

FIRST MATCH MADE IN 1827.

But Lacked the Construction of the Present Day One.

In the nineteenth century—the century in which so many wonderful things were done—the fourth step in the development of the match was taken. In 1827, John Walker, a druggist in a small English town, dipped a splint with sulphur, chlorate of potash, and sulphide of antimony, and rubbed it on sandpaper, and it burst into flame. The druggist had discovered the first friction-chemical match, the kind we use today. It is called friction-chemical because it is made by mixing certain chemicals together and rubbing them. Although Walker's match did not require the bottle of acid, it nevertheless was not a good one. It could be lighted only by hard rubbing, and it sputtered and threw fire in all directions. In a few years, however, phosphorus was substituted on the tip for antimony, and the change worked wonders. The match could now be lighted with very little rubbing, and it was no longer necessary to have sandpaper upon which to rub it. It would ignite when rubbed on any dry surface, and there was no longer any sputtering. This was the phosphorus match, the match with which we are so familiar.

After the invention of the easily lighted phosphorus match there was no longer use for the dip-splint or the strike-a-light. The old methods of getting a blaze were gradually laid aside and forgotten. The first phosphorus matches were sold at 25 cents a block—a block containing 144 matches—and they were used by but few. Now 100 matches can be bought for a cent. It is said that in the United States we use about 150,000,000,000 matches a year. This, on an average, is about five matches a day for every person.—St. Nicholas.

The gums and resins obtained from pine trees have long been recognized as highly beneficial in the treatment of backache, kidney and bladder troubles. Pine-kies is the name of a new medicine, the principle ingredients of which come from the pine forests of our own native land. For sale by F. E. Davenport and Skiles & Son.

The Reliance Life Insurance Co., of Pittsburg, Pa.

The Reliance Life possesses these qualifications; it has the vigor of youth, its record is absolutely clean, and its affairs are honestly and economically conducted. We present some evidence along these lines, which should interest you.

The Company has never invested any funds in Stocks; it has never made any Collateral loans, except loans on its own policies, than which there is no better security.

Particular attention is called to the copy of declaration by our President in regard to Syndicate Agreements and Political Contributions, etc.

The Company has no agreement of any character with any Trust Company or Bank.

Salaries are paid only to Officers who give their entire time to the business of the Company. Neither the President, Vice Presidents nor the Treasurer receive any salary or compensation in any form for their services. No fees are paid to Directors for attendance at Board or Committee Meetings.

How has the insurance investigation affected our own Company? Is frequently asked. A resume of the year's result will best answer the question.

During 1905 the Company received 3,065 complete applications, representing \$5,982,500.00 insurance. \$365,000.00 was declined, \$5,609,500.00 issued and on \$58,000.00 no action had been taken at the end of the year. Of the amount issued \$1,242,000.00 was paid for in cash, an increase of 29 PER CENT. over the amount paid for in 1904. The insurance in force December 30th, 1905 amounts to \$7,142,582.00, an increase of 69 PER CENT. over the previous year.

The total income during the past year was \$378,028.34, being in excess of the income in 1904 by 60 PER CENT.

The total assets on December 31st, 1905 were \$2,131,519.97, showing a substantial increase (\$82,426.97) over last year.

Wood's Seed Book FOR 1906

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When Are We Heaviest?

The lifting power of youth of seven years is 235 pounds; in his twentieth year this increases to 320 pounds; in the thirtieth and thirty-first years it reaches its height, 365 pounds. At the end of the thirty-first year the strength begins to decline, very slowly at first. By the fortieth year it has decreased eight pounds, and this diminution continues at a slightly increasing rate until the fiftieth year is reached, when the figure is 330 pounds. After this period the strength falls more and more rapidly until the weakness of old age is reached. It is not possible to give statistics of the decline of strength after the fiftieth year, as it varies to a large extent in different individuals.—Chicago Journal.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box. 25c

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Salve! Salve! Spread the Salve, but let it be Pinesalve, nature's remedy for cuts, burns, sores, etc. For sale by F. E. Davenport and Skiles & Son.

Public Baths for Dogs.

President has developed a curious idea. The public baths of that city will shortly receive an addition that is probably without parallel. The new annex will consist exclusively of bathing establishments for dogs, organized on the strictest lines of class distinction. There will be first, second, and third class, subdivided into swimming and single wash-baths. It is even gravely stated that there will be a hair-dressing department for canine customers.

In the spring time you renovate your house. Why not your body? Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea drives out impurities, cleanses and enriches the blood, and purifies the entire system. 45 cents. Davenport's drug store.

The Tax Books

are now in my hands for 1905. I will thank the people to come forward and settle their taxes for this year. Yours truly,

W. J. JACKSON, Sheriff.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY!

You insure your house, your barn, your time. Why not your life? Is your service worth anything to your family? Remember that when your life ceases your family needs your services just the same. What provision have you made?

There is no tricks hidden away in the policies we are offering you. Compare the contracts with those of other companies.

Address: District Agency, RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE CO., Near Beacon Office Plymouth, N. C. Agents wanted in Belhaven and Washington, N. C.

PERSONAL LIBERTY IN FRANCE.

No Other Country's Laws So Rigid Regarding Marriage.

French ideas of liberty as it concerns the daily life of individuals are, to say the least, queer. It may be doubted whether, in a matter entering so closely into the individual life as marriage, there is another country in Europe so subject to medieval restriction. A man or woman under 35 may not marry without the consent of parents or other heads of the family, and even after 35 such consent may only be dispensed with after being thrice "respectfully solicited." Even after the marriage, there is a restriction on contracting a second. Ten months of widowhood is fixed by law. A widowed woman who had evaded this period of weary waiting, and by collusion with her sister's papers of "civil state," had once been rushed into marriage after four absent weeks has just been brought to book for her offense.

Keep the little ones healthy and happy. Their tender, sensitive bodies require gentle, healing remedies. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will keep them strong and well. 35 cents. Ten or tablets. Davenport's Drug Store.

You cannot tell much about your crown by the size of your hat.

MINISTER TELLS THE TRUTH

Personal Experience of Aged and Well-beloved Preacher.

No other man in the community is so well beloved or whose words have such weight as the minister, who has devoted his life to the service of mankind. In Maryland one of the most noted Methodist ministers in the state suffered severely with rheumatism. He found no relief until a friend recommended RHEUMACIDE. He was so delighted with the results that for the benefit of other sufferers, as a duty to mankind, he tells his experience in the following letter:

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"Yours respectfully, "J. R. WHEELER. Pastor, Reisterstown M. E. Church." Your druggist sells and recommends RHEUMACIDE.

The way to heavenly mansions may lie through mean tenements.

A Scientific Wonder

The cures that stand to its credit make Beckley's Arnica Salve a Scientific wonder. It cured E. K. Mansford, lecturer for the Patrons of Husbandry, Waynesboro, Pa., of a distressing case of Piles. It heals the worst Burns, Sores, Bolls, Ulcers, Opi's, Wounds, Chilblains and Salt Rheum. Only 25c at Spruill & Bro's

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The old reliable "E. E. M." Catarrh Cure never fails to cure the above diseases. It has been manufactured in the South for over twenty years and is thoroughly endorsed by many of the most prominent people in the Southern States as the only true cure for Catarrh, Hay Fever and kindred diseases.

Thousands bear willing testimony to its paramount healing and curative virtues. Many of its cures were marvelous after the most noted physicians, specialists and other remedies had failed. It is purely vegetable and a delightful smoke. We make it either mixed with mild tobacco, from which the nicotine has been extracted, or not, as desired.

Send stamp for book of particulars containing the most wonderful record of cures ever known. Price 5c per box. If your druggist cannot supply you it will be sent prepaid upon receipt of price.

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I have a good, single, second-hand spring wagon, in good running order, that I will sell at a bargain. Apply to E. S. CAROON, Skippersville, N. C.

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WITH **Dr. King's New Discovery** FOR CONSUMPTION, COUGHS and COLDS. Price 50c & \$1.00 Free Trial.
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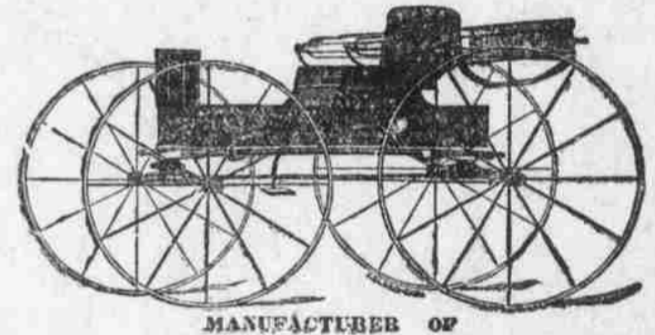
While he is gone there will be great slaughter in prices, to make room for the big stock coming. Prices will surprise you. Come to-day and be convinced.

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