possess the best equipment, nor has it ever held the industry in higher esteem. And the good impression will be strengthened by the Buffalo convention, both as regards the personnel of the trade and the displays.

Educational Features

The educational features of this convention will be strongly emphasized. In fact education is to be an outstanding feature. C. W. Wanger of Philadelphia, chairman of the educational committee, will be in charge. Special plans bring this feature into promi-



Albright Art Institute



Headquarters—The Statler Hotel

nence. There will be sessions every afternoon in the educational room of the Auditorium, with instructive programs which will include motion pictures, sales talks and displays. This feature alone will repay the visitors for the trip to Buffalo if he goes with the intention and determination to attend these sessions.

The business sessions of the association will be from 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m., which affords all delegates and visitors an opportunity to attend the educational meetings.

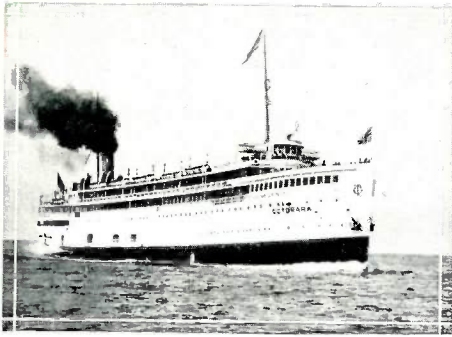
The Program—Business

The program for this great meeting has been issued. It is a masterpiece in theme—"Sanitation and Health"—in compilation and in printing. The program in brief is:

10:00 a. m. Monday, June 24th—Meeting of National directors.

10:00 a. m. Tuesday—Opening session; introduction of National President, Mr. Jere Sheehan, Jr., by president of Buffalo Master Plumbers; call to order by President Sheehan, Jr.; Song, "America" and Invocation; address of Welcome, president Buffalo Master Plumbers; Welcome to Buffalo, Mayor F. X. Schwab; response, Mr. John A. Quinn, V. P. National Association; Welcome, Mrs. Wm. Dechert, president of Buffalo Women's Auxiliary; response, Mrs. E. D. Hornbrook, president of Women's National Auxiliary; Introduction of Manufacturers—guests of the Convention; roll call of past presidents by A. C. Eynon; appointment of credential committee; reports by Mr. Geo. H. Drake, chairman of the Convention and Exposition committee; scholarship committee, Mr. Frank J. Fee; apprentice committee, Mr. John J. Shannahan; president's report, Mr. Jere Sheehan, Jr.

10:00 a. m. Wednesday—Reports, conference committee, Mr. Fred Quinter; standardization, Mr. George H. Drake; treasurer, Mr. A. C. Eynon; secretary, Mr. E. L. Penfrase; educational, Mr. Albert C. Debble; board of directors, Mr. John A. King; P. & H. In-



Big Vessel of this type for Moonlight Excursion

dustries, Mr. Russel J. Creviston; educational progress, Dean C. B. Connelly, of Carnegie Institute; resolutions committee.

10:00 a. m. Thursday—Report of Memorial committee, credential committee, auditing committee; unfinished business; nominations and balloting on new officers; invitations for next convention.

Entertainment Features

Monday 6:00 to 9:00 p. m., dinner dance; 7:00 p. m. Past President's Club dinner; 7:00 p. m. Exhibitors' dinner; 8:00 to 12:00, Reception and Entertainment.

Tuesday, 12:30 p. m., luncheon for ladies; 6:00 to 9:00 p. m., dinner dance; 7:00 p. m., State President's dinner; 8:30 p. m., musicale and card party; 9:00 to 12:00, athletic stag for delegates, members and exhibitors.

Wednesday, 10:00 a. m., auto rides for ladies; 12:00 m, luncheon for ladies, followed by bridge party; 6:00 to 9:00 p. m., dinner dance; 8:00 p. m., boat ride on Lake Erie.

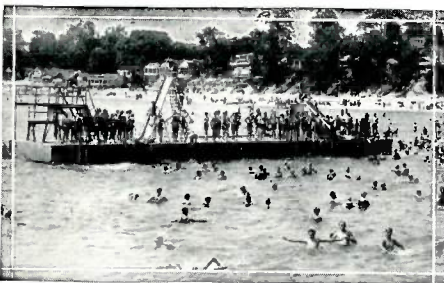
Thursday, 6:00 to 9:00 p. m., dinner dance; 8:00 to 12:00 p. m., President's Ball.

Thursday: Trip to Niagara Falls.

All the above programs will be liberally interspersed with serenades and band concerts.

City of Buffalo

There is plenty of business and entertainment in the programs, but those over-ambitious persons always looking for excitement will not find Buffalo uninteresting in modern attractions and historic points. The city's



On the Bathing Beach

proximity to Niagara Falls has always made it one of the best known cities in the United States. While the falls are an incomparable natural wonder, the city is rich in the many fine parks, monuments, art galleries, modern stores and buildings, boulevards and lake.

The following are some of the points of interest in and near Buffalo: Old Fort Niagara, Wilcox Home where Roosevelt took oath of office, following McKinley's death; house where McKinley died. New Peace Bridge, Buffalo historical building, Natural Science museum; U. S. government ship locks; Tuscarora Indian Reservation; Niagara Falls; The Gorge; The Whirlpool; where LaSalle built the first boat to sail the upper lakes; Crystal Beach; Erie Beach; Municipal Piers; the various parks; Niagara Falls Power Co., and hundreds of other interesting buildings.

Don't miss Buffalo.



Mr. Geo. H. Drake

George H. Drake is chairman of the Buffalo Convention and Exposition committee. Mr. Drake has been a busy man during the past few months looking after the details of the convention. It's an undertaking calling for executive ability, action and decision. Other members of the committee are: Ed. L. Penfrase, James J. Bresnahan, George W. Frank, W. K. Glenn, Frank B. Lasette, A. M. Maddock, Charles B. Nash, Henry J. Reeter, John J. Vogelpohl, C. W. Wanger and President Jere Sheehan, Jr.

Easy

"I wonder why they say 'Amen' and not 'Awomen', Bobby."

"Because they sing hymns and not hers, stupid."—Boston Transcript.

Co-operation is not a sentiment—it is an economic necessity.—Charles Steinmetz.

WANT YOUR SAFE CRACKED?

You Can Have it Done and Still Be Sure of Your Valuables.

Thousands of men have locked their safes after a hard day's work, gone home and through fear of safe robbers passed a sleepless night.

And the next morning found the safe as they left it—except they could not open it—combination forgotten or still nervous from worry. Then they wish, almost—for a safe cracker—an honest one.

There are such in rare instances—Robert S. Murray is so classified. He makes his living by opening safes that get stubborn with their owners. He calculates that in the past fifteen years he has opened 15,000 safes. In only extremely difficult cases he has to resort to tools.

Murray's services are in demand in New York City three or four times a day and he is called to all parts of the country on special jobs.

Opened Rothstein's Safe

His peculiar talent came to public notice following the killing of Arnold Rothstein, the murdered gambler. In his home there was a large vault, the interior of which had a strong professional appeal for the police. Several experts had failed to get into the strong box when Murray was called on. The combination was easy. It required but a few moments. The inside door was held by an intricate key lock. With one little hole drilled at a certain spot with a small drill, the door came open on a slight pull.

Sometimes it's easy work, and then again it is hard, at least tedious. On an ordinary safe he once worked thirty-six hours, excepting a two-hour recess, before he gained the inside.

Murray says he can't tell how he does it, meaning that he won't. It's a knack, he says, that comes only with experience. An experienced mechanic, he was at one time connected with a safe agency, and in that way developed his "touch."

PLAYING SAFE



Freda—Doesn't it upset you when you run over a pedestrian?
Joe—I never hit one as big as that.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.—Horace Mann.

TAKE CARE OF THE EYES

Dangers Attending Near and Far-sightedness Explained by Oculist.

The normal eye without any muscular effort gets a good picture on the retina from a distance of from several feet up to twenty feet or more, says B. Franklin Royer, Medical Director of the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness. For close work, like reading, the normal eye reshapes the front of the crystalline lens just a little, making it bulge forward, and the outside muscles of the eye draw the eyeballs into a little toward the nose. Both eyes in this position see the same picture at the same time.

The far-sighted eye has to use the inside muscles to reshape the lens a varying amount even for distant vision but, for near vision, a strong pull, a real tug of war, by the inside muscles is required to bulge the lens forward enough to give a sharp picture on the retina.

Near Sight Requires Glasses

The near-sighted eye, no matter what muscle exertion is made, cannot see accurately at a distance without glass lenses. At close range the near-sighted eye can by flattening the front of the lens modify the picture on each retina but, if the near-sightedness is great, the outside eyeball muscles pull the eyes very greatly toward the nose and hold them there to secure evenness of such pictures as may be obtained in each retina.

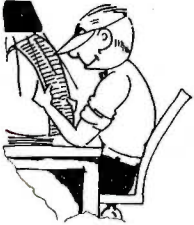
Use of the far-sighted eye for distant vision, that is, beyond two feet, is not apt to do any harm. Prolonged use of the far-sighted eye for close vision is very apt to set up symptoms of eye strain sooner or later. It is almost as fatiguing for a far-sighted eye to hold for long intervals of time the muscle pull required to bulge the lens forward as it is for a boy to hold his arm in a horizontal position for any length of time. Periods of eye rest must alternate with periods of muscle pull, otherwise, the danger symptoms.

The near-sighted person should neither use his eyes for a long period of time for distant vision, nor should he be allowed to use his eyes for close vision for any considerable period of time, without rest. Eye strain symptoms are not so frequent in the near-sighted child, but the likelihood of permanent eye injury is very much greater because of overstretching in the length of the eyeball.

With the near-sighted, the precaution should be given during the period of life when greatest stretching of the eye is apt

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WHILE THE PROOFREADER SLEPT



A room mate to share room handsomely furnished with young lady.—Florida paper.

Cannibalism
Healthy white woman for cooking.

Spring Lamb
Miss Nola VanTilburg was the Saturday night supper of Mr. and Mrs. James Renbarger.—Michigan paper.

Brother Pancake

Flour to make a stiff batter, drop in brother and cook 15 minutes with a tight cover.

Star Gazing, Perhaps

Fred Magnussen, well-known architect, breaks his arm when he falls on the stars.—Coos Bay paper.

Treason

The ceremony will close with the sinking of "The Star Spangled Banner."—New York Times.

Size Larger Than Fig Leaf

Colorful square kerchiefs of chiffon or fine silk are now being sold for evening gowns as much as sports wear.—Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Long Distance Birth

The child was born in Herman Kiefer Hospital while the mother was an inmate of the House of Correction.—Detroit Times.

Rather Personal

Wanted—Experienced stenographer with large corporation.—Pennsylvania paper.

Pulpit Limitations

The pulpit may be as faultless in its presentation of ethics as it is admired for its beautiful ritual, but it will never touch the hearts or shape the livers of men who toil.—North Carolina paper.

Ripping

Miss Katherine — left Saturday for an extended rip through the Canadian Rockies and Yellowstone Park.—Illinois paper.

Great Act

Charged upon by one of the three elephants that escaped from Sells-Floto circus here, an Indian narrowly escaped with his life. Trumpeting wildly, the beast came out of a covert and started for the Indian on horseback.—California paper.

Moving Moses

This is to inform the public that I am carrying on the business of removing ashes and rubbish of my late husband, Moses Roane.—Plymouth (Mass.) paper.

These Are the Berries

Berries are gown in hot houses all over the country in the wintertime. So one would naturally suppose that the market for this delicious fruit would be gone.—Salt Lake Tribune.

ADDRESSES FOUR SQUARE CLUB

Manager C. J. G. Haas, of New York, Tells Members About Mueller Goods and Policies.

Recently C. J. G. Haas, our New York manager, was called upon to address the Plumbers Four Square Club, an organization of plumbers in Bronx, New York City. Mr. C. Muller, a master plumber at 110 W. 52nd St., is chairman of the club. Mr. Haas was asked to particularly explain our Hot Water Heat Control, regulators and relief valves.

The Plumbers Four Square Club is made up of journeymen plumbers, master plumbers, contractors and jobbers. The organization constitutes a class of men thoroughly versed in the technique of plumbing and always interested in anything that will add to their knowledge of their business. During the past few months they have been listening to lectures by plumbing engineers, or manufacturers, or their representatives, qualified by education and business experience to explain the products manufactured or sold. The interest in this plan calls out a large attendance. The audience is critical and earnest in its desire for information.

On the occasion of his talk, Mr. Haas, Dave Dresback of our regulator department, Harold A. Probst and Mr. Rosse of the New York office were present. Mr. Haas was equipped with charts and samples used recently in the lecture and demonstration at the University of New York.

Mr. Haas opened with his personal experience in the plumbing field, urging in particular that the journeyman plumbers make a close study of business in order that they be prepared in this line as well as in mechanical lines. He dwelt upon Mueller policies and advised the need of plumbers knowing the character of goods they used and why better material, costing perhaps a fraction more, is in the matter of installation and service the most economical. With the assistance of Mr. Dresback, he went over the charts and samples. The audience was no doubt interested, which was evidenced by the questions asked and answered.

After the talks refreshments were served and Mr. Haas was invited to address the Brooklyn Plumbers Four Square Club at some date to be arranged later.

Seagrave's Machine



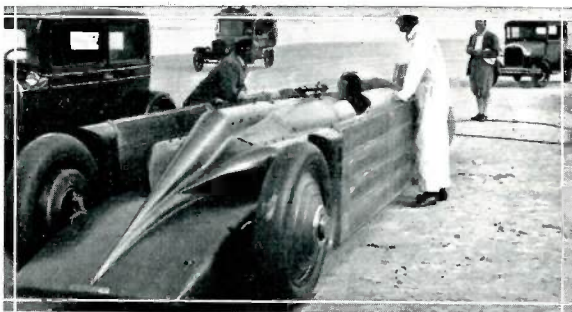
Every one in two continents knows perhaps that Major H. O. D. Seagrave in the Golden Arrow broke all records for automobile speed recently on the beach at Daytona, Fla., at the rate of 231 miles and a fraction per hour. The newspaper accounts have been complete but the magazines and technical papers have yet to take a fling at this remarkable performance. To us and many others there is an added interest when we hear the story of this speed trials from members of our own organization. Robert Mueller and R. H. (Bobbie) Mueller saw Seagrave and Bible in their race with death and a record. Bobbie was within a short distance of Bible when his car catapulted through the air after killing a man almost instantly, afterward the driver Bible.

Seagrave's successful attempt claims the major attention. The man who dies in an effort of this character causes regret and gets sympathy but it is the winner who gets the glory.

No one at Daytona knows, so our informant tells us, when a trial of this character is to be made. It is provocative of much suspense and deferred anticipations. It all depends on the tide and wind. At night or in early morning the rumor goes around "tomorrow or this afternoon sure," but tomorrow and this afternoon come and go and the attempt is not made. The beach must be hard and smooth the entire length of the course. One day the tide may have left it too damp and mushy and the next day hard but with many little sand waves. It was only when the day came that the beach was hard and perfectly smooth that Major Seagrave made his attempt. Men in these powerful locomotives hurtling through space do not warm up to the idea of the slightest obstruction that might throw the big machine off balance.

And how much did you see of it.

See? See nothing but a streak—a blur.



The race—that is the mile—was done almost in a breath.

The whole course is seven miles long—three miles to get up speed—then comes the mile for the record—and then three miles for slowing down and bringing the big machine to a complete standstill.

The tires on this machine are 38x7 and cost \$1,000 each. They are guaranteed to last 15 seconds. To establish a record the driver covers the course twice. The time for the two miles is taken and an average arrived at and that average forms the record. At the end of the first attempt, the tires are removed from the machine and a new set substituted. Seagrave is credited by Florida visitors with saying that he has no desire to make any further attempts.

Along the course a double row of targets is suspended from cross wires. The driver sighted these through a telescope arrangement on his car, and in this way holds to his course. The car of 12 cylinders weighs 5,000 pounds. The radiators are along the sides of the body. The cooling system is ice. The peculiar fin shaped contrivance in front cuts the wind and diverts it so that it equalizes the pressure and helps hold the car to the ground. Major Seagrave's head is just high enough above the front of the car to enable him to see ahead. Back of him is a half circular space in which his head rests while driving. This arrangement holds his

head rigidly in place. The talk at Daytona was that without this arrangement his head would be blown off or his neck dislocated.

This may or may not be true. We are not in a position to say, and one should not speak without experience. We have never experienced any such danger driving our car which makes us hold our breath when we hit forty miles. The greatest danger to our head is having it jolted off or in having our vertebrae telescoped.

Therefore we will not dispute the sharks who have seen a car flying through space at the rate of 231 miles an hour, or practically four miles a minute.

Another odious comparison. Springfield and Decatur are 40 miles apart. At the rate Seagrave travels he would be in Springfield before we could shift our gears.

And therefore once and for all, we assure Major Seagrave to rest easily on his laurels. We shall not attempt to wrest them from him.

SAVING SLEEVES AND NOSES

Why do tailors put buttons on coat sleeves? They serve no useful purposes. A button is about as near useless without a button hole as anything in the world. Yet if you lose a button from your coat sleeve you'll not rest easily or comfortably until it has been replaced. The subject is of sufficient interest, if not importance, to justify a news story from Washington in a big daily paper.

"It has been said that the origin of buttons on the coat sleeves came from the navy. In the early days of the last century small boys of a tender age were sent to sea. Because these youngsters all became woefully homesick they had a continuous case of sniffles and were forever rubbing their eyes and noses on the cuffs of their coats. This was so detrimental to the appearance of their uniforms that it led to the sewing on of buttons."

This story seems weak in one particular, or else it lacks detail. If the buttons were placed there, as now, on the back of the sleeves, how could they accomplish their purpose? Perhaps the boys removed their coats, during a snivelling spell, or perhaps again they were rubber necks.

A BATH A DAY

Down in Florida they give the cows a daily shower bath. Between the pasture and the milking stalls the Biscayne Farms Dairy, near Miami, has constructed a long narrow walk through which the cows come home. A system of pipes deliver a constant fine spray of water and when old Bossy gets home she is cleaned of most loose hair and dust, requiring only the finishing touches.

Don't forget your daily bath—surely you want to be as clean as a cow.

It's all right to be a loud speaker if you are broadcasting safety.

FROM TREE TO TABLE



R. H. (Bobbie) Mueller photographed beneath a grape fruit tree as he picked the large ones for breakfast, during the past spring. He was with his mother at Bradenton, recuperating from a serious surgical operation. The grape fruit was grown in the rear yard of the family winter home.

NEW ORLEANS' BIG PLAN

New Orleans has a big plan worked out for improvement in the sewerage, water and drainage facilities. It was recently adopted by the city's sewerage and water board and contemplates the expenditure of \$16,000,000 within the next few years.

The first step in this gigantic undertaking calls for \$6,459,000 to be divided as follows:

For drainage canal and power resources \$4,393,000; to complete water purification plant \$500,000; for water main extensions, \$333,000, and for house connections, sub-surface drainage and changes necessitated by street paving \$433,000.

Hammering will harden steel, but it will destroy glass. Have you the characteristics of steel?

Most great careers, practically all, have been built on a foundation of poverty.

To avoid criticism, say nothing, do nothing, be nothing.—Hubbard.

Convention At Toronto



Upper Row:—W. F. Mayo, Com. of Public Utilities, Shreveport, La.; Jack J. Hinman, Jr., Associate Professor of Sanitation, U. of Iowa; Geo. H. Fenkel, Supt. and Gen. Mgr. Board of Water Commissioners, Detroit; G. C. Gensheimer, Commissioner of Water Works, Erie, Pa.;

Lower Row:—A. F. Porzelius, Supt. City Water Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. Walter Ackerman, City Manager, Watertown, N. Y.



The annual convention of the American Water Works Association will be held at Toronto, Canada, June 24-28, 1929. The sessions of the exhibit will be at the Royal York Hotel, which is just now nearing completion. This is the latest and newest Toronto hotel. Judged by those who have inspected the arrangements and appointments it takes rank with the finest hotels in the U. S. and Canada. The Canadian association uniting with the American association adds an importance to this meeting. It is an international gathering of men versed in the technique and practice of the water works industry together with hydraulic engineers whose achievements in the solution of perplexing questions of supply and distribution of water as well as its treatment for purification are to be found in nearly every locality.

There will be many scientific papers read and debated in the sessions of the conventions which will lead to a betterment of service and an added protection to the health of the nation, whose well-being is dependent upon the character of the water used in their daily lives. The sessions of the delegates will be held in the main ball room of the Royal York Hotel. Immediately adjacent to this is the banquet hall, approximately 160 by 65 feet in dimensions. In this room the displays will be made by the manufacturers. This will include all kinds of accepted goods and new ideas in tools and equipment.

One of the important features to engage

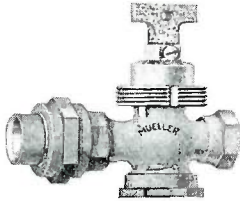
attention of the delegates will be a proposed new constitution.

The election of new officers has been practically determined. The nominating committee has made its recommendation which

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The Royal York Hotel Just Completed



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BEAUTIFUL BUT DUMB



Proud Mother (to son's fiancée)—And, my dear, I have the most adorable picture of Richard in his swaddling clothes!

Fiancée (adoring but dumb)—Oh, really? And I just bet anything he was the captain of the team!

"Get intelligent, Eustace, and use the word miscellaneous in a sentence."

"Miscellaneous the greatest man in Italy."

"They tell me you were in Venice recently."

"Oh, yes."

"Did you see the gondolas?"

"Yes, I had dinner with them."

Daughter—Say, go easier with that duster, mother—I'm trying to blow smoke rings.—Judge.

Dramatic Instructor—Get up on the stage. I want to see your pantomime.

Flapper—Oh, but I didn't wear any!

She—How do they get the water in the watermelon?

He—They plant the seeds in the spring.

The June Bride walked briskly into the market and said, "I want a half pound of mince meat and please cut it off a nice tender young mince."

Young City Lady (on visit to ranch)—For what purpose do you use that coil of line on your saddle?

Cowboy—That, lady, is used for catching cattle and horses.

Young Lady—Oh, indeed! May I ask what do you use for bait?

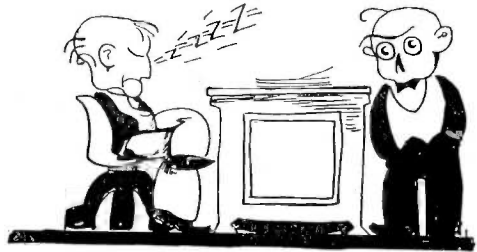
"So glad," she gushed, "that you keep your cows in a pasture. I've always been told that pasturized milk was the best."

SLEEPING SICKNESS

A Harmless Disease When the Victim is Merely an Office Employee.

We hear a great deal about sleeping sickness nowadays. Originally this was regarded as an African disease only. European and American pathologists trailed a little but we are now right up to date and the negroes of Africa have nothing on us.

Employers of America, however, see nothing new in the disease. They discovered it a long time ago, and also found an effective cure for it, temporary if not permanent. Office sleeping sickness is prevalent the year around. There are chronic cases under all climatic conditions. Pronounced cases are more numerous at this time of the year. They come with the first few days of sunshine and warmth following a long winter. As spring advances the disease assumes an acute form, and the symptoms are greatly aggravated following the noon day lunch. The unfortunate victim bravely picks up his work and gazes upon it with a dull and unseeing eye. A feeling of somnolence steals



gently o'er him or her, both sexes are susceptible to the disease. An heroic effort is made to combat the attack but nearly always unavailing. The victim sits very quiet, and assumes an air of indifference to his surrounding. His eyelids droop and for an instant he is gone. He opens his eyes with a jerk and rattles a piece of paper or moves a book and again stares at the object he is holding in his hand. Once more the eyelids droop and this time for a longer period, and are reopened with a violent start as the head falls forward with a jerk, which nearly dislocates the vertebrae. Quickly alert, the victim to disarm suspicion of desk mates, may ask a question, sometimes intelligible and on rare occasion intelligent. Once more he bravely makes an attempt to show that he is awake and on the job, but like the liquor addict he falls from grace, and this time is brought back to consciousness by some one banging a book on a desk. This brings partial relief. The tread of footsteps or voice of the office manager accompanied by a sarcastic remark about beds being the proper place and night the proper time for sleep is still more effective. The one sure cure is to fire the victim, but as the doctors say, this is "resorting to heroic measures,"

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THE SNELL ARCADE



This beautiful building—the Snell Arcade, at St. Petersburg, Fla., is just cause for pride of the residents of that popular Florida city. Any city would be proud of it, symbolizing as it does the progressive spirit of the people. This building is piped throughout with Mueller copper service pipe and fittings, which means freedom from trouble as long as the building endures.

AMERICA'S TRAVEL BILL

The traveling cost to Americans last year is given at \$900,000,000, an increase of \$100,000,000 over 1927.

A major portion of this sum resulted into European travel but a fair proportion of it went to Canada and Mexico.

Travel is not exclusively a luxury, although one may travel in luxury if financially able to uphold his pride, but nowadays one can travel in comfort, even on the ocean, if he does not demand all the frills and gewgaws. And he can see just as much and learn just as much providing he is not suffering with near-sightedness or otherwise defective vision.

Traveling is a pleasure and educational stimulant. It enlarges a man's viewpoint, broadens his mind and adds first hand to his store of knowledge. Every one who can should travel. If you cannot take an ocean voyage or a long railroad journey, take Liz-zie and if you have no more than 10 gallons of gasoline, go as far as it will carry you into the adjacent country or to the neighboring towns—that will help some if you have reasonable powers of observation and fair eye-sight.

It will bring you some tangible returns on your investment in a car, which you can never get by merely driving up one street and down another in your own home town day after day.

THE RED CROSS RECORD

Every Disaster Finds This Organization on the Spot Ministering to the Afflicted.

The service of the American Red Cross in disaster during the past 48 years has been spectacular and dramatic. Caravans of medical supplies have been rushed to the scene of disaster, tons of food have been purchased, thousands of meals have been cooked, and sufficient shelter set up to make a hundred busy towns. Money in the amount of \$49,594,000 has been expended in 938 disasters within these United States.

Through her 3,500 Chapters, the Greatest Mother in the World has a hand in every calamity which besets her children.

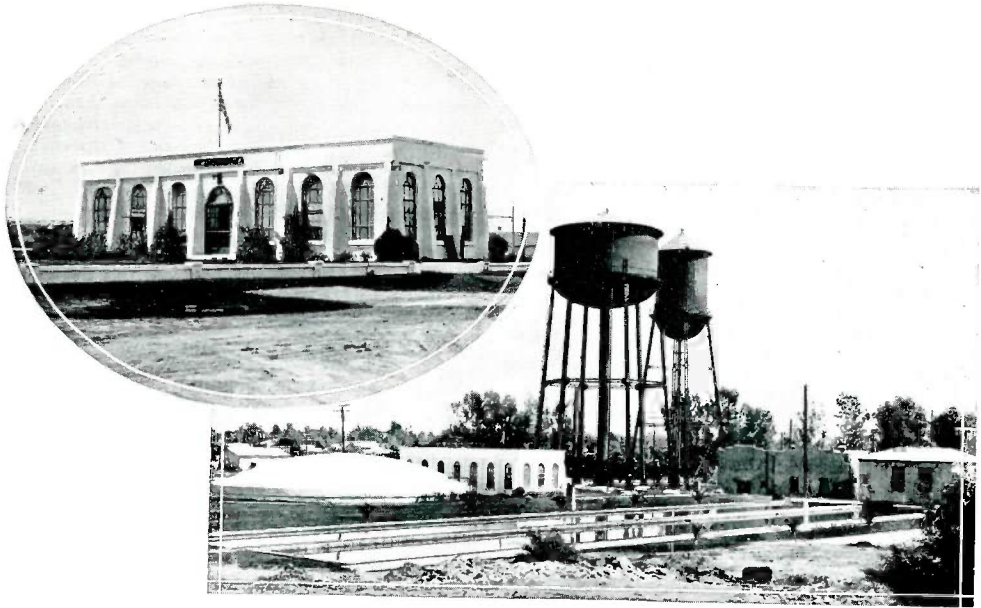
Florida, the Great Valley of the Mississippi, New England and the West Indies, scenes of the four most recent major disasters,—widely separated geographically but closely knit through bonds of suffering and misfortune, received tangible evidence of the generous giving of the American people, through their Red Cross. During 1926, following winds of hurricane proportion, a fund of \$4,777,170.07 was provided by the people of the nation and the Red Cross for relief operations in Florida. In 1927 relief for Mississippi Valley flood sufferers called for the expenditure of \$17,498,902.16 to carry through to completion the work begun early in the year. Of this amount the Red Cross furnished \$100,000 from its own treasury. In November, 1927, heavy rains in New England brought about the most destructive flood ever experienced in that section of the country, and for the furtherance of this work the relief fund totalled \$1,269,541.56, of which \$529,312.93 represents a donation from the treasury of the National organization. Again, in September 1928, gifts were made to the West Indies hurricane sufferers by the public, of \$5,908,146.54, and of that amount the Red Cross furnished \$50,000 from National treasury funds that it might facilitate the emergency handling of the situation.

Even before disaster strikes, the Red Cross realizes that where there is no disaster it has an important day-by-day work to do in preserving health, teaching ideals of service to the youth of America, helping in distress, and in preventing disaster.

It has made this prevention and the strengthening of its disaster preparedness committees in Chapters the keynote of its contemplated work for the coming year. The Red Cross realizes that as the idea of prevention is carried out the Chapter will perfect its skill in the handling of disasters through added knowledge gained by study of the particular problems and hazards contained within its field. This is the goal set for our Red Cross, and is the plan upon which the work for 1929 will be based.

"Only the dead have a right to rest."—Poincaré.

El Centro Water Works



If any one drives up to the hitching rack and ask us we'll tell 'em El Centro, California, has a darb of a water works plant. It looks just like California, where you get the impression that people launder their buildings just as they do their linen. It is a safe bet to say that the residents of El Centro point with pride to this beautiful water works plant. It has something we like—architectural beauty in public buildings. We have always felt that a water works building should possess outside beauty as well as interior efficiency, and that water works grounds should be a public park.

Too many city people merely know that they have a water works. They know it because they can turn on a faucet and draw water as needed—and that's about all they do know about the most important enterprise in their own home town.

Colorado River Furnishes Supply

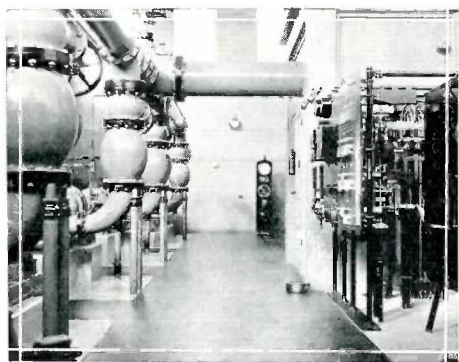
El Centro is the county seat of Imperial County, Calif. It's a prosperous little city and in 25 years has grown to 7,000 population. Its water supply comes from the Colorado River. The water, naturally turbid, requires much treatment to make it usable. The statement is made that at flood time the river attains a discharge of some 200,000 second feet and in a year transports over 100,000 acre feet of soil past Yuma, a quantity sufficient to build a railroad embankment 50 feet wide at the base and 12 feet high around the world at the Equator. This water contains one per cent solids.

The water from the Colorado River is re-

ceived by gravity from one of the main irrigation canals of the Imperial Irrigation District. The water flows through a concrete ditch to a group of eight settling reservoirs with an aggregate area of 170,000 square feet or nearly four acres and with an average depth of 9 feet. The basins are connected by a system of conduits and valves, so arranged as to cut off or connect up as desired. The water passes through these basins until it reaches the sand filters.

Traveling Sand Pump

Sludge is removed from the settling reservoirs by a dredging process, employing a 3" sand pump mounted on a car traveling on an industrial track system on the banks of the reservoirs and a jetting pump of the same size mounted on another car, both pumps being electrically driven. At a suitable point on one side of each reservoir is a sump and above the latter an overhead steel frame from which the dredging pump, car and all, can be lowered by means of chain blocks, in order to reduce the suction lift. The sediment in the reservoir flows to the sump on a very flat grade, being aided by a jet of water from a hose nozzle supplied by the jetting pump. The discharge from the sand pump is piped to settling ponds, wherein it dries out in the course of time, after which the embankments are raised, using the dried material for the purpose. Another layer is then added, the practice being similar to that followed at mining plants in the disposal of tailings from concentrators.



Sediment taken from the water at El Centro now covers several acres to a depth of 20 feet or more, and additional land has been purchased recently to provide room for future operations. Other cities in the Valley dispose of their silt in a similar manner, but at Calexico and Brawley the sediment is sluiced by gravity to the New River Channel, a gorge from 1000 to 1500 feet wide and 50 to 70 feet deep, which was cut by the Colorado River during the time that it was flowing into the Salton Sea.

After the water has stood in the settling reservoirs at El Centro 5 to 10 days, most of the silt has been deposited, but the water is still far from clear. It is therefore filtered in two rapid sand filter beds, each measuring 24x200 ft. Although no coagulant is used at El Centro, the effluent is very clear and nearly free from bacteria. Chlorine is added, however, to insure safety, and periodic tests are made on samples taken from various parts of the system and mains as a check on the bacteriological efficiency of the treatment.

The filter sand is washed in place by means of a machine mounted on a car which traverses the sand beds after the manner of a traveling crane, a transfer car enabling it to pass from the rails of one filter bed to those of the other bed. The washing device consists of a row of revolving stirrers, each consisting of a set of nozzles which are lowered into the sand and revolved at about 65 revolutions per minute, jets of water being at the same time forced through the nozzles by a motor driven centrifugal pump, while a second motor driven pump withdraws the water and silt from a suction box enclosing the revolving element. The sludge is discharged into one of the settling ponds.

The Filter Reservoir

The effluent from the filters flows to a reinforced concrete reservoir, 75 feet in diameter and 14 feet deep, covered by a reinforced concrete dome roof. The filtered water reservoir has been specially designed to resist internal hydrostatic pressure. The cylindrical walls were first poured, after which the forms were removed and circum-

ferential steel rings put in place outside of the wall, properly spaced according to the pressure at each elevation. The steel rings are specially made for the purpose and have turn buckles and rolled threads, by means of which the rings are adjusted accurately to the full stress, after which the tank is filled and tested for leakage and seepage. After the structure has been proved to be absolutely water tight, the steel is given a protective coating of gunite, usually about one and a half inches thick. With this method the concrete is always under pressure and the steel under a known tension. There is no deformation of the concrete in filling or emptying the tank, and therefore no tendency to leakage, as in structures reinforced in the ordinary manner. Similar principles are applied in constructing the dome, or roof, of the tank, the rings being placed on a suitable flange that is afterwards covered with gunite.

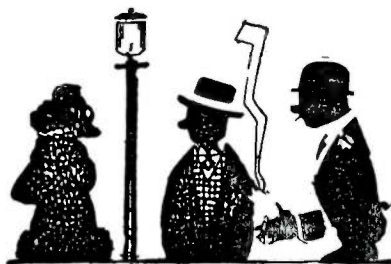
From the filtered water reservoir the water is pumped to two elevated tanks, one of 150,000 gals. capacity, installed some years ago, and the other an elliptical bottom tank of 250,000 gals. capacity recently added, giving a total of 350,000 gals. storage at an elevation between 70 and 102 ft. At intervals the water supply to the canal is cut off for several days by the Irrigation District for maintenance purposes, during which time the water stored in the settling reservoirs can be drawn upon, a booster pump being used between the last reservoir and the filters to make up for the lowered water level in the settling reservoir.

Equipment

The equipment of the El Centro plant consists of four De Laval Centrifugal pumps. Two are 6" single stage pumps, 900 gallons per minute against 100 feet head when driven 1735 R.P.M. The other two are 8" single stage pumps delivering 1800 gallons each per minute against 115 feet head at 1150 R.P.M. The smaller pumps are motor driven; the larger either motor or gasoline. All electric motors have automatic control.

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DID THE BEST SHE COULD



Brown—So that's your wife, heh? Well, your daughter takes after her mother, doesn't she?
Green—Yes; that is, if there's anything left in my pocket.

GENIUS AND INSANITY

Many Great Men of Art and Literature "Queer" or Irresponsible.

In the Welfare Magazine, an Illinois State publication, Eugene Bertram Willard writes most entertainingly of the relation of genius and insanity. As he suggests we are all prone to say "he is crazy" if a man follows some hobby, displays some eccentricity or deviates from the accepted general manner of acting or from the accepted customs of behavior.

Even enthusiasm, he says, has been stigmatized as insanity. Michael Angelo was called a "divine madman," and Oliver Goldsmith "an inspired idiot."

Developed in Infancy

"Let us bear in mind," he says, "that these eccentric causes are now and then developed in infancy and are very often the halcyons of intellect. But they do as a matter of outstanding fact give indication of a predisposition to aberration, if undue excitements be administered to or encouraged in the ill-fated subject of precocity. We are unable to peruse the epistles of Lord Dudley, one of those unhappy spirits who was never a child, to the Bishop of Llandaff, without a very sorrowing sympathy with his fate, and genuine regret for the mistakes made by his tutors in forcing the germ of his intellect and, as it were, wearing out his brain. We may look with real pity, too, on many other more brilliant stars of literature, endowed with the so often fatal gift of genius, in whom intellect not only began to grow but burst forth into blossom while yet its organ was in the bud. In some, vitality was protracted somewhat beyond the half century, but melancholy had marked them for its own long before their course here on earth was finished. Such were Ariosto, Dante, Tasso, Alfieri, Pape, Collins, Cowper and Swift."

Some Disillusions

Among the immortals whose private life was just the reverse of what imagination pictures them, are the following:

Byron, who at 25, drank so heavily and caroused so continually that his wife had him examined for insanity.

Lord Bacon elevated to the wool sack systematically debauched with bribes all who sustained official relations with him. Sentenced to the Tower of London, his descent came in abject poverty and with the scorn of all decent people.

John Bunyan was lazy and dissolute, the most profane of the young men of his time, a gypsy, a beggar, passing his time in riotous living and heaping curses upon the human race. Yet he wrote the greatest allegory of all ages.

Ben Johnson was the son of a lunatic and before his 20th birthday committed murder and was pronounced insane by a physician. A coward from birth, he feared the

dark. He was a tramp and a beggar, but died as the greatest thinker and poet of the age.

Saw World Upside and Down

The poet Keats so unfamiliar with the world that he laughed when he should have wept, and vice versa, yet at 16 he had written Endymion.

Jonathan Swift was dismissed from Dublin college at 18 because he was dull and inefficient, but his Gulliver's Travels has been translated into every language. He resorted to brazen deception, cruelly betrayed a number of young women and in his will decreed that his property be used to found an asylum for idiots and mad men.

Robert Burns, addicted to the excessive use of liquor and frequently in the clutches of the police is recognized as one of the world's great poets.

Shelley, before his 15th year had violated many laws and was known as "Mad Shelley," and died insane at 29.

Wm. Cowper, the greatest of English home poets, was periodically insane and finally committed suicide.

Southey composed a drama at 8 and at 20 exiled from England for the commission of a crime and died insane at 69.

Coleridge was a wife deserter, victim of opium and died insane; Voltaire, the scoffer, turned scandal-monger, was twice in the bastille for defamation of character and lived an immoral life.

His Ears Cut Off

Daniel Defoe, author of Robinson Crusoe, was often in prison for debt, was once sentenced to hang for treason, had his ears cut off and for six years was confined to a dark dungeon and died a pauper at 70.

Edgar Allen Poe was a confirmed alcoholic, and so on down the list through the great names of literature.

Measure Them by Their Work

Similar traits are found among many of the greatest musicians. Mr. Willard ends his article by quoting William M. Gemmillo, eminent Illinois jurist on the subject under discussion as follows:

"Man is great, not because of his likeness to the horse or hog, but because of his unlikeness to them. The world's greatest triumphs were not won by brute force, but by the mind and spirit of men working through religion, education, science, art and music toward a nobler estate. You cannot measure Alexander Pope by his physical deformities, but you must measure him by his "Universal Prayer." You cannot measure Robert Burns by his drunkenness, but you must measure him by the joy he has given the world in "Tam O'Shanter" and the "Mountain Daisy." You cannot measure Milton and Handel and Bach by their blindness, but you must measure them by the millions of souls they have inspired to loftier ideals and nobler purposes."

THE BENCH AND BAR



George Washington, under duress, confessed to the police that he had stolen the chickens, but before arraignment he had a change of heart and wanted to plead not guilty on the ground that the confession was secured under third degree tactics. Placed on the witness stand he was asked to tell about it.

"Well, they whacks me over the head with an inner tube a couple of times."

"Then what did you do?" I prompted.

"Well, dat scared me, an' uv coss I den tell's dem de truff."

"Three years," said the judge.

J. Sydney Fitzgerald, of Norfolk, Va., reports the legal status of a mule as declared by the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia, as follows:

"We decline, as an appellate court, to take judicial notice of what a mule would do under any given circumstances. We would prefer to commit ourselves to the proposition that there is nothing more uncertain than the action of a mule under any circumstances."

Every Man Has a Price

Judge—You claim you have known the defendant all your life. Now tell the jury whether you think he would be guilty of stealing the money."

Witness—How much was it?

And No Fee

Club Member—I say, old man, a fellow I know is charged with stealing whisky. Will you take the case?

Barrister (absently)—Rather! Send it around to my office.

Preliminaries Playful

"Well, your worship, it was like this," said the man charged with disturbing the peace. "Me and my wife gets into argument over the washing money. She calls me a lazy loafer and hits me on the head with a kettle. Then I knocked her down and up she comes again and knocks me down and kicks me in the neck!"

"I see," said the magistrate; "and what next?"

"Then we gets mad and starts to fight!"

The Full Sense

Judge—You say that the prisoner was "soused." What do you mean?

Policeman—I mean "soused" in the full sense of the word, your honor.

Money Settles It

"I really don't know how to express my appreciation," said the cousin.

"Well, you see," answered the lawyer, "since the Phoenicians invented money a man does not have to worry over that question any more."

Casus Belli

Judge—Why did you hit the dry goods clerk, madam?

Mrs. Knocker—Well, your Honor, I asked her to show me something suitable in neckwear for myself, and she looked at my neck and then handed me a washrag!—America's Humor.

Rainbow's End

Two attorneys, one decidedly glum of countenance, met on the street.

"Well, how's business?" the first asked of the dismal one.

"Rotten!" the pessimist replied. "I just chased an ambulance twelve miles and found a lawyer in it."—American Legion Monthly.

WAS ASHAMED TO PRAY

To Ex-Senator Jim Reed of Missouri fell the duty of opening the Democratic state convention. Down at the press table he discovered William Allen White a Republican editor. Reed concluded he'd have a little sport.

"In looking over the delegates," he said, "I fail to recognize any clergyman, and so I shall call on my good friend William Allen White to open the convention with prayer."

White arose and, glaring at the chairman said:

"Really, Mr. Reed, you will have to excuse me. You see I'm a little out of my element and the fact is I prefer the Lord does not know that I am here."

Landlady—And what complaint have you to make now?

Roomer—I just wanted to say that I think you get too much mileage out of this roller towel.

PRESIDENT OF ILLINOIS PLUMBERS



At the last meeting of the Illinois Master Plumbers H. T. Strenger of Lake Forest, Illinois, was elected president, and, basing our opinion on his business methods, we would say the association made no mistake. In fact we think excellent judgment was manifested. Attention was attracted to this progressive business man by an article in a recent bulletin issued by the Plumbing & Heating Industries Bulletin. Any one who says the plumber is not a business man is not talking about Mr. Strenger. He shows business acumen of a high order which would win success in almost any line. Mr. Strenger very properly begins building good will at the first contact with the prospect. He makes the first call himself, and one may judge from the picture of Mr. Strenger that he makes a favorable impression.

What Mr. Strenger has done is to get a report on the condition of the plumbing and heating in the homes of all the people he serves. He does this through report cards brought in by his journeymen plumbers. In this way he has on file in his office a record of possible business.

This is cross indexed, first under the name of the customer and again under the type of material in need of replacing. He is thereby enabled through personal letters with enclosures to deal with the particular type of goods needed by the prospect.

Knows Advertising

Speaking of this practice, Mr. Strenger displays a wisdom regarding advertising which many persons lack. He says:

"It's a mistake to bombard people with letters every month. If you send them some-

thing too often, they will lose interest and throw everything away. Then when you really have something to say, the message will be lost.

"You can do a lot to build up your business by writing straightforward and frank letters. You must not expect immediate results. Sometimes it takes years to cash in on the letters you have written. For instance, I am doing a job now that I figured on two years ago.

"From my conversation with other master plumbers, I am led to believe that many are too easily discouraged in their direct mail advertising campaigns—too many apparently expect immediate results. Some stop just on the threshold of success when another letter or two or another month or six months of patient waiting would bring the job.

"The first thing that any man starting in the plumbing or heating business should do is to invest \$30 in the bookkeeping system of the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau."

Mr. Strenger is not only a good systematizer and careful business man but he combines salesmanship with his other qualifications. When he is called upon to repair a faucet a new faucet of the same type is taken along. It is explained to the client that the new faucet will be cheaper in the long run than to repair the old. The customer usually recognizes the logic of this claim. Mr. Strenger has learned the need of his patrons, and among some of his wealthier customers he has replaced bath room fixtures two or three times in the course of a dozen years.

This is real business building. People will buy good plumbing. They will not go shopping for it but they will buy if the new things are brought to their attention.

Mr. Strenger follows another splendid policy.

After the first job for the new customer has been completed, Mr. Strenger's bill goes into the mails the day after. With the bill goes a letter from Mr. Strenger, in which he expresses his appreciation of the opportunity to extend his services to a new customer, tells the new customer something about the high standards of workmanship prevailing among his men, and concludes with the hope that he will have many more opportunities to serve him. When the check is received, Mr. Strenger writes another letter. This is a letter of thanks, mainly, but the concluding paragraph calls attention to something about the plumbing or heating equipment of the home, which, in Mr. Strenger's opinion needs attention.

YOU KNOW IT

The ladder of life is full of splinters, but they always prick the hardest when we are sliding down.—William L. Brownell.

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Material on this handsome little plant was supplied as follows:

250,000 gallon tank—Chicago Bridge and Iron Works.

Plant building and filtered water reservoir—L. A. Thomas, El Centro.

Mains and Fire Hydrants—Hartley-Camp Construction Co.

Filter Washer—H. W. Blaisdell Filtration Co.

Concrete Reservoirs—developed and patented by Wm. S. Hewett.

Electric Equipment—General Electric Co.

Gasoline Engines—Sterling Engine Co.

The installation of equipment and lining the reservoirs was done under the supervision of Mr. Robert H. McKibbin, superintendent of El Centro Water Works.

Consulting Engineers—Cone & Harris, Los Angeles with Mr. Irving C. Harris in active charge.

A ST. LOUIS SKY SCRAPER

One of the outstanding building improvements planned for St. Louis is the new \$3,000,000 tower building to be erected by the Albert Wenzlich Real Estate company. It is to take its place among the tallest of St. Louis structures reaching a height of 400 feet. There will be 34 floors and a double basement. Klingensmith & Wilkins are the architects.

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of which few employers avail themselves. Unlike real sleeping sickness there are no fatal consequences, but in many well authenticated cases there is no permanent cure. Sleepy heads we have always with us—some even walk in their sleep.

PROTECTION



Tailor—And how shall I make the pockets, sir?
Customer—As difficult to get into as possible.

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is considered equivalent to an election, but it does not preclude the right of presenting independent candidates submitting his claims. The gentlemen selected by the nominating committee are prominent in the organization and in the water works industry. We publish on Page 16 pictures of those constituting the ticket as selected by the nominating committee. The ticket:

For President—Jack J. Hinman, Jr., Associate Professor of Sanitation, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

For Vice-President—George H. Fenkell, Superintendent and General Manager, Board of Water Commissioners, Detroit, Mich.

For Treasurer—George C. Gensheimer, Secretary, Commissioners of Water Works, Erie, Pa.

For Trustee, District No. 3—J. Walter Ackerman, City Manager, Watertown, N. Y.

For Trustee, District No. 5—A. F. Porzelius, Superintendent, City Water Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

For Trustee, District No. 7—W. T. Mayo, Commissioner of Public Utilities, Shreveport, La.

Canadian Section Co-operates

The Canadian section is co-operating with the American society. A meeting of representatives of the two sections was held recently at Toronto when preliminary details were discussed. During this session the delegates to the meeting were shown through the Royal York Hotel which is now nearing completion. Following this inspection it was the unanimous opinion that the plans and the accommodations pointed to the greatest convention the association has ever held.

Peace in War

The following preciously preserved extract form a love-letter written home to his wife by a soldier on active service will evoke tender memories in thousands of former service men:

"Don't send me no more nagging letters, Lettie. They don't do no good. I'm three thousand miles away from home, and I want to enjoy this war in peace."—Christian Science Monitor.

Be Patient

"Dear Sir—I got your dune what I owe you. Now be pachunt. I ain't forgot you, plesse wate. When some other fols pay me I pay you. If this wuz judgment day and you wuz no more prepared to meet yur maker as I am this account you sure would go to hell. Hoping yo will do this, I remain yours very truly."—Exchange.

My Analyze over the ocean,
My Analyze over the see-e-e-ea
My Analyze over the o-cean—
Oh—bring—ba-a-a-a-ack—my
Ana-to-myl

Gas and Its Uses

In 1928, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Minnesota, and Wisconsin showed an increase in manufactured gas of 8.1 per cent over 1927. Michigan showed the greatest increase in this group, 11.3 per cent gain. Illinois was second with 8.5 per cent. The domestic sales in this area increased 5.2 per cent, Michigan being in the lead with a 9.1 per cent advance, and Illinois next with a 4.4 per cent gain. Industrial and commercial sales showed an increase of 13.2 per cent, Minnesota accounting for a gain of 31.7 per cent, and Michigan and Illinois with more than 14 per cent each. The most striking change was in the field of house heating, Indiana running up an increase of 242.7 per cent; Michigan, 105.2 per cent; Wisconsin, 87.8 per cent; Illinois, 35.5 per cent and Missouri, 53.3 per cent.

It is stated by authorities that the average American family cooks 4784 pounds of food a year on the gas range. One gas company made a survey to determine the number of obsolete cooking appliances on its lines. Twenty-three thousand out of 28,000 gas stoves were found to be what are classified as obsolete patterns. It would appear that the average gas stove is a "long lived animal," so well made that it does not wear out. Some of the older models are just as far behind the newer models as the old wood and coal ranges were behind the gas stove.

The public is just beginning to appreciate the gas-motivated refrigerators. They like its silent action which is one of the outstanding features. There are no moving parts to make a noise.

One is already on the market in the form of a combined refrigerator and gas stove, the whole unit resembling a large cabinet gas range, the lower part containing the refrigerator and the upper part the open burners and ovens. The other combination is yet in process of development, and consists of a combined house heating and house cooling plant for the purpose of maintaining an even temperature within the house throughout the whole year, providing clean air with the proper amount of humidity and temperature in every part of the house. Old as gas is, its possibilities are just now being developed.

Dr. Harvey Nathaniel Davis, president of Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N. J., commenting on New York's smoke nuisance, says the curtain of smoke over the city is between 1,000 and 2,000 feet thick and is robbing New Yorkers of about 50 per cent of their sunlight. This will all be chased away by gas when gas comes into universal use in homes and factories.

Manufactured gas led all fuel industries sales in 1928. The American Gas Association has made public preliminary estimates showing the increase or decrease of fuel sales in 1928 compared to 1927:

Coke	+2.
Bituminous Coal	-4.8
Anthracite Coal	-5.
Crude Petroleum	+1.
Manufactured Gas	+3.8

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York estimated on January 1 that the total volume of all business in the United States in 1928 was about 3% larger than in 1927. The manufactured gas business, therefore, grew slightly more than the general business of the country.

BIGGEST THING ON BOARD WALK

The magnificent Auditorium on the board walk which has been building for two years is now complete and this spring begins housing conventions and large public gatherings. The cost was \$13,000,000. The American Gas Association convention will be held there in October. It is claimed by Lincoln G. Dickey, general manager, to be the largest building of its kind in the world.

The floor of this vast auditorium is equivalent to 2½ acres with a ceiling 130 feet above. The seating capacity is 41,000 and the stage, like the building, is said to be the largest in the world.

Material By Tons

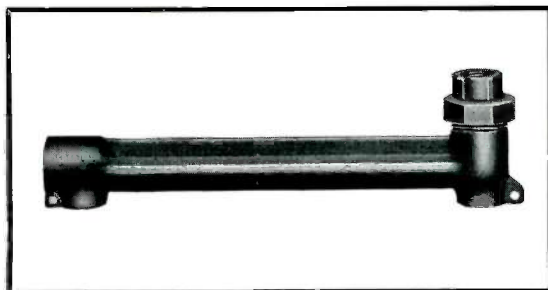
Twelve million tons of steel were required in the erection of the building. Some of the other interesting items are: 42,000 cubic yards of concrete, 65,000 barrels of cement, 23,000 tons of sand, 53,000 tons of mixing stone, 2,000,000 square feet of concrete forms, 10,000,000 brick, 200,000 tons of sand were removed in preparing for the foundation, the piles of which there are 36,000 cubic feet, extend 50 feet below sea level.

It is stated that 50,000 persons could be comfortably cared for in this building.

The Pipe Organ

The pipe organ is in keeping with the size of the building. It has 32,000 pipes. Some of these are 64 feet long. The wind pressure is twice that of the organ in Liverpool Cathedral heretofore considered the most powerful organ in the world. The organ is operated from two giant consoles, each with six manuals affording a total of 1000 stops. It is lifted and lowered from the orchestra pit by special mechanism.

The acoustics of this mammoth auditorium are said to be perfect. With the aid of amplifying mechanism a whisper on the stage is heard to the farthest end of the main floor—a distance of five hundred feet.



MUELLER Rigid Bar Meter Hangers...

Every important meter hanger requirement is fully and satisfactorily met by the Mueller Rigid Bar Meter Hangers—a line developed after a thorough investigation of the types and patterns necessary to meet the various demands of the gas companies. Back of this is the recognized Mueller policy of quality first and always and then laboratory control to insure a metal standard of continuous uniformity. Made in 5 and 10 light sizes, there is a pattern in the Mueller line of Rigid Bar Meter Hangers for every type of installation.

Write today for the booklet on Mueller Meter Hangers.

MUELLER CO., [Established 1857] **Decatur, Illinois**

Branches: New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Dallas

Canadian Factory: MUELLER, Ltd., Sarnia, Ont.

HIGH FINANCING

The Many Twists and Turns Necessary to Keep Up With the Joneses.

One of those free and easy spenders out in Nebraska, in a letter to the World Herald, confesses his inability to keep up with his payments on the things he bought on the dollar down plan. He is not the only one who has learned that a dollar goes so "far and no funder." The diary he kept of his financial transactions is as follows:

Easy Terms

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 28.—To the Editor of the World-Herald: In January, 1928, I bought an automobile. Very easy terms. Very fine car with a cigar lighter on the dash. Ought to finish payments on this in 18 months.

February 4. Paid installment due on car. Bought a radio set on easy terms. Fine set and payments will be small and monthly.

March 7. A little late with the payment on the car this month and will have to let the radio payment go over till April, as I bought a set of books and paid \$11 down. Very fine books. Everybody should have this set of books.

April 15. Borrowed \$50 from the boss to meet payment on car. The radio man came to take away the set, but we put out the lights and weren't home. The chump hung around all the evening so I couldn't see to read the books.

June 1. Borrowed one hundred dollars from Uncle George to pay the \$50 I borrowed from the boss and also to meet payment on the car. Got behind a little on the book payment because I bought a piece of land in a new real estate development. This land ought to jump in value. Paid \$50 down.

SELDOM VISITED



Mr. Watts—Where shall I hide Tommy's birthday present?

Mrs. Watts—It will be perfectly safe in the bathroom.

August 15. Somehow I don't miss the radio set much. And you can get plenty of books from the public library. The thing that hurts me is that Uncle George should be so mean. Of course I told him I'd pay back the one hundred dollars on August 1, but you can't do the impossible, can you? Trying to arrange a "character loan" from the bank. If I can borrow \$250 I can get square again and everything will go fine.

August 16. Bank says I have no character. What a bunch of crooks!

September 30. The garage man is holding the car for that labor bill. What right have they to hold the car? It doesn't belong to me.

October 1. It wasn't any use. I had to let the car go. Anyway, I'd rather have that piece of land. They've given me a month's grace on that. Real estate people have more heart, after all.

November 15. Well, they can have their old land. Good riddance. If I knew where to get \$30 to meet the payment on the piano I'd be all right. Bought a new automobile today on the "pay out of income" basis.

November 16. Income stopped. Got the sack at the office. In looking for a job you've got to have a good suit of clothes, so I bought one this afternoon. Five dollars down.

LOST OUT.

GASOLINE TAX

Illinois has had a gasoline tax but it remained in force only a few months because it was declared unconstitutional. The present legislature has passed a new law putting a tax of 3c on every gallon.

Unless the New York legislature has adopted a tax law it is the only state in the Union in which a tax is not levied.

Following is the rate of taxation in various states:

Five Cent Tax

Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Carolina, Virginia.

Four Cent Tax

Alabama, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia.

Three and One-half Cent Tax

Utah.

Three Cent Tax

California, Delaware, Iowa, Montana, Colorado, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Vermont, Illinois.

Two Cent Tax

Connecticut, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin.

The District of Columbia also has a two cent tax.

THE NEWLY WEDS



'Twas a False Hope

Bride—My husband had a hope chest, too, before we were married.

Neighbor—For mercy sakes! What was in it?

Bride—A bushel of socks—he hoped some one would darn 'em.—Montreal Star.

Always on Guard

Tramp—Can't you give me something to eat, ma'am?

Mrs. Newlywed—Yes. Here's a piece of my home-made mince pie.

Tramp—I asked for food, not work.

No Cause for Alarm

He came home and, as they say in the movies, found his wife sewing on a tiny garment.

"My dear, my dear!" he cried.

"Don't be silly," she replied. "This is my new dinner gown."—Judge.

Perfectly Proper

Wife—I took the recipe for this cake out of the cookbook.

Hub (sampling the soggy thing)—You did perfectly right. It never should have been put in.

New Recipe for Sponge Cake

Mrs. Newwed (at dinner-table)—I was going to have some sponge cake as a surprise for you, dear, but I confess it was a failure.

Mr. Newwed—What was the matter?

Mrs. Newwed—I don't know for sure, but I think the store sent me the wrong kind of sponges.—Western Christian Advocate.

Kitty-Katty

Adele—Alice worships her husband, doesn't she?

Mildred—Well, she places burnt offerings before him three times a day.—Hookless Scoop.

Farm Relief

A newly married woman was shopping, and was determined that the grocer should not take advantage of her youth and inexperience.

"Don't you think these eggs are very small?" she said critically.

"I do," answered the grocer, "but that's the kind the farmers send me. They are fresh from the country this morning."

"Yes," said the shopper, "that's the trouble with those farmers. They're so anxious to get their eggs sold that they take them off the nest too soon."—Taken from The Country Guide.

Why Not Zoneite

Mr. Newlywed—This steak tastes queer.

Wife—I can't understand it, dear. I did burn it a little, but I rubbed vaseline on it right away.

Get A Search Warrant

Wife—Darn it, I simply can't find my bathing-suit anywhere!

Husband—Maybe you've got it on, dear.—Life.

HELPS HOME BUILDERS

Big Insurance Companies Divert Loans Into New Channels.

Insurance companies are doing a large part in creating new homes in America by furnishing the money for real estate loans. This business is greater than many suppose. The president of one large company that diverts its surplus to this channel of investment, says:

"No field of investment offers better opportunity for service than that of the real estate mortgage loan. Under proper supervision this company believes in the principle that there is no better way in which to invest moneys than in an effort to help the worthy American citizen to own his own home.

The annual report of this company for last year shows the extent of loaning for that purpose \$164,883,947 on dwellings and apartment houses. The dwelling loans numbered 23,155; the apartment houses 1346. On city properties other than those used for dwelling purposes the loans for 1928 were \$40,085,850. In both cases the loans last year largely exceeded the loans of the preceding year. There was a decrease in farm loans, but the reasons for this were not stated. Outstanding loans of the company on real estate mortgages amounted at the end of 1928 to \$975,635,641."

Joe—When that girl goes out with the fellows you just know she where's 'em.

She—Whatcha mean?

Joe—Where do we eat? Where's the best show? Where do we dance? Where can we get some Scotch? Where do we go from here?

WHO SHALL SAY HIM NAY

The Wail of an Oregon Man Finds Ready Response in Many Breasts.

Speaking about taxes which we all cuss and some of us pay—after a fit of hysteria—and then go out and vote ourselves more taxes for the following year, the case of an Oregon man is interesting. Judicially, taxation is thus described.

In an action at law *U. S. vs. Tappan*, taxation is defined as "a term covering every conceivable action which it is possible for a government to make, whether under the name of a tax or under such names as rates, assessments, duties, imports, excess, licenses, fees, tolls, etc."

And it remained for a man in Oregon to awake to find, in his opinion, that he is a victim of "every conceivable action," not only governmental, but sentimental, as well.

Evidently this victim of taxation believes that "every conceivable action which it is possible for a government to make," has been applied to him, and under the thumb screws he emits a long, loud wail in a letter to his attorney, H. A. Simmons of Red Lodge, Montana, and published in the West Company's house organ, "The Docket" as follows:

"I have been held up, held down, sand-bagged, walked on, sat on, flattened out, and squeezed, first, by the United States government for federal war tax, the excess profits tax, the Liberty Bonds loans, thrift stamps,



capital stock, merchant's license, and auto tax; and by every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can invent to extract what I may or may not have in my possession; from the Society of St. John the Baptist, the C. A. R., the Woman's Relief, the Navy League, the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple Cross, the double cross, the Children's Home, the Dorcas Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, the Boy Scouts, the Jewish Relief, the Belgian Relief, and every hospital in town.

"The government has so governed my business that I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined, and re-examined, informed, required, and commanded; so that I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here. All I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible

Manhood, not scholarship, is the first aim of education.—Ernest Seton Thompson.

supply of money for every known need, desire, or hope of the human race; and, because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow, or steal money to give away, I am cussed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed, and nearly ruined; and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what in h—— is coming next."

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to take place, that is, between the early years of school life and the end of school life. If this period is survived safely, dangers of stretching are not so great later.

The Risks

The risks from too great use of either the far-sighted or the near-sighted eye are: that, from the muscular exertion for sharpening the focus in the far-sighted, high tension is stimulated and glaucoma is more likely to occur in adult life; while in the near-sighted the dangers from muscular exertion are hemorrhages into the inner coats of the eyeball, or detachment of the retina; either condition fraught with grave results to vision.

The near-sighted, as well as the far-sighted, for close vision need adequate light, adequate light not only on the work or on the thing to which the vision is directed, but light admitted from directions that will do the greatest good and give the greatest eye ease.

Don't Face the Light

The naked filament of an electric bulb in full view of the handicapped eye has as wicked an effect on the human as has the red blanket flashed by the matador in front of the bull: each in effect is annoyingly irritating. Every one should avoid having the light strike directly in the eye. For places of work, study or recreation, even in such games as playing cards, great advantage accrues from a proper seating placement in relation to the thing to be viewed and proper lighting of the thing looked at.

Heart Trouble

The doctor answered the 'phone. Turning to his wife, he said, "Quick, get me my satchel. The man says he cannot live without mel!"

"Just a minute," said his wife, who had picked up the receiver. "That call is for Ethel."—Open Road.

The Right Spirit

Elderly Man—Well, little girl, and what are you going to do when you grow up to be a big woman like your mother?

Modern Child—Diet, of course.

TUB'S THE SAFEST PLACE

June and bathing—delicious warmth carrying a soothing enervating germ making a not unwelcome lassitude—lazytude rather—you just don't feel like doing anything, and don't, as a rule. You simply surrender to complete or partial paralysis of mental and physical vigor, half awake and half asleep, just no "ambish" at all—and then some one says let's go swimmin'—and there's your panacea for the different things that ails you.

Unless you know your "ole swimmin' hole" and what dangers lurk therein, it is well to be careful when venturing into lakes or



ivers. If you can't swim, it might be just as well to "hang your clothes on a hickory limb" and take a sun bath or a tub or shower at home—that's real safety first.

The annual drownings while bathing in America run between 9 and 10 thousand.

Drownings are always more numerous at the beginning of the season than later on, due to the fact that swimmers are not yet in condition. The danger is greater at that time even to experienced swimmers.

The following are a few warnings worth while heeding when going swimming:

Don't go in swimming when the body is overheated.

If you can't swim stay in shallow water until you learn the art.

After eating, wait at least two hours before swimming.

Avoid long swims after a season of inactivity—train gradually.

Don't swim alone. If you do, there will be no one to help you or even give alarm in an emergency.

Look before diving. Be sure the water is at least seven feet deep and free from hidden dangers such as logs, stumps and boulders.

In fact ALWAYS BE CAREFUL.

CITY MANAGER

New Fashion in Municipal Government Is Becoming Popular.

City managers are becoming popular. There is some agitation for one in Decatur, where we have had commission form of government for many years. We have before us the magazine, Public Management, the official organ of the City Managers Association. This magazine contains the proceedings of the last convention together with a heap of information concerning this new step in civic affairs. Stanton, Va., was the first city to adopt this plan in 1908. This was a city of some 10,000 population. Since then the plan has spread to 399 cities of the United States. The smallest city thus served is McCracken, Kansas, where the manager draws a salary of \$1800, and the largest city, Cleveland, Ohio, with a population of 769,841, where the city manager draws a salary of \$25,000 per year. Cincinnati, not quite so large, pays the same salary. Kansas City, with 324,410 population, pays \$15,000. Rochester, New York, with 295,750 population, pays \$20,000. Fort Worth with 106,482, pays \$15,000. There are many cities of fair size paying \$10,000 and \$12,000. Altogether it would seem that being a city manager is quite a sizeable job.

The distribution of city managers by states is as follows:

Arizona	1	Nebraska	2
Arkansas	1	New Jersey	4
California	34	New Mexico	4
Colorado	5	New York	7
Connecticut	3	N. Carolina	14
Florida	39	Ohio	19
Georgia	13	Oklahoma	23
Illinois	6	Oregon	6
Indiana	2	Pennsylvania	19
Iowa	12	S. Carolina	4
Kansas	15	S. Dakota	2
Maine	4	Tennessee	7
Massachusetts ...	5	Texas	31
Michigan	45	Utah	1
Minnesota	5	Vermont	7
Missouri	3	Virginia	25
Montana	2	W. Virginia	10
Wisconsin	8		

HE SHOULD WORRY



Jingle—You don't seem to be worrying about your failure in business.

Dangle—Oh, no. That's one of the things I've turned over to my creditors.

MAW AND PAW JOKES



Knew Her Hubby

Wife (to returning husband at seaside resort)—Oh, darling. I'm so glad you've come. We heard that some idiot had fallen over the cliff, and I felt sure it was you.

Indecision

"What do you see in yonder lake that makes you look so puzzled?"

"Nothing much. My wife is out there drowning and I sort of thought I ought to save her."

On a Vocal Tour

"Your wife is talking of going to Europe this summer. Have you any objections?"

"No, certainly not. Let her talk."

Baby and the Bottle

Wife—Good gracious, John, you've put the hot-water bottle in baby's cot. Where's baby?

Husband (in bed)—Hang it! I was wondering why the hot-water bottle wouldn't keep still.

In Again, Out Again

"A joint bank account must be nice."

"Yes, it's a lovely arrangement. My husband deposits the money, and I draw it out."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Speed the Day

Wife (during quarrel)—You're becoming absolutely unbearable. It will soon be impossible to live with you.

Hub (hopefully)—How soon?—Boston Transcript.

And Perhaps Toothless

Mrs. Jones—I saw your husband at the masquerade ball chasing after a hula-hula dancer in a grass skirt.

Mrs. Brown—Why, the old rake!—Life.

Firing Up

Wife—George, I wish you'd go to the kitchen and give Lena a good talking to.

Husband—How's that? I thought you were very satisfied with her.

Wife—So I am, but she's going to beat some rugs this morning and she does it much better when she's angry.

On the First Guess

"John, dear, I am to be in an amateur theatrical. What would folks say if I were to wear tights?"

"They would probably say that I married you for your money."

Why Worry?

"Eric, dear, don't go too far in the water!"

"But, look, daddy's out a long way."

"I know, dear, but your father's insured."

—Humorist.

Still His Whiskers Grew

Mrs. Slow—Mary, tell Mr. Slow I'm ready now. I thought he was dressed and waiting.

Mary (returning)—Please, ma'am, he was; but he says you'll have to wait now until he shaves again.

SAFETY EFFORTS MAKE ACCIDENTS

In some highway departments, according to Public Works, improvements are being made by removing such obstructions at highway intersections as trees, hedges, shrubbery, etc. The theory of course, is that the driver by reason of a better view in both directions will be less liable to collisions with other vehicles crossing the intersection. The theory is that no matter which direction a driver is going he will be enabled to see more quickly cars approaching from the other direction. Seems perfectly logical and sensible. Still authorities disagree on it.

One English engineer, G. H. Jack, is one of them. In a recent article he points out where natural obstructions at highway intersections were removed the number of accidents increased rather than decreased. Mr. Jack explains that this is due to the fact that careless and incompetent drivers imagine that all danger has been removed and in consequence are even more careless and incompetent than before.

"This reasoning is similar," says Public Works, "to that which explains the fact (brought out by accident censuses in this country) that more accidents occur on straight, level highways than on curves and steep grades, by the more caution observed by drivers where danger is evident, while they 'step on the gas' on long, level tangents."

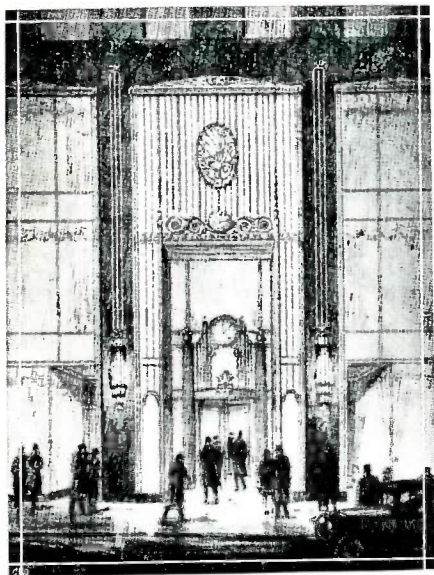
Snowy Winter for Denver

Marriage License—William H. Winter, 4312 Benton St., and Alberta Snow, Denver.
—Rocky Mountain News.

Chicago's Gold Medal Building

This beautiful building, 333 North Michigan Avenue, has been awarded the gold medal as the most distinctive architectural addition to the north central district of Chicago during 1928. The jury making the award was composed of three distinguished members of the architectural profession, namely, C. Herrick Hammond, president of the American Institute of Architects; Howard White, president of the Illinois Society of Architects; and John C. Bollenbacher, president of the Chicago Chapter, American Institute of Architects.

The 333 building is situated at the southeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Wacker drive and by reason of its towering height, architectural beauty and unique location, becomes at once Chicago's new landmark.



Entrance to No. 333

Turning into Michigan Avenue at the Drake Hotel, this 333 building, more than a mile distant, remains in full view until reached. During this time the building is apparently squarely in the center of Michigan Avenue. This is owing to a bend in the boulevard. The building is 35 stories and rises to a height of 436 feet.

Architectural Treatment

The architectural treatment of the building, rather than following blindly a traditional style, expresses the strength and lightness of the structure itself. The lower floors are given over to large display windows forming on the north, the focus of the southward sweep of Michigan Avenue; on the west commanding Wacker Drive and Michigan Avenue. Delicately framed in or-



namental bronze and granite, they emphasize the base and at the same time maintain the unity of the building, sending the eye upward along the piers of variegated Bedford stone to the cresting of the tower.

All the elements in the design have been made to conform to the vertical idea, which begins with the steel frame work. The granite strips of the lower floors, the limestone piers above, the lead colored spandrels and the ornament, as restrained as the Greek and as modern as the steel, add character and emphasis to vertical members.

From the bronze doors on Michigan Avenue, the entrance to the building is made through a lobby of Greek serpentine marble, a material of rich mottled green, offset by the white metal doors and trim of the elevator openings. The ceiling provides indirect lighting of unusual design; the floor is of terrazzo mosaic. On the lower level of Wacker Drive, a similar lobby gives access to automobile parking facilities and to the Illinois Central suburban terminal.

The elevator lobbies and corridors of the upper floors continue the faultless design of the entire building, with terrazzo floors, wainscoted walls and walnut doors and trim. Doors opening into corridors have full length panels of pressed prism plate glass.

The 333 building was designed by Hol-

bird & Roche, engineered by Martin C. Schwab and built by Hageman-Harris Co.

Mueller Co. have offices in this building, 1215-1216, with F. A. Huntley in charge. The offices have been beautifully furnished in keeping with the character of the building and our friends and patrons will be welcomed there by Manager Huntley and his assistants.

SPENDING MONEY

The Shavian Swan song says "of the very rich it may be said that they do not begin to save until they can spend no more."

There are many rich people who must have reached this stage because it is like trying to move the pyramids with a crow bar to pry them loose from a dollar. There are profligate rich, just as there are profligate poor. It is merely a matter of ability to spend. The poor man after taking care of his urgent necessities and finding himself possessed of a few extra dollars, finds at the same time a desire for some trifle which is not a necessity. The desire is stronger than his determination not to spend the money, and he spends it. If it isn't movies, its radios, or automobiles or some other equally non-essential.

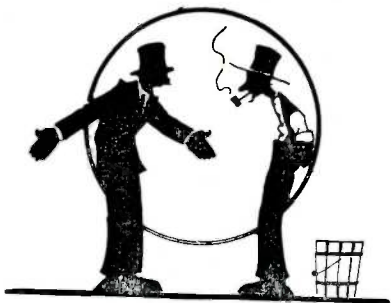
What the poor man should do is to save his money until he is rich enough to "spend until he can spend no more." By that time he will be such a victim of habit that he won't want to spend, or so old and accustomed to the futility of trying to purchase happiness and pleasure that he will no longer desire it in any material form.

The poor man is endowed with as much right to buy what he craves as the rich man, but just as a principle it is not good business.

Most rich men, especially those who created their own wealth learn to save before they can spend no more, and they are not misers either. They do not deprive themselves, but they just naturally recognize the foolishness of spending money just for the sake of spending.

And that's why they are rich.

HOW IT HAPPENED



Tom—Did Mary say she never expected it when you proposed to her?

Dan—No; I said it myself. I never suspected she would accept me.

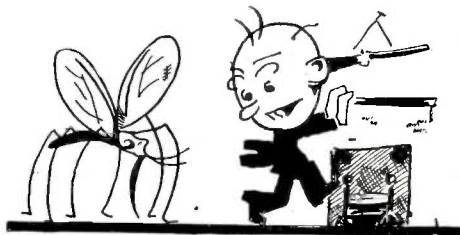
LOAD YOUR INSECT GUNS

And Enlist if You Don't Want to Surrender the World to Bugs.

If you don't look out the bugs will get you. The entomologists are alarmed. For many years we have been swatting the fly, and yet the next fly census will show no visible decrease in the fly family. While we have been thus engaged another menace has been growing. There are other insect dangers as threatening as the fly. Combined, these dangers may overcome the world—the human family will be exterminated and insects will possess the world for their own pleasure. Entomologists in the past have warned us of the danger and are again calling attention to it.

A Warning Voice

At a meeting of entomologists in Atlantic City recently Dr. L. O. Howard, principal entomologist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, said a mobilization of man's in-



telligence in a life and death struggle against the menace of the world's conquest by insects was necessary. He was speaking before the 16th annual meeting of the New Jersey Mosquito Extermination Association.

Insect Advantages

Anatomically and physically, insects have a great advantage, the scientist declared. Their size, their capacity of adaptation to environ, power of concealment, speed of flight and other movement are superiorities. The tremendous fecundity of insects and the fact that when an insect is born it starts to take care of itself right away also help. Then, too, its wants are simpler. As it is, they consume the equivalent of the work of a million men a year, said Dr. Howard.

The warning was directed principally to the colleges and universities. More courses and further research in entomology, Dr. Howard said, will be the only means of preserving the world for anthropoids."

Handy

He—See that man over there? He's a bombastic ass, a vacuous nonentity, a conceited humbug, a parasite, and an encumbrance to the earth.

She—Would you mind writing that down? You see, he's my husband, and I should like to use it on him sometimes.

DARK TOWN STUFF



No Terrah on Firmah

"How would you like to have a hop in my airplane?"
 "No, sah. Ah stays on terrah firmah; an' de more firmah, de less terrah."

Mule Didn't Know Him

Emmanuel Jackson, mule tender, appeared one morning on crutches.
 "How come?" asked a friend. "Ah thought yo' was one o' de best mule skinnners in de business."
 "So Ah is," affirmed Emmanuel, proudly, "but we got a new mule dat didn't know mah repitation."

Might Have Embalmed Her

"Rastus, I am sorry to hear that you've buried your wife."
 "Yassuh, boss, ah jus' had to—she was dead."

No Drowning

Rastus, out in a boat with his best girl, Mandy, had been teasing for a kiss, but she refused again and again. Finally he became desperate.

"Mandy," he threatened, "effen you don't lemme kiss yo' I'se gwine to upset dis here boat."

Getting home, Mandy told her mother all about it.

"An' did you let de genman kiss you?" her mother asked.

"Well, did you all see anything in de papers dis mawnin' 'bout two niggahs drownin'?"

Did Not Squeal

Rastus—Did brudder Brown gib de bride away?

Sam—No sah! He's goin' to let de groom fin' out for hisself.

Ford Craps

Rastus had just rolled out three naturals to the gaze of his brunette opponent.

Sambo—Say, there Rastus, Ford dem dice, Ford dem dice.

Rastus—Whafoh you means, Ford dem dice?

Sambo—You knows what ah mean; ah means shake, rattle and roll, niggah, shake, rattle and roll.—Motorland.

Does Look Suspicious

Long Boy—Big boy, wuz George Washington as honest as dey sez he wuz?

Shorty—Ah tell you, nigger, George wuz the honestest man dat ever wuz born.

Long Boy—Den, how come they close de banks on his birthday?

Powerful Eyes

A negro employee was being questioned during an investigation after a trespasser had been killed when he fell from a moving freight train.

"Did you see the man on the train?"

"Yes, suh."

"Where was he?"

"Bout thuty cars back from de engine."

"Where were you?"

"On de back end of de tendah of de engine."

"What time of night was it?"

"Bout leben o'clock."

"Do you mean to tell me that you saw that man thirty cars' length away at eleven o'clock at night?"

"Yes, suh."

"How far do you think you can see at night?"

"Bout a million miles, I reckon. How fah is it to de moon?"—Forbes Magazine.

Just Overlooked It

Boss—What are you two doing walking so slowly up those stairs?

Midnite—We'se workin' boss. We'se carryin' dis desk up stairs.

Boss—I don't see any desk.

Midnite—Fo' d' Lord's sake, Carbon, we dun forgit de desk.

Two Osage Indians took on so much firewater they wound up in the hospital.

"How do you feel now?" a pretty nurse asked the first Indian the next morning.

"Me all right," said Indian No. 1. "But Joe very sick. Joe he blind. Last night five turkey buzzards with big plug hats sit on bed and Joe no can see 'em. Joe his eyes very sick."

"Doc, I don't seem t. b. feelin' so good," complained the hypochondriac. "Consumption be the matter with me."

"How's that boy of yours getting along at the barber college?"

"Fine. Just elected him Shear Leader."

THE MODERN JUGGERNAUT

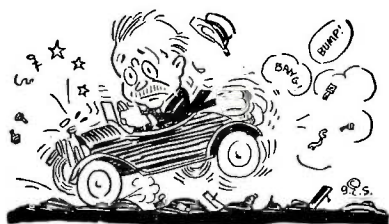
Twenty-seven Thousand Lives The Automobile Toll of 1928.

The appalling destruction of life by carelessly driven automotive vehicles seemingly makes no impression on owners and drivers. There are two reasons for this. A large division of owners and drivers are mentally incapable of registering an impression of the terrible destruction of life that mounts year by year as a result of automobile accidents, and thereby realize a duty to humanity to be cautious and careful. There is another division through lack of interest and a mind untrained to reading beyond the few words on a movie screen, who never learn of the wholesale destruction going on. There is small hope of ever saving the first class from recklessness, and not much more for the latter class.

Automobile statistics for 1928 are now available.

27,000 Fatalities is The Record

An average daily slaughter is a fraction less than 74 persons. In last December the daily average was 87. The record is 5%



higher than in 1927 and with a greatly increased number of drivers, 1929 promises an even more horrifying record than 1928. The total number of fatalities for December was 2,700, an average of 87 a day.

The following table shows the death rate in 1927-1928 in cities with a population of over 500,000:

City	12 Months	
	1928	1927
Baltimore, Md.	136	139
Boston, Mass.	118	115
Buffalo, N. Y.	123	122
Chicago, Ill.	909	824
Cleveland, Ohio	232	218
Detroit, Mich.	330	397
Essex Co., N. J.	158	...
Los Angeles, Cal.	313	340
Milwaukee, Wis.	113	...
New York City	1,030	1,050
Philadelphia, Pa.	292	291
Pittsburgh, Pa.	164
St. Louis, Mo.	216	147
San Francisco, Cal.	158
Washington, D. C.	78	70

All of these fatalities were not of course, due to reckless driving, but the majority of them were. The per cent of real accidents

—accidents that were actually unavoidable, was small.

It's not the automobile's fault—it's the driver's.

UNIVERSAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN

"Universal Safety" is being carried directly into millions of American homes, through a series of thirteen consecutive weekly radio addresses, to be broadcast by outstanding leaders in American life. The National Broadcasting Company, in co-operation with the National Safety Council, had Charles M. Schwab as the first speaker of the 13 week program on Saturday evening, April 20, at 7:00 p. m., Eastern Standard time.

The following notables have already definitely agreed to talk:

Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Board, Bethlehem Steel Company, "Safety as a Factor in Industry."

Hon. Robert P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce; "Safety a National Problem."

Hon. James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor; "Safety and the Worker."

Madam Schumann-Heink, world-famous concert and operatic star; "Safety in the Home."

Dr. Miller McClintock, Director, Albert Russell Erskine Bureau of Street Traffic Research, Harvard University; "Putting our Highways in Order."

Seven other widely known leaders have also been invited to take part in this vast Safety Symposium and the announcement of the entire list will be made in the immediate future.

The talks will be given from the New York station W E A F, and a coast-to-coast hook-up will give ample opportunity for all America to hear and profit by the remarks of these celebrities. Practically all of the speakers have long been interested in the safety problem.

Other subjects to be discussed will be "Death Through Accidents"; "Safety in the Air"; "Safety on the Seas"; "Education—The Part it Plays in Safety"; "The Railroads and Safety"; and "The Automobile and Safety." Thus the most vital points in the safety problem will be covered.

CHAIN STORES

This class of merchandising is very much in the public eye at this time. That this class of stores is growing is in evidence in every city in the United States. Old time merchants who have established a business after years of attention wonder what it will lead too. Merchants in lines which have not yet been entered are wondering if they are immune or if they will have to meet this class of competition.

The Federal Trade Commission is taking cognizance of the chain store. This commission has just issued a questionnaire to all chain stores calling for information covering a great variety of subjects such as organization prices, management, method of doing business, sale of private brands, etc.

Office and Factory



Left to Right—Wade Rambo, Harry Tanner, Jesse Jones, M. Rutherford, Claude Ping, Wm. Thomas, Lloyd Matthewson, J. C. Passley, M. Girt, Tom Ralston, John Jukes, David Avis and James Soules.

Charles Ping, our truck dispatcher, and his crew are feeling reasonably proud of themselves because of their victory in the Decatur Truck Drivers' Safety Contest just closed. They won the prize in Group A and also the sweepstake prize, and the certificates of these facts, nicely framed, will hang in the garage to constantly remind all Mueller truck drivers of what they did and can do to encourage safe driving.

The contest has been on for the past 6 months and our record represents 1809 truck days with no accidents.

There were 500 trucks in this contest representing 80,722 truck days, with but 1.1% accidents per 1000 truck days. Only a small per cent were of a serious character. The trucks were divided into groups and 51 out of 98 fleets entered were driven the entire six months without an accident.

The Illinois Bell Telephone company had the second best record and the American Express company was third.

PRESENTED WITH KNIVES

Cobb & Odor presented each of the Mueller truck drivers with a very attractive pocket knife, done up in a red box with the notation "Careful driving appreciated". Each of the drivers were proudly displaying their knives Thursday afternoon, April 25th, as an additional indication that they were very proud of winning first prize in the Safety Contest for truck drivers of Decatur.

NEW SALESMAN

Dan R. Gannon, Jr., of Los Angeles, has joined the Mueller selling force, and was in Decatur during the week of April 22nd, to meet the southern manager, Billy Jett, who was here for several days, and Mr. Gannon

returned to Memphis with Mr. Jett and will travel out of that city, succeeding to the territory of Floyd V. Johnson, who has left the sales department.

NEW APPRENTICES

Several apprentices have been enrolled during the past few weeks and have been assigned as follows:

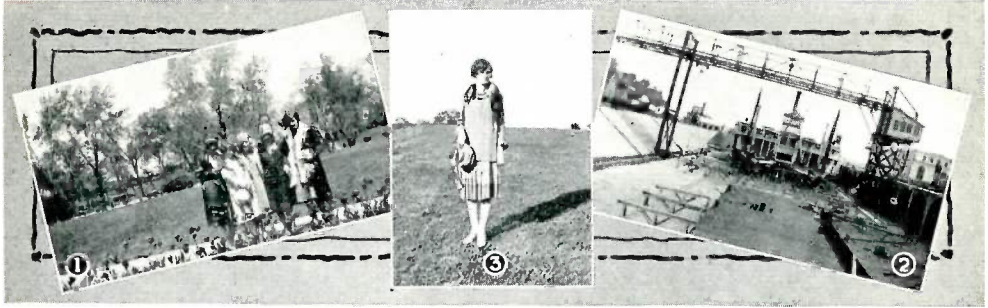
Henry Stratman, machine shop.
Robert Albright, pattern making.
Samuel Danaha, pattern making.
Robert Walley, pattern making.
Ernest Foster, heat treating.

BANG!



Diner—That soup isn't fit for a pig.
Waiter—Very well, sir, I'll take it back and bring you some that is.

The Camera Club Contest



The subject for the Camera Club for the month of April was Miscellaneous, and a wide variety of pictures were submitted. Mr. Pfle of Pfle Camera Shop selected the winners as follows:

First—Eloise Dickson.

Second—Ollie Springer.

Third—Marion Richards.

LEASED AS GAME PRESERVE

The State of Illinois has leased 1,500 acres of Mueller Co. land south of the city for a state protected game preserve.

The state authorities after a careful investigation said that they knew of no land so well equipped for the purpose, because of its natural conditions. On this tract are ravines, marshes, springs and timber, the north line being bordered by Lake Decatur.

The state will fence such portions as necessary to confine wild animal life such as deer which it is proposed to propagate and protect, pheasants, grouse, quail and other game fowl. Because of the protection water fowl will naturally seek this haven.

INDOOR EGG HUNT

Rain Caused Change of Plans in Annual Easter Frolic

Rain on Easter Sunday and every Sunday following caused the postponement of the third annual Easter Egg Hunt until it was decided to have it rain or shine, on April 21st. The day was very windy and rainy, necessitating that the Egg Hunt be held indoors, but what the gathering lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm. There were plenty of brilliant colored hen's eggs, and in addition the children were given ice cream cones, sausage balloons, rubber balls, roly-poly balloons, kites, chums, animal crackers, candy eggs, fly swatters and candy bars.

Those of the committee who reported in spite of the weather, were rewarded with a splendid dinner prepared by Mrs. Rost and her competent assistants. Those responsible for the success of the undertaking were: Lois Christy, Mae Turner, Lucille Morthland,

Edna Cranston, Ruth Dresback, Oscar S. Friend, Walter Auer and Bill Cranston.

Louis Rost manipulated the ice cream freezer and handed cones out to the children with all the dexterity of a wizard wielding his magic wand.

Quite a few colored Easter eggs were left over from the Easter Egg Hunt and these were distributed among the employees after work Tuesday evening, April 23rd. Eggs were placed at four exits about the factory, the foundry, the office, Monroe Street and Mercer Street.

BACK FROM THE SOUTH

W. E. Mueller, executive vice-president and W. L. Jett, manager of the Southern Division, arrived in Decatur Sunday, April 21, after a five weeks tour in the south which took them to the lower end of Florida. The trip was made in Mr. Mueller's new Packard Eight.

These company representatives stopped at all the principal cities on their route calling on patrons and friends of the company. It was a very successful as well as a pleasant trip.

GOING TO WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller and son, Ebert, came back from an extended Florida trip April 19th. The party spent most of their six week trip in Miami, Fla., and on the road home stopped over at Pinehurst and other southern cities. They made the trip in their automobiles, and visited quite a number of the more important southern cities.

After a week at home, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Mueller, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells left for Washington, D. C. to attend the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce. At the conclusion of this meeting, the four gentlemen of the party devoted several days looking after business matters in relation with the Decatur plant.

Gives Dancing Lessons



Through the thoughtfulness of Mueller Co. dancing classes for the daughters of employees, age 6 to 16, were started Saturday afternoon, April 6th. Miss Annette Van Dyke, a well known dancing instructor of Decatur, has been engaged by the company to give lessons every Saturday afternoon. The girls have been divided into two classes, those from six to ten and from eleven to sixteen. Each class is allotted forty-five minutes.

Forty-nine girls attended the first lesson and an even larger number came for the second lesson. The enthusiasm of the girls ran high and Miss Van Dyke was quite pleased with the successful beginning made. The class for the smaller girls starts at 1:30 and the older girls at 2:15. Most of the girls wear bathing suits. Bars have been installed in the gymnasium and the lessons begin with exercises on the bars.

Miss Van Dyke believes some very good dancers may be developed from these classes, and expects to be able to put on some very interesting entertainments and exhibitions later.

Twenty-seven girls attended the first lesson given the children from six to ten years. They were as follows: Beatrice Aileen Himstead, Martha Alice Dunaway, Helen Pauline Henry, Helen Draper, Elizabeth Jean Quinn, Roseltha May Stevens, Elsie Hobbs, Rosemary Dunaway, Doris May Ponewash Mason, Marjorie Bixler, Oreala Almeda, Betty Ann Bailey, Margaret Tanner, Barbara Rubicam, Ruth Cheetham, June Winholtz, Dorothy Winholtz, Verna Padrick, Lucille German, Joyce Knight, Betty Lou Blankenship.

There were sixteen of the older girls attending the first lesson, and they were: Cleo Chandler, Ruby Weaver, Helen Cheetham, Bernice Bixler, Ruby Fay, Martha Lenora Quinn, Dola Wilkins, Loraine Harris, Marion



Reynolds, Faye Meador, Phylis Sue Lemon, Viola Mae Morton, Orpha Layle Woods, Jean Bittrolf, Margaret Winholtz, Rosetta Jane Hawkins.

BAIT TRAP FOR FISH

Out in Colorado a fish hatchery man discovered a way to provide fish with an extra supply of food. The result of this discovery was a more rapid development of the fish. The whole scheme consists in hanging electric lights over the pool and the lights lured mosquitoes, moths and other insects which fell into the water and furnished the fish food by night as well as by day. The Popular Science Monthly vouches for this story, but we don't need this testimony.

Chat Winegardner, one of our most accomplished fishermen, some time ago thought out a similar scheme to this, and is working it out on the private lake at Mueller Heights. This lake has recently been stocked with game fish and the result of Chat's invention will probably be noticeable next year.

A person is twice as liable to die from sickness or accident as from old age.

Mueller Employees' Babies



At the age of one year, Martin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stratman, finds himself very well pleased with the world as far as he has gone.



Joyce Arleen Meador, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meador, at the age of 10 months. Everything interests this young lady at this time. Her father is in Dept. 15.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Men wore high hats and Prince Albert coats.

Women wore long skirts.

May first was Bock Beer day.

Farmers came to town when they could get through the mud.

Hotels did not require a reservation before giving you a room.

Hacks and busses carried passengers from the depot to the hotel.

Everybody went to Louie's at 10 a. m. for a free lunch.

Farm hands got about \$20 a month, and 16 hours work.

Candles and lamps were still in use except in wealthier homes.

Women jealously guarded their ankles from the gaze of the curious.

Radio was unknown.

And today,—oh, well, why worry. We've had a new deal and the past is in the discard.

"I want some powder."

"Mennen's?"

"No, Vimmen's."

"Scented?"

"No, I will take it mit me."

"So long, I'll sue you later," lisped the little chorine, as she kissed her sweetie good-night.

Warden—Everybody here has to learn a trade. What would you like to be?

Convict—A commercial traveler.—Buen Humor, Madrid.

A REGULAR DETECTIVE



Gurley—I'm very glad to see you. How's your wife?

Hanson—But I'm not married, sir.

Gurley—No? Then, of course, your wife's still single.

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