

LAUNCHES SUNK IN RIVER

Three Barges Broke Loose From Moorings at Eagle's Island. Boat Raised.

Two launches, the Standard and the Scuppernon, were sunk in the harbor, the launch Heart Saver badly damaged and three barges broken loose from their moorings at Eagle's Island in the high wind that blew almost with the velocity of a gale Thursday night.

The three barges, two of which belonged to the Hammer Lumber Company and the third one to the Hall Towing Company, were anchored at Eagle's Island at the Marine Railway. The high winds and the high flood tide caused them to break away from their moorings.

The Standard was raised yesterday about noon and taken to the Wilmington Marine Railway for repairs. The Scuppernon had not been located last night and it is not known where the boat was sunk.

DANIELS FOR GIFT REFORM

Secretary Daniels' Christmas Habit Breeds Tinge of Sordidness. (Secretary Daniels' Christmas Habit Breeds Tinge of Sordidness.) The old-time joy of Christmas morning in too many homes is tinged with apprehension, as the packages with the holly-bordered addresses begin to come in, for fear of some unwelcome reminder of the past.

TINKER IS UNRULY

Famous Shortstop Is Now Dickered With Federal League. Chicago, Dec. 26.—Joe Tinker, former manager of the Cincinnati Reds and President Gilmore of the Federal League, conferred today with reference to bringing Tinker into the new league. According to Tinker, the conference was without result. They agreed to continue negotiations tomorrow or Monday.

POSTAL EFFICIENCY

Burleson Issues Statement Regarding Christmas Mail. Washington, Dec. 26.—Telegraphic reports to the Postoffice Department today from the principal offices throughout the country showed that the Christmas mail deliveries practically had been completed and normal conditions restored in the service. Postmaster General Burleson issued a statement tonight saying: "The successful handling of the bulk of mail during the holiday period fully demonstrates the effectiveness of the postal service, not only in coping with present conditions as they affect the present, but also in its capacity to meet further demands as they arise in connection with the great development of the service as a whole."

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GOT HIS WIFE BY PURCHASE.

Recent Transaction in England Gives Rise to Some Caustic Remarks By Eastern Editor.

We are all in agreement upon the general principle that however much a man may want a wife he ought not to buy one. But at the same time we do hear sometimes of the frank and unashamed purchase of a wife. Take, for instance, a certain divorcee case that has been heard recently in England and that was described by the judge as an instance of wife-buying, which it certainly was.

Of course, the story is a rather disgusting one, but we are disgusted not because Captain Morrison bought a woman, but because he bought a woman who was already a wife. There is nothing remarkable about the purchase of a woman, since it is done every day. Sometimes it is the man who offers to sell. The various associations of young women who have recently announced that they will marry no man with an income of less than \$5,000 a year have virtually stated that which they will sell themselves—Pennsylvania Grit.

CROPS IN JAPAN ARE SMALL

American Farmers Could Not Live On Such Scanty Returns for His Seed and Work.

Japan is such a mountainous country that the area of arable land is quite disproportionate to the size of the whole empire. It is alleged that barely 12 per cent of the entire surface can be cultivated, and that even the cultivable part is not naturally very fertile. Still there are large tracts of wild moorland which might easily be brought under cultivation, or at least be converted into grazing lands.

Where the farmer lives and labors there are abundant evidences of his diligence and self-sacrifice. Doubtless the major part of the farming land is lean soil. Still the judicious use of fertilizers—mostly night soil applied in small quantities direct to the growing plant; the elaborate and skillful system of irrigation that gets full value from every drop of water; the laborious subsoil working—by hand in the soft ooze of the rice fields—and the incisive weeding out to produce better results in quantity than they do. When the harvest is measured by bushels of rice, or wheat, or barley or whatever else the hyakusho (farmer) may raise, the thorough husbandman of Europe or America would laugh at the scanty crop. Land that ought to yield at least twenty-five to thirty bushels of rice to the acre actually gives less than ten on the average.

Procrastination Day

"Do it now" is a fine rule, but living up to it is hard. However, all problems have their solutions, and one busy woman in a growing suburb, in which many demands are made on her time, puts aside one day a month, a settled day, for doing all the things which she has put off for the things which had to be done "now." She says this day a month enables her to catch up with a number of postponed duties, and she has grown to consider it as such a remedy for procrastination that it is set apart almost religiously, and no engagement outside is allowed to conflict it.

Never at a Loss

The Earl of Morley, on his return from Jamaica, remained a while in New York, and at a dinner there he told, apropos of self-confidence, a story about a young English statesman.

Ingenious Spiders

The Royal society in London was recently entertained by a distinguished traveler with an account of a spider living in Australia which makes its habitation along the seashore, in the crevices of the rocks, between high and low water mark.

Worthy Scottish Emblem

The Order of the Thistle, of which Lord Haldane, lord high chancellor of Great Britain, is to be made a knight, dates only from the last of 1703. Centuries earlier, however, the thistle was the national badge of Scotland, and the origin of its emblematic use is ascribed by tradition to the Danish invasion of Scotland.

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LETS ANXIOUS WORLD WAIT

Arkansas Man, in Point of Meanness, Is Declared to Be Absolutely in Class by Himself.

"Children, the meanest man in the world lives in Arkansas," writes Tom P. Morgan. "He has a tall and bulging forehead and knows why floods come and tornadoes devastate, how to stay pure and wholesome on a wage of sixty-six cents a day, what causes the Aurora Borealis, how to prevent thugs from thugging, what is the plural of measles, how to gag and hog-tie a mother-in-law in a gentlemanly manner, whether Sackville McKnutt is as smart as he is cracked up to be, how to take politics out of a policeman without injuring the fabric, and many, many other things equally important, including why the parents of Hamorist Iden named him Jay B., when they could just as well have soaked him for life with Isaac I. Iden and thus have given the waiting world a perpetual treat. And, yet, although this mean man is able to write with perfect ease and the most convincing clarity, he is so unutterably low-down selfish that he refuses to write any 'open letters' to the newspapers and thus extinguish forever some of the burning questions that are worrying the life out of the rest of us. Tell me, children, is he not meaner than the meanest pussy?"—Kansas City Star.

ODD VAGARIES OF LANGUAGE

Various Nations Have Different Idioms in Which They Express the Same Meanings.

The following are a few linguistic whimsicalities: The Germans call a thimble a "finger hat," which it certainly is, and a grasshopper a "hay horse." A glove with them is a "hand-shoe," showing evidently that they wore shoes before gloves. Poultry is "feather cattle," whilst the names for the well-known substances oxygen and hydrogen are in their language "sour stuff" and "water stuff." The French, strange to say, have no verb "to stand," nor can a Frenchman speak of "kicking" anyone. The nearest approach a Frenchman makes to it in his politeness is to threaten to "give a blow with his foot"—the same thing to the recipient in either case, but it seems to want the directness, the energy, of our "kick." Neither has he any word for "baby," or for "home," or "comfort." The terms "upstairs" and "downstairs" are also unknown in French. The Hindus are said to have no word for "friend." The Italians have no equivalent for "humility."

Fish Die From Seasickness

Fish become ill and die from seasickness when carried long distances upon the ocean. For that reason many rare and interesting specimens captured in tropical countries cannot be brought alive to this country. In a recent shipment of 400 fish more than 100 died on the way, and the remainder arrived in a condition that required heroic treatment to save their lives. According to this it may be presumed that the agony endured by humans when the ship begins to pitch and roll is as nothing compared with the same sufferings of tank-inclosed fish.

Once Revolutionary

The latest instance of a general enforcement of laws concerning dress occurred at the time of the French Revolution, when some rulers of German states forbade their subject to wear trousers, these being held to indicate revolutionary opinions. The Elector of Hesse-Cassel, besides prohibiting the obnoxious garments, had the convicts employed on road-sweeping dressed in trousers, so as to inspire disgust for sansculotte fashions. No general prohibition of this kind was issued in Prussia, but until 1798 all Prussian officials were restricted to knee breeches for their nether garments. Trousers were held to be "unbecoming to the dignity and gravity of the holder of an official position."

Computes Heat in Sun's Rays

One square yard of the earth's surface receives each day averaging six hours of sunshine an amount of heat equal to that contained in 1.8 pounds of coal, according to an Italian chemist. At this rate an area of about 1,200 miles receives during a year an amount of energy from the sun equivalent to that obtainable from the 1,100,000,000 tons of coal mined annually in Europe and the United States.

It is certainly a lot of comfort to

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