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### France in Lead in Use of "White Coal"

Interesting figures comparing the production of electricity in the United States and France are shown in a statement issued by the geological survey of the Department of the Interior. According to a report recently published by the French minister of public works, the amount of electricity produced for distribution in France in 1923 was 7,490,000,000 kilowatt hours. Public utility plants in the United States in 1923 produced 55,674,000,000 kilowatt-hours, about seven and one-half times the total amount produced in France. The population of France in 1923 was about one-third that of the United States. About 46 per cent of the French output was produced by the use of water power, but only 35 per cent of the output in the United States was so produced. The per capita use of electricity in France in 1923 was about 200 kilowatt-hours; in the United States it was about 515 kilowatt-hours, or more than two and one-half times as much as in France. These figures include electricity imported to each country.

The potential water-power resources of the United States available 90 per cent of the time amount to about 35,000,000 horse power, and the capacity of water wheels of all sizes installed in water-power plants in 1923 was 10,000,000 horse power. France, with potential water-power resources amounting to only 5,400,000 horse power, had water wheels with a capacity of 2,100,000 horse power installed in water-power plants in 1923. Taking into consideration the relative water-power resources of the two countries, France in 1923 was making much better use of her water-power resources than the United States.

### Duce "Acts" His Part in Receiving Visitors

Mussolini has worked out a system of giving the thousands of persons who visit at his office in the Chigi palace exactly the type of first impression he wants them to have. The premier's office is a vast, lofty ceilinged room with the desk at the far corner diagonally opposite the entrance from which one must walk twenty or thirty seconds to reach it.

If Mussolini wants to create a warm impression, he walks almost to the door and proffers his hand in cordial greeting. If he wants to be particularly ferocious, he remains behind his desk, almost unseen, writing and then raises his huge glaring eyes at the necessarily intimidated caller.

Between the two types of receptions, there is a series of variations with the premier's facial expression playing the major role.—Rome Correspondence, Kansas City Times.

### Official "Gold Duster"

Bill Smith is said to have the odd job in New York. He is a porter in the Federal Reserve bank and his particular duties are concerned with dusting. And his dusting operations are confined to gold bullion. In the underground vaults of the bank there is stored millions of dollars of gold bullion. This gold has to be kept free of dust and that is the principal part of Bill Smith's job.

### Variations in Rewards

People's conceptions of the rewards for honesty differ, as evidenced by two occurrences in Lee. A woman there found a purse containing \$64 and was presented \$10 by the owner when she returned it. The next day her husband found a bill fold containing \$1,500 and on placing it in the owner's hands was given a \$5 bill for his honesty.—Boston Globe.

### Sorry He Answered

One New Auburn (Minn.) youth will henceforth disregard notes found in merchandise purchased. He bought a shirt and found a note giving the name and address of a girl in a distant city, together with the plea: "Please write and send photograph." He did. The answer came: "I was just curious to see what kind of a looking gink would wear such a cheap shirt."

### Knew Only One Tilden

A statue of Samuel J. Tilden was unveiled on Riverside drive, New York, recently, and several of the younger set at the ceremony wondered why he had no tennis racket in his hand.—Detroit News.

## CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE  
When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obscure forms are indicated in the definitions.

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- (© 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)
- Horizontal.
- Winner
  - Largest city in world
  - Loaded
  - Negative
  - A metal
  - A month of the year (abbr.)
  - Initials of a U. S. President
  - A color
  - Stepped
  - Malice
  - Possessive pronoun
  - Looks civilly
  - South American pack animal
  - Revolving part of a radio variable
  - Egyptian goddess
  - Back of neck
  - Hides
  - Pronoun
  - Brewed beverage
  - Over (poetic)
  - Eastern state (abbr.)
  - Worship
  - Nakedness
  - Make dear
- Vertical.
- Conceit
  - Commercial corporation (abbr.)
  - A melody
  - Large farm
  - Girl's name
  - Formerly
  - Surface
  - Cares for
  - Pronoun
  - Girl's name
  - Moves with circular motion
  - Sixty grains (pl.)
  - Marsh bird
  - A body of soldiers
  - Species of moss
  - Mien
  - Bunch, as a keg
  - To mend
  - In want
  - Shop
  - Plan
  - Noticed
  - Commercial announcement (abbr.)
  - Exist

Answer to last week's puzzle.

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### Street Car Scene of Latest Prize "Boner"

The most absent-minded man in existence has been found and his latest "boner" will cause the proverbial professor to turn green with envy. This man, while riding on a street car the other day, became deeply engrossed in his newspaper. Then, realizing that his station was approaching, he rose and marched like one in a dream to the exit, still holding the interesting reading matter before his eyes.

Dismounting, he immediately joined the crowd boarding the same car at the other door and was soon once more on the car from which he had just disembarked. But as he passed the conductor, he must have sensed a familiar something in the air, for he suddenly glanced up from his reading. Paying his second token, he rushed out of the exit mumbling unspeakable things to himself and crumpling the newspaper with a strangulating grip.—Philadelphia Record.

### "Melting Pot" Causes Changes on Gridiron

1870-1890: Endicott kicked to Amory and Peabody tackled Wrenn; Cabot punted to Saltonstall and Gardner made his ten; Hooper bucked the center hard and nearly crossed the line; Sears interfered with Tudor Prince and everything was fine.

1895-1910: Brickley tore off 60 yards and kicked a goal as well; Eddie Mahan went round the end and gave the Ellis hell; O'Brien punted Rafferty, assisted by Mike Shea; Shelvin took Kilpatrick's place and messed up Pat O'Day.

1926-on: Radnofsky passed to Hyman and Sarakoff smeared Levine; Bloomfield punted to Stone-man and Strauss paired off with Stein; Stronofsky plunged through the tackle till stopped by Izzy Rose; Bernstein made a forward pass but disarranged his nose.—Boston News Bureau.

### Long Prison Sentences

The Spanish criminal charged with 33 different offenses who has just been sentenced to a term of 483 years' imprisonment does not hold a record.

In July, 1893, the mayor of Alba, in south Spain, was convicted on 217 counts of forging public documents. The Spanish law's penalty for this offense is 14 years, so that the mayor was sentenced to 3,038 years' imprisonment.

### Long Record of Voting

Out in Germania, Minn., Andrew Denniston lays claim to the title of the state's oldest consecutive voter. Mr. Denniston's first vote went to Franklin Pierce for President, and he has not missed voting at an election since. Peculiarly, he has lived longer than his friends who served through the Civil war. He was rejected as physically unfit when he sought to enter the Union army.

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**Attention Turning to Siberian Gold Fields**

There's gold in that range of mountains up back of Okhotsk in Siberia. The streams that flow swiftly out of their cold, gray altitudes bring the metal down in pretty fair quantities. It ought to pay a man to go up there and do some mining. Chiefly placer mining.

That is the opinion of at least two of a party of five mining engineers who went into Siberia a year ago last summer. They prospected back into the hills along a half dozen or more streams in a concession owned by a British firm, and they say the prospects are fairly bright for making a good thing out of gold mining.

The country has been little developed, prospectors having to rely on the streams in the summer and reindeer and sledges in winter for transportation. The village of Okhotsk has a population of about 250 persons. The chief industry is trading in furs and fish. The people haven't much money, nor much need of it, living by barter chiefly.—Japan Advertiser.

**Shrewd Prexy Right About That Gambling**

There was a hush in morning chapel at a large preparatory school for boys. An ominous announcement was about to be made. The boys knew this because Prexy had adjusted his glasses attached to the long, black ribbon, and had cleared his throat three times. These were the usual preliminaries to all ominous announcements in morning chapel.

"I regret to state," Prexy regretted to state, "—er—er—that five young gentlemen of this institution are reported to have indulged in a gambling pastime familiarly called shooting craps. The names of these young gentlemen are known to me personally. I will give them until 10:30 to report to my office. Failure to report will mean automatic dismissal. Er—er—that is all."

By 10:05, 77 young gentlemen had reported to Prexy's office. "Ha—mm," chuckled Prexy to his secretary, "I thought there might be some gambling going on around here."—Kansas City Times.

**Her Thrills Complete**

Time was when Mrs. Jennie Litchfield of Wiscasset, Maine, was content with the distinction of being the oldest woman in Maine to hold a driver's license. Then along came a plane one day and Mrs. Litchfield, nearly eighty, decided to fly, and fly she did. And when it was announced that the submarine O-2 would help Wiscasset celebrate the Fourth, Mrs. Litchfield said she was going down in the undersea craft if they'd let her. They did, and she regards her career complete. "I have been 1,000 feet in the air and 50 feet under water," she said.

**Determining Light Year**

A gyroscopic apparatus is used at Mount Wilson observatory in which two wheels have to run at a speed of 46,000 revolutions a minute. These two high speed wheels are employed by Doctor Michelson in his attempts to determine with an extreme degree of precision the exact length of the "astronomer's yard stick," namely, the light year.

**Uses for Milkweed**

The root, stalk and flower of the milkweed has been converted into 23 uses. Chief among the milkweed products are paper surgical dressings which will displace the cotton now in use, various kinds of fiber for textile and silk industries, a form of celluloid, glucose, cattle food, fertilizer and rubber.

**Chestnut Shortage**

The chestnut blight has spread to the northwestern section of Pennsylvania and only a fair-sized crop of chestnuts can be expected this year in Venango, Forest, Crawford, Clarion and Warren counties of that state. At first the blight stimulates growth, but later the tree ceases to function and dies.

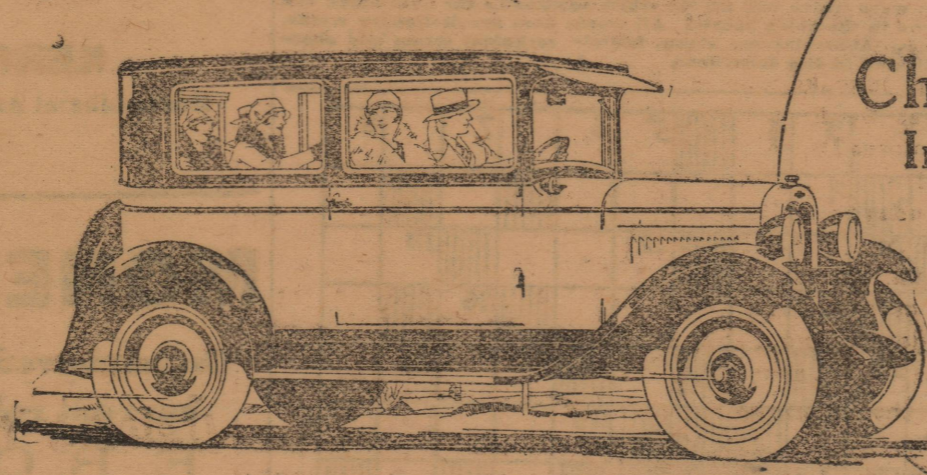
**Brighter Barrels**

"Brighter" barrels have been determined upon by the British Underwriters' Woodwork association. New casket designs are for beautiful and graceful workmanship.

**Teachers in Organization**

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**Find Will Stimulate Nut-Growing Industry**

A native American black walnut, whose nuts split like those of the so-called English walnut, allowing the meat to come out in two even halves, is the promising find of Prof. J. Russell Smith of the Columbia university school of business, who reports that he has several grafted specimens growing on his farm near Round Hill, Va. The hard, woody partitions in the shell that make so much work for the nutpick in ordinary black walnuts are lacking in the new variety, which probably arose as a chance mutant or "sport" in the natural timber. It is pointed out that native walnut trees of this kind offer considerable promise for the development of an American nut-growing industry. "English" walnuts, which in point of fact came to this country from Spain and southern France, are too tender to grow profitably north of California, Florida and other Southern states, whereas the native black walnut thrives in the woods clear up to the Canadian border and beyond. The Northern Nut Growers' association, of which Professor Smith is a member, is offering a prize of \$50 for the discovery of the best black walnut trees in America.

**Improving Sheep Breed**

Dr. Serge Voronoff, the celebrated European scientist, whose gland-grafting process attracted worldwide interest, is now aiming to produce a superior race of sheep which will yield far greater quantities of wool and meat, and make members of present-day flocks look like reekings.

**Midget Born to Midgets**

A baby boy weighing 3 1/2 pounds has been born, after 20 years of married life, to "Count and Countess" Nichol, two midgets who, after a stage career, now live in Montreal. The father is 40 inches in height and the mother 38 inches.

**Amateurs Aid Tourist**

Although separated from his business by several thousand miles while on a trip to New Zealand, A. J. Baldwin of Portland, Ore., kept in touch with his firm through the cooperation of amateur radio stations in New Zealand and Portland.

**Record Potato Growth**

An acre of potatoes belonging to Roy Briggs, Nescopeck township, Pennsylvania, yielded 688 bushels, a new world's record, according to Pennsylvania State college extension specialists who witnessed the digging of the crop.

**Little Really Known of Cause of Cancer**

Pointing out that the cause of cancer is not yet known to science, Dr. W. A. Evans, well-known writer on medical subjects, says that the most popular belief among laymen is that it is due to eating certain kinds of food. "The theory that cancer is caused by various articles of diet has little to sustain it," Doctor Evans writes in an article in Liberty. "Eating meat cannot be the cause of cancer, since Roger Williams found that nearly two-thirds of the cancer subjects in the Jay-pore hospital were vegetarians. There is much confirmation of this observation that vegetarians are prone to have cancer. "It is said that eating salt meat is the cause of cancer," Doctor Evans continues. "But cancer abounds in Australia, where they eat fresh meat almost altogether. It is said that eating canned meat causes cancer, but it prevails among persons who eat no canned meat. "Among the multitude of food explanations of cancer, none of which has any foundation, are that it is due to eating fresh fish, dried fish, salt, tomatoes, cabbage, and other uncooked vegetables, and to drinking alcoholic beverages."

**GOT A KICK SURE**



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### HOMEMAKER'S CLUB.

The Home Makers Club started the New Year right, by having one of the best club meetings ever. The subject was "Contagious Diseases."

The program was intensely interesting.

Jan. 13 program was on "Protective and Corrective Diet."

These meetings are both interesting and instructive. So come every Thursday afternoon at the Home Economic Building.

### If you believe in economy try keeping your foot wear in repair and buy less new ones.

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### GIRLS CLUB ORGANIZED

Miss Leola J. Custard, County Home Demonstration agent organized a club for the Cedar Hill girls Friday, Jan 7th. The girls are very interested and have already elected their officers, who are as follows: Marguerite Kelley president; Fay Brody, vice president; Ray Adams, secretary.

Watch for news of what the girls are doing, as they are planning to do great things.

### The only way to get full value out of your farm or ranch is to fence it properly.

I sell Peerless fencing direct from factory at wholesale prices. I have the money to finance your fencing problems. Write me.

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### The Parent Teacher Association, will elect new officers Jan. 18th.

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### Don Payne, 62, brother of Mrs. Robert Massie of this city, died at Centerville, Texas, at 8:40 Sunday night.

Surviving relatives in addition to Mrs. Massie are: two sons, William and Winrow; two daughters, Betty and Dora; and another sister, Mrs. J. M. Puckett of Sonora.—San Angelo Standard.

Next week: In Meana of the South Sea you have a picture as well as being educational, should suit the most fastidious theatre goers. It is All Star Cast.

East of Broadway has for Stars Owen Moore of Mary Pickford fame as well as Marguerite De La Mott, should be good.

Then you have Tom Mix in Hard Boiled. Comments from Exhibitors Herald says it is the best picture of six he has made in the last year.

Art Acord in the Man from the West is too well known to my patrons for me to make reports.

In Pals First we have Lloyd Hughes and Dolores Del Rio that is "auff" said.

Coming Monday Jan. 31st and Tuesday Feb. 1st, Wanderer, Another Big Paramount Production, said to be in a class with Tex's Commandments and Vanishing American. And it should be if the cost of the picture is any indication. The picture should draw a good house, I am trying to give the good people of Sonora some of the best and most costly pictures produced, and shown in all the large cities at much higher prices than you pay here. Hope you will appreciate my efforts on your behalf.

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### Have your shoes rebuilt and save the difference.

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### The Parent Teacher Association will have a benefit party on Saturday Feb. 12.

I am prepared to help you reduce your foot wear bill 30 to 50 per cent this year. Orion Brown.

### Jack Jones, who accidentally killed Buck O'Connor on the Jim Glasscock ranch early in November, and who, while exonerated of the charge, was found to be an escaped prisoner from Leavenworth, Kansas, was taken to Ft. Sam Houston at San Antonio by deputy sheriff, Jesse Cook last week.

### Business Happenings.

Joe W. Trainer has sold to E. F. Vander Stucken his interest in the E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Co., becoming off active Jan. 1. Mr. Trainer owned one-third of the stock in the corporation and has been an officer in the concern since his connection with the same in 1919. Mr. Trainer has not decided what he will do now, but plans to take a well earned rest for a while.

Work on the City Garage building is progressing rapidly, and its manager, C. S. Keene, is now preparing to put his machine department in shape. The building is being built for A. F. Clark son, out of hollow tile with concrete supports, and makes the first building of this material to be erected in Sonora.

R. A. (Bob) Steen has leased the Savall building and is moving his tailor shop and gents furnishing there next week. The building has been remodeled for Mr. Steen, with a sky light being put in, a glass front and many other changes made. Mr. Steen plans on putting in a nice line of gents furnishing in the near future. He expects to handle only standard brands of clothes and to keep his stock up to date.

### NOTICE.

After numerous delays the Walker-Stites Motor Co., have opened their doors and announced to render service to their friends and the public. They now have a fair stock of auto merchandise on hand but expect to add thereunto as it is complete in every detail.

The firm handles the well known Chevrolet cars and trucks, a product of General Motors, and carry a full line of parts and specialize in Chevrolet service but will do general repairing in their shop department. They announce prices at a level they believe will meet public approval and have adopted as their slogan "To Please Us, Our Service Must Please You."

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

In the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce this week, among the other work passed upon was to endorse heartily the plan of Judge James Correll for bonding Sutton county and others for the purpose of getting the Orient to build through Sonora to Del Rio.

The date of the next monthly banquet will be Thursday, Jan. 20th, and it is thought that Miss Cartard's Home Makers Club will serve it in the new Home Demonstration building on the school grounds. Members are allowed to bring one guest and should notify Secretary H. V. Stokes a few days in advance for a reservation.

A delegation from the Sonora Chamber of Commerce is going to Rock Springs next Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce.

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### First National Bank Re-elected Old Officers.

The stock holders of the First National of Sonora, met Tuesday and reelected the old officers and directors. They are: W. L. Aldwell, president; E. F. Vander Stucken, vice president; George H. Neill, assistant cashier; Directors, D. J. Wyatt, Roy E. Aldwell, S. E. McKnight, E. E. Sawyer, W. L. Aldwell.

The bank, organized in 1900, has a capital stock of \$100,000; a surplus of \$100,000; and undivided profits of \$12,029.54. Last year the First Loan Company was organized as a subsidiary with a capital of \$25,000 taken from the surplus.

That the affairs of the bank are in prosperous condition is shown by the condition at the close of business, December 31, 1926; individual deposits, \$608,195.86; cash on hand in other banks, \$33,557.35; loans and discounts, \$551,400.29.

E. R. Jackson was president of the bank from its organization until his death in 1911, at which time W. L. Aldwell, then cashier, became president.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson were in from the T half circle ranch Tuesday

Mr and Mrs Dock Friend were in from the ranch west of town a few days this week visiting.

Mrs. Cora Nicks and brother, Joe Trainer, returned Tuesday, from a pleasure trip to Brownwood and Dallas

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Mayer were in from the Mayer T half circle ranch Wednesday

Sam Crowther the windmill and well supply man of Angelo, was a business visitor in Sonora Monday

Mr and Mrs N. J. Wardlaw of Miles were in Sonora Wednesday on their way to Del Rio and Carta Valley to visit their sons, C. B. Cutler and Jack Wardlaw

Let me have your fence problems. I will finance them on long time at wholesale prices. C. W. Innes, State Agent, San Angelo.

The Commissioners Court met Monday. All county officers were inducted into office. There were only two changes, those being in two commissioner precincts. T. A. Bond is the new commissioner from precinct three and C. T. Jones precinct four.

A number of new electric signs have been installed here recently and others have either ordered them or are contemplating doing so. The firms now so equipped or planning to do so are: The First National Bank, the Walker-Stites Motor Co., the City Garage Hotel McDonald, and the La Vista Theatre.

## LA VISTA THEATRE

K. V. E. SCOTT, Lessee and Manager.

For the week Jan 17 to 22

Mon. and Tuesday, A Paramount, Meana of the South Sea, All Star Cast, Comedy, It's All Over Now. Tuesday, Pathe News. Admission 25 and 50.

Wednesday, East of Broadway. Pathe, Comedy, Fire Trouble. Admission 20 and 40 cents.

Thursday, Tom Mix in Hard Boiled, Fox. News Admission 25 and 40 cents.

Friday, Art Acord in the Man from the West. Universal Comedy, A Thrilling Romance. Admission 25 and 50.

Saturday, Palls First. National, Pathe News. Admission 25 and 50c

## Devil's River News \$2.00 a year

### NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR SELECTION COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids or proposals will be received by the Commissioner's Court of Sutton County, Texas, up to 10 o'clock a.m., February 14th, A.D. 1927, from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in said Sutton County, as may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county, all such bids to be delivered to the undersigned, on or before the time above stated, stating the rate of interest such banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of said County, for the period of time beginning February 10th, 1927, and running for two years from said time or until the time for the selection of another depository; said bid or bids to be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of each bidder, and as a further guarantee that if such bid should be accepted by said Court, such bidder will enter into the bond now provided for by law in such cases; and upon failure of the bidder that may be selected as such depository to give the bond now required by law in such cases, the amount of such certified check to be forfeited to the County as liquidated damage; the bidder offering to pay the largest rate of interest per annum for said funds to be selected as such depository for said length of time; provided, however, that said Court may reject any and all bids, such interest to be computed on the daily balances to be credited to said County, with such depository and to be payable to the County Treasurer of said County, monthly and to be placed to the credit of such fund or funds as said Court may direct.

The checks of all unsuccessful bidders to be immediately returned; the check of the successful bidder to be returned when required bond is duly approved and filed by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 6th day of January, A.D. 1927.

ALVIS JOHNSON, County Judge, Sutton County, Texas.

For Sale or Trade. Wanted to trade or sell a set of "Encyclopedia Britannica" a Dictionary of Arts, Science, Literature and general information. Twenty-nine volumes, including one Index handy volume issue. Each volume size 6 1/4 by 8 1/2 by 1 inch. Bound in genuine brown Morocco leather, and printed on "Britannica India paper" containing over 14,350 pages. Seven volumes slightly damaged by fire and the balance smoked up. Must be seen in order to be appreciated.

Will consider a used radio or a Victrola in trade. See or write Dan H. Romo, Sonora, Texas.

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### NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS.

All cars and trucks not registered by Feb. 1st, 1927, will be subject to 25 per cent penalty and fine.

B. W. HUTCHERSON, Tax Collector.

### HONOR ROLL.

The Honor Roll will appear the week following the close of each school month and will be made up of the names of those pupils who have made a general average of 85 per cent on the subjects studied and have received a grade of 90 or above in deportment, application and attendance. Those pupils who meet the above conditions each month will be exempt from final examinations. The following is the Honor Roll for the Sonora Public School for the 6th month of the season of 1926-7.

### FIRST GRADE

L. M. Roncheo, Lillian Krug, Joan Marion

### SECOND GRADE

Bobbie Halbert, Wilma Hutcherson, Lunetta Marion, Gene Sims, Gayton Sharley, Cora Belle Taylor

### THIRD GRADE

Margaret Barton, Jeannita Corder, Lem Kriel Johnson, Jack Kape

### FOURTH GRADE

Don Dunklin, Herbert Fields, Martha Joe Lee, Sarah Ory

### FIFTH GRADE

Myrtle Hill, Cleveland Jones, Alice Sawyer, Dorothy Thutman, Des Trainer, Linden Turkey, Pauline Turkey

### SIXTH GRADE

Dernice Bricker, Pauline Rape, Jean Sanders, Eileen White, Margaret Williamson

### SEVENTH GRADE

Johnnie Adams, Leo Roy Aldwell, Elizabeth Caldwell, Allie Halbert, Harva Jones, Edith McGhee, Jack Pfeister, Edwin Sawyer, Hattie Taylor, Cestle Sims, Louis Trainer, R. W. Weatherby, Blanche Wright

### HIGH SCHOOL

### FRESHMAN CLASS.

May Canthorn, Ernestine Ginncock, Louise Hall, Virginia Lee, Muriel Simmons

### SOPHOMORE CLASS.

Margaret Hill, Justin Weatherby

### JUNIOR CLASS

Lida Archer, Nan Karnes, Howard Striegler, Weyman Williamson

### SENIOR CLASS

Audrey Rankhorn, Sarah Taylor, Lawrence Williamson, Ovid Rankhorn

### PROGRAM FOR P.T.A.

Tuesday January 18.

Subject Thrift.

Leader..... Mrs. Gilmora Sorensen..... Fifth Grade National Thrift Week Talk..... Rev. J. A. Stephens

Piano Solo..... Cecil Sims Thrift is a Habit, Mrs. Ira Shurley Teaching the Value of a Dollar..... Miss St. Clair

Piano Solo..... Virginia Lee Display of Posters on Thrift..... 10 Children

St. George's For Success and Happiness..... Refreshments.

We do all kinds of welding, City Garage.

**Executioner Not Needed**  
Herman Christensen of Copenhagen, the only official executioner in Denmark, has been relieved of his job which he held for more than twenty years. The reason given for the act was that it did not seem reasonable to keep him longer "on probation" for the reason that in all that time he has not been called on to officiate.

**Helps Night Flyers**  
Night flying near Berlin is greatly aided by a brilliantly lighted device resembling an airplane on top of a steel tower. It indicates, for the benefit of passing aviators, not only the direction of the wind close to the ground but also its velocity. This is a great aid to descending pilots.

**Divided the Quarry**  
An altercation arising over the body of a 300-pound black bear, shot by hunters, was settled by a justice of the peace. Albert E. Duck of Affington, Vt., received the head and half of the meat, and Grant Stacy, of South Shaftsbury, had to content himself with the remaining half of the meat.

**Bible in New Dialect**  
A seventy-seven-year-old missionary in Formosa has undertaken the task of translating the Old Testament into the Amoy dialect. He expects to finish the work in three years, says the Dearborn Independent.

**Romance that delights**  
**Alabaster Lamps**  
By MARGARET TURNBULL  
CHAPTER IV

That night Ned lay awake thinking of Dorothy Selden's reappearance in his life, and how little it meant to him now. When he slept he dreamed of a blue-eyed Rumpelstiltskin who let down her hair.

Claude Dabbs, also awake, puzzling how to keep Ned interested in Peace Valley, finally slept; to dream of a beautiful woman named Johnston pursuing him, accompanied by gigantic dogs all answering to the name of Peter.

Ned again surprised Claude by rising early and cheerfully setting out for Pulsifer's farm. However, William Penn Pulsifer and his son Penny had decided to work, for awhile, nearby. Because of this, Little felt that she must supply them with a hot dinner, and so could not come to the White house until one o'clock.

Ned agreed to come again at one o'clock if Miss Johnston still wanted her, and took his way to the White house. It promised to be an amusing day, he thought, as he knocked at the kitchen door.

"Blue Eyes," with flaming cheeks, opened the door. This had been a terrible morning of starting open fires, lighting a kitchen range, and trying to find things in a strange kitchen, in a strange house.

Ned proceeded to explain Mrs. Pulsifer's absence.

Mary listened, murmured her thanks, and praised Mr. Dabbs for his kindness in sending help. She would be glad to see Mrs. Pulsifer that afternoon.

"What will you do now?" Ned asked, anxiously looking at the pile of dishes on the table before her. "Let me help you."

Mary opened her mouth to annihilate this pushing young person, but at that moment the telephone bell rang, and with a little nod of dismissal, she hurried to answer it.

Ned looked idly about him. Then the great idea came to him. He grinned, snatched up a gingham kitchen apron from the back of a chair and tied it across his chest. He turned the hot water on a pan full of dishes and reached for the dish mop. He knew that camp, motor boat and army experiences would stand him in good stead now. He would show this girl what an excellent boy he could be. He commenced to wash dishes in a slow, orderly fashion.

At the telephone, Mary was talking to Mr. Dabbs. She had closed the door. No sound from the kitchen reached her. Yes, she told him, she was Miss Johnston, and his nephew had gone. She was ever so much obliged. If Mrs. Pulsifer could come at noon, it would be a great help.

Mary left the telephone with shining eyes. How kind these country people were! Imagine a grocer talking all that trouble in the city! She must tell mother. It would amuse her, with the headache was not too bad. With a little run she took the stairs, three steps at a time, and softly opened the door of the great front bedroom.

It was a lovely room, darkened now, beautifully arranged and furnished. Nothing in it was as beautiful as the woman who was lying upon the bed, staring at the ceiling. She looked scarcely older than Mary herself. Tumbled masses of red hair spread over the pillow. She turned her face quickly from Mary.

"Mother, I'm going to bring you some tea and toast in a jiffy, unless you feel like coming down."

"I don't want anything. Don't trouble," came in a soft murmur from the bed.

"Oh, mother, don't take it so hard!

I'm getting on famously and the country people here are wonderful. What do you think! The grocer—the one with a funny little short name—Dabbs—that's it, is sending a woman to cook and clean for us this afternoon. By tomorrow we'll have not only a clean house, but probably a new batch of maids and a cook from the city. Then you can be properly fed."

Her mother raised herself on one elbow, staring at his daughter with level, unblinking brown eyes. Seen face to face she appeared older than Mary, but one would hardly have classified them as mother and daughter. Sisters would have been a reasonable guess.

"Mary, what did you say the grocer's name was?"

"Dabbs," repeated Mary. "Funny name."

"Isn't this place called Grocer Hollow?"

"Yes, mother, but the grocer comes from Peace Valley. There are no shops in Grocer Hollow."

Mary's mother sank back on her pillows and muttered something that sounded like: "Oh my soul! The last straw!"

Mary looked puzzled and a little frightened. This was the first time in her life that she had known her strong, capable mother to give way to her nerves.

"Mother, can't you tell me what's wrong?"

"No, I can't just now, Mary-girl. It's a little financial bother, and until I understand it better myself, I can't talk about it. Run along like a good child. My head will soon be all right again." Then the head was lifted and the eyes fixed upon her daughter.

"Oh, take that ugly apron off!"

"I've been so busy I forgot it," Mary was more hurt than apologetic. To defy a big house like this, and make something to eat, was quite an achievement, for any girl, and especially one unaccustomed to doing it. She had looked for praise.

"It makes you look—" her mother gave an odd, hysterical giggle—"It makes you look—like a grocer's daughter. For heaven's sake, take it off!"

Mary went downstairs more slowly than she had come up. She wished her mother would confide in her, for she must be awfully worried about money to act like this. Mary wondered, idly, if it meant that they would have to give up the proposed trip to California and Honolulu this fall. They might possibly have to stay in New York all winter. They might even be so poor that they would have to stay here in the country. There was something that appealed to Mary in this thought, if only mother could be kept amused.

Ever since Mary's childhood, she had realized that the first duty of the world and the people therein, herself included, was to keep mother amused. When she was not amused, Mary's heavens were dark. It was not that it took so much to amuse her. Sometimes a new book or a visit from a friend, and the sun shone again; but more betide any place or person boring her for two consecutive days. They were immediately obliterated from her life.

Mary sat down to rest on one of the steps. Her thoughts went back through the years to all the hotel suites they had occupied—the rented villas, apartments in Spain, Italy and France. All had been delightful, but she would love to stay here and see an American winter. To watch the seasons change from spring to summer, summer to autumn, autumn to winter, here in her own country! It would be delightful, wonderful.

Mary rose slowly and went down stairs. One thing certain, she must not bother mother now, and she must make her a cup of tea.

Mary opened the door leading to the kitchen. Then she stared with astonishment and dismay at the grocer's boy drying the dishes.

"Oh!" exclaimed Mary.

The "grocer's boy" began tugging at his apron strings, wishing that he had heard her coming. "Must look a fool," was his thought.

"It was very kind of you, but entirely unnecessary," Mary spoke severely.

Her tone reminded Ned of all he had forgotten about his apparent station in life. Suddenly he disliked this blue-eyed girl intensely, if she was that kind.

He slipped out of the offending apron, took up his hat, and looked at her gravely. "I'll bring Mrs. Pulsifer up after luncheon," he offered, limply.

Mary's sense of humor, which had momentarily deserted her, returned. She thought herself a fool to handle the incident, however annoying, in this manner.

"Oh, Mr. Carter, will you please bring up two pounds of Graham flour, and some table salt—I don't remember how salt comes—and three cakes of soap. I'm awfully grateful for all you've done for me."

She blushed vividly at the end of her speech. Ned instantly forgave her everything.

"It's nothing. Uncle orders me to do these things," Ned lied cheerfully.

He made an elaborate note in a book, which Mary, now aroused to note this young man's customs and manners, saw was a little red leather diary and rather elegant at that. It was not at all the usual orderbook of a grocer's clerk. Her suspicions grew.

"May I ask," said Ned, feeling very businesslike, "if that was uncle on the telephone?" Because, that's why I wanted to know he might call up."

Mary admitted that it had been his uncle.

"Did he want me?" Ned inquired, a shade uncomfortably.

Grasping her chance, Mary answered demurely: "I don't know. I

told him that you had gone. I should think, if you are in the habit of spending most of your working hours washing dishes for any customer whose help leaves her, you might be a very nice man, but a pretty poor grocer."

Ned laughed. "I wasn't concerned about Uncle Claude wanting me, but about his requiring the car. Don't get a false idea from me of how the grocery business is run. Miss Johnston. The shop is Uncle Claude's. I'm allowed to do odd jobs, while visiting him."

Mary's eyes unconsciously look in the young man's outer garments. She had been so domestically absorbed that she had only concerned herself with his actions and intentions. Now, she realized that before her was a young man, clad in garments far too sophisticated and too well cut to belong to any grocer's assistant in Peace Valley. Undoubtedly he was being "had" by this young man. Mary's blue eyes snapped.

"I admire your uncle," she said with feeling and obvious emphasis.

"He's my hero, too, just now," Ned agreed.

Mary could not keep from laughing, and somehow laughter cleared the air and seemed to leave all explanations for a future time. Ned went gayly down the steps. At the foot he turned and looked back at the girl. She stood watching him from the doorway. He had not the slightest doubt she was speculating about him. He devoutly hoped so!

That afternoon Ned helped Mrs. Pulsifer out and ushered her into the Johnston kitchen, which was empty, and urged her to wash the dishes piled on a tray. Not knowing the etiquette of work by the day, Ned feared she might resent not being ceremoniously welcomed. He watched her begin her task and, much relieved, went into the garden.

He found Mary there, investigating the growth of lilies in a small flower bed under the side window. He was whistling, and she rose from the ground and put a finger to her lips. He stopped instantly.

"It being a lovely spring afternoon, warm and delightful, Ned had no idea whatever of doing this and obtusely followed her into the kitchen. He insisted, pleasantly, that having brought Mrs. Pulsifer there, he must introduce her."

The introduction performed, Ned still lingered. Mary ignored him, but Mrs. Pulsifer had been young once and scented an approaching romance more readily than might be supposed. She was the type of woman who would always be on the side of the man, right or wrong. With a sly glance at Ned, she asked Mary if it would not be "a kinda good time to get a snuff of fresh air?"

"I need no telling. I've set things to rights often enough for the Greens, who usta have this house, you go down along with Ned Carter here and pick and choose something for dinner. He'd bring you back in a jiffy. Ain't no sense in you two women running your delicate stummicks with canned trash—with me here to cook. You can get a chicken in no time."

The thought of providing something appetizing for her mother appealed to Mary. She made a dignified exit to consult her mother.

She found her mother asleep and rejoiced at the sight, because mother looked in dear asleep, and because she needed sleep. Mary planned a note on the pillow to explain the presence of Mrs. Pulsifer and her own departure for the village.

Then, secretly amused with country life and its responsibilities, Mary serenely pulled on a jolly little hat, the brim lined with blue to match her eyes, thrust her purse in the pocket of her blue coat and ran softly down the stairs and out into the garden.

"We're our own car, you know, Mr. Carter," she said, as she tucked her shopping list in her pocket. "The chauffeur left when the others did, but of course the car is ours, and I can drive it."

Ned replied that it would take time to get her car out, while his was ready, unaware that she loathed driving and had meant to go in his car from the first. That she did not take the front seat, with him, was a blow to Ned. He had quite counted on this, but Mary had not forgotten the morning.

Revolving in her mind several things she would do and say to him if he reverted to this morning's manner, she forgot them all when Ned, in a casual manner, remarked that the country about them reminded him of the Maine valley. At once Mary saw him in a new light. If he was one of them, one of ours from over there, he had the key to her liking and respect.

It was then that Dorothy Selden, a little plucked because she had no one to play with for the time being, saw them. Dorothy recognized Mary. She had stopped at the Mannheim place, yesterday, and been introduced. Of course Miss Johnston might have known Ned, in the old days, but Dorothy did not think so. Moreover, Miss Johnston was riding in the rear of the car, like a passenger. What a splendid idea! If the grocer hired out his car, Dorothy would engage it. She would pretend her own had broken down, and rag Ned to her heart's content.

This thought put her in such ex-

cellent humor that she determined to call on Mrs. Johnston while the daughter was not at home.

Mary had been gone about five minutes when Mrs. Johnston awoke and read the note. She yawned, rose, put on a best becoming house gown and went down to the library, where she stared at the telephone fixedly. She placed her hand on the receiver, drew back, pulled a letter out of the desk drawer and read it, frowning.

It was a short, businesslike letter, stating that the directors of a certain company had decided to pass over the half-yearly dividend on the preferred and common stock, owing to adverse financial conditions. It seemed all very simple and plausible as she worded it, but it puckered the beautiful Mrs. Johnston's brows.

She drew the telephone nearer and called a New York number. It was the bank president who answered.

"Her pleasantly worded sentence was as pleasantly but decidedly answered. After that the president evidently sought for further conversation with Mrs. Johnston, who murmured that of course they would love to see him, any Friday to Monday, for he would telephone, his train would be met."

When she rang off, Mrs. Johnston sprang to her feet and began walking up and down, thinking.

Dorothy came up the driveway. With her hand on the bell, Miss Selden paused. What, exactly, was she going to do in this house? Dorothy decided that it would depend on Mrs. Johnston.

There was something about a first glimpse of Mrs. Johnston that took one's breath away. She looked like a goddess come to earth, but on second look, she smiled, she was very human indeed. Dorothy was at first a little dazzled and awed. When Mrs. Johnston saw it was a girl, and probably someone who wanted to make friends with Mary, she became so friendly that Dorothy followed her into the library, completely under the woman's spell.

"So sorry, Miss Selden," the smooth voice was saying, "that my daughter is out, and out buying groceries, too. I've telephoned for servants, and the agency promises them down here tomorrow, but now we're quite on our own. Isn't it a nuisance?"

"Come home with me," urged Dorothy impulsively. "Mrs. Mannheim will be delighted to put you up until you get help."

"That's wonderfully sweet of you, but I've no intention of making my entrance on the scene in the role of a poor pest. Mary and I get along splendidly by ourselves, and today we have Mrs.—Mrs. Pulsifer with us."

"Oh! You have one of them in the house?"

"Them?" questioned Mrs. Johnston. "The Peace Valleyers. Oh, they're noted for their honesty. Wouldn't touch a thing. But mentally we find them so unresponsive."

"Dear me! They seem nice, well-meaning, honest people. My daughter is enthusiastic about them. Finds them wonderfully kind and helpful—especially the grocer."

If Dorothy Selden had not been thinking so hard about the impression she was making on Mrs. Johnston, she might have noticed that the sleepy brown eyes were keen. Mrs. Johnston intended to find out something when she put the apparently innocent question: "Is there more than one grocer here?"

Dorothy took this as the direct leading to the subject nearest her heart.

"There's only one. A man called Dabbs. He's quite all right, I think, in his place—as a grocer!"

Again, if Dorothy had been alert, she might have seen an odd flicker of the eyelids, a little quirk at the end of the pleasant mouth which asked gently: "Then what is it, Miss Selden, that is objectionable about him? There's something, I'm sure."

"His nephew," Dorothy's mind was

fellow harm, you know, but only, to warn you."

"Awfully kind of you, I'm sure," murmured the astute Mrs. Johnston. "And now that you've done your rather disagreeable duty, tell me all about my pleasant neighbors, who's who, and just what this 'community' stands for."

Dorothy immediately forgot everything and launched into an animated and whole-souled description of the "community," its aims and aspirations. Mrs. Johnston listened heartily. Throughout the remainder of the call she appeared so interested in everything Dorothy had to say that it would have been difficult for Dorothy to believe the question uppermost in Mrs. Johnston's mind was:

"Why does the little blonde cat take all this trouble to run down a grocer's boy?"

**WHICH PEARL**



He—Darling, your teeth are like pearls.  
She—Pearl who?

**Feckatory Puss Got**

**Surprise of His Life**

A big black cat got the surprise of his life the other night when one of the gray squirrels turned the tables and took the offensive itself.

Following the general instincts of tomcats, the animal was having a wonderful time springing at squirrels.

Suddenly one of the squirrels, not larger but far more belligerent than its fellows, held his ground and made a flying leap directly for the cat's throat. The cat dodged, but the squirrel continued the attack and soon was pursuing the cat, instead of being the hunted one.

Slowly but surely puss was driven back toward a tree. Then the squirrel went up a tree, but as soon as the cat, recovering his dignity somewhat, started to watch the tree the squirrel dashed down and began to chase the cat once more. No other squirrel joined in the attempt to harry the cat, but the one belligerent one did enough for a dozen.—Boston Globe.

**Made Youngsters "Sit Up"**

Eighty-four winters have come and gone since Donat Rief, a Tyrol mountaineer living at Tannheim, Austria, was born; but when recently, some of the young men of his village tried to tease him a bit by insinuating that he is not quite as lively as he used to be, Rief challenged them to accompany him on a climb up the "Zugspitze," a mountain near Innsbruck which towers almost 9,000 feet. Rief made the trip up and down at an even tempo while one after another of the younger fellows dropped out.

**Rats Like Grapefruit**

Rats have acquired the habit of eating grapefruit for breakfast. They formerly paid no attention to oranges, lemons and grapefruit, apparently believing them fit only for human consumption. How they were converted is a mystery, but when the packing-house people of the California citrus belt began to find their fruit opened and spoiled of their seeds they had to admit that the rodents had adapted themselves to a new diet.

**Aristocratic Life Saver**

Baroness Felicitas von Bock, eleven-year-old daughter of the late Lieut. Col. Hans von Bock and descendant of a distinguished line of Prussian army officers, has received the federal hero medal for bravery. The little baroness risked her life to rescue a drowning woman in the Havel river at Potsdam. She was feted as the pluckiest girl in the aristocratic city.

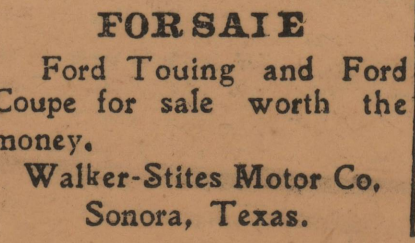
**Whose Mistake?**

The woman's friend has traveled over the seven seas and in her journeyings has picked up some priceless curios. Among them are two ancient Chinese statues carved of pure white jade. The friend had an inventory taken for insurance purposes, and imagine her surprise when she found the jade ornaments listed as "two glass Chinamen."—New York Sun.

**No Demand for Corsets**

A trade journal states that within two years thirty-one corset factories have gone out of business, and the deduction from that statement that makes us smile is our recollection of the time when women used to claim they couldn't get along without them because of "the support it gives the back," says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

**COVERING THE LAPS**



"The Name He Goes Under Here Was Not His Name in New York."

made up. She would block Ned's game in this house.

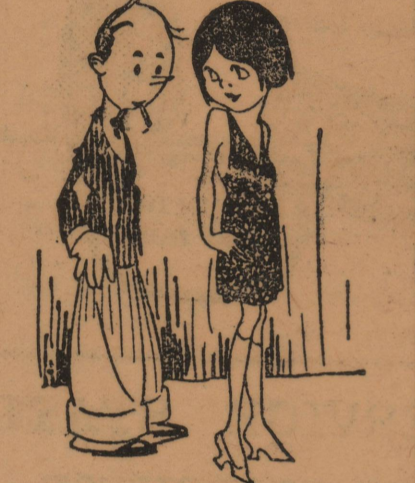
Mrs. Johnston was relieved. Her lazy eyes bored through Dorothy's sly young girl armor. "The nephew! But where does he come in?"

"Well," hesitated Dorothy. Then an inspiration came to her. She would tell Mrs. Johnston who Ned was. That would be playing Ned's game. Any ambitious mother would try to capture the son, in favor or out, of Loren Rangeley. "Well, as a matter of fact, I know something the rest of the community does not. The name he goes under here was not his name in New York. He is—well, under a cloud. I don't want to do the poor

**Fear That Lake Chad May Soon Disappear**

North Africa is anxiously wondering whether Lake Chad in the French Sudan is soon to disappear. The body of water which, being fed by various tributaries upon whose volume its size has depended, has covered sometimes as much as 20,000 square miles at high water time, is diminishing below its usual proportions during drought when its bed has measured only some 4,200 square miles. The lake has never been known to have a permanent outlet and Colonel Tilho, who is devoting his life to African matters, warns that it now threatens to empty its entire waters into the River Niger. Such an eventuality is very much feared in French technical and colonial circles, as it would mean sterility for the rich lake delta with an area of 120,000 square miles. This land is unexcelled for fertility and, besides being the home of countless flocks of fowl, is cultivated with cotton, sorghum, rice, wheat, sugar cane and tobacco. The drying up of the lake basin with its resultant effect on the productivity of the delta would be calamitous.—Chicago Daily News.

**PICKING UP**



She—I hear you've gone into the real estate business.  
He—Not exactly, I'm a reporter. I'm picking up dirt for the newspapers now.

**New Theory of Matter**

A new theory of gravitation has been advanced by Dr. Arthur Korn, a German scientist. The atoms of matter are now believed by most scientists to consist of two kinds of particles. On includes the electrons which make electric sparks. The others are electric in nature, but smaller and heavier. Doctor Korn grants the reality of these, but adds a third, his gravitative particles. They are not electrical, but concentrate between themselves the attraction of gravitation.

**Long Life Together**

It may be said that Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Mareau of Standish, Maine, are an exceptional pair. Age eighty-six and eighty-two years, respectively, these two live alone on their 100-acre farm in Standish, and are as independent of outside help as any vigorous young farmer folk of the town. They have been married 62 years, and for 61 years of that time have lived on the farm that is now their home.

**Explosive Mineral**

A mineral that explodes has been discovered in the state of Durango, Mex. Miners driving a shaft for silver at Valardena were astonished to find the sides of the shaft blown inward as by dynamite—a deafening explosion occurred and great masses of rock were displaced. Scientists say that the making of the shaft released the pressure on one side of this mineral, and that the blowout was the consequence. It is a new thing, not before known to have happened.

**French Stick to Bicycles**

Bicycles become more popular in France each year. There is now one bicycle for every seven inhabitants, "wheels" being about as common in France as automobiles are in the United States. In Paris alone there are almost half a million. The latest figures show 6,763,354 bicycles in France, an increase of almost 400,000 in 12 months.

**Africa's Dialects**

Travelers and explorers in Africa have much difficulty because of the great number of languages and dialects. Of the latter there is anywhere from 450 to 800, according to different authorities. Porters are changed every 20 miles or so because one set would not understand the dialect of the next district.

**Barge Homes in Holland**

Barge life and home life are often one and the same in Amsterdam, where a shortage of houses has forced thousands of families to live on the canals. The number of barge homes in Amsterdam is constantly increasing despite the protests of holders of residence property along the canals.

**Changes in Coinage Under English Rulers**

A penny of gold, struck during the reign of Henry II, was England's first gold coin. Edward I followed with silver half-pennies and farthings, for the first time made round instead of square. Then, in succeeding reigns followed the gold florin and noble, the silver groat and half-groat. Edward IV added the gold angel and half-angel and in Henry VIII's reign came the sovereign, double and half-sovereign and the treston, or shilling, of silver. Queen Elizabeth struck with her own hands the first silver three-halfpenny and three-farthing pieces. The guinea made its debut under Charles II, in company with the pioneer copper coins, and tin farthings with copper centers. Under the Georges the first gold quarter-guinea and gold seven-shilling pieces were made. In 1815 the guinea and half-guinea were withdrawn to give place to the present sovereign and half-sovereign. Bronze coinage first appeared in 1860.—London Tit-Bits.

**Famous "First's" Among the World's Unknown**

When you come to think of it there are men, and many of them, who did things of value, but whose names are lost in the mists of antiquity, if indeed they were ever known. What of the forgotten Florin, engine who was the first European to engrave on wood? And who invented the needle? Or who taught men to use a wheel? Or who first thought of making an ice house? Who built the first chimney? Who laid the first wooden floor? Who invented glass? Who first braved the laughter of society by being the first to use a fork? Who was the unpopular citizen who, for health's sake, put through the law requiring every one going out of town in a horse-drawn vehicle to take with him a load of garbage? Those and others of the unknown great surely shaped things to definite ends, though they fashioned neither epic nor dramatic tragedies.—Dearborn Independent.

**Deals in Back Numbers**

"Back number" usually connotes things of yesterday—discarded things. No small wonder, then, so many stop before the little sign flaunting the term over a dark door in a dingy Chicago office building. "Back Numbers," it asserts, inviting those who care to enter.

For almost thirty years, back numbers have provided a living for the little man who, amid great billows of newspapers and magazines, patiently files away each edition of every paper in the city. He can magically produce nearly every large newspaper in the country for years back.

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