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STORES ON WHEELS GAINING

Old Tin Peddler Coming Back, But Now He Drives a Big Motor Truck.

The old tin peddler promises to come back again to the rural districts, but in a new form.

He will roll up in a big motor truck. Tin peddlers were a curious lot. Nearly every one drove an ancient white horse. The wagon had upon it very high sides and the interior, when opened to the gaze of a country lad, was like a peep into Aladdin's cave.

Bright pieces of tinware were upon shelves or suspended from hooks. The tin peddler took his little store to the country customer. Often he exchanged his wares for rags or old clothing, says Girard in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

But the swift auto has brought something new. I saw one not long ago a complete store on wheels. It was stocked with nearly everything a housekeeper ordinarily buys, except fresh meats.

Several years ago two girls tried the experiment of putting a bookshop on wheels. They traveled about and did a first-rate business.

That suggested the other and newer kind of store, which does not wait for the customer to come to it, but goes to the door of the buyer.

In this wheeled shop are groceries of all kinds, canned goods, cereals, dried food, including meat; considerable quantities of clothing, umbrellas, hats, shoes, cooking utensils, toys and candy for youngsters, fish-hooks, baseballs, matches, dishes, and also a few books and current magazines.

A truck, nearly the size of our largest moving vans holds an enormous amount. They go fast, and articles are kept clean and dry.

Opened front and back, the lady from Lonesome Crossroads may go into one end of this moving store, nicely lighted with electricity, and come out the other end, having done a fortnight's shopping by traveling a few rods from her own door.

Some day we may see even banks on wheels rushing about the country gathering up money.

HIS HANDKERCHIEF IS OVAL

Hindoo Prince Tampering Where More Famous Have Fixed the Laws of Style.

A Hindu prince has started the fashion of oval pocket handkerchiefs. But why should he want his handkerchief oval?

Another ruler, far more famous, invented the square handkerchief. When Louis XVI ascended the throne of France handkerchiefs were oblong. Before that they had been round, with a deep bordering of lace. It was only the high-born and the rich who owned handkerchiefs at all in those days, says London Tit-Bits.

When Louis XVI had reigned for about 12 years he considered that the time had come for another change of shape, and doubtless Marie Antoinette had something to do with the idea. It was decided that the reign of the square handkerchief should begin.

By letters patent, given at Versailles on September 23, 1784, it was decreed that the length and the breadth of the handkerchief should be equal. Three months later the French parliament gravely confirmed the absurd decision.

Diameter of Universe Revealed by Professor

The diameter of the universe is the length of 10,000 milky ways. And this milky way yardstick is 30,000 times the distance that light, traveling 186,000 miles per second, covers in one year. Light comes from the sun to the earth in about eight minutes.

This is the conclusion of Prof. Archibald Henderson of the University of North Carolina, given in a communication in Science, the official organ of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He assumed that space and the universe are constructed according to Einstein's general relativity theory.

"It would take a ray of light, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, 1,000 million years to go around the universe," Professor Henderson says. "To go around the universe it would take the fastest airplane three quadrillion years; the fastest automobile five and a half quadrillion years, and an express train, traveling at the rate of sixty miles an hour, eleven quadrillion years."

Such Is Fame.

The house in Portland, Me., where Longfellow was born, had become, a number of years ago, a tenement in the poorer part of the city, mostly inhabited by Irish. A teacher in Portland was giving a lesson on the life of the poet. At the end of the hour, she began to question her class. "Where was Longfellow born?" she asked. A small boy waved his hand vigorously. When the teacher called on him, his answer did not seem to astonish the rest of the class, but it was a cold shock to her. "In Patsy Moore's bedroom," he said.

QUARTZ GOOD FOR RETORTS

Molding Such Material Into Shape a Problem That Has Been Finally Solved.

The intense heat which the mineral quartz is capable of standing makes it unusually suitable as a material for retorts, crucibles and the like when these are to be used in chemical work requiring high temperatures. But if these quartz vessels themselves are to endure such high heats how are they to be molded?

This problem has been solved in a novel and practical way, says the Washington Star. The maker packs beach sand (which is composed largely of quartz) around a carbon rod in the center of a carbon cylinder with a bore of about eight inches. Then he sends sufficient current through these carbon terminals to melt the sand and let the quartz form into a single tube weighing over 100 pounds. This tube is drawn out of its carbon furnace with tongs while still hot and the hole in it is stuffed with either potatoes or lime, after which the tube is squeezed shut at each end, and the hot mass is put into molds of the desired shape.

Owing to the heat the potatoes or lime generate considerable gas, which presses the hot metal out against the sides of the mold. For cutting and finishing the quartz vessels when cold the maker uses both sandblast and saws fitted with teeth of carborundum, another product of the electric furnace. But the start in every case is obtained by melting the quartz crystals into a single mass in the intense heat of a simple electrical furnace.

N. Y. CHINESE ARE EDUCATED

Englishman Has No Success in Using Pidgin Language in Mott Street.

An Englishman who had been in Shanghai in his youth, approached a young Chinese standing in the doorway of a chop suey palace in Mott street, says the New York Mail. Having spoken only pidgin-English in Shanghai the Briton essayed it on the Gotham Chinese.

"Have got chowchow topside?" he asked.

"Huh?" returned the Chinese, with a puzzled expression.

"Catch 'em chowchow topside?" The Chinese shook his head to indicate that he did not understand.

"You savvy," repeated the Englishman, with increasing earnestness, "you belong topside? You number one boy. My want chowchow. Catch 'em topside?"

"Say!" returned the Chinese, with a mixture of contempt and anger, "why, where do you get that stuff? What are you trying to pull on me? You guys give me a pain, springing that kind of talk on us here. How do you get that way, anyhow?"

"O, I'm sorry," the Englishman apologized, "but I didn't know you spoke English. Is there a restaurant upstairs?"

"Sure is," the Chinese answered, somewhat mollified. "Just go up the steps and you can get anything you want in our line. But, remember, that we Chinese fellows in this country ain't no coolies. We are educated!"

Australia's Great Bridge.

About six years' work will be required to complete a great bridge which has been planned for Australia across the Sydney harbor. The preliminary work has been commenced and it is proceeding with all the speed that can be put into such a great undertaking. It will be a high-level structure and will be one of the engineering marvels of the world. It will accommodate four lines of railroads and a 57-foot highway. It will cost \$80,000,000 and will displace a slow and uncertain ferry which is now used.

Almost a Yard.

A farmer had several hens stolen, so he decided to buy a dog. He sent his man to town and told him to get a good yard dog.

Soon the man returned, escorting a dachshund.

"What do you call that thing?" gasped the farmer.

"Well," "It's the nearest I could get to a yard; it's two feet eleven inches."

Hangs by Wedding Ring.

When Mrs. James Carrick, a New Zealand woman, was standing on a chair lifting a meat safe down from a big hook her wedding ring caught in the hook and almost simultaneously the chair slid from under her. She was thus suspended in midair until her cries attracted attention and she was released only after the ring had been filed in two.

Two Points of View.

The Brute—Are you doing anything this evening?
She (eagerly)—No, nothing at all.
The Brute—What a terrible waste of time.

Oak Trees Now Being Raised From the Seed

There will always be a demand for oaks, and while it may seem like a long-time to raise these from acorns, nurseries who have the facilities for seed beds should prepare and plant them with seed that will produce trees and have the seedlings coming along. Red, scarlet, pink and black, we notice, appear very fruitful, and they are species for which there is always a demand.

Scarlet oaks are now scarce in nurseries. The laurel leaf, willow leaf, swamp white and mossy cup should also appear in catalogues, although there is less demand for them than the ones noted above. The fact that there is not much demand for the white oak, we believe, is due to the feeling that it grows too slowly and nurserymen therefore do not grow it as extensively as the others. If stock were available we do not think that it would be difficult to create a demand for it.

While many acorns need not be sown immediately, it may be well to call attention to the habits of those of the white and rock chestnut oaks. These sprout soon after falling and should therefore be sown at once for best results. The others may be placed in sand, where they will not dry out, and sown just before frost or winter sets in. Sow in beds about three feet wide and if your ground is of clay cover the acorns with sand to avoid "baking," which interferes with the growth of the sprouts. A covering of leaves, after the ground freezes, is also desirable in preventing heaving by frost.—Florists' Exchange.

ORIGIN OF WORD MAUSOLEUM

Widow of Ancient King of Caria Built Tomb in Honor of Husband and Named It After Him.

Artemisia, queen of the ancient kingdom of Caria, in the southern part of Asia Minor, who reigned during the Third century B. C., had one great purpose in life—to honor the memory of her deceased husband, King Mausolus. Enlisting the services of the ablest artists and sculptors of the day, she commenced, and, after her death, her successor completed, the construction of what, next to the pyramids of ancient Egypt, was the greatest tomb of all time and one of the so-called seven wonders of the ancient world.

Standing for more than 2,000 years, this, the first mausoleum, was built principally of marble and bronze, precisely as is the modern mausoleum. One of the country's recent fine mausoleums not only retains the bronze and marble traditions, but it adds a further touch of beauty and assurance of permanence by the installation of a copper roof. The structure in question is that recently completed by the Montana Mausoleum company, at Billings, Mont.

The building, which is 125 feet long, is of reinforced concrete construction, marble interior, with the doors and all windows of extruded bronze. Literally, there is nothing the size of a match that is combustible in the entire building, and, as all of the metal is either copper or bronze, neither is there anything for rust to consume.

Here, then, is real permanence worthy of the name, mausoleum.

Two Forms of Insomnia.

"I say, Tom, are you ever troubled with sleeplessness?"

"I am. Some nights I don't sleep three hours," replied Tom.

"I pity you, then," remarked Bill. "I've got it awfully bad. I've been afflicted now for about two years. The doctor calls it 'neuric-insomnia paralytica.'"

Tom granted, and said:

"I've had it about six months; but we call it a baby."

A Generous Boss.

"I would like a small increase in my salary, sir."

"I don't see my way clear to that, but I can do the same thing in another way. You know that time is money?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, hereafter you can work until 6 instead of quitting at 5."—Boston Transcript.

She Is Uneasy.

Heavy pounding was heard in the next flat and Mrs. Wamps evidenced marked signs of uneasiness.

"What do you suppose they are doing next door?" she finally asked of her husband.

"Sounds like hanging a few pictures, my dear. Does the noise disturb you?"

"No, but good gracious, Henry, I just loaned that woman my silver-backed hairbrush."

Turn Off the Mercury.

Mr. Gimp—What a literature. This story is the bunk.

Mr. Witt—It's a fine marital romance, I suppose.

Mr. Gimp—Yep. Old movie star junk. The stars are still being discovered and divorced.

In King Tut's Time.

Folks in King Tut's time were not so slow. Carl Mitman, in cataloging the ship models in his department of the Smithsonian Institution, points out that Egyptians built boat hulls of the correct form for speed nearly 4,000 years before modern scientific designers arrived at the same conclusions. Vikings had the right idea and Malay pirates had the wavelike theory of construction down to perfection when English and American sailboats were clumsy tubs.

Starboard.

The word starboard is probably derived from steer board, and became identified with the side of the ship to the right of a person at the steer board and facing the bow. The word starboard was used to designate the side to the left. This term has been superseded by the word port, in order to avoid the confusion caused by the similarity of names.

A Little Truth Is Dangerous.

"Errors, to be dangerous, must have a great deal of truth mingled with them; it is only from this alliance that they can ever obtain an extensive circulation, for from pure extravagance and genuine unmingled falsehood, the world never has and never can sustain any mischief."

Born Trader.

Mr. Gassam—"Yes, I suppose I can claim to be a financial success, and just think, I started business with a shoestring." Miss Green—"Mercy! It's genius! A man who could get anybody to buy one shoestring couldn't help but succeed."—Boston Transcript.

A Queer Creature.

One of the queerest creatures imaginable is the midwife toad. The female lays her eggs in long streamers, which the male collects and wraps around his legs. He carries them about in this way until they hatch into tadpoles.

No More "Mark Twain."

An apparatus for making soundings under any weather conditions and at any speed in rivers and shoal waters by the means of projected light instead of "heaving the lead," has been invented by an Englishman.

Too Young to Judge.

In early youth, when the judgment is weak, every one selects the kind of life which he prefers. Therefore he is fixed in a certain definite course before he is able to judge what is best for him.

Standard Gauge.

The old coal pit tramways of about 100 years ago for which George Stevenson built his first "locomotive engine" had four feet eight and one-half-inch gauge, and that is still the standard.

Don't Cross Nature.

In all that we do we should avoid going contrary to nature. Every man should study his own character and constitute himself a keen judge of his own merits and demerits.

Jimson Weed an Anesthetic.

In prehistoric times, Zulus and other tribes of North American Indians used a substance obtained from the jimson weed as an anesthetic during surgical operations.

Why Greek Soldiers Shaved.

Beards were worn universally by the Greeks until Alexander the Great ordered his soldiers to remove them so that the enemy might not grasp them in a fight.

You Bet!

Success in business depends on infinite attention to detail; and it also depends on selecting a location where there isn't too much of that kind of business.

Bronze.

Bronze, the only tool-metal known to our ancestors of 8,000 years ago, was invented independently in the Near East and by the Peruvian Indians.

Mince Pie for Yule in 1596.

Mince pies were popular at Christmas time as early as 1596 under the name of "mutton pies." Later "neat's tongues" were substituted for the mutton.

Pocket Gophers.

Pocket gophers living near Los Angeles, show no appreciable differences from the fossil gophers which lived in California 200,000 years ago.

Overheard.

"So Betty has been blowing herself to some more silk stockings, has she? That girl is over calves and knees in debt."—Boston Transcript.

For Gulls Not True Seals.

The seal valuable for its fur is not a true seal, but a kind of sealion, true seals having no external ears and their hind legs being closely united.

Lamprey Has Third Eye at the Top of Its Head

A lamprey, or hog fish, possesses, in addition to a pair of eyes similar to the human eye, a third eye at the top of its head. It resembles the ichthyosaurus, an extinct whalelike animal, which has an eye at the top of its skull.

The same peculiarity exists in some of the lizards, such as the green variety common in the south of Europe, and accounts for their well-known acuteness of sight. Insects are even more liberally provided with eyes. In general, they have two kinds of eyes—simple and compound.

Simple eyes are like our own, though less efficient, while compound eyes are composed of numerous facets or lenses. This explains the difficulty in carrying out the injunction, "Swat the fly!" The eye of "that fly" has 4,000 facets, and consequently it does not miss much within its range. Large though this may seem, however, it is by no means exceptional.

The dragon-fly's eye has 12,000 facets and the Mordella beetle's eye is made up of no fewer than 25,000. While the compound eyes never exceed two, the single eyes vary in number from one to eighteen or twenty.

They are situated in groups on each side of the head. Spiders and scorpions have both single and compound eyes, though they appear to derive little benefit from them.—Providence Journal.

MADE THE FIRST LIFEBOAT

How Wouldhave Discovered Boat Shaped Like One-Half of Balloon Remains Afloat.

One of the most extraordinary cases of what may be called an accidental invention is that of the lifeboat. A man named Wouldhave was out walking one day when he was asked by an old woman to help her lift a can of water which she had filled by means of a broken wooden bowl.

The bowl was floating on the surface of the water, and as he talked to the woman, Wouldhave turned it over with his finger. It immediately righted itself. Amused by its antics he repeated the performance; then it struck him that he had made a wonderful discovery. The result of his chance meeting was the self-righting lifeboat, which was designed by him on the lines of the broken bowl.

What he had discovered was that anything made of floating material and shaped like one-half of a basin could float only with its convex surface downward. A boat made on these lines cannot remain upside down for more than an instant when it is turned over by a heavy sea.

Wasted Instructions.

A fussy waiter called the waiter and said, "Now, waiter, I want a nice mutton chop. Give my compliments to the chef and ask him to do his best for me. Tell him to put a little piece of fat on the top when he grills it, so that it will melt and make it juicy. I don't want the chop underdone—nor do I want it burnt up—just nicely done, with plenty of gravy. Now, you'll tell the chef exactly what I require, won't you?" "Yes, sir, certainly," replied the waiter. Then he blew down the speaking-tube, and shouted: "One chop, Joe!"

Relief Map of Real Earth.

One of the European industrial exhibitions has shown a relief map that is made of real earth, stone and similar natural products. It is a representation of the West Indies and is set in a sea of real water. France once made a map of precious gems, which was a yard square, had a sea of marble and rivers of platinum and each of the 106 towns and cities were indicated by a gem set in gold.

Would Make It Clearer—Perhaps.

Eva—Professor Wise recommended to me Einstein's "The Theory of Relativity" as being a very interesting book.

Bernice—And have you read it?

Eva—No; I'm waiting for it to appear in the movies first.

Rustless Cooking Utensils.

A process has been discovered in England whereby a rustless steel hortafore used solely for kitchen purposes can be made into cooking utensils.

College Boat Races.

The first college boat races held were between boats owned by Yale students in Boston harbor in 1844, the contestants being an eight-oared gig and a dugout canoe. The first intercollegiate race was rowed by Yale and Harvard crews in eight-oared barges over a two-mile course on Lake Winnebago in 1852.

Artificial Lighting.

It has been computed that there are four times as many artificial lighting hours in winter as in summer. One and a half hours cover the use of light in the average residence in June. While six and a half hours is the average time for December.

OLD BANK MYSTERY CLEARED

Savings Deposit Made Over Thirty Years Ago Claimed at Last by Owner.

Many a tale of mystery and romance is written in the pages of a bank book. Head the true story of a depositor of the Lynn Institution for Savings:

More than thirty years ago this man, giving the name of P— G—, deposited \$2,000. About five years later he withdrew \$1,100, taking in payment a check to his order. This check never has been cashed and P— G— never heard from since. At various times the treasurer tried to get some trace of him. Clues have been followed up without result.

At the end of twenty years the unclaimed account was advertised in several papers. Many claimants appeared, but none could give proof satisfactory to the bank. Finally, after thirty years, in 1921, upon injunction of the court, this estate was placed in the hands of a receiver. The Lynn Institution for Savings expected never to hear of it again.

Imagine the surprise of the treasurer when, one day recently, the original bank book and the check, dated Dec. 19, 1896, were presented at the bank. The mystery of this estate, now amounting to more than \$7,000, seems to have been solved. The owner knew nothing of the long search for him by the bank and the courts. In order to avoid attachment during some domestic trouble he deposited his money under an assumed name. Then, relying on the safety of the bank and being able to live on his earnings, he avoided all mention of the amount. Only because now, in his old age, he actually needed the money was the silence of years broken.—Savings Bank Journal.

MEXICO CHILDREN WORK HARD

Lower Classes Begin Their Duties Early; Women Very Faithful to Their Husbands.

The children of the lower class Mexicans are brought up to work, and work hard, almost from birth. The mother's first child is carried on her back, Indian-like, and the parent does her work without any apparent inconvenience. By the time the second offspring arrives the mother's household duties have so increased that she must be free as far as possible from the care of her children, says the Detroit News. The first-born is thereupon charged with the care of the little brother or sister, and it is quite the rule to see some tiny tot of three years, or less, valiantly carrying around the younger member of the family.

These women have no thought except for daily round. They are deeply personified, and their lord and master's word is law. The male of this type is jealous in the extreme, but he rules by inspiring fear, and will leave his spouse whenever he thinks fit, knowing full well that she will not dare to offend the moral law, or disobey him in the slightest degree in his absence.

Eskimos Sing to Jury.

An odd method of settling lawsuits is practiced by some of the remoter tribes of Eskimos.

When two natives wish to settle a dispute each collects his family and friends to assist him, says the Detroit Free Press. The parties meet at an agreed time in the biggest hut in the village and proceed to sing literally at each other.

The plaintiff's party chant a series of rough verses insulting the defendant and everything that is his. Then comes the rival party's turn, and for the next hour or so they are allowed to sing at their enemy, putting their insults into some sort of meter.

The old men of the village act as judge and jury, and the verdict is given to the side which, in the opinion of the aged experts, has compressed the largest amount of insult into the best verse and the most noise.

Knew His Numbers.

"Now, Bobby, how much do six and four make?"

"Eleven, sir."

"Again."

"Twelve, nine, thirteen."

"How about ten?"

"Oh, you can't mix me up that way! Five and five are ten!"

A Future Business Man.

"James, my son, did you take that letter to the post office and pay the postage on it?"

"Father, I saw a lot of men putting letters in a little place and when no one was looking I slipped in yours for nothing."

Invitation Accepted.

Father (calling downstairs)—Say, Helen, is that young man going to stay all night?

Daughter (after a slight pause)—He says he will, pa, if there's plenty of room. Where'll I put him?—Boston Transcript.

Psychologist Declares That He Can Tell One's Character by the Vowel He Uses.

A well-known psychologist has been making a study of laughter, which he says differs in its indication of character by its vowel sound.

Those who laugh in "A," he says, or make a sound like "A," are loyal to their friends, frank in their speech, fond of bustle and movement and of versatile character.

People who laugh in "E" are seldom cheerful company because they are phlegmatic and melancholy. Most children laugh in "I," and people who continue to laugh in "I" after they have grown to be men and women have childlike qualities. They are timid but affectionate, irresolute but candid and are always obliging and ready to work for others. They are apparently not very strong characters.

People who laugh on the vowel "O" are often successful in life because they are not oversensitive. They do not worry about public opinion, and criticism slips off their backs like water off a duck's back. They are generous, self-confident and, in spite of their pushfulness, usually liked and trusted. Few people like laughers in "U." As a matter of fact, these individuals are very sparing in their laughter. Life for them holds little of fun and mirth. —London Tit-Bits.

Misty.

Lazy Luke—"If you 'ad ter work, Dosey, would 'er job would you like?" Dosey Dan—"Er, well; I believe dat drivin' automobiles in Venice would about suit me."

Nail Drivers Are Experts.

Jud Tunkins says the temptation to talk is considerable. It's always easier to lecture on house building than it is to drive a nail.—Washington Evening Star.

Begin Wrong.

The chief trouble with the husbands who try to put something over on their wives is that they usually begin where the writers of fairy tales leave off.

Swift Winds.

The swiftest winds are encountered in temperate latitudes at an altitude of from five to seven miles, while above that the speed of the wind decreases.

Hairs of the Head.

Forty to fifty thousand hairs is the crop on the average man's head, according to investigations conducted by professors of the Munich university.

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