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KITCHEN CASH REGISTERS.

An expert was lecturing before the Housewives' League in New York sometime ago on the subject of "Giving the Square Deal to American Housewives." Part of her talk dealt with the business of housekeeping.

During the discussion that followed one woman came forth with a suggestion so radical and withal so interesting that the subject-matter of the lecture itself was completely outshone by it.

Said this woman: "Why shouldn't we have cash registers in kitchens?"

She never had been able to understand why, when every little store had a machine to count up its cash, a woman would not have such a thing in her kitchen. She had even suggested it to the manufacturers of cash registers, but so far nothing had been done.

Her idea is to have a small, inexpensive register which a housewife or maid could operate. So simple that if the fish man came with his weekly bill of forty-seven cents one of the youngsters could attend to it without making mother leave the sewing machine upstairs.

There is always a great difficulty about the proper keeping of household accounts. They are so small, so detailed, so irregular in their demands.

The more you think about that cash register, the better it sounds. Devote ten minutes to meditating on its possibilities.

BUYING LOWER CALIFORNIA.

The old proposal that the United States should acquire Lower California is receiving more attention lately. There are two reasons given for such a step. One is of particular interest to California, and the other to the country in general.

First, it is pointed out that the great Imperial Valley of southern California, which has 250,000 acres under cultivation and might have three times that much, can never be properly developed or even properly protected without the annexation of some of the territory below the border. The trouble is with the Colorado river. It brings life to the valley, and at the same time threatens death. At the border, the river's natural flow is back toward the north, into the Salton Sink. It has been forced to continue southward into the Gulf of Mexico, by a mud dam at the northern end of Volcano Lake. This barrier, engineers say, will not permanently remain effective. The silt carried by the river is raising the level of the lake and threatening a general inundation some day. There is need of enlarging this dam, and constructing a permanent restraining work at the place where the river leaves its original channel and flows toward the lake.

But both of these dam sites are in Mexican territory, and the United States government is therefore hampered in carrying out the requisite plans. Why, it is argued, should not Lower California be bought, so as to facilitate the development of this area north of the present boundary, worth more than the whole peninsula? It would be possible, too, for Americans to develop some of the land below the line, which it is not likely the Mexicans will ever utilize.

The other reason is mainly strategic. The ownership of Lower California would give us a continuous stretch of territory down the coast 800 miles nearer the Panama canal, strengthening our hold on that great waterway and providing us with valuable harbors and coaling stations.

The peninsula is of little value to Mexico. It is sparsely settled, the soil is unproductive and it is almost entirely separated from the Mexican mainland. Buying it, however—and

of course we could acquire it in no other way—is a difficult matter.

At present there is no government in Mexico responsible enough to make such a transfer. And even if there were, a legal transfer would be hard to effect, owing to a clause in the Mexican constitution that makes it an act of treason to sell any piece of Mexican territory to another country.

For ten months Americans have been talking about establishing steamship lines for the South American trade. Many persons imagine that such lines have actually been inaugurated. As a matter of fact, there is not a single regular steamship service yet to any port in South America except to those of Venezuela and Colombia, Brazil, Argentina and Chili, the countries with which we naturally desire the closest ties, hardly know what an American flag looks like.

The East has complained more of hard times than any other section of the country. However—it develops that in the state of New York there were registered last year 36,000 more automobiles than the year before, and so far this year there have been 50,000 more registered than for the same period last year, and more than 1,000 over last year's total registration. Unless automobiles are sign of poverty, business must be improving.

It won't impose any hardship on American ammunition factories if the government puts an embargo on the shipment of munitions to Mexico. All the manufacturers have more European orders than they can take care of, anyway. But needless to say, such considerations shouldn't have anything to do with the matter.

With automobiles as cheap as they are today, the only excuse for not having one is the same as the excuse for not having a wife. Easy enough to get, but expensive to keep.

A DAILY LESSON IN HISTORY
 June 22.

1815—One hundred years ago today—Napoleon, shorn of power as a result of his defeat at Waterloo, abdicated the throne of France in favor of his infant son.

1840—Seventy-five years ago today—The military establishment of the United States comprised two general divisions: the Western division, with headquarters at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., and the Eastern division, with headquarters at Elizabethton, N. J.

1865—Fifty years ago today—Prussia adopted the treaty known as the Geneva convention, assuring neutrality and protection to all working under the Red Cross.

1890—Twenty-five years ago today—The new constitution of Brazil based upon that of the United States, was signed by President da Fonseca.

OUR DAILY BIRTH-DAY PARTY
 June 22.

Princess Beatrice, eldest daughter of the king of Spain, born in Madrid, 6 years ago today.

Duke of Grafton, oldest member of the British peerage, born 34 years ago today.

Fannie Ward, well known actress, born in St. Louis, 40 years ago today.

June Van Buskirk, well known actress, born at Pleasant View, W. Va., 33 years ago today.

Martin Harvey, an actor equally well known to the English and American stage, born in Essex, Eng., 48 years ago today.

Sir H. Rider Haggard, celebrated author, born in Norfolk, Eng., 59 years ago today.

Frank H. Damrosch, noted musical director of New York, born at Breslau, Germany, 56 years ago today.

Robert S. Lovett, a leading factor in the control of the so-called Harriman group of railroads, born at San Jacinto, Texas, 55 years ago today.

Richard E. Sloan, former governor of Arizona, born in Preble county, O., 58 years ago today.

Henry T. Oxnard, the pioneer of the beet-sugar industry in the United States, born at Marseilles, France, 55 years ago today.

HOLOGRAMS
 Tuesday, June 22, 1915.

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

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Conditions are not favorable today, according to the reading of astrology. Neptune is in a place read as strongly evil, and Venus also is adverse. Late in the evening the Sun is in a benefic place.

The signs today presage trouble in connection with the navy and shipping. Loss of valuable cargoes is foreshadowed. A naval officer or a man high in government affairs, will be the target for national criticism owing to an incident that will happen about the Fourth of July, the seers declare.

While this configuration prevails, speculation is likely to be exceedingly unfortunate. Investments should be postponed.

Hospitals, prisons and public institutions should be safeguarded against contagious diseases during the next few weeks.

As the adverse aspects of Neptune tend to produce seductive influences, it is wise to be the most circumspect while this rule of the stars prevails.

The figure is held to increase the susceptibility and impressionability. Flirtations may be most unfortunate if carried on today.

Inasmuch as the planet, Neptune, is dual in its influence, it is believed to increase spiritual insight or to produce chaotic mental conditions. It is held responsible for the predicted increase of religious enthusiasm.

Astrologers predict that a public man will arouse antagonism by a speech advocating misdirected patriotism.

The president's cabinet comes under a sign said to indicate internal troubles. Disagreements in policy and personal prejudices may hamper official business.

Persons whose birthdate it is should avoid new enterprises and be extremely careful less accidents befall them. There is a good augury for financial matters.

Children born on this day are subjects of Cancer. The sign is ruled by the Moon and its subjects are likely to be exceedingly temperamental.

DAY BY DAY IN NEW YORK
 (By O. O. McIntyre),
 Special Correspondent of The Gazette-News.

New York, June 22.—Larry McLean has scored another bullseye for Broadway. Larry used to catch the choice offerings of the knuckle and spit ball artists on the Giants and then he became a patron of the glowing boulevard. Where the lights were brighter, genial Larry could be found not even dazed by the effulgence.

It is probably a bit crude to fashion a wheeze out of another man's misfortune, but with Long Larry it might be said: "It is a long McLean that has no yearning." Larry loved the night stuff and now he is out of the Giant line-up.

He had the promise of being one of the most popular men on the team. His aim alone made him conspicuous and this coupled with his big open-hearted and gruff manner

LINES WORTH REMEMBERING.

Nothing except a battle lost can be half so melancholy as a battle won.

—DUKE OF WELLINGTON.

Echoes From The Past.

June 22, 1910.

Biltmore house was being remodelled, and improvements were being made on Buck Springs club at Buck Springs near Mount Pisgah.

The ship's garage for Mr. Howland's ship, was completed at Weaverville.

Mrs. Morris Liptinsky entertained with a large and enjoyable bridge party.

Asheville won the last in a series

Bed Time Talks
 By
 Clara Ingram Judson.

A Jolly New Job.

A frisky little south breeze once wandered away from its mother, South Wind, and got into a big, stately garden.

"Oh, ho," said the little breeze, "this is going to be fun—playing in here—it's going to be much more fun than staying around with my mother and doing just as she says I must do. Dear me! but I do get tired of doing all the things I have to do! I don't intend to do one single thing this whole day—at least not one single thing that I ought to do! So there!"

And just to prove that he meant what he said, the little breeze sat down under a bush and did nothing for a whole minute!

At the end of that time the little breeze began to be bored by doing nothing (did you ever know anything that was as hard work as doing nothing?) and he looked around to see what was going on about him.

"Maybe if I keep very still," he said to himself, "I will find something that is interesting to do, and that I don't have to do. I wouldn't mind doing something like that, I'm sure."

So he kept his ears and his eyes wide open.

"In a minute or so, he heard a voice say, "No, there will never be any in this garden, because the old winds know better than to bring them here." And a voice replied, "Too bad, too bad, I'm sorry, for they'd look very nice on this pretty green grass."

"Now," said the frisky little breeze to himself, "what can they be talking about? I guess I'd better get closer, so I don't miss anything." He crawled out from under the bush and

hid himself carefully under a great leaf close to the voices.

"Maybe so, maybe so," replied the first voice, "but you'll never get a breeze to carry them over that high back fence—the gardener tended to that."

The frisky little south breeze could stand the suspense no longer. "Would you please tell me what you are talking about?" he said, as he poked his head out from under the great leaf.

"Why should we?" asked the first voice, who proved to be a sunflower.

"Why indeed?" echoed the second voice, a stately galaria.

"You should tell me," said the frisky little south breeze, "because I'm just aching to do something that no other breeze will do. Maybe, if I knew what you wanted, I could do it for you. If I could, I would, I'm sure."

"We are always thinking," said the sunflower without further objection, "how nice it would be if some dandelions grew in our garden. You see, we are so tall and so far from the ground. We want some sun colored flowers close to the ground."

"But the gardener doesn't like dandelions," the galaria added. "He built that high fence on purpose, so the seeds wouldn't blow over into our garden. You couldn't get any over, could you?"

"I could try," said the frisky little south breeze. And he tried so successfully that the next month a dozen dandelions grew in that stately garden.

"Where they came from, goodness only knows," cried the gardener, while the frisky little south breeze chuckled and blew over some more! He had found a job to his liking.

of three games with Gadaden the score standing 4 to 3.

June 22, 1905.

The Missionary District conference of Asheville ended.

Miss Frances M. Gudger was married to E. W. Brown.

The delegates to the twenty-second annual convention of Electrical Engineers were guests of honor at a pleasurable smoker given by the local reception committee at the Albemarle club.

The contract for the county home was drawn up, the county agreeing to furnish all material, while J. E. Joyner in consideration of \$5,190 agreed to furnish the labor.

A man with a conscience—something rare in these parts—has been found. His name is Robert Hicks. Twelve years ago he was sentenced to serve ten months imprisonment for using the mails for illegal purposes. He fled to Europe.

A few years ago he returned and penniless became one of the nameless derelicts who sail up and down the barrel houses of the bawery. One night he dropped into the bowery mission. It was the old story. There came a change of heart and since he has devoted his time to saving other derelicts and has become a prosperous and useful citizen.

But Hicks had a conscience—and it may be wrong to say it is a rare avis—but New York doubts that there are many men who would surrender and serve out sentences—leaving behind a wife and three children.

It is the opinion of authorities that a man who gives up so much for a principle should not be in a cell. He is needed on the outside—especially in Gotham.

put him in the running for a popular idol. Several times, however, he ran afoul of the doughty McGraw for his escapades and with the final climax in St. Louis his popularity in New York is gone.

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