

RATS CAUSE OF GHOST SCARE

Rodents Put Electric Wire, Causing the Light to Rise and Fall and Frightening Men.

There are probably few persons who would confess to a belief in ghosts, spirits, specters, or spooks, as told in stories.

This, perhaps, was the case with Elmer Sampson and Art Anderson, who were sitting in the office of a livery barn one evening recently when the electric light hanging from the ceiling began to rise and fall.

It is said that Mr. Anderson, who thought a ghost was in the attic, suggested that they give chase to it with a pail of water.

The young men felt relieved at finding that two huge rats had been tugging away at an old umbrella.

WEARING ROSES DANGEROUS

Trainer Attacked When She Pins Blossoms to Corset—Beasts Mistake Them for Meat.

A lion tamer came from her hot tent and sat down for a chat.

"An admirer, in my younger days," she said, "once sent me a bouquet of red roses, and I wore them in the ring to my act."

"The big brutes left me at once, and while they sniffed the roses with disappointed growls I staggered out of the iron door."

How Thackeray Worked. It occurred to be held responsible for Thackeray's appearance as an author, his erratic methods of work contributed equally to his early death.

"I can conceive nothing more harassing in the literary way," wrote Motley to his wife in 1858.

Motley's fears were realized within a few years.

Art Leads Language and Science. The fact is that art is working far ahead of language as well as of science.

The result is a non-sinkable craft, with how and stern alike, that is rigged as well. From these boats the oysters are taken up with tongs.

Points for Church-Goers. A clergyman was smoking a cigar under an oak.

"My congregation coughed this morning," he said. "I could hardly make myself heard. It was most annoying."

In Line. "Have you taken any steps to demonstrate that women are fitted for modern controversy?"

CATERS TO HUSBAND'S TASTES

Woman Asserts That Her Sex Dress to Annoy Other Women—Is Repudiated by Another.

"George, dear, I dress to please you, don't I?"

"Nothing, dear. Only over at Mrs. Giffather's this afternoon they were talking about dress and Emeline Clark said that women dress just to annoy other women, and somehow there didn't seem to be anybody smart enough to answer her."

"But I changed it, George."

"Was it? But there, don't look so distressed, you little goose. Aside from shoes and hats and gowns, I'm inclined to think that you are right—and the other women wrong."

BUILD FRESH AIR SCHOOLS

Board of Education of Pawtucket, R. I., Have Adopted Plans for Open Rooms.

"One open-air room in every new school building," is the policy which the board of education of Pawtucket, R. I., officially adopted at its meeting on July 12.

Pawtucket also illustrates how quickly public sentiment can be created in favor of providing fresh air for children in the schools.

Twentieth Century Dugouts. Dugouts are usually associated with bygone days, but they still figure in Maryland navigation.

The result is a non-sinkable craft, with how and stern alike, that is rigged as well. From these boats the oysters are taken up with tongs.

The Soldiers' Pic Eating Contests. In order to train plebes in the endurance, mentality and valor requisite for a soldier in the United States army, pic eating contests have been introduced at some of the military schools.

His Lucky Escape. "Thank heaven!" exclaimed a man watching the ticker tape mark the fall of stocks.

"Why, they broke me, but if I had had any more money they would have broken me harder."

SKELETON IS DATED 7000 B. C.

Remains of Man Found in Box at King's College, Oxford—Brought to Light by the Discovery of a Well.

In a small box packed safely away in a room at King's college, Oxford, are the remains of a prehistoric man. Every bone and portion is marked and catalogued in order, and within the next few days a well-known London surgeon is to undertake the delicate operation of piecing the figure together.

HEARD DURING THE WAR

Password Given Out to Sentinels Undergoes Change Owing to Soldier's Blunder.

The following anecdote was told by Col. John A. Riker of Philadelphia, a veteran of the Civil war, at the National.

"In the army of the Cumberland one of the officers whose duty it was to furnish the guards with a password for the night gave the word 'Potomac'."

Keeps Family Prisoners. An almost incredible story comes from Naples to the effect that a wine merchant named Rea, who appears to be out of his mind, has been keeping his wife and eleven children shut up for the last five years in twelve different rooms in a country house near Naples.

Burlesque Wedding Guests. Pontbet, a Paris caricaturist, having determined upon so commonplace a step as getting married, decided that he would be married in no commonplace way.

More Matter of Speed. The Reading Railway's lawyer was cross-examining a negro woman who had sworn that she saw a train hit a milk wagon whose bandaged driver had just testified.

Her Protection. "Why don't you marry, too?" he asked her apropos of the marriage of her friend.

Too Naive. Mayor Gaynor at a dinner in New York, said of a politician's excuse: "It was altogether too ingenious and naive. It reminded me of the butler story. A man advertised for a good butler, and the next morning a young man presented himself."

Maine's Deserted Villages. Maine has had her deserted farms and now and then one can find her deserted villages.

Study Profits for Women. Dr. Marion Parris presided at the congress of women interested in agriculture which was recently held at Bryn Mawr college.

Knicker—What is Summerman free ting about? Bocker—Afraid his wife can't come back—Judge.

HOME MAKING WOMAN'S ART

She Can Add to Her Husband's Comfort by Having the House Attractive and Habitable.

The birds find sources of exaltation in the building of their nests, and you can discover that they are house furnishing by the joy of their songs.

Home-making is not easy work, but the married woman who sets aside her kingdom for lack of courage, and energy to rule it, is but a disinherited princess who has lost the greatest joy of life when she abdicated her throne.

WAS GENEROUS TO A FAULT

Story of Statesman Who Voted for Anything That Would Force Treasury to Pay.

There are innumerable stories about Mr. Brownlow, who recently died, his manners and methods. His colleagues never tire repeating his reply to the representative of an uplift magazine who was in Washington years ago to review members on the principles that actuated them in the performance of the public duties.

"Are they Pittsburg Aldermen?" A member of Pittsburg commandery had a somewhat embarrassing experience during the Templars' visit to Chicago.

"Oh, she's the young woman 'Are these the Pittsburg aldermen?'" Curtain.

Charmless. "You are one of the 'Millionaires' commandery, aren't you?"

Maine's Deserted Villages. Maine has had her deserted farms and now and then one can find her deserted villages.

Study Profits for Women. Dr. Marion Parris presided at the congress of women interested in agriculture which was recently held at Bryn Mawr college.

Knicker—What is Summerman free ting about? Bocker—Afraid his wife can't come back—Judge.

"I SING WHEN I FEEL BAD."

Young Lad Injured in New York Subway Excavation Starts Doctor by Unusual Request.

A little seven-year-old boy fell into one of the deep excavations for the New York subway, and was taken, bruised and suffering, to the nearest hospital.

"All right, you can sing," said the doctor, and James began. So brave and sweet was the childish voice that after the first verse there was a round of applause from the listeners.

"I guess it was the singing that fixed me," said James. "I always sing when I feel bad," he added simply.

ADVANTAGE OF LIQUID FUEL

Use of Gas Engines Aids in Minimizing of Space and Reduces Expense.

The weight of and the space occupied by propelling machinery being less for gas or oil motors than for steam engines, it follows that a vessel of less displacement will suffice to carry the same cargo, says a recent article in Casella's Magazine.

The uplifter gasped, and Mr. Brownlow smiled on his way. His friends say his statement was almost literal at that.

Charmless. "You are one of the 'Millionaires' commandery, aren't you?"

Maine's Deserted Villages. Maine has had her deserted farms and now and then one can find her deserted villages.

Study Profits for Women. Dr. Marion Parris presided at the congress of women interested in agriculture which was recently held at Bryn Mawr college.

Knicker—What is Summerman free ting about? Bocker—Afraid his wife can't come back—Judge.

ESTIMATING AGE OF WORLD

Various Professors Have Guesseed Earth Was Anywhere From 20 to 400 Million Years Old.

Lord Kelvin, half a century ago, put forth the opinion that the age of the earth might be anywhere from 20,000,000 to 400,000,000 years, says the Christian World, but later in life he cut his maximum estimate down to 40,000,000 years.

"All right, you can sing," said the doctor, and James began. So brave and sweet was the childish voice that after the first verse there was a round of applause from the listeners.

Since the dawn of human reason four great problems have occupied the mind of man, viz: The earth; the heavens above; God the Creator and man and his destiny. These are still the master studies of the race.

CAUSES FLOWERS TO GROW

Ether Given to Plants Quickens Their Growth, as Proved by Experiments in Copenhagen.

Anæsthetics used upon bulbs and plants while dormant and awaiting the touch of spring is one of the newest experiments reported from Copenhagen.

In the matter of the Easter Lily, for example, the bulbs are incased in an airtight receptacle, while hanging from the inner side of the closed lid the chloroform or ether is suspended.

The Little Man Spoke Up. A cold shudder crept around a big table in one of the Atlantic City cafes the other night when a clubman, who has recently returned from London, announced to the guests at a dinner party that he had happened to be driving past the Crippen house at Hilldrop Crescent, one dark gloomy night, and had seen the mysterious shadow of a clammy hand at the window.

Complaint Was "Incurable." A remarkable fraud has just been worked on the Institut Pasteur in Paris by a negro hailing from eastern Africa.

Dickens Nearly Popular as Bible. Dickens nearly passes beyond the bounds of the British Empire. There is America—with its eighty-five millions of people and its widespread, its fervent, regard for Dickens.

Study Profits for Women. Dr. Marion Parris presided at the congress of women interested in agriculture which was recently held at Bryn Mawr college.

Knicker—What is Summerman free ting about? Bocker—Afraid his wife can't come back—Judge.

L'ABELLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS

Advertisement text for L'ABELLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS, including contact information and details.