

COULD NOT LIE FOR CUPID

Would-Be Bridegroom, Under Age, Confesses to Truth With Tears in Eyes—Seeks a Guardian.

St. Louis.—Leon Smith, marriage license clerk of East St. Louis, was in his office waiting for Cupid to get busy when a young man and a young woman walked in.

"Want a license?" Smith said, affably, to the young man. There was no response.

"I'll do the talking," said the girl, smiling.

Smith regarded the young man with sympathetic eyes and asked: "It was too bad. Here was a dear little whose affection made it impossible for him to hear or answer the clerk's questions."

Instead of questioning the man, as is the custom, Smith turned to the young woman:

"My name is Clara Putnam and his is Albert Sommerfeld," she said. "We are both from St. Jacobs, Ill."

Smith told Miss Putnam she would have to make affidavit as to Albert's age.

"Albert is an orphan," she said. "To the best of my knowledge he is twenty-one years old. His only relative is a brother, who is not his guardian. His father died several weeks ago. On his deathbed he gave consent to our marriage."

Albert continued to twirl his hat and study the carpet. Smith prepared the necessary affidavit blanks and was handing them to Miss Putnam to sign when he heard a sob.

Looking around he saw that tears were running down Albert's cheeks. To his even greater surprise Albert stepped forward and said:

"I can't tell a lie." He paused to weep some more and added: "I'm only twenty years old. I won't be a man until March 3 next year."

Miss Putnam quieted her fiancé and they left the office without the license, promising to return when they found somebody to act as guardian for Albert and give consent to the marriage.

QUEEN TELLS HOW TO BOSS

Carmen Sylva of Roumania Draws Up Ten Rules for Beginners in the Matrimonial Game.

Bucharest.—Carmen Sylva, Roumania's queen, has drawn up the following precepts for the guidance of a young wife who wishes to be happy in her home:

- 1. Never begin a discussion, but if an explanation is unavoidable do not yield without having proved your point.
2. Never forget that you are the wife of a man and not of a superior being; it will make you understand his weaknesses.
3. Do not ask your husband for money too often. Try to manage with the allowance he gives you every week.
4. If you discover that your husband has rather a big heart remember also that he has an appetite. If you attend to the latter you will soon win over the former.
5. From time to time, but not over-frequently, allow your husband to have the last word; it will please him and will do you no harm.
6. Read the whole of your newspaper and not only the sensational news and your husband will enjoy discussing the events of the day and politics with you.
7. Beware of hurting your husband's feelings, even if he is sulking.
8. From time to time pay him a compliment by telling him that he is the nicest and most attentive of married men and at the same time make him understand that you, too, have your faults.
9. If your husband is clever and active be a good comrade to him; if he is somewhat heavy, be his friend and his counsellor.

VALUABLE 1853 HALF-DOLLAR

Coin Passed in Payment for Car Fare Worth More Than \$2,500—On Exhibition at Chicago.

Chicago.—An 1853 half-dollar which was taken by a conductor on a Cottage Grove avenue car a few years ago is said by numismatists at the American Numismatic association exhibit at the Art Institute to be the most valuable coin in the exhibit.

The conductor turned the half-dollar in at the barn. The barn man replaced it by another and sold it to Stevens & Co. of Chicago for \$5, who sold it to Charles Wilcox of Chicago for \$100. Wilcox in turn sold it to De Witt Smith of Lee, Mass., for \$500. Smith later refused to sell it for \$2,500.

It is now on exhibit in the collection of H. O. Granberg, a wealthy mine owner of Oshkosh, Wis., and though Mr. Granberg will not say what he paid for the coin, it is safe to say that it was far more than Smith refused. The coin lacks the arrows and sun's rays which appear on all other coins of the same mintage. It is the only coin of its kind in existence.

Pet Kangaroo Loses Out. Fortanough, N. H.—Murphy, the pet kangaroo of the battleship Wisconsin, has been detached from the ship and ordered to the zoological gardens in New York. He lost his favored position in the navy owing to his bad behavior. He went aboard at Albany, Australia, while the vessel was on a world cruise, as a gift from the people of that city. Recently the crew added a big bulldog to the ship's menagerie. Murphy's nose soon went out of joint in an argument. Disgruntled, he left the ship and went into camp in a boiler room at the navy yard.

TRAVEL IN AIRSHIP

Service Opens in Germany With Scheduled Flights.

Representatives Claim That Aerial Trips Are Quite Free From Danger and Have Many Advantages Over Rail Rides.

Paris.—The Hamburg-American Shipping Line announces that from now on it will book passengers for excursions on the Zeppelin airship Schwaben from Baden-Baden to different places in the Black forest and the valley of the Rhine as far as Weissenburg and Woerth.

The manager of the Paris office of the Hamburg-American line explains that his company, although having no official connection with the Zeppelin company, has entered into an arrangement whereby passengers for the airship trips may reserve seats in the Schwaben at the various offices of the Hamburg-American line. The headquarters of the business is at Baden-Baden. Each excursion occupies from one and a half to two hours. The fare is 200 marks.

Variety of itinerary is a feature of the trips, a different program being organized every week though passengers are always given a ride through fine mountain, forest or river scenery. Wind, too, still plays an important role in determining the destination of the Schwaben, and if at the last moment an announced trip has to be changed or suppressed altogether, those who have booked passages may either have their money back or select another excursion in the week's program. Besides the ordinary advertised excursions the company can arrange for much longer trips for parties sufficiently large.

The Schwaben, which has a length of 145 meters, has three cabins, two for the crew of nine persons—all naval men—and a central cabin for passengers. Stability is obtained by means of planes. When the airship is in motion no rocking is felt. The cabin is comfortably, not to say luxuriously, fitted in mahogany, and accommodates 34 persons who sit facing the same direction. There are large observation windows, and the general aspect of the cabin is that of a first-class saloon on a railway train or an ocean liner. An excellent restaurant chef presides over the kitchen, and cold meals are served aboard.

The Schwaben makes an average speed of 54 kilometers an hour with its three engines developing 357 horsepower. If necessary, it could remain in the air for 12 to 15 hours, traveling from 800 to 1,000 kilometers, according to the direction or force of the wind.

"Naturally," added the official, "it is not the company's intention or idea that the airship service should compete with trains or steamers. The time has certainly not come for that. But there is no reason why airship excursions, such as those organized from Baden-Baden, should not become general. They are quite free from danger, and they give passengers a novel and delightful experience. Few who try it will not agree that aerial travel has many charms and advantages over locomotion by train, steamer or automobile. In none of the latter can the traveler obtain such comprehensive views of scenery as he can from an airship."

BABY PACIFIER IS INVENTED

Musical Instrument and Milk Bottle Combined—Give Parents a Rest—No More Carpet Walking.

Venice, Cal.—No more will the cries of "Little Precious" stir his proud and happy father to a tack-dodging marathon on a midnight bedroom course, for Mrs. J. W. Efferson of Douglas, Ariz., the wife of a mining man, has arrived here with a baby and a "Baby Pacifier," a device combining a milk bottle and an aeolian harp, the use of which gives the infant music during dinner hours and his parents a surcease from squalls.

RAT DEFIES THREE BIG MEN

Monster Rodent Jumps for Throat and Legs of Belligerent Merchant—Large as Common Cat.

Clifton Heights, Pa.—It required four men and a dog to kill a big rat which had attacked William H. Baker, a butcher in the employ of Councilman Bernard Doherty's store, here the other morning. Baker had just opened the store when he was surprised to find a big rat seated on the counter.

Baker made war on the rodent, and in the meantime Councilman Doherty and his other clerks closed the door and gave chase to the rat, which was finally captured.

Then the rat jumped at Baker's throat, but he knocked it down with his hands, when the rodent attacked his legs. Before any great damage was done Baker shook off the pest and then the men chased it about the store, hurling all sorts of missiles at it.

Finally Jack, Councilman Doherty's Irish terrier, was brought in and soon killed the rat, which was almost as large as a full grown cat.

U. S. Pays Cat \$1 Monthly

Los Angeles, Cal.—"Jim," a big silver-haired cat, has been placed on Uncle Sam's pay roll at one dollar per month because of his proficiency in keeping the federal building clear of rodents. Assistant Postmaster Dishman receives "Jim's" monthly stipend and expends it for him in buying dainty morsels. "Jim" enjoys the distinction of being the only representative of his family in the government service.

PRETTY ROMANCE IN A RING

Brooklyn Man Falls in Love With Girl Who Lost Gold Circlet and Wedding Is Near at Hand.

New York.—Last spring Miss May Hedloe Armstrong of Los Angeles visited Brooklyn for the first time and was introduced to Mr. Tutbill at the house of a mutual friend, A. Wilfred Tutbill. He asked the young Californian to accompany him to a New York theater. After the play Mr. Tutbill and his friend were partaking of refreshments when the young woman discovered that a valuable ring was missing. Instantly she remembered that she had slipped the ring from her finger during the progress of the play and they immediately returned to the playhouse. Lights had been turned out, but the man in the box office had them turned up again and a thorough search was made, but no ring was found.

Bright and early next morning Mr. Tutbill presented himself at the place of amusement where the ring had been lost. While he was engaged in the renewed hunt a message was received to come to the box office. There a small piece of newspaper was handed to him, on which was written, very indistinctly, that a ring had been found after the play, and giving name and address. Application was made to the finder, the ring obtained and returned to Miss Armstrong.

That the girl from the Pacific coast should have been very much impressed with Mr. Tutbill's persistence and his unconquerable enthusiasm in the search for the ring goes without saying. It seemed to cement their friendship, as it were. They became better friends every day that Miss Armstrong remained in the east, and when she went back to California there was a very perceptible increase in the mail matter going and coming between Brooklyn and Los Angeles.

The net result of the correspondence has been that Mr. Tutbill and Miss Armstrong are engaged to be married.

The wedding of the young people will occur during the coming winter, after which they will reside in Brooklyn.

USE OF TOBACCO IS BARRED

United States Steel Corporation Takes Action in Interest of Workers—Little Protest.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Down with the cigarette and tobacco and up with moral standards.

This is the latest cry of the United States Steel corporation, which in many ways has been striving for uplift among its thousands of workmen. Following the lead of the American Bridge company, the steel corporation is making tobacco a contraband article during working hours in the Pittsburgh mills.

The first move was made at Ambridge, the town site of the American Bridge company's great industry. Notices have been posted there forbidding smoking within the plant, and it is understood that officials in order to set an example will refrain from indulging in percolator during office hours.

"It is injurious to the health of working men."

This is the argument of the steel trust, which in more ways than one has taken up certain social and living problems among its employes.

The example of the American Bridge company has been followed in various Carnegie mills, and there has been little or no protest from the men against the ruling.

The point has been stretched in favor of one class of workmen, machinists who do brass work, and iron molders will be permitted to chew tobacco. Chewing tobacco is said to be a preventive against certain infectious results from inhaling fine brass cuttings and dust in foundries.

MAN'S CHARACTER ON A BAG

Continental Porter Judges Traveler by Little Marks Made on Luggage for Benefit of Others.

Paris.—The manner in which the traveler has his character written on his luggage for the benefit of porters and hotel servants is thus described by one of the latter. Little scratches on the bags are made after the traveler has given a "tip" and these marks are understood by all porters and other employes.

A horizontal line on the right hand top corner of the bag means that the owner gives very small "tips" and should be boycotted when possible. A diagonal scratch on the lower left hand corner signifies "exact and disagreeable." A cross in the lower right hand corner means "exact, but generous," and small vertical marks near the lock, "very generous."

A curved mark on the left hand upper corner signifies "inexperienced, has not traveled much."

Chased by a Whale. Avalon, Cal.—F. M. Reed of Oklahoma City and Captain Walker of the launch Leonaya had a thrilling experience when a whale pursued them five miles, apparently after the flying fish the men were using as bait for tuna. The men were trolling about five miles from shore when the whale first appeared dangerously near the craft. Becoming alarmed the boatmen and angler decided to start shoreward. They were followed to within a half mile of the beach by the whale. Fearing that the launch might be wrecked by the whale if the flying fish were pulled aboard, the bait was cast adrift.

Plans Fence 150 Feet High. New York.—Plans for a fence 150 feet high have been filed with the New York building department by J. M. Francolin, a wealthy banker, who expects thus to maintain privacy at his uptown residence despite the encroachments of apartment houses in the neighborhood. The fence will be of ornamental brick.

GIVEN UP TO COWS

Dairy Queens Supplant Kings of Turf in Kentucky.

One by One Stately Domains in Famous Blue Grass Region Are Being Converted Into Prosaic Places for Farming.

Louisville, Ky.—When the states of New York, Illinois, Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana, California and others rang the knell on racing, they also sounded the passing bell of the blue-grass stock farms of Kentucky.

These stately domains, in that beautiful region which is known as "Gods Country," are rapidly being converted from stock farms into prosaic places for the raising of cereals and vegetables and with them passes the most pleasing product of racing.

Instead of bringing forth Collins and Sycamore, Dominos and Henry of Navarre, Cliffords and Africanders, Kinley Macks and McChesney, winners of suburbans and futurities and cups and handicaps that are no more, these beautiful stretches of pasture land will be devoted to producing corn and tobacco and wheat.

One by one the princely places that have been maintained by the milllions of the east for the purpose of rearing the colts that carried their colors on the race tracks of the country are being devoted to other uses.

Clarence Mackey has shipped his famous stallions and mares abroad. It is reported that James R. Keene is soon to give up "Castleton," where he has developed so many great race horses. And "Elmendorf," J. B. Haggin's vast estate, it to be given over to the cows, for henceforth "Elmendorf" will be known as the site of the most perfect dairy plant in the world instead of the home of the greatest horses.

"Elmendorf" represents an investment of millions of dollars. There are almost 5,000 acres and on them has been expended every improvement that money and energy can provide.

When horse racing still thrived the stallion stable at "Elmendorf" was the high court of horsemanship. Built of stone and brick and with the finest of woods used throughout and finished to the limit of horse comfort, this structure cost at least \$75,000.

Within its walls dwelt Salvador, the king of them all until his death two years ago; Africander, McChesney, Kinley Mack, Star Ruby, Imported Water Creek, Water Boy, Imported Dieudonne and a dozen others that won fame as winners or the beggeters of winners. Now Salvador is dead and the others have been shipped across the sea. Their palace is given to the cows; the queens of the dairy have supplanted the kings of the turf.

All through the Bluegrass it is the same. Some of the old breeders cling to their places, hoping that there will come a turn and that New York or some of the other states will let down the bars. But most of them have wearied of the lean years, and the pastures where the horses that made Kentucky famous stood deep in blue-grass know them no more.

In this extremity it is the automobile that has brought comfort to the Bluegrass, for the beauty of the region and the fine roads have made it a famous resort for touring. But if things keep on as they have the Kentucky stock farm will, in a few years, be only a memory.

HER OUTING OUTFIT IS FOUND

Summer Resort Woman is Requested to Apply at Police Headquarters and Claim Handbag.

Pasadena, Cal.—Chief Wood is in possession of a lady's handbag picked up at Fair Oaks and Colorado street. The owner is urged to call at police headquarters. The bag contained the following articles:

- One set of blonde curls.
Six hair pins.
One can talcum powder.
One piece of wire netting, identified as a sanitary "rat."
Two late novels.
Three sandwiches, one lettuce and two olives.
One finger-nail file.
One bathing suit.

Detective Schultz has been put on the case. After careful study he arrived at the conclusion that the satchel is the property of some Pasadena woman, who was evidently bound for the beach.

YOUTH'S HOARD IS REFUSED

Pittsburgh Physician Rejects \$1.16 Injured Lad's Mother Finds in a Cellar Treasury.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Hearing the physician would cease his visits unless paid a small amount on account, Sylvester Jasinski, aged eight, whose foot was crushed in a coal tippie accident, had his mother carry him to the cellar of his home. There he pointed to the hiding place of his treasury.

In an old tin can the mother found \$1.16 mostly in pennies. She turned the money over to the attending physician.

The doctor refused to accept the "fortune," but complimented the boy for his manliness and promised to give him service free.

Swim or Drop Out

Princeton, N. J.—A new system of physical culture to be introduced at Princeton this fall, will require every student in the university to pass various physical requirements, including ability to swim and give "first aid" in drowning or be dropped from the roster. The tests, which will be just as rigorous as those required at Annapolis and West Point, are the recommendation of the new head of the physical department, Dr. Joseph H. Raycroft, formerly of the University of Chicago.

Hornets Break Up Baptism

Ottawa, Ind.—A ceremony of baptism was broken up by yellow jackets. While the preacher was leading several women into Flat creek, and the church choir on the bank was singing, two hosts of hornets were stirred up. Dozens of persons were stung. Many rushed headlong into the water. Several persons were stung so badly they had to go to bed. The baptism was a sequel to a revival at the Vincent Baptist church.

SCENTS DIAMONDS IN TEXAS

English Expert is Searching Ground in Montgomery County—One Flawed Stone is Found.

Houston, Texas.—Diamond "indicators," indications of the existence of a diamond mine, have been found in Montgomery county, Texas. The discovery was made by Fred W. Packer, a captain in the British army during the Boer war and an expert formerly in the employ of the De Beers in South Africa, who has been prospecting in Texas following the recent discovery of the supposed diamond mine in Arkansas. Captain Packer has unearthed a heavily flawed stone from his Montgomery county mine that has been declared a diamond by a Houston diamond expert. The stone weighs two and a quarter carats, but is of little value because of the flaws other than proof of the existence of a diamond mine in Texas.

The Texas stone was picked up from the surface of the ground. Packer's mining apparatus is very crude and it is his belief that several other stones have been washed through.

Captain Packer was attracted to the United States by reading in a diamond magazine in Africa of the discovery of a supposed diamond mine in Arkansas. Coming to America he investigated the Arkansas proposition, then followed the earth formation into Texas. In Montgomery county he was confident, because of the formation, that diamonds could be found. He immediately began operations, employing half a dozen negroes to dig and sift the gravel.

After months of operation this first stone was found. His interest in the work was kept up by the continual appearance of "indicator" stones, such as are thrown up in volcanic disturbances and which indicate the presence of diamonds.

No effort yet has been made to go below the surface into the clay. Blue clay has been found and it is believed that better indications will be found deeper down.

HARVARD GOES TO HARVARD

First Time in 275 Years Youth Bearing Founder's Name Will Enter University—From London.

Boston.—For the first time in its 275 years the name of Harvard will appear on the student rolls next fall at Harvard university.

Lionel de Jersey Harvard of London, a descendant of the family of the founder of the university, will become a member of the class of 1915. He is descended from a second cousin of John Harvard, who died in 1638.

The discovery of the young man is traced to a letter written by Edward Everett, then president of Harvard university, to George Bancroft, minister to Great Britain. When it was found financial reasons prevented Lionel from entering Emmanuel college in England, Harvard men became interested and took steps to have him enter Harvard.

SECURES PERMIT TO COUGH

New Yorker, Victim of Asthma, Hopes to Be Free From Further Denial of Police Interference.

Denver, Colo.—Ole Skinden, a victim of asthma, who came here for his health from New York, appeared before Doctor James and requested a permit to cough in Denver streets.

He says that when he sits on the curb and begins to cough the first policeman who comes along arrests him and sends him to jail in the ambulance, charging him with disturbance of the peace.

Doctor James issued an order authorizing him to cough on the street and told him to have the captain of police O. K. it.

Hereafter when Ole begins to cough he'll have his permit handy to shove in the face of the first cop who disturbs his peace. The permit is signed by Chief of Police Armstrong.

FRANCE JOINS WAR ON FLY

Scientists Declare Against Little Insect That Spreads Disease—Warnings Accepted Seriously.

Paris.—France is about to join in the campaign for the extermination of the housefly.

Several scientists have recently made statements to the effect that the fly is one of the most potent spreaders of disease, particularly during an epidemic. As the cholera scare hasn't subsided, these warnings are being accepted seriously, with the result that some plan for popular warfare against flies may be evolved.

M. Laveran of the Pasteur Institute and M. Thiery of the municipal laboratory are among those who call the attention of the public to the dangers of disease carried from person to person by the fly.

Killed by Porto Rico Bug. New York.—As the result of having swallowed a Porto Rican bug while in California many years ago, William Thompson, thirty-five years old, is dead at his home in Grant avenue, Roselle Park, N. J. For years his case had baffled medical science.

After his return from a trip to the west nine years ago, Mr. Thompson was seized with a mysterious illness. He consulted a score of physicians and specialists, but none was able to diagnose his case. He grew worse gradually and it was only after two operations that the real cause of his malady was discovered. The man suffered much agony. Two weeks ago he was admitted to a private sanitarium, where he died.