

**HOW AMERICA WAS DISCOVERED**

Columbus had had an ice cream would not have discovered America, says R. O. Andrews, a writer at Tryon, N. C. Columbus was not hauling a new bus, he was looking for a new world. If you will go back to the days of the caravan routes through Southern Europe across the mountains and marauders, you will find that Columbus conceived the idea of a more peaceful route to the west, and so he sailed west, and so he reached India. The question, was it so important to reach India? Well, Mr. Andrews explains, they did not want to go to India in Southern Europe, but they wanted to go to India by sea, and so they sailed upon spices to India, and other perishable goods were prepared and stored for the journey. India was a known source of spices, and so these brave men braved the dangers and experienced hardships to secure the spices the housewives demanded in days for curing meats and per-

comestibles. There is only one policy which in the end will—that is honesty and fairness. The principle applies to public utilities and their publics as well as to individuals. Rendering a recent decision, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission said: "A public utility which imposes an unfair burden of rates on its consumers, or otherwise treats them unfairly, may gain a somewhat increased revenue for a time; but inevitably will be forced to meet hampering resentment and hostility which will cause higher costs, a reduced number of customers, a lessened amount of use by restrained customers, and these will certainly result in reducing the value of the utility's investment, even if the loss of much of it is avoided."

**NOPE! CAN'T GET MORE'N YOU GIVE**

**It'll Pay Both Utility and Public To Be Honest**

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"On the other hand, the public can for a time force a level of rates below the point of fairness. By so doing it temporarily reduces the amount paid for service, but there promptly results a rapid reduction of quality and quantity of service."

"No one, whether it be an individual or a public utility, can for very long obtain more than is fairly paid for. More than this there would be prompt check of service expansion, not only by the utility affected, but by all others where further investment is needed for public service."

"Investors do not go where unfairness is waiting. This would seriously affect and retard the development of the State, as one of the most important elements in State progress is ample and satisfactory utility service and the ready extension of it as it may be needed. In either case the State suffers."

was to such thing as electric refrigeration then, said Mr. Andrews, do have electric refrigeration and it makes no difference to the life whether hostile tribes are up and down the caravan routes in Western Asia or not.

Andrews then went on to explain that the electric refrigerator is an invention which has been developed to take the place of the ordinary ice-cooled refrigerator, and as he said, to do a great deal more.

The electric refrigerator is made up of refrigerating mechanism and an electric cabinet such as is used for a refrigerator. A set of copper coils is placed in what would correspond to the compartment in an ordinary refrigerator. A compressor or condenser with an electric motor built in the same unit is placed in the base cabinet or perhaps in the base or another convenient location.

Refrigeration is accomplished by the circulation through the coils of a refrigerant liquid—commonly sulphur dioxide. This sulphur dioxide absorbs heat from the cabinet, leaving it cold. The refrigerant in the form of a gas is drawn down into the compressor where it gets rid of its heat, returns to a liquid form and goes back to the coils ready for another cycle of cooling.

When sufficient heat leaks into the chest again, the compressor again is started automatically to operating.

The action of the electric refrigerator, Mr. Andrews explains, is entirely automatic, and a constant cold temperature is maintained in the refrigerator without any attention on the part of the housewife. This temperature, it was pointed out, will be constantly below 50 degrees—a dry, cold atmosphere in which foods will not spoil.

Another attractive feature of the electric refrigerator, it was pointed out, is the ice-making feature. Shallow trays are fitted into recesses inside the coils and here cubes of hard, pure ice are frozen. There will be plenty of this ice for ordinary household needs—cooling drinks and the like.

**SOFTEST JOBS AFTER HUMAN BEINGS IS AIM**

**Women's Clubs Study Home Life in America**

Reports from 446,000 homes, according to the General Federation of Women's Clubs, indicated "that city has played a greater part in American homes than any other in convenience: for while water brought into three-fourths of the homes reporting, electric light is to be had in 87 per cent of those homes and the electric iron in 73 per cent." John D. Sherman, president of the Federation, says this survey was undertaken "for the improvement of living conditions through a high conscious endeavor, for the purpose of securing more efficient homes for human beings." The burden part of this survey has been completed and attention will be directed to the farms. The Federation believes this will be of great importance because farm home equipment, unlike city home equipment, is an integral part of the business of farming.

**C. W. SOLDIER**



Clement Whirlwind Soldier, a full-blooded Sioux who has been appointed member of the capitol police force in Washington. He is from Rosebud, D., and is a grandson of the noted Chief, Spotted Tail.

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