

CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

Seaman Boy Has Hair-raising Experience at Night in Manila Bay

Letters received by E. S. Perkins of Bavin Hill from his twenty-one year old son Lester, brother of the kite expert and aeronaut, Samuel F. Perkins, tell of an experience which he calls more "hair-raising" than kite flying.

Young Perkins had done considerable kite flying with his brother and had developed a strong physique, which undoubtedly enabled him to come through the ordeal.

END OF VACATION ARGUMENT

Wife Agrees to Separate Outing Plan, but Hubby Drops the Subject.

In the garden, over the Sunday paper and a pitcher of iced tea, they were holding a vacation argument.

"Yes," he said, "Doc Sawyer tells me a separate vacation is the best thing for married folks."

"Well, look at the matter calmly. Here we are, married nearly twenty years, and always together. Think what a change it would be for both of us to get away alone—to see nothing but new scenes, nothing but new faces."

"A change, a thorough change, that is what we require, Doc Sawyer says."

"William, look here. I consent. I consent providing you make this change really through by letting me go off on my vacation by myself, and you take with you on yours the six children that I haven't had out of my sight for ten years."

But this time it was William who said:

"Humph."

Universal Joke. This might go—perhaps it has gone—undoubtedly it will—in New York about Chicago, in Chicago about St. Louis, in Cleveland about Cincinnati, in Minneapolis about St. Paul, and so on.

Speaking of the southwest, we heard a story from the Arizona-Mexican border that seems to be timely. One of the Americans damaged by bullets from across the line gave his name as Patrick O'Ryan y Vasquez.

Man's Preposterous Appetite. Herbert W. Fisher in the World's Work for July gives a very uncomfortable simile as an illustration of the surplus quantities of food we consume.

The Weak Brained French. Fifth Avenue—They say the French are deteriorating. Riverside Drive—I know it. The last time I was in France I couldn't make them understand their own language.

WHERE GOLD ORE ABOUNDS

Untold Wealth in Minerals Hidden in Plains and Mountains of Colorado.

"Untold wealth in gold, silver and copper lies hidden in the plains and mountains of Colorado, awaiting only discovery by the prospector," said John A. Herron, a wealthy miner of Denver.

"This statement may seem inconsistent with the recent figures of the census bureau in Washington, which show that the last eight years the number of men employed in mining, milling and smelting in Colorado has been cut almost in half.

"I believe that the time is not far distant when there will be a revival of the great mining boom which years ago induced thousands of persons to flock to Colorado in search of wealth.

WINDMILL AS MOTIVE POWER

French Invention Applies the Principle to Vehicles Which Move at High Speed.

Long ago the patent offices of the world came to the conclusion through experts that few basic principles are embodied in new inventions.

As we understand it, the inventor has gone no further, than the building of a small model wagon. The wagon is of aluminum and weighs about four pounds.

The principle of the invention takes for granted that the wheel mounted in front of a huge van imposes a minimum of additional wind pressure.

THE DETECTIVE WAS GREAT

Running his bow lightly or heavily across his old violin, according as he wanted light or heavy music, the great detective, fully dressed, leaned back in his chair and ruminated.

Feeling around, however, until she found herself again, she exclaimed: "They tell me you can find anything!"

Wasted Sarcasm. After a week in the country a prominent lawyer returned to town, determined to stay during the summer.

Forehanded and Intelligent. Storekeeper—Well, my little man, what can I do for you?

The Kid—Say, when I comes in here this afternoon with a lady and asks you for a dollar's worth of your best chocolates, just give me out a penny's worth of them little things in the corner, will you?—Puck.

BONE OF MASTADON

Unearthed While Excavating Cellar at Albert Lea, Minn.

Presented to Department of Zoology at University of Minnesota and Installed in Museum—Two Other Specimens.

St. Paul, Minn.—A vertebra of a prehistoric mastodon, which roamed the plains of Minnesota 200,000 years ago, before the glaciers sweeping down from the north, had devastated the feeding grounds of its kind, exhumed at Albert Lea by workmen excavating for a cellar, has just been received by the department of zoology at the university.

It is the second discovery of the kind made in Minnesota. Seven years ago a knee bone and leg bone of a mastodon were found at Brainerd, near White Fish Lake, by a workman digging a ditch, and sent to the university museum.

The vertebra discovered at Albert Lea was found 12 feet below the surface of the ground, in the glacial drift, by Charles E. May. It is called the atlas bone, a vertebra located at the neck, and is of enormous size, measuring two feet across from shoulder to shoulder.

Though the excavation at Albert Lea was prolonged in the hope of discovering other parts of the skeleton, none was discovered. The absence of other bones, however, is easily explained by experts in paleontology at the university.

BAKED BEANS ARE REPLACED

Spaghetti Is Now Popular Dish in Boston—One Merchant Alone Imported 500,000 Cases.

Boston.—Who hath done murder to Boston bean? Boston is honeycombed with restaurants and eating persistently, earnestly and enthusiastically.

One Boston merchant imported 500,000 cases of spaghetti in 1905. Last year he imported more than 900,000 cases. This is something over 15,000 tons. This year all records are expected to go by the board.

And this in the town where the bill of fare is supposed to be beans, beans, beans, occasionally varied with the beloved cod, though the testimony of restaurant men is that Boston eats no more beans per capita than other cities, but holds the spaghetti championship of the western hemisphere.

SONS COME AFTER FATHERS

M. Jean Baralthe, Recently Appointed as Notary at Saint-Sauv, is Eleventh of His Line.

Paris.—M. Jean Baralthe has just been appointed notary at Saint-Sauv, in the Gers department, in succession to his father, who has resigned.

The royal ordinance which appointed Blaise Baralthe of this long line of men of law is dated from Pau, December 21, 1898, and was signed by Catherine, sister of Henri IV.

Millions to Servants. London.—By the will of the late Sir Thomas A. de la Rue, head of the famous firm of manufacturers of playing cards, which was published the other day showing an estate of more than \$3,600,000, his two sons inherit only \$300,000 each.

Submarine Under 18 Hours. Paris.—During tests at Toulon the submarine boat Argonaute was submerged for eighteen hours. The crew suffered no discomfort. This is claimed to be a record for submerison of a vessel of this kind.

TONS OF CASH FILL DOCK

Money Treasure on Pier Unguarded Because Face Value Doesn't Exceed \$4—Comes From Korea.

New York.—Fourteen hundred tons of cash money was tossed ashore the other day when the steamship Seneca came alongside her pier at the Bush docks, Brooklyn, but no special police were on hand to guard the treasure.

The Seneca comes from various eastern ports. She takes out all from New York and returns with a miscellaneous assortment of freight. Coincident with the annexation of Korea, the Japanese government announced the substitution of Japanese money for the Korean coinage.

As the native scorns a parse, and as the women never wear stockings, the government thoughtfully stamps a square aperture through the center of the coin so that the native may string them together and carry them around his neck.

It was not long before an American syndicate learned that all the wealth of Korea was lying around in heaps, and that moss was growing on it. Negotiations were started and before long the 300,000 tons of accumulated cash had been purchased and the consignment on the Seneca is the first shipment brought to this port.

The syndicate will melt the coins and extract from them the silver and the copper of which they are made. The silver and copper will be sold to the government, whose mints will use them in turning out big silver dollars and little red cents.

NEED WOMEN OF CHARACTER

Charlotte Cary, Superintendent of Moody Bible Institute, Declares New Type is Developing.

Chicago.—"A new woman is being developed in America who shows a decline in character from our mothers and grandmothers," was the assertion of Miss Charlotte A. Cary, superintendent of women of the Moody Bible Institute, who spoke at the dedication of the new women's building.

"The great need of this country," Miss Cary said, "is women of character. I do not apologize for this statement—I want every man to hear it. There is everywhere a recognized decline in the standards governing all forms of social activity, whether in the home, the church, the school or society."

"A new woman is being developed. She dresses, perhaps, more tastefully, even more sensibly; she talks more easily, she touches life more broadly. She has a cultivation and an education that her mother knew nothing of, yet with all this there is not the commensurate advance in her integrity and principle. As a result the country is everywhere suffering."

MOVES HOUSE TO PAINT IT

St. Louis Woman Was Refused Ladder Room by Her Sister-in-Law—Got Around Difficultly.

St. Louis, Mo.—Mrs. Emma Martin, 6223 Spencer place, St. Louis county, employed a man to paint her home. Three sides of the house grew radiant under the painter's brush and he carried his ladder around to the north side.

Unable to restrain Mrs. Moore through the courts, Mrs. Martin had her house moved two feet and the painting work was finished.

CAFE SEATS 20,000 DINERS

Berlin.—The new Zoological Garden restaurant, the world's greatest eating house, has been opened in Berlin in the presence of representatives of the government, the municipality, and a distinguished assembly of leading Berliners.

Tree Cuts House in Two. Bridgeport, Conn.—While the family of William Crates were about to retire the other night they were startled by a sudden deafening crash as a massive tree fell from an adjoining yard and smashed through the roof.

THE BOY AND THE BICYCLE

Fat Man Moved to Remove After Witnessing Effects of Anger on Bike and Boy.

A fat man was complacently pursuing his way through a cross street. He carried an open umbrella and occasionally wiped his moist face on a large silk handkerchief.

Suddenly around the corner came a small boy on a bicycle. He turned so quickly that the fat man had no time to get out of the way. Nor had the boy any chance to steer away from his bulky obstacle.

The front wheel struck the fat man a glancing blow, shaking his dignity and scraping his leg.

As for the boy, he and the bicycle went down with a crash. But the lad was up again in a moment and raising the bicycle bent over it solicitously.

The fat man was mad. He was so mad that he sputtered incoherently, and then with a vicious swing of one of his tan shoes kicked a spoke out of the offending wheel.

And he knuckled his eyes with a grimy fist.

The fat man was touched. His rage suddenly vanished. He fumbled in his pocket and drew out a dollar bill.

TRAGEDY OF TOMATO VINE

Practical Person Makes Discovery After Neighbors Had Given Voice to Their Wonderment.

Now doth the amateur agriculturist flourish and wax proud at his Luther Burbank achievements, says the Brooklyn Eagle. One such nursed a lone tomato plant from delicate and sickly infancy to robust maturity.

What an assemblage there was about that plant! The block was depopulated temporarily. Amateur agriculturists climbed on each other's necks to view the wonder. The head of the house inspected it through a magnifying glass.

Then came along one of those horribly practical persons, who said it couldn't be, and had to have a closer look. He spotted it all by his discovery that the tomato had been tied on with a string, and if you want to know who tied it on ask the woman who lives next door.

KNOW YOUR WORK AND DO IT

There is perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work; were he never so benighted, forgetful of his high calling, there is always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works; in idleness alone is there perpetual despair.

Nothing to Work On. Gen. Horatio C. King, secretary of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, was narrating his memories of the Civil war.

Time is Money. "I want you to understand that my time is valuable. Time is money with me," snapped the man who had been held up.

Less From St. Helena. It is pleasant to read that the work of the St. Helena government lace school has met with the approval of her majesty the queen.

BLACK CATS IN BIG DEMAND

Fur is Used in Making Ladies' Cloaks, Hats, Muffs, Capes and Other Articles.

The market value of black cats is rising rapidly, owing to the fact that their fur is greatly in demand for the making of ladies' cloaks, hats, muffs, capes and other articles of dress.

Within the past week or two the "Low columns of newspapers in New York and elsewhere have recorded the disappearance of some fine black cats, family pets, for the return of which large rewards and "no questions asked" were offered.

LATEST MODEL WORKABOUT

Farmer Creates Some Excitement by Appearing on Streets With Rig of Own Invention.

Walter Lanfair, a farmer living on Dewey street, Tatham, created some excitement by riding through the town in a "workabout" of his own invention. It consisted of a body placed on four rubber tired wheels with a single seat on which he rode.

A DIGNIFIED FUNCTION

George Ade was out walking with a guide in Kyoto, Japan, when he observed a great procession approaching, and he paused while it passed.

STETTERY DISAPPOINTED

Here's a story in the week's annals of Maine merchants, this time from Portland. A Portland tradesman was visited by a friend from the country.

VACATIONS FOR CATTLE

In western Australia one farmer may be heard to inquire of another whether he has as yet sent his cattle on their vacation, and what he meant is just what we mean.

FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY HAD THE GRIP

As the Father of His Country had the grip it is not surprising that it should run through all the family. Oh, yes, George had it.

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