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WEALTH FROM LITTLE IDEAS

Devices That Seem Simple Often Net Large Returns for Their Inventors.

The pith jam cartoons, used so much during the war, made the fortune of the man who first thought of them, and the man who turned a piece of wire so that the cord was held securely in a bottle made another, says London Tit-Bits.

The press-stud is a device for gloves which has sold by the million and made several fortunes; while long ago that peculiar little twist in the safety pin which makes it impossible for the point to do harm, made money for its fortunate inventor beyond the dreams of avarice.

The idea of making the screw its own gimlet made the fortune of the Chamberlain family, while the dress hook with a hump has been a gold mine to at least one man.

The man who first thought of fastening boot buttons with something stronger and easier to manipulate than cobbler's thread "struck oil," and everybody knows what fortunes the idea of saving shoe leather by means of variously shaped metal plates has made. The first tin-opener, made necessary by the growth of the "canning" industry, was also a winner in the financial race.

ROMANCE IN A DAY'S EVENTS

Stirring Happenings That Would Make Excellent Material for the Writers of Fiction.

A man who for 50 years did not know he had a sister met her in Oakland, Cal., the other day in a way to assure the writers of fiction that life offers events every bit as improbable as does the imagination, says the Oakland Tribune.

The same day, over in San Francisco, a young truck driver discovered his brakes would not work. He was headed down a steep hill and into the weaving streams of traffic. It would have been easy for that driver to jump and let the truck, the pedestrians and motorists take care of themselves. He clung to the wheel, did his best to see it caused no harm. At the end of that drive no one was hurt.

So it goes, the run of the day's news, the stories of the street and home that have nothing to do with wars and international politics. A woman sues for divorce because her husband plays chess, 1,800 men fight an oil fire near Richmond, two airmen stay in the air 37 hours and break eight records while doing it.

Says He Photographs Sounds.

A British inventor asserts that sounds make actual rings in the air when they occur, and that these atmospheric disturbances affect light coming through the air in such a way as to make them visible—at least to a supersensitive lens.

According to Popular Science Monthly, this engineer has constructed a camera which actually records the waves of sound on its plate, and is using it in the study of the exhaust of gasoline engines, acting on the theory that the quality of the sound will tell exactly what, if anything, is wrong with the motor.

The camera, while apparently successful in photographing simple sounds, does not operate successfully when the sounds are of a complex nature, as, for instance, the notes of an orchestra.

Force of Habit.

A friend calling on De Souque asked for a glass of water.

As the guest drank it the host stood eyeing him with a speculative gleam.

The guest, somewhat embarrassed, asked the reason for his behavior.

De Souque apologized immediately.

"Force of habit," he explained. "I was waiting to see if it was going to kill you."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Valuable Advice

Tell me how a young man uses his spare time, and I will tell you his future. The youngster who studies in spare hours is sure of promotion. But the lad who just "kills time" when he's old will whine about "hard luck" and "no chance." Think this over, boys.

Half-Knowledge

I am not one of those who believe that a half-knowledge of a subject is useless, but it has been my experience that when a fellow has that half-knowledge he finds it's the other half which would really come in handy.—Illinois Central Magazine.

Real Satisfaction

Don't whine if life pitches you some mean twisters. Sooner or later your chances will come and, when it does, put all your brain and brawn into your swing. There's no satisfaction to a real man like a score well earned.

Slain People Live Longest

Life insurance companies have set forth the importance of not getting too fat. They claim that 30 is the magical age in the health development of most individuals. A person is supposed to nearly approach the normal at thirty, they say. Under thirty one may weigh more than the average called for in the standard height, weight and age tables, but after this age the longest life span prevails among those whose weights are uniformly below the average.

Habits of the Gorilla

The gorilla, chimpanzee and orang-utang are affix in being destitute of any rudiment of a tail, in having no cheek-pouches and no naked spaces at the base of the trunk, and in the habit of resting on the knuckles of the hand in walking. Late investigation shows that the gorilla spends more of his time in the trees than on the ground. He makes a rude shelter for his mate and young and himself sleeps with his back to the tree trunk ready for any emergency.

Study Bacteria

It was the famous French scientist, Pasteur, who laid the foundation of modern knowledge of bacteria, and of the studies which will result, without doubt, in further great and useful discoveries. He not only discovered that there are good bacteria, but that among the bad the dead could be used to fight the living. Hundreds of laboratories and thousands of students are now busy with the subject.

Knighthood

Knighthood was originally a military distinction, but in the sixteenth century it came to be conferred on civilians, as a reward for valuable services rendered to the crown or the community. The first civil knight in England was Sir William Walworth, lord mayor of London, who won the distinction by slaying the rebel, Wat Tyler, in the presence of the king.

The Truthful Man

Many business deals are closed on the golf links. A traveling salesman went around in 125 and the merchant with him said pleasantly: "You are a little off your usual game."

"No, this is my usual game."

"Well," stated the other, "you may be no golfer but you're an honest man. I'll just sign that contract you were speaking of."

Mercury

The chief producing countries of mercury are Spain and the United States. California and Texas furnish the entire amount over here. Practically the only ore which is regularly worked for mercury is cinnabar. Mercury in the metallic state is found in small quantities only.

How Rewards Are Won

Big rewards in this world are assured to those who discover new and better ways of benefiting mankind. Every government, for example, protects the inventor's profit on a valuable patent. The surest road to advancement is finding the better way to do each job assigned you.

Origin of Sewing Cotton

The sewing cotton used in every American home is made almost exclusively of long staple Egyptian cotton. No cotton now grown in the United States has been found suitable for spinning the finer sizes of thread, for which there is the greatest demand.

Clear Thinking

To do much clear thinking a man must arrange for regular periods of solitude when he can concentrate and indulge his imagination without distraction. Working at night always appealed to me, because then most people are minding their own business by going to sleep.—Edison.

Delayed

Norah—"But, Reginald! I'm very cross with you, really! You promised faithfully to bring our engagement ring tonight." Reggie—"Believe me, dear, I'm sorry. The truth is—the other girl hasn't returned it yet."—London Telegraph.

"Just Average" Persons

People who continue to be "just average" do so because they are saturated with the belief that they can never be any more. They have thus "fenced in" their talents so they cannot get into the pastures green of greater achievement.

Happiness

Happy the man who early learns the width of the chasm between his desires and needs, that he may bridge it with service and thus find rest on the side of felicity.—John Grant Lyman.

Usually Absent

Opportunity knocks once at every man's door—but generally he is down street telling some one about the good chances he has missed.

FINAL EXERCISES

AT ELON COLLEGE.

Presentation of Alamance Building by W. E. Sharpe and Acceptance by Dr. E. L. Moffitt.

Names of Graduates and Degrees Conferred.

Elon College, May 28—On the final day of the 1924 commencement the Alamance Building, given to the college by the citizens of Alamance county at a cost of \$100,000.00, was formally presented to the board of trustees by W. E. Sharpe of Burlington, chairman of the campaign committee that raised the money for this project, and was accepted on behalf of the trustees by Dr. E. L. Moffitt, former president of the college.

This building, 216 feet long and three stories high, is the center of the new group of five buildings, and houses the class rooms, the executive offices, the literary society, and all the special departments of the college. This building has just recently been completed in all details, and its formal presentation to the college made an outstanding feature for the commencement program.

The new Whitley Memorial auditorium was the scene of the presentation program. Dr. W. S. Long, founder and first president of the college, offered prayer. President Harper then introduced Joe W. Stout, general contractor, Herbert Hunter, architect, and W. R. Wyatt, foreman, who had in their charge the erection of this splendid administration building. The building committee, D. R. Fonville, R. M. Morrow, F. L. Williamson, C. D. Johnston, and the late R. L. Holt, then received special mention for the services they had rendered in directing the work of the building.

In officially presenting the building W. E. Sharpe began his speech by recounting the scenes on the Elon campus the day of the fire, the fire which started at 6:00 o'clock in the morning, how the news spread, the faculty meeting at 9:00 o'clock on that morning, and the student body meeting at 11:00. He told of the dark outlook on that day, and how everybody were shaking their heads and asking what to do.

Then in less than forty-eight hours after the fire the meeting in Burlington was held and at which the \$100,000.00 Alamance campaign was started. He told of the initial gift of the late Col. Robert L. Holt, and spoke of his generosity, saying he felt sure his spirit was looking toward Elon at that time.

Mr. Sharpe then spoke of the work Elon was doing, and of the ideals for which she stood, telling of its value to the county, and saying that the citizens of Alamance were glad to have such an institution within its borders.

In accepting the building, Dr. Moffitt spoke of the early struggle for existence of the institution, the dark days and sacrifice of its early history, and of the darker outlook on the day of the recent fire. But because of this catastrophe the people of Alamance rose up and said "We believe in you." "We believe in your integrity." "We believe in your mission. We believe in what you stand for." And at the meeting in Burlington the people said, "Come over here. We have a proposition to make to you." Dr. Moffitt said that if Alamance county had not come to the rescue at the time she did the rebuilding program would have failed, and on behalf of the board of trustees, on behalf of the people of the Christian denomination, and on behalf of Christian people everywhere he gratefully accepted this magnificent building, and was humbled at such generosity. His only hope was that Elon should continue to merit this confidence, and prove worthy of such generosity.

Dr. W. W. Staley then spoke briefly in appreciation of what had been done for Elon within the past year, and a rising vote of thanks was given to all who had contributed to the Alamance building.

At the close of the exercises in the Whitley auditorium the citizens of Alamance were conducted

through the Alamance building for a formal inspection.

Below are the names of those receiving diplomas with degrees in the various college departments.

Those to receive the degrees were: Bachelor of Arts: Victoria Esther Adams, Nannie Aldridge, Lucy Estel's Austin, Joe Dan Barber, Margaret Alice Barrett, Isabella Walton Cannon, Emma Mabel Cheek, Essie Mae Cotten, Gaither Cincinnati Crutchfield, Freda Dimmick, Jennie D. Gunter, Harold Carlyle Hainer, William R. Hardesty, Charlotte Louise Homewood, Archie Hines Hook, Clark Winters Hook, Opal Seal Howell, Mary Graham Lawrence, Sion Milton Lynam, Gaither Clayton Mann, J. Mark McAdams, Ora Belle Pace, Malcolm Lucy Patrick, Paul Dalton Rudd, William Tate Scott, Myrtle Somers, Nellie Rosemond Weber, John Chesley Whitesell, William Worth Woody, and J. R. Barker.

Bachelor of Philosophy: Joe Turney Banks, Roy Howard Gunn, Ethel M. Hill, Junius A. Hornaday, Otho Caesar Johnson, Madge Moffitt, Mary Hall Stryker.

Bachelor of Music: Della Lee Cotten.

Licentiate of Instruction: Henry W. May.

Diplomas in Art: Mary Laura Cooper, Chiyo Ito, Frankye Marshall, Mary Hall Stryker, in Domestic Art, Essie Mae Cotten; in Expression, Jennie D. Gunter and Grace McElroy; in Piano, Margaret Alice Barrett and Della Lee Cotten; in Voice, Madge Moffitt and Della Lee Cotten; Certificates in Art, Ruby Wilcox Atkinson; in Domestic Art, Hilda H. Cates; in Piano, Margaret Lee Corbitt, Hennie Elizabeth Malone; in Voice, Margaret Lee Corbitt; in Chemistry, Margaret Alice Barrett; in Religious Education, Victoria Adams, Jesse H. Dollar, Archie Hines Hook, Sion Milton Lynam Henry W. May, and William Tate Scott; in Business Administration, Helen Battley, Fernando Belle, Louise Dunn, Fannie Glenn Elder, Mary Lee Garrison, Joe Bynum Gay, Jr., Lois Hartman, Gretchen Lamm, Eula Lincoln, Dwight D. Martin, Glenn Miller, Nell Orr, Dorothy Shorrtridge, M. A. McAuley, Wiley Stout, Margaret Torry, Harry Lee Trotman, and Frances Turner.

Plant One of These Corn Varieties.

"Those of us who did not save good seed corn for the field last fall still have a chance to use some care in the selection of seed," says Dr. R. Y. Winters, Plant Breeding Agronomist for the State College Experiment Station. "Taking time to save the best seed now in the crib would help, or one might secure seed of a standard variety from the nearest grower who has saved seed from the field. Select only the heavy compact ears bearing a firm, almost smooth grain. Avoid ears that are light, bearing chaffy, loose grains. Never select an ear that has become discolored, as shown by spots of gray mold, spots of pink, or a general darkening of the entire ear. Ears bearing light-colored grains with smooth caps are best."

Dr. Winters gives a list of varieties that have given the highest yields in a five-year average for the different sections of the State:

Eastern Section

Biggs' Seven-Ear, Latham's Double, Weekly's Improved, Cooke's Improved.

Central or Piedmont Section

Biggs' Seven-ear, Southern Beauty, Latham's Double, Cooke's Prolific, Indian Chief, Granplan, Jarvis' Golden Prolific.

Mountain Section

Southern Beauty, Biggs' Seven-Ear, Latham's Double, Weekly's Improved, Jarvis' Golden Prolific.

"One sometimes hears of a corn that is particularly good for poor land. It is unfortunate that one must have a corn adapted to poor land, but nevertheless certain varieties are better adapted to poor land," says Dr. Winters. "Poor corn lands are simply lands that are poor moisture holders. They usually haven't the depth of loose soil or the organic matter sufficient to hold moisture when

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TO
Friday, June 13th

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Story Hour, Junior Leader
Junior Chautauqua, for all Juniors

Night:
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Morning:
Junior Chautauqua

Afternoon:
Concert—Rowles-Robertson Company
Lecture—Popular Presentation of a Vital Subject—
Chautauqua Superintendent

Night:
Concert—Rowles-Robertson Company
Lecture—"China and the Future Peace of the Pacific"
Dr. Ng Poon Chew

Wednesday

Morning:
Junior Chautauqua

Afternoon:
Musical Entertainment—Marion Male Quartet

Night:
Concert—Marion Male Quartet
Dramatic Interpretation—"Six Cylinder Love"
Margaret Stahl

Thursday

Morning:
Junior Chautauqua

Afternoon:
Full Concert—Ernest Toy Recital Company

Night:
Concert—Ernest Toy Recital Company
Lecture—"Seeing Life Whole"—William H. Stout

Friday

Morning:
Junior Chautauqua

Afternoon:
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the corn plants need it most. Since moisture is usually the limiting factor, it is best to choose early varieties which produce a small growth for planting on sand lands. Among the early varieties which produce small stalks are Hickory King and Jarvis' Golden. Next to these in order of earliness and size of stalk are: Southern Beauty, Cooke's Prolific, Weekly's Improved, Indian Chief, and Biggs' Seven-Ear. The Latham's Double is a little later corn, but has given splendid results on all soils which are capable of producing 40 bushels of corn per acre or more.

About time now to begin arranging for the big picnics, barbecues and other summer outings. While doing so don't forget the State Farmers' Convention at the State College on July 23, 24 and 25. This will be the biggest gathering yet attempted at the College.

Those who labor indoors, especially busy mothers need to develop a healthy outdoor hobby. The vegetable or flower garden, poultry yard or children's play ground offer such an opportunity and the body will be quick to respond, say home demonstration workers of the State College of Agriculture.

Four-fifths of North Carolina has now been surveyed by the soil survey forces of the State and Government. S. O. Perkins has just finished the survey of Greene county. One-half of Rutherford and Wilson counties have been completed and one-third of Northampton. On the first of June a survey of Yadkin county will begin, announces C. B. Williams, of the Division of Agronomy, North Carolina Experiment Station.

The use of fruits in the diet is beneficial, says extension workers of the State College of Agriculture. Fruits, like vegetables, contain those vitamins needed by the body.

Why Mr. N. Windsor (R. I.) Put Up with Rats for Years

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The wool crop of Halifax county is turning out better than expected. County Agent C. E. Littlejohn reports about 200 pounds of one-fourth blood and 800 pounds of Delain fleeces. The farmers have been offered 46 cents per pound for their one-fourth blood wool.

Save Best Small Grain For Seed Next Fall.

The yield and quality of the oat, rye and wheat crop next winter will depend largely upon the quality of seed saved this spring. At the present time no county in North Carolina is producing sufficient good small grain seed to supply its local demands.

"This means," says Dr. R. Y. Winters, Plant Breeding Agronomist of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture, "that we are either planting inferior seed or purchasing seed from outside of the State. The results of several years' careful study indicates that home-grown seed are best. The home-grown seed wheat has yielded nearly four bushels per acre more than the same variety brought in from further north."

"During the past season fall-sown oats were badly killed. This means that good seed oats will likely be scarce this fall. Every effort should be used to save for seed all fields that escaped the cold and are from sufficiently good stock to warrant their use for seed purposes. In some sections where oats have failed there will be considerable increase in barley because of its resistance to cold. In certain sections of the Piedmont region barley has already become popular as a grain feed for cattle. The quality of barley seed generally used in the State is poor and efforts should be made this summer and early fall to secure better strains.

"A large quantity of Abruzzi rye was brought into the State last fall. Those who secured good quality southern-grown Abruzzi are pleased with the results. A large number have been disappointed because the seed purchased were not the true Abruzzi. Those who have secured seed from reliable sources and have a good crop should make every effort to save seed at least for their own plantings."

Dr. Winters states that this is a good time to go over small grain fields that are harvested for seed purposes and weed out all mixtures of other grains or weeds. It is easier to take out these mixtures now, he thinks, than to wait until after the crop is threshed. If certain portions of the field are badly mixed with other grain or weeds, just cut this portion for hay or leave it out of the lot to be saved for seed. Mixed seed are difficult to sell except for grazing purposes, and such seed bring a much smaller price than pure, well cleaned seed.

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