

Dinner Stories

Small boy (at zoo, looking at stork) —Mother, I really believe he is trying to see if he can remember me.

Wife—Don't you say you'd go through fire and water for me? Hub—Yes, but I'll be blown if I am going through bankruptcy for you!

Mrs. Smith—My husband calls a spade a spade, you know.

Mrs. Gold—Well, my husband used to before he tried to spade up the garden.

"Waiter, this water is cloudy; take it away." "You are mistaken, Miss; it's only the glass that isn't clean."

Mother—Eat up your rice, dear. Little Joe—I don't like rice.

Mother—Well, pretend you like it. Little Joe—No, I'll pretend I'm eating it.

Customer—Have you any fine-tooth combs? Clerk—No, but I can let you have some fine tooth brushes.

The teacher gazed sorrowfully at the small boy who had stolen an apple from one of his schoolmates. "Bear in mind, James," the teacher said, "that these temptations can easily be resisted if you turn a deaf ear to them."

The boy looked solemnly at her. "But, teacher, he said, 'I haven't got a deaf ear.'"

Teacher: "Anonymous" means without a name. Now give me a sentence using this word.

Pupil—Our new baby is anonymous.

Mrs. Hopkins—So this is your little daughter? How old is she?

Mrs. Joyce—Let me see; she came between little Fido and little Tito.

Mrs. Hawkins—An are you made all the arrangements for your marriage, my dear?

Miss Jenkins—Well, not quite all, I've got to buy my trousseau, and take an 'ouse, and get me 'usband a job, and buy 'im a good suit o' clothes, and get some regular washing work to do. An' then I'm to name the 'appy day.

SANDLESS GLASS IS NOW BEING MADE AT CORNELL

Germanium Is the Substitute. Extracted From Crude Zinc Oxide, and Has Unusual Refractive Qualities. Ithaca, N. Y., April 26.—(AP)—Sandless glass is being made in the chemistry laboratory at Cornell University.

The substitute for sand in the process of manufacture is the dioxide of germanium, a rare, mysterious and costly element which Professor L. M. Dennis, head of the department of chemistry, is now able to produce in quantity after years of experimentation.

Whether the new glass has properties that will make it of great value for optical purposes is still undetermined, but the results thus far obtained indicate that it has unusual refractive qualities.

Chemists are still puzzled by germanium. They frankly admit that until it was put to work making glass they had not known what to do with it. Even now they are confident it has other and more important uses to which science some day will apply.

At present Professor Dennis is studying its compounds with a view to determining whether the element has medicinal properties that will make it of inestimable value to mankind.

Germanium is extracted from crude zinc oxide. In crystalline form it is a glossy, flaky substance resembling zinc, hard and extremely brittle. It is worth many dollars a gram, and Cornell exhibits the largest mass of the element ever assembled, a round piece, beautifully crystalline, about the size of a silver dollar and weighing 104 grams.

It has been learned that crude zinc oxide can be heated with strong acid under such conditions that a volatile compound of germanium of high purity distills over. This is decomposed by water so as to produce pure germanium oxide, a white powder.

Professor Dennis further discovered that ingots of the pure metal could be obtained by fusion of the powder under ordinary salt.

Laboratory tests disclosed that a gram of germanium could be extracted from a pound of zinc, and the production has since proceeded on this basis.

Sixth in 1923, fifth in 1924, and second last year, Connie Mack believes he will land the Philadelphia Athletics at the top this season.

Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTERS

BY CHARLES P. STEWART NEA Service Writer

Washington, April 26.—Pan-American Congress of Journalists, like the one Washington has just been having, are good things. All kinds of Pan-American blow-outs which induce representative North and Latin Americans to visit back and forth are good things.

China is a good deal better understood in this country than most of Latin America. This isn't to say that China, either, is at all well understood here. Latin America understands the United States a little better than the United States understands Latin America, but not much.

Of course this is highly undesirable. It means international bungling, which makes bad work.

The reason Latin Americans know more about us than we know about them is that a good many of them, of the upper class, have visited here a time or two—generally not for long enough to find much out, but at least they have some sort of an idea of the way we look.

There's also quite a sprinkling of Latin American students in North American universities, and these really come to a pretty fair understanding of us.

But precious few North Americans get further into Latin America than Havana, Panama and Mexico, and we send no students to the southern republics at all. As for North Americans who know Mexico, they're the worst off of the bunch, for they imagine that the people farther down the line are like Mexicans, which they're not a bit.

WOODSON RE-ELECTED BY ROWAN DEMOCRATS

Is Given An Assistant and Agrees to Continue as Chairman—Resolutions Adopted.

Salisbury, April 24.—The Rowan county Democratic convention in session here this morning decided that every Democrat in good standing would be recognized as a delegate to either or all of the three conventions, state, congressional and judicial if he cared to attend.

Walter H. Woodson, for 20-odd years chairman of the executive committee, was re-elected, although he had announced that he would not serve in that capacity longer. However, an assistant chairman was elected, T. Frank Hudson being chosen, and with the responsibility divided Mr. Woodson continued in the chairmanship. Mrs. E. C. Greary, daughter of Senator Overman, was re-elected vice chairman and C. F. Montgomery was re-elected secretary.

Resolutions were passed endorsing the state's national representatives. The state, county and city administrations, T. Frank Hudson, newly elected assistant chairman, made a keynote speech, praising the Democratic leaders and calling for united support on the part of the members of the party.

Two Cars of Berries Loaded at Chadbourn. Chadbourn, April 24.—Two cars of strawberries were loaded today on the Chadbourn market. Due to the frosts the first of the week today's offerings were of an undersized type. The first of next week will bring in a more uniform berry and prices will also be higher than today's, which ranged from \$6 per crate upwards.

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