

# MARRY TOO YOUNG

## New York Judge Declares War on Hasty Marriages.

### Declares Mating of Children is Sin Against Humanity and Should Be Stopped at Once by New Laws.

New York.—"It is a recognized fact that at least 75 per cent of the hasty marriages made between young people result unhappily. Nearly 50 per cent end in the divorce courts and more would if such a course could be afforded."

Judge R. C. Cornell of the domestic relations court has not only been making a study of the cases of young married people who come before him, but has been waging war against hasty marriages.

"It is getting so nowadays," said the judge, "that a boy of 19 may marry a girl of 16 and the authorities are none the wiser until about a year afterward, when the young couple, tired of playing 'keeping house,' come to this court for aid."

"This condition of affairs is not only a reflection on the parents and their laxity in caring for their children, but it is also a disgrace to the city government, and I believe that unless it is stopped the city will be so overrun with families, poor and discontented, that it will be the laughing stock of the country."

"There is a remedy for this, and one that should be put in force. In the first place no marriage should be made between young people unless their ages are attested by some relative or a guardian. This may seem a little matter but it is an important one, as any one who sits in this court will realize. There is a great difference in the girl of 16 and of 18 or 20. The girl of 16 is nothing more than a child and it is a sin to let these marriages go on. Many marriages are taking place between children of 18 and 19 who lie to get marriage licenses."

"The parents or guardians should be made to swear to the ages, and understanding what an oath means, should be duly impressed with the consequences if they commit perjury."

"In many such cases the marriage would not be made if its contemplation were made public. Those interested in the good of the young people would prevent it. But the secrecy that is possible now makes rash and hasty marriages of mere children easy. It would be an excellent thing if a law was passed making it necessary for the contemplated marriage to be published a month in advance of the time of the wedding."

"Such a law would guard the children in two ways. It would make possible the interference of the parent or guardian if the marriage was ill-advised and it would also give the foolish children a month in which to think over the situation."

# "HELLO" GIRL HAD LISTENED

## Charming Army Woman, With Apartments in Fashionable House, Loses Woman Friend.

New York.—Until recently a charming army woman, who lives in one of the fashionable apartment houses not far from the Army and Navy club, was the best of friends with the operator at the telephone switchboard downstairs. Now all this is changed.

Over the telephone an acquaintance was telling the army woman of some recent Washington happenings. "Better leave the rest of the story until I see you," she suggests "when the conversation drifted into details."

"I am afraid the telephone girl is listening to what you say," she cautioned a little later in the story. "You had better be careful." Still the conversation was unbroken. "Really," broke in the army woman a little later, "I feel that I must tell you that I am sure the girl at the telephone board is listening and you must stop."

When the army woman next went down stairs the young woman at the telephone desk declined to answer the cheerful "good evening."

# DUTY ON OLD DECK OF CARDS

## German Customs Officers Find Dog-Eared Pack in Traveler's Suitcase—Things Made Warm.

London.—Americans who have returned here from a trip to Germany are of opinion that the inspectors of the New York custom house can take lessons in making travelers uncomfortable from their brethren in Germany.

Jacob Heilborn, who has just returned from a trip to the Fatherland, tells of a trying experience. Not content to accept his declaration that he had nothing dutiable, the inspectors emptied out his suit cases and made things very warm for him when they came across a dog-eared pack of playing cards.

Heilborn told them he had carried the pack for years, as it is his custom when he cannot find a congenial companion upon whom to unload his fund of good stories to play solitaire.

Asks for Big Sum.

Berlin.—The city council will shortly be invited to sanction a loan of \$80,000,000, the money being required for developments already approved in the way of gas, water and canalization, underground railway, street improvements and so on.

# KING PLEADS FOR EX-WIFE

## Former Crown Princess of Saxony Wants to Spend Rest of Her Days With Aged Mother.

Lindau, Bavaria.—King Frederick Augustus of Saxony has just applied for permission for his former wife—who eloped with his son's tutor some ten years ago while she was crown princess—to spend the remainder of her days in penitence with her mother, the dowager grand duchess of Tuscany.

After the elopement the crown princess was discarded by her husband and forced to assume the title of countess of Montignoso. Then a Saxon court decreed a divorce, which the pope had refused to grant. Subsequently the countess married an Italian pianist named Toselli, from whom she soon became estranged and whom she now seeks to divorce.

Having nowhere else to go, she wishes to live with her aged mother, whose home is in this place. As it is a Bavarian town, Signora Toselli could only live here by permission of the regent, and that would only be granted on the application of the king of Saxony.

It does not appear what influence was brought to bear on King Frederick Augustus, but it is likely that it did not require much persuasion to induce him to apply for this favor to the woman who is the mother of his six children, and in the eyes of the church of Rome is still his wife, although another is queen of Saxony.

With much difficulty the king arranged for an interview with ninety-year-old Regent Luitpold, who now, feeble and senile, happens to be in Lindau. The desired permission was granted and the former crown princess of Saxony will soon enter on a new chapter in her adventurous career, this time as a private individual in a small and quiet town not far from where she once swayed a European court.

# SEE FLIGHT OF VITAL SPARK

## Chicago X-Ray Expert Tells of Passing of the Aura—No One Seems to Know What It Is.

Chicago.—The "flight of the vital spark" has been witnessed, according to a statement made by Dr. Patrick S. O'Donnell, an X-ray expert, who has been following up experiments made by Dr. W. J. Kilner of London, England.

Some time ago, using a chemicalized film sealed between two thin strips of glass, Dr. O'Donnell gave a demonstration to twenty physicians of the aura, or "electrical radiation" of living bodies, four young women being used as subjects. The aura developed as a strong ray of light surrounding the entire form of the subject.

"The other night," said Dr. O'Donnell, "in the presence of several physicians at Mercy hospital, I tried the experiment on a dying man. He was rapidly sinking. Suddenly the attending physician announced that the man was dead. The aura began to spread from the body, and presently disappeared. Further observation of the corpse revealed no sign of the aura."

"We do not contend that the light is the soul or spirit. In fact, no one seems to know what it is. In my opinion, however, it is some sort of radio activity made visible by the use of the chemical screen. My experiments, however, seem to prove that it is the animating power or current of life of human beings."

# CHEAP HOMES FOR WORKERS

## London Tries Unique Experiment With Laborers—If Successful Scheme Will Be Extended.

London.—Municipal houses for workmen for \$35 cash down is the latest London county council scheme. The experiment, Colonel Boscawen told the Daily Mirror, is to be tried with twenty houses first, and if it proves successful it will be extended.

The occupier, on paying \$35, will become the owner of his house at once, and thereafter he will pay 50 cents a week more than the ordinary rent for twenty years.

At the end of that time he will cease all payments, with the exception of a small ground rent, for the remainder of the term of eighty years.

Under the scheme, which is shortly to be considered by the council, the owner-occupier is to have power to sublet if he is obliged to leave the neighborhood. He may also, if he wishes, surrender his lease, assign or sell it.

Another important housing scheme, the creation of a garden suburb on the council's Tottenham estate, is also under consideration, but for this, said Colonel Boscawen, parliamentary powers will have to be obtained.

It is proposed to build on the estate middle class houses with rents running up to \$350 a year, but at present the council has only power to build working class dwellings.

Gets \$45 for Nickel.

Dover, Del.—Walter McInnes, a day laborer, in purchasing a basket and contents at a public sale of the goods of Mrs. Thompson, who recently died, began to look through his purchase and found \$45 between the leaves of a memorandum book that had been in the basket, two \$20 bills and one \$5. McInnes paid but five cents for the basket.

"Grizzly Bear" is Costly.

Chicago.—Dancing the "Grizzly Bear" costs \$25 if done in public, according to the standard of police court fines.

# ENGLISH GIRL HELD

## Miss Malecka in Polish Prison Without Formal Charge.

### Young Woman Said to Have Been Anonymously Denounced to Russian Authorities as Being Active Worker.

Warsaw.—Although Great Britain is said to guard jealously the welfare of her subjects abroad, this can hardly be the case where the subjects are naturalized, as Miss Malecka, who was arrested in Warsaw last March, is still in prison, although no formal charges have yet been made against her.

The difficulty in her case apparently arises from the fact that Russia recognizes the foreign naturalization of none of its citizens. So far as can be ascertained by the very scant information given by the authorities Miss Malecka is charged with having been an active member of an illegal society. An illegal society is an association which has not obtained the sanction of the authorities and may do nothing more revolutionary than teach people to read or write Polish or to lecture on Polish literature or history.

During the first three months of the present year no fewer than 75 mutual improvement societies, Russian and Polish, were declared illegal. The punishment for persons found guilty of aiding or belonging to illegal societies of this kind varies, but generally consists of a fine of 100 to 300 rubles and a few days' to a month's imprisonment.

From an interview with one of the lady's many Polish friends who, needless to say, belongs to a so-called "illegal" society and does not wish her name to be disclosed, it was learned that Miss Malecka is supposed to have been denounced to the police by some person or persons unknown to her—possibly an agent provocateur—as being an active member of the Polska Partya Socjalistyczna (Polish Socialist society).

This society goes a good deal further than the "illegal" associations generally, as it advocates and even practices terrorism and is always at war with the authorities. Whether the police really charge Miss Malecka with this or only arrested her on suspicion and are looking through her papers in their usual dilatory fashion remains to be seen. Although they said a few weeks ago that the prisoner confessed to being a member of the society in question and was "proud of it," they now neither confirm nor deny this statement.

Of course, Russian subjects are often kept for months in prison on just such vague charges. Expedition, as it is understood elsewhere, does not exist. A certain gentleman was arrested and kept for two months in a crowded cell just because a revolutionary's visiting card was found in his room. He was finally discharged for lack of evidence—as, indeed, there was none—but there could be no question of damages for false imprisonment.

If Miss Malecka's papers contain no evidence of her having belonged to an illegal society, and if she can satisfy the Russian government that she is a British subject, she may be able to get some compensation.

But here again another difficulty arises: The Russian government does not bind itself to recognize the children of a Russian subject who has been naturalized in England as British subjects. Miss Malecka's father was born a Russian subject, emigrated to England, and became naturalized. In other words, Miss Malecka is a British subject anywhere in the world but in the Russian empire. This is the verdict of an eminent legal authority in Warsaw, but it would be interesting to hear the verdict of an English authority.

Though the Warsaw citadel does not give anything like adequate accommodation to its prisoners, Miss Malecka's friends need not fear that she is being ill-treated, as her British passport, at this stage of affairs, would, in any case, protect her in that way.

At the same time her quarters are none too comfortable. The food, though fairly good, is very scanty, and the cells are exceedingly dirty. Her friends have been sending her additional food and also some books. She will not be allowed to see visitors or to write or receive letters until her preliminary examination has been completed.

Kisses Worth the Price.

Elizabeth, N. J.—Kisses at \$13.25 per are rather expensive. This is what Dominick Pugliese of Roselle thought after facing Judge Roosa in court and paying that sum on a charge of disorderly conduct committed when he seized Miss Margaret Hudson, daughter of J. S. Hudson, and placed an ardent kiss on her lips. "I will give you \$10, judge," said Pugliese, "and no more."

The judge was determined, however, having passed the age of romance, and the fine was upheld. "It was worth it, anyway," said the osculator.

Count \$133,471,817.  
New York.—One of the largest receipts on record was signed the other day by Charles S. Millington, new assistant United States treasurer. It certifies that when Mr. Millington assumed charge of the sub-treasury here June 17 the vaults held \$133,471,817. The cash balanced to a cent.

# POLICE TOLD TO SWAT FLIES

## Order Follows Request of Women's Municipal League of Boston—Fine Job of Computing.

Boston.—Boston citizens are warned that if they see one of the city's "fliest" waving his arms in the air and making a wild swing at space they should not yell for an alchemist. The policeman is not crazy with heat; he is just following out the orders issued by the health department to help kill all the flies in our fair city.

Every member of the department is now a "fly cop," and there are almost 1,500 of them.

The Women's Municipal league of Boston has made the request for assistance in killing off the pests. The league has issued circulars, one of which has been placed in every police station in the city.

The circular gives a number of reasons for the destruction of the flies. One is that "one fly in one summer can produce normally 195,312,500,000,000,000 descendants." Somebody had a fine job computing the offspring from that one aforesaid fly.

As some flies are larger than others, and horse-flies are common, a policeman would only be following out the mandates of his superiors if he used his club in killing them off.

The fly is to be killed, no matter where he is. It is possible that a fly may light on a man's head. The officer in swatting, of course, only will try to end that fly's existence, saving the head of the man so far as is consistent with his duty.

The policemen were somewhat taken back when the orders were first issued, and some were unwilling to do such work. The vast amount of good that they could accomplish was made plain to them, and they have entered into the spirit of it with destructive zest.

# TURTLE FOSSIL ON MOUNTAIN

## Petrified Tortoise Said to Be 400,000 Years Old, Lived When California Was Sea Bottom.

Los Angeles.—Three thousand feet above sea level on the slope of Mount Baldy and 50 miles from the coast, Thomas Donlon the other day found a perfect fossil of a huge sea tortoise which Hector Alliot, curator of the Southwest museum, pronounced the most important discovery of the kind ever made in Southern California. Donlon has an a priori and was seeking rock to hold down the lid of a live when he saw the shell protruding from the ground. He dug it up and it proved to be a solid stone weighing 100 pounds and showing the exact markings and even some of the original color on the back and bottom. The specimen is nearly 30 inches in diameter.

Alliot estimates that it is 400,000 years old and beyond doubt the most ancient ever picked up on the western hemisphere.

"It swam in these seas," he says, "when California and all other territory this side of the Rocky mountains was still a mile or two under water. When the great earth spasm occurred which lifted the peaks of Shasta, Ranier and Whitney out of depths and brought the new land into being, the tortoise undoubtedly perished, and already petrified was subsequently rolled and ground in the glacial period ice for 70 years. The marks of this snow clearly one slipper is intact. The head and edges of the shell were obliterated."

Hundreds of large petrified clams were found embedded in the shale near this tortoise.

# CROW IS MAN'S COMPANION

## "Jim Black" Also Plays Tag With Owner's Daughter—Friendship Started Over Worms.

New York.—Harry Schaefer, an engineer in the municipal pumping station at Grant City, L. I., has a crow for a chum. The bird follows Schaefer to and from his work, fluttering behind him or sitting on his shoulder. Every morning the crow is put out in the garden to meet Schaefer and to get worms. That is how the friendship started. Schaefer, digging in the garden one morning, presented the bird with some rarely fat and juicy worms.

The crow came back the next day for more and now comes every day. The bird has several times perched on the shoulder of Mrs. Schaefer, accompanying her when she does her marketing. Schaefer calls his chum "Jim—Jim Black Crow in full."

Not only has the crow made fast friends with Schaefer and his wife, but it is a devoted playmate of the engineer's daughter, Elizabeth twelve. The two play "tag" famously; the bird hopping and flying in pursuit of the little girl when she runs away from it and sailing triumphantly when finally able to alight on her shoulder.

Seats for Short Women.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Short women are to receive consideration from the city of Milwaukee.

The present park benches, according to Henry Campbell, purchasing agent for the city, are too high for the feminine five-footers. A supply of new seats especially designed for the comfort of short women will be secured.

Old Feed Bill Paid.

Orange, N. J.—Edwin W. Hine found \$2.35 in a letter, the "balance of a feed bill," the letter said, that had been standing 25 years.

# SEE WONDERS OF SEA

## Many Curious Specimens of Marine Life at Los Angeles.

### United States Ship Albatross Completes Remarkable Trip With Many Scientists on Board—What They Secured.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The United States ship Albatross has just completed a most remarkable trip. With a corps of scientific men on board the vessel made an expedition down the southern coast of California, round the peninsula and back to San Francisco. And the return trip was not made empty handed, for treasures and curios of the sea came back with them.

The party, in addition to the chief, Dr. C. H. Townsend, acting director of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, included Dr. J. N. Rose of the National Museum in Washington, botanist, Dr. Paul Harsch, also of the National Museum, zoologist; Waldo Schmidt, assistant naturalist of the Albatross, and Messrs. Anthony and Osborn, well known west coast collectors.

The Albatross cruised along the coast of Lower California, stops being made at Guadalupe Island, San Benito, San Bartolome Bay, Bay San Cristobal, San Roque Island, Point Abrojos and many other places of importance, and then passed on into the Gulf of California, going as far as Tiburon Island and the Angel de la Guarda Islands.

Several adult elephant seals were killed at Guadalupe Island, brought on board the ship and put into brine to preserve them, while six of the younger animals were captured alive. The full grown elephant seal is about 22 feet long and has a snout or nose closely resembling that of an elephant. At Guadalupe Island also the party found excellent opportunities for research and exploration. Here, too, they obtained a fine collection of rare birds, mollusks and plants and found animal and marine life not related closely to that found on the mainland.

Following along the coast and making frequent landings, and making during the trip 25 deep sea hauls with the dredge, ranging from 400 to 1,071 fathoms (2,490 to 6,426 feet), many interesting kinds of fish and other interesting specimens of marine life were secured. Brought up with the deepest haul were several kinds of deep sea fish, five kinds of crimson prawn, one with blue eggs; many worms that live in hard tubes and one great starfish, as well as several brittle stars.

On Carmen Island the party discovered a wonderful salt pond, on which there was a coating of salt four to five inches thick. The crust is removed in thick flakes and when ground produces salt of an exceeding fineness. This salt is shipped in large quantities.

What is believed to be a new species of mountain sheep was discovered on the west side of Concepcion Bay. The scientists were not able to get close enough to observe these animals carefully or to capture them, but obtained three sets of horns from natives of the place.

# WALKING TAKES OFF WEIGHT

## Newport Society Women Tramp in Heavy Polo Coats on Hot Days to Reduce Themselves.

Boston.—The latest novelty which has been enthusiastically taken up by the folk at Newport is plain, everyday walking.

The movement was started by Miss Beryl Kane and Miss Elizabeth Sands. These two young women are well known in society at the executive resort. They decided that the automobile was too lazy, sea bathing too weakening, tennis too violent and golf too puerile for their purpose.

Newporters are growing fat and blame the automobile and the regulation lazy life. Walking is their salvation, they believe, and they have taken it up in earnest.

The walking costume as prescribed by Miss Sands and Miss Kane consists of a heavy baggy polo coat and a slouched Panama hat. Heavy soled shoes are worn.

The coats are as heavy as blankets and after a long, hard tramp in them the devotees say all the benefits of a Turkish bath are derived, in addition to muscular exercises.

# SWALLOWED A PIECE OF GUM

## Started Gum-Chewer, Reproved by Court, Nearly Chokes Before He Can Explain to Judge.

Easton, Pa.—While presiding over a case in court here the other day Judge Staples of Monroe county, who is sitting in the absence of Judge, Scott, took exception to the gum-chewing activities of a young man on the witness stand. "Stop chewing that gum!" ordered the court sharply. The witness made no motion to remove the big wad that had distorted his cheek.

"Did you hear what I said? Remove that gum!" repeated the court, more sternly than before.

With flushed face and in a choking voice the witness replied: "Judge, I swallowed it!"

The court itself was forced to join in the laugh that followed.

# PAID PENALTY OF RASHNESS

## Snake Charmer Finally Killed by Reptile Which She Had Made Her Particular Pet.

Miss X—, a snake charmer well known among show people, firmly believed that one of her snakes was really fond of her. She could do anything with it—fondle it, kiss and caress it. She grew so fond of it that at last she even let it sleep on her bed, to the great disgust of the other performers in the show. She would eat her meals with this horrible thing coiled around her neck, and once, in very warm weather, she took it under her coat into the woods with her, and let it amuse itself by crawling over the ground. She followed it about and kept a most careful watch over it (it was a valuable performer), but it showed no disposition to go off into the woods, as she feared it might, but came back to her and coiled around her as usual. She was warned several times that the reptile was very dangerous, but she grew more and more reckless, and the snake appeared to become more and more attached to her.

And then, one day, without any warning, directly after a performance, when she was caressing it in her own room, the snake suddenly threw back its head, looked at her steadily, and with lightning-like swiftness struck her between the eyes, leaving two tiny punctures. She hastily uncouled it and thrust it into its box, but she died within half an hour—McCleure's Magazine.

# SACRED MOUNT OF ARARAT

## People of Vicinity for Many Years Considered its Heights Impossible to Scale.

"Ararat is not a mountain that is climbed every day, or even every year," says a writer. "Seventeen ascents have been recorded. When James Bryce, unaccompanied, made his remarkable ascent in 1876 he was told by every one whom he met in the vicinity of the mountain that the top had never been reached, and, what was more, it never could be. Jinn and fiends and giants had prevented the rascally Kurds from even attempting to scale the terrible mountain, and since the ark grounded there mortal man had not been allowed to trespass on the sacred heights, he was informed."

"Had not St. Hagop tried again and again to reach the summit in order to silence the skeptics about the ark, but found himself each morning on waking quietly deposited at the base, whence he started? Finally an angel presented him with a piece of the ark for his pains, but told him to cease his attempts to reach the forbidden ground."

"That was in the fourth century of our era, but the piece of the ark is still to be seen at the monastery of the Echiniedin, where dwells the catholicos of the Armenian church. That Russians or a stray lone Englishman had really reached the top of Ararat was not to be thought of."

Foretold in a Dream.

A fatal accident that was foretold in a dream was described yesterday at an inquest at Old Hill, near Birmingham, on the body of a miner named Benjamin Westwood, who was killed at the Fly Colliery.

His brother William said that on Tuesday night he had a dream, and in it he saw his brother killed. He added: "I did not go to work on Wednesday morning, for my dream made me so ill that I was unable to do any work since."

"In my dream I saw a considerable quantity of coal fall from the roof on to my brother, knock him down, and kill him, and from what those who witnessed the accident have told me, my dream was fulfilled. I did not go to my brother's house to warn him, as I was too ill to leave home."—London Chronicle.

100,000 Beggars in Gotham.

One hundred thousand beggars, of whom 8,000 are professionals, infest New York city, the world's richest city, at present, according to Charles K. Blatchly, superintendent of the Joint Application Bureau of the Charity Organization society. This means that vagrancy is more widespread in New York than ever before, presenting a situation that is viewed with considerable apprehension. James Forbes, secretary of the National Association for the Prevention of Mendicancy, estimates that the 8,000 professional beggars usually average \$6 a day. The 90,000 others probably average \$1 a day, so that the metropolis pays a daily vagrancy toll in money alone of close to \$150,000.

Lifting the Jonah.

"Jim, how much do I owe you?"  
"Twenty-three dollars, isn't it?"  
"Yes."  
"And for how long?"  
"Over two years."  
"Yes. Well, I begin to believe that \$23 is an unlucky number to owe a man."  
"Good!"  
"So here's a dollar—that cuts it to twenty-two, doesn't it? Goodby."

He Got It.

Lady.—Yes, I've an umbrella that needs mending, but how am I to know that you will bring it back?  
Umbrella Mender.—Have no fear, mum. I allow charges more for mending than I could sell the umbrella for.