

of carelessness or lack of thought. There is a right and wrong way to perform all work and, whenever a man strains his back doing extra heavy lifting, it is simply the result of his own indifference in not asking for sufficient help. Again, a man may lift an object, of only a few pounds' weight, and strain his back, arms, or side. This strain is caused not by the weight he is lifting, but by the careless manner in which he did it. Furthermore, should a man have the misfortune to strain his back, he should obey the doctor's instructions to the letter. If the doctor instructs you to stay at home and take care of yourself, he means exactly that, not to spend your time running around the country, or chopping wood, or joy-riding. Let us take this matter a little more seriously; give your work more thought, and see if this class of injuries cannot be entirely eliminated.

Compressed Air

To prove our contention that it is extremely dangerous to play with compressed air, the following article appeared in *The Charlotte Observer*, under date of September 21, 1920:

"McCollen, Texas, September 20—Peter Roe was instantly killed today at San Juan, near here, when a motor truck tire exploded while he was inflating it with air. The top of his head was blown off, and a nearby brick wall was blown in by the explosion."

We have several compressed air tanks in the plant which are used for various purposes, and some few of the men are in the habit of using this air to blow the dust out of their clothes. Some are even foolish enough to run the nozzle over their heads to get the dust out of their hair!

We are constantly warning the men against this practice, as it is extremely hazardous, for the following reasons: Should a small particle of sand, grit, or steel be blown into the eye, it would undoubtedly destroy the sight, as only a few pounds' pressure at the nozzle would be sufficient to drive one of these particles with enough force to embed it in the eye. Or, while running the nozzle over your head, should you pass it directly across the ear, it would burst your eardrum.

Either of these accidents would be a very serious matter and, besides the material loss, would cause a great deal of pain and suffering. Those of you who have this habit should break yourself of it at once, as compressed air is not a plaything, and remember that whenever, in a spirit of fun, you turn the air on another, you are jeopardizing his eyesight and hearing.

A Foolish Stunt

On the morning of October 4, 1920, one of our pot room cranemen received quite a painful injury. It seems that Williams had the crane hooked to one of the pots and, while waiting for the tappers to perform their duty in tapping and drawing the metal from the pot, he decided to leave the crane cage, and climb down the side of the wall to get a drink of water. Luckily he reached the floor without falling, but on climbing back to the crane, which was at the time half way between two columns (one of which he was using for a ladder) he failed to have the agility of a squirrel, and in making the leap from the column to the crane cage, a distance of about five feet, he missed his hold, and fell about twelve feet to the floor, landing on his head. The fall rendered him unconscious for several minutes.

After reaching the First Aid, it was found that the injury, while very painful, was not serious, but would cause several days' lost time.

Williams is an old craneman, and knew better than to try a stunt of this kind. All have strict instructions that, if they have to come down, to run the crane to the ladder used for this purpose, but under no circumstances to climb up and down the columns. Still we have some cranemen who are continually performing these stunts, regardless of any warning they receive, and this carelessness will cause sooner or later a serious accident. The Company does not hire you as a circus performer. If you must pull stunts like this, join the circus!

Mr. Swagerty's Birthday

In the little town of Sweetwater, Tenn., October 4, just thirty-six years ago, the house of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Swagerty was invaded by a bird commonly known as the stork, and in commemoration of that occasion the following gentlemen were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Swagerty, to celebrate his thirty-sixth birthday: Messrs. Jno. McGregor, A. L. Culveyhouse, Claud Tipton, R. Leatherwood, W. M. Brookbanks, W. O. Burns, A. G. Long, J. West, W. D. Kitchen, T. L. Greenlee, H. C. Jenkins, and Landis Burns.

On entering the dining-room, Mr. Swagerty was presented with a handsome Morris chair, and Mrs. Swagerty with a beautiful electric lamp. Mr. John McGregor, in his happy style, presented the gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Swagerty. His speech was full of wit and humor from start to finish, and was enjoyed by all present.

—W. O. B.

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