

HIND MONEY IN BOOKS

OLD HALLUCINATION OF AGED INDIANA MAN

Imagined Friends Were Trying to Force Him to Divide His Wealth - Interesting Search for Missing Bill.

An insane hallucination that his acquaintances are in a ring to force him to divide his money and a desire to be generous, caused by the childlessness of old age, has resulted in William C. Castro, of Indianapolis, 72 years old, losing \$300, and he has employed an attorney to try to recover his loss. Since a "lost ad." was inserted in a daily paper a few days ago the searching of library books has been a favorite pastime, because the lost \$300 was hidden in a book taken from the public library and returned. The old man's loss was \$300, but \$100 has been recovered from one book. Although the money was placed in library books several weeks ago, Mr. Castro has just confessed his loss.

Castro has imagined that his friends and acquaintances, who held their hands to their faces in a certain manner, were members of a clique that was after his money. He imagined that this clique was determined to get all he had, and when he saw persons with their hands to their faces he divided without questioning.

Several weeks ago he went to the public library and noticed one of the women librarians had her hand to her face. He went to a bank and drew \$100 and after placing the bills in the book handed it in with a handkerchief around it. He said nothing of what he had done.

Because of his old age and childlessness, the librarian thought nothing of this, and the book was placed on the shelf. Later, the old man noticed the librarian had her hand to her face again, and drew \$300 from the bank and placed it in another book. This book also was placed on the shelf.

The first discovery was made when Miss Paddock, librarian, noticed \$100 in bills in Dickens' "A Tale of Two Cities." She advertised the find and this was recovered.

Since it was learned that Mr. Castro had placed altogether \$400 in books a search has been made. The economic old man reads books that remain on the shelves at the library and his scope of reading is so great that all classes of books, from children's books to classics, have been searched, but in vain. Mr. Castro said nothing of his loss until he went to repair his house, and his attorney asked him about his bank account.

The hallucination of the old man is supposed to have been caused by property troubles which he had many years ago when his wife was forced to divide property that was left to her. Since that time he imagines that people want him to divide with them.

Miss Paddock and Miss Hughes at the library, have been making a close search for the missing \$300, but it is thought that books in which the money was placed have been given out, and hopes of the recovery are slight.

TO ANNEX KANSAS LANDS.

Hundred-Mile Strip May Be Transferred to Colorado to Settle Big Water Suit.

An attempt is being made to solve the Kansas-Colorado water suit, and if the efforts of those most interested in the case are successful, a strip of the western portion of Kansas, about 100 miles wide, will be annexed to the state of Colorado and the litigation now before the supreme court at Washington will be thrown out.

Agitation along this line has already started, and prominent politicians in both states are making every effort to get the passage of such a bill through the legislatures. This, it is thought by those who have given the irrigation problem much study, will obviate the difficulty and benefit all concerned.

The strip of country in western Kansas, which it is proposed to annex to Colorado is that most affected by the water suit. It is in the arid region of the state, and the irrigation question is of the greatest importance to its residents. To the east of Dodge City practically no water is taken from the Arkansas river for irrigating purposes, and the suit against Colorado was brought for the purpose of securing a sufficient amount in that portion of the state extending westward from Dodge City to the Colorado line.

SERVANT PLAYS MARQUIS?

Head of Casa Riera in France Declared to Be an Impostor—Paris Is All Agog.

The prosecution of the marquis of Casa Riera, alleged to be a former E. newspaper of the old marquis and to have substituted himself for the real hero, is exciting a sensation in Paris equal to the Humbert case.

The marquis, aged 41, is a native of the province of Valencia, and he has been in Paris for several years. He is alleged to have been a servant in the household of the late marquis.

During a recent suit, however, a death certificate was produced showing that the marquis had died in Spain in 1878 five years before he was in Paris. Consequently, it is argued, the present marquis can be only an impostor.

Not Much Help

Scientific measurement has demonstrated that the great star, Antares, sends about as much heat to the earth as a man could feel from a candle burning six miles from him, so you might as well lay in a full supply of coal for the winter.

LARGEST CUT-GLASS VASE

Biggest Article of the Kind in Existence Is on Exhibition in St. Louis.

The largest piece of cut glass in the world, a vase as tall as a man, and as brilliant in every part as the finest small piece, has been completed in Philadelphia and shipped to the St. Louis exposition, where it has been placed in the industrial art display. The vase is five feet six and three-fourths inches in height, and every inch of it is perfectly worked in sunbursts, chrysantheums and beaded and notched effects that add prismatic rays of brilliance and luster. The sunbursts on the star are too large to be designated by that usual cut glass term, so they have been given a new name, the Louisiana Purchase star. In all there are 100,000 cuts or deep incisions on the vase, which required turning it 200,000 times. The vase weighs 200 pounds. It was produced by nine men, who spent 2,000 working hours on it. The man who made the blank in six feet seven inches tall. A shorter man could not have handled the great piece of glass. Twenty blanks were turned out before a perfect one was produced. The remarkable brilliancy of the vase is caused by the fusing in the glass of ten per cent. more lead than is ordinarily used. The vase is several times larger than the previous greatest piece of cut glass, completely dwarfing it.

BASKETBALL GIRLS QUIT.

Outlook for Coming Season Is Very Gloomy According to Captain of Eastern Team.

"Our outlook for basketball isn't very bright this year," remarked the captain of the senior basketball team of a well-known woman's college to a Philadelphia Press reporter. "Our worst loss is going to be our center, who doesn't return to college this year because she is going to be married. Of course, I can forgive her, but just listen to the excuses the other players offer. One girl writes that she can't play this year because the game makes her hands large, and her father objects to that. Another says she can't play because she always loses her temper when the umpire calls a foul—she says that her mother is afraid she'll become a regular crosspatch. I did expect something better of our goal defender, but here is her resignation along with the others, saying that she met a girl this summer who had played in that position at Bryn Mawr for three years, and she was such an aggressive, assertive person that she's afraid if she plays goal defender any longer she'll become like the Bryn Mawr woman."

BROKER'S LUNCH COSTLY.

Sells 5,000 Shares to Pay for Meal and Finds That Stock Soars Three Points.

There is a good story told of a well-known broker, which, though rather expensive to him, serves to illustrate some of the methods which are in vogue during the period when the public is out of the market. In such times, says the Brooklyn Eagle, brokers get practically no commission business and they are simply gambling as much among themselves as if they sat down to a table with a poker layout. The incident mentioned occurred on a day when trading would be called wholly professional. About noon the broker referred to decided he would get some lunch and that he would go and put in a trade to pay expenses. Consequently he went on the floor of the exchange and sold 5,000 shares of Metropolitan. He then went to lunch, stayed some time, and on returning found that Metropolitan had soared three points. He looked the situation over and decided to buy back the stock, and found himself not only out his lunch money, but about \$14,000 besides. Oftentimes, however, it goes the other way.

MAIL MAN BRINGS LOBSTER

Gloucester, Mass., Fish Dealer Uses Service for the Delivery of His Wares.

According to the Grocery World, the very latest development of the mail order business is the delivery of fish in this manner. A fish dealer and packer doing business in Gloucester, Mass., announces this as a very large end of his trade. He deals only with the consumer and packs fresh lobsters, crab and shrimp in the proper shape for transmission through the mails, and purports to have sea food delivered at the door in almost any part of the country before it has lost the delicate flavors which are to be found alone in the fish fresh from the water. Not only are the fresh fish shipped in this manner, but salted fish, such as salmon, mackerel and codfish. Quite an extensive trade has been worked up by this individual. He has on his books standing orders to send quantities of fish at regular intervals, some persons engaging a regular weekly supply for an entire season.

Charcoal for Wounds

A lot of 25 cents Japanese doctors can dress the wounds of 200 men. They use a fine powder charcoal obtained by the slow combustion of straw in closed barrels. Charbels filled with are applied to the wounds and its antiseptic and absorbent qualities generally effect a rapid cure.

Do Away with Prison Strips

You can't get rid of the lockstep and the cropped head in New York state prisons unless you do away with the strips of convicts' clothing, and 3,000 suits in bus the strips are being made.

FEW TAKE CARE OF RAZOR

Tonsorial Artist Gives Advice to Average Shaver—Best Is Good For Instrument.

"The average man who shaves himself doesn't know how to take care of his razor, despite all the advice that has been given to him in the public prints from time to time," said an expert barber to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat man.

"He will get a good razor, and use it day after day, then wonder why at the end of a short time it loses its edge, even though he strops it most carefully. A razor needs brief intervals of rest, or it will grow dull, no matter what efforts are made to keep it sharp. If you have a good razor, and it appears to be losing its edge, just try to rest it instead of having it sharpened up again. The chances are that when you put it into use again, at the expiration of three or four days, it will prove as sharp as if it had been carefully honed. A man who shaves himself ought to have at least two razors, and use these on alternate mornings; then, if his razors are all right, he will have but little trouble with them. It is also possible to strop a razor too much. It should not be stropped for more than half a minute before shaving, and care should be taken never to bear heavily on the strop while doing this. Let the razor rest lightly on the leather and the best results will be attained. After finishing a shave, strop the razor once more for a few seconds and this will insure a much better condition for it."

DEEP SEA LEVEL RISES.

Changes Observed from Several Points Along Mediterranean Show Increase in Depth.

Changes in the level of the sea are well shown in the case of the Mediterranean. M. Ph. Negris, in a recent lecture presented to the Academy of Science, furnishes interesting information on this point, it being apparent that the sea has greatly increased in depth as compared to ancient times. Formerly a bridge 2,000 feet long united Leucate to the continent. To-day it is submerged, but the foundations of the work were discovered 11 feet beneath the surface. It may, therefore, be concluded that since the construction of the bridge the sea has risen at this point over nine feet. In the bay of Amphissa, Greece, there has been observed a mole that is also over nine feet beneath the surface. At Rhenee there has been found a completely submerged dock, evidently of Roman construction, the depth of the sea above the dock being at places fully nine feet. From all of these facts one may conclude that there has taken place an important increase in the depth of the sea since the Roman period, the Mediterranean having risen at least nine feet in about 2,000 years.

HORSE HAS A HAPPY FACE.

Chicago Equine Driven to Grocery Wagon Is Dear Friend of Numerous School Children.

Said the man whose equine acquaintances outnumber the humans he knows intimately, and who seems radd of it, according to the Chicago Inter Ocean: "There is a wise old horse belonging to a grocer in Wentworth avenue, and he might appropriately be called the children's friend. The store is close to a schoolhouse, and this horse friend of mine spends much of his time standing in front of the store when his wagon is not in commission. He has a habit of standing with his forefeet on the sidewalk gazing into the store. At such times the children fairly swarm on him. They jump into the wagon and hold the reins; they climb on top of and walk underneath the kindly animal, and he looks benignly down upon them, and is often rewarded for his good nature with bits of sugar and candy and other things that horses like. There are few happier faces in town, if you know how to read horse faces, than this of my four-legged friend. May he live long and always be as happy."

EASY TO BE EXPERT SHOT

Cavalry Captain Tells How One May Become a Crack with Pistol in a Short Time.

"Any man with ordinary nerve can become a fair shot with a revolver from the saddle with a few weeks' practice. I believe in a short time a man can become sufficiently expert to make 95 out of 100 shots," says an army officer. "You see, it is all in learning when to shoot. The aiming is a small part of pistol and revolver shooting. The aiming is just like pointing your finger. A man naturally can point his finger at an object accurately. If he can do that he can aim a gun by simply throwing it out in the same way. The reason an unpracticed marksman is no marksman at all is that he stops to aim and gets off the mark or becomes unsteady in pulling the trigger. He must learn his gun, so he will know the exact instant when it goes off, just how much and how long a pull he must make to snap the trigger. When he learns to do that it is second nature to shoot just as he points the gun, he will hit any ordinary mark within reasonable range."

Food of the Future.

"Man will eat 200 or 300 more foods in the year 2000 than he eats now," said a chemist. "A movement is on foot among the world's governments to increase the varieties of our foods, and every week from somewhere or other a new vegetable or fruit or nut is added to the international bill of fare."

SHIP TO BE UNIQUE.

DESCRIPTION OF NEW ARCTIC EXPLORATION VESSEL.

Bald-Headed Schooner, Steel Sheathed with Powerful Engines—First Craft Ever Constructed Especially for Such Work.

The new arctic ship upon which Robert E. Peary will make his final try for the north pole is now under way, at Bangor, Me., and from her plans she will be superior to the famous Fram, aboard which Nansen made his voyage in the polar sea. The Peary ship is to be a bald-headed three-masted schooner—that is, a three-masted schooner without topmasts, with rather limited sail area, but powerful engines. The hull is to be built by McKay & D. X. of New York, at their yards in Verona, 19 miles below Bangor, on the Penobscot river, and the machinery is to be supplied by the Portland company of Portland.

The hull is to be delivered at Portland on February 15, and the machinery is to be installed by April 15, when the vessel will have a trial cruise off the coast of Maine.

The vessel will have a very strong frame of Virginia oak, with ceiling and planking of yellow pine. Part of the frame and a lot of the planking have arrived at Verona, but the keel has been side-tracked somewhere, and its non-arrival delays the operations.

She is to be 130 feet long on deck, 154 feet on the load water line, 35 feet beam, 17 feet depth of hold, 15 feet 9 inches draft, ready for sea with 500 tons of coal in her bunkers. The bottom will be double planked, and she will be strongly reinforced in bow and stern by masses of oak timbers, while the hull at the water line will be sheathed with steel, half an inch thick amidships and one inch at bow and stern.

Her model will be such that the ice pressure will lift, instead of pinching her. She will have a long overhang forward, the stem being set at an angle of about 45 degrees, so that she will ride the ice flows she runs into. She will be provided with engines of the compound condensing type, capable of developing 1,000 horse power under natural draft and 1,400 under forced draft. Her displacement will be 1,200 tons, net register 870.

The propeller will be two-bladed, which type is better designed for arctic voyaging than the three or four-bladed kind. The ship will not be fast, but will have a great cruising radius at fair speed. The design of the vessel is by Commander Peary himself, while the machinery is to be built from designs by Chief Engineer Wilson Sprague, of the Portland company.

NEED MANY NEW CLOTHES

Army Officers Raise Cry at Being Compelled to Have Large Number of Uniforms.

"Why do the army requirements make us buy so many clothes?" This is the complaint made to the war department at Washington by army officers in the United States, and in recognition of the complaint, it is probable the general staff will very soon order a reduction of the number of uniforms so as to make it possible for an officer to live at less expense.

Anyone who has inclined to the belief that only soldiers are fond of trappings need only apply to the general staff to be informed of the true attitude of the American officer, who, it is years ago, little of the peacock practices credited to his fellow fighters abroad. The officers of the junior grades especially find it a hardship to provide the variety of dress which is exacted by the regulations. Their pay very often is seriously curtailed by this consideration. An officer, for instance, must have four pairs of shoes, and at least six different uniforms for different occasions. It is now proposed to cut down the uniforms to two, one for service in the field and the other for dress occasions. This would do away for one thing with the full dress coat, a heavy and costly garment.

In its place it is proposed to use a composite blouse, to which would be attached shoulder straps or shoulder knots as the occasion required.

KISS CAUSES DIVORCE SUIT

Wife Drags Husband Into Court Because He Woke Her with Osculatory Salutation.

Because he roused his wife from sleep by imprinting a kiss on her lips, Aaron Huddleston, well known throughout San Bernardino and Los Angeles, Cal., is defendant in divorce proceedings.

The complaint states as a ground for the action extreme cruelty, which Huddleston says consisted solely of kissing his wife while she slept, when she retaliated by slapping his face.

The couple were married at Riverside, Cal., four years ago, and until recently at all appearances the union was a happy one. Huddleston had occasion to leave town early and in order not to disturb his wife used every precaution to dress noiselessly.

Before leaving he bestowed a parting kiss, and an instant later received a slap in the face. He was nonplussed and began to quote scripture, when his stepson entered the room and threw him out. When he returned to town he was served with the divorce summons.

Writers and Warriors. In Germany only about one manuscript out of every 100 offered to the publishers is accepted, and Germany's output of books is enormous. Evidently, says the Chicago Record-Herald, that is a country of scribblers as well as of soldiers.

WED ON CAPITAL OF \$4.82

New York Salvation Army Publishes List of Matrimonial Necessities—Small Sum Needed.

The New York Salvation Army has undertaken to come to the rescue of every sighing swain and bustling lass whose joint income or possessions reach just 12 cents under the five-dollar limit. They believe they have solved the problem, "Marriage Made Easy."

How to wed and be comfortable on an outlay of \$4.82 is set forth in the following table:

FOR THE BRIDE	
Black dress	2.00
White dress	2.00
Shoes	1.00
Lingerie	1.00
Total	\$6.00
FOR THE GROOM	
Black suit	2.00
White suit	2.00
Shoes	1.00
Total	\$5.00
Total for both	\$11.00
Furnishings for three months	1.82
Total	\$12.82

This list of prices was issued recently. Heretofore, while the army has held out inducements to impoverished sweethearts to wed, it has not specified just what the cost would be. To stimulate the marriage industry its officers have drawn up a list in bold black and white.

In addition to clothing and furnishing the home for the young couples, the Salvation Army will see that the marriage costs not one cent. The ceremony will be performed free. Then the couple can go to the army's annex in West Thirty-ninth street and choose their furniture. The purchase price of three dollars does not include grand pianos or like luxuries, but the furniture is substantial and as bright and clean as fresh paint and varnish can make it.

TRAVELS BY RAIL IN AUTO

Enthusiast Completes 2,000 Mile Trip in Flanged Wheel Machine on Railroad Tracks.

Automobilists are deeply interested in starting the completion of the 2,000 mile trip of Charles J. Glidden of Boston, over the rails of the United States and Canada. He left Minneapolis to Vancouver.

The trip was made in a 24-horsepower automobile, with steel flanged wheels substituted for the ordinary rubber tires. At times a speed of 60 miles an hour over rough country was maintained.

With a clear right of way Mr. Glidden says he could have made an average speed of 90 miles an hour for the entire trip. An increase of 15 miles an hour over the speed of the machine on an ordinary macadam road was shown in this trip.

W. E. Searns, president of the American Automobile association, fails to agree with any of the conclusions of Mr. Glidden. He said: "Automobile traveling on rails with steel flanged wheels would never be anything more than a fad."

Instead of a steel flanged car traveling on rails, there has been suggested the plan of steel flanged rails laid over the ordinary roadbed. The only difference between this plan and that of Mr. Glidden is that in the latter case the wheels of the car are flanged, and in the former they are not. The latter plan is a better one for a number of reasons. The flanged car, with its rubber tires, can run over it at a higher speed than can be attained with a car as described by Mr. Glidden.

LONDONERS WEARING RAGS

Hard Times in British Capital Said to Be Source of Flead of Re-pair Orders.

A great deal has been said and written of late about hard times and the paucity of money in London. During a recent walk over the city streets have shown a falling off in the consumption of expensive French wines and brandies and this has been attributed to a lack of ready cash among classes which heretofore indulged in such luxuries. Such facts, however, pale into insignificance before the revelation of sartorial tragedies which hard times are causing in the smart set.

"In all my long experience," said a fashionable tailor, "I never have known such pressure in the repair and renovation line. Society is short of money. Ordinary business is slack, but we are inundated with repair orders. Hats are sent to be re-lined, restitched, re-lined, and pressed. Trousers have to be turned inside out, and sometimes re-made. I am referring to some of my best customers, who a few years ago would never have entertained such an idea. Often enough clothes are quite past repair, and we are obliged to punt this out to clients. Formerly in such cases the order was to send them to the church yard. Now my customers ask me to send them back. What they do with them is a mystery."

Tireless Government Sleuths.

The most indefatigable sleuths in the world are those in the employ of the government. The other day at Harper, Kan., a United States detective arrested one E. L. Leffer, who has been working all summer with a thrashing machine crew in the neighborhood. About a year ago Leffer, then living in Pennsylvania, was divorced by his wife. During the trouble he wrote her a letter reflecting in a somewhat profane and obscene manner upon his father-in-law. The letter was turned over to the post office authorities. The government detective, however, traced the way to Kansas where he was arrested.

IMMENSE DRY DOCK.

CONSTRUCTED BY GOVERNMENT AT PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD.

Built in Basin the Natural Formation of Which Was Rock—Will Float Largest Ship on Seas with One Exception.

The largest dry dock owned by the government has recently been completed at the Portsmouth navy yard. The cost is nearly \$1,250,000. Its dimensions are such that with one exception it will float the largest ships on the seas. Its total inside length is 250 feet, total width 130 feet with a depth of water at mean high tide of 30 feet.

The dock is built in a basin whose natural formation was for the most part rock, which gives an immovable and sure foundation for the support of its floor and lower sides. There was about 125,000 cubic yards of rock excavation and nearly 100,000 cubic yards of earth and sand. After leveling off this rock bottom with concrete the massive floor, made of large granite blocks, was first installed, and as the sides were being built up of this same material it was reinforced on the outside with a heavy building of concrete. There were cut into the sides of this immense basin 11 sets of stairways and nine slides for the convenience of lowering timber, blacking, etc., into the dock.

A very interesting portion of the work forming a part of this dock is the caisson or grate at the mouth, which is built of steel and in form takes the appearance of a steep ship with a humped prow at each end, and it is through this gate that the water is allowed to flow into the dock after the same has been sunk into position.

With the dock empty the caisson is kept in place by having lead pumped nearly full of water, the ends of this caisson having large tongues which fit with rubber packing into grooves built into the granite walls. After the dock has been filled with water the caisson is pumped out, which permits the same to rise and float. It is then towed to one side and the ship floated in. The course of this operation then puts the gate back in place, the water in the dock then being pumped out through a large pipe at the top of the caisson.

In a general way the dry dock consists of three central pumps, one on each side, the water being discharged through a 45-inch pipe and at the rate of 125,000 gallons per minute, which will empty the dock in about 2 1/2 hours. These pumps are run by dynamos and the power is generated by two steam engines of 750 horse power each.

A great deal of the granite used was quarried at Frankfort, Mo., and a large portion of it was dressed at the navy yard, where a large plant was erected especially for this work. For the removal of the excavated material the setting of the granite and the placing of the concrete two large tower cranes were erected, across the entire span, the ends of these towers being fitted with wheels on rails, so that they could be moved on a track the entire length of the span to be operated by the dock and by a trawl arrangement on each bridge arm, and the bottom or sides could be reached.

The time taken to build the immense structure was 1 1/2 years. It is the first of its kind in the world. It was a 1000-ton structure, and its construction was the most extensive ever undertaken in the United States. It was the work of the United States Navy Department, and it is the largest piece of machinery ever constructed in the world. It is the largest piece of machinery ever constructed in the world.

GIRL ELOPES IN "NIGHTIE."

Kentucky Miss, Whose Clothes Are Hidden, Adopts Her New Measure and Becomes a Wife.

Miss Nora Beswick and her lover, William T. Highland, of Evansville, Ky., were married recently. The couple were accompanied by Edward Pemberton, a neighbor and intimate friend of Miss Beswick.

The elopement was of a sensational nature. Miss Beswick's parents opposed a match between their daughter and Highland because of the fact that he is 38 years old, while she is but 19. Suspecting that an elopement would be attempted, the elder Beswick, when the girl retired, hid all her clothing.

Not to be deterred by lack of raiment, however, Miss Beswick, aided by her lover, climbed from her bedroom window and fled. The couple, accompanied by Pemberton, went to Evansville, the girl being supplied with clothing at Rockport on the way to the Indiana city. A week was sojourned at Evansville, the elopers were married, and returned home, they were forgiven by the outraged parents of the girl.

Parent Can Thrash Son.

A father may thrash his son till stripes are raised without being liable to arrest for assault, provided the boy is not old enough to have his dignity injured, according to the decision of Judge Kirwan in the circuit court at Sheboygan Wis., recently. Franz Radloff, contractor, was acquitted of thrashing his nine-year-old boy with a whip because the boy watched a circus parade.

Groom Made to Ride Mule.

A coronado by a thin band and a rife about town on the back of a mule were features of a reception given William H. Shubert, cashier of the First national bank of Greenup, Ill., when he arrived home one night recently with his bride.

Nocturnal Discussions.

The Chevrolet Cat club is planning to hold a cat show in November. This is probably the subject of the backyard discussion you hear when you wake up in the night, remarks the Buffalo Express.