#### FRANKLIN IN DOUBT AS TO CONSTITUTION

#### But Great Enough to Defer to Others' Judgment.

On the last day (of the Constitutional convention of 1787), the en-grossed Constitution having been read, Doctor Franklin arose with a speech in his hand which he had reduced to writing for his own convenience," says Madison's journal. It was a very short speech; and it might well be read by the presiding officer at the opening of every political gathering in the

United States.
"I confess," he began, "that there are several parts of this Constitution which I do not at present approve, but I am not sure that I shall never approve them, for having lived long, I have experienced many instances of being obliged by better information or fuller consideration to change opinions even on important subjects. is therefore that the older I grow the more apt I am to doubt my own judgment and to pay more respect to the judgment of others. . . .

"In these sentiments, sir, I agree to this Constitution, with all its faults, if they are such, because I think a general government necessary for us, and there is no form of government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered. I believe further that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and can only end in despotism as other forms have done before it, when the people become so corrupted as to need despotic government, being incapable of any other.

"I doubt, too, whether any other convention may be able to make a better Constitution. For when you assemble a number of men to have the advantage of their joint wisdom, you inevitably assemble with those men all their prejudices, their passions, their errors of opinion, their local interests, their selfish views. From such an assembly can a perfect process be expected?

"On the whole, sir, I cannot help expressing a wish that every member of the convention who may still have objections to it would, with me, on this occasion doubt a little of his own infallibility, and to make manifest our unanimity put his name to the instru-

Hamilton, who had opposed almost all the outstanding features of the plan, urged every member to sign it because the importance to the country of securing stable government overweighed every other consideration, and evidence of a division in the convention would weaken the new Constitution before the people. Incidentally, no one did more than Hamilton to secure the adoption of the new organic

Madison's journal closes as follows: Whilst the last members were signing it, Doctor Franklin, looking toward the president's chair, at the back of which a rising sun happened to be painted, observed to a few members near him that the painters had found it difficult to distinguish in their art a rising from a setting sun. 'I have,' said he, 'often and often in the course of the session looked at that behind the president without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting; but now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting sun.' "-Will Payne, in the Saturday Evening Post.

#### Worked Hard to Save Life

The steamship Rama left New Zealand on a journey recently little realizing how dramatic that journey was

She was bound for Chatham Islands, a little volcanic group lying nearly 400 miles due east, with a population of 200 whites, a few hundred natives, 65,-000 sheep, and 1,000 cattle. But the Rama had not gone more than half way when one of the passengers be-

came dangerously ill. There was no doctor on board, but there was a doctor in Chatham islands, and it was a question whether the ship could reach him in time or whether death would win the race.

The urgent call for extra steam brought a ready response from the passengers, who took turns as extra stok-Instead of her usual nine knots, the Rama did 14, and reached port in time for a doctor to come aboard and operate. The passenger's life was

#### Why City Air Is Bad

Every time a ton of coal is burned family furnace 17 tons of gas go up the chimney, 16 of which are the gases of the atmosphere, either free or in combination with the elements of which the coal is formed. A little more than 12 tons are of nitrogen, which goes through the fire unchanged. Nearly four tons of oxygen are needed burn the coal and this oxygen all goes up the flue as carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide and water vapor. Most of the coal, 1,500 pounds or so, also ney, principally as dioxide, less than one part in a hundred forming smoke.

#### Odyssey That Makes Appeal to Americans

To many of us, the Aleutian islands have been only a string of yellow beads laid across a green ocean in an atlas. They tapered off to mere dots, and the string ended. But when we read the 'Adventures of the Round-the-World Flyers," these beads and dots become real places. They rise from perilous seas and give shelter to harassed airplanes beating resolutely westward. "Willy-waws," up to this time unheard of, sweep down from the mountains and strain mooring lines like bow strings.

This flight, which was designed as great and spectacular achievement, becomes now in the recounting, an educator. It is a pleasant thing to sit, beslippered and uncollared, in an easy chair, and feel the whip of the Arctic wind and the sting of the storm-blown sleet come out of a printed page. For fireside rangers, for lovers of adventure, for students of human achievement, here are the thrills of derringdo. For Americans here is an odyssey incomparably more marvelous than the travelogue of the misty morning when 'Omer smote 'is bloomin' lyre."-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## English Country Folk

Cling to Their Ghosts The country folk of England, who are frequently in the throes of a ghost scare, bave another one on their hands now. A mysterious velled figure is reported to have been seen flitting ut the ruins of Lovel castle near Witney, Oxfordshire.

The many old unused castles and abbeys which dot the English provinces furnish ideal visitation places for these nocturnal wanderers and at most seasons there are ghostly appearances some place in the broad land which attract the attention of the country

Many years of such happenings, instead of causing the rural folk to become accustomed to them, have sharpened their interest, and now the re port of a ghostly visit is sufficient to

arouse a whole countryside.

In a few cases these apparitions have been explained but mostly they have either vanished unknown or still are reappearing without satisfying anybody's curiosity.

#### Why Dog Kept Fat

Their dog being languid and out of sorts, an excellent Parisian couple took it to the veterinary surgeon, who advised them to feed it on magaroni. They doubted whether the patient would take kindly to this form of diet, and their fears were justified. The dog sniffed disdainfully at the macaroni and turned away. They persevered, and so did the dog. This went on for several days, and the dog, instead of pining away, was as fat as ever. They were puzzled, until they discovered that the cat, evidently a sympathetic friend, was raking bones and bits of offal out of the garbage boxes and bringing them to the dog, who took cover and devoured them with relish.—Continental Edition of the London Mail.

#### Why Called Saladin Tithe

The Saladin tithe was a tax levied in England in 1188 for the purpose of raising material support for the Crusaders, who had gone on or were going to Palestine to fight the powerful Saracen chief, Saladin. The chief interest still attached to that tithe lies in the fact that it is the first instance in English history of a tax on personal property. One-tenth of all movables or of their value was exacted from all the king's subjects, clergy and laity alike, except those who had themselves "taken the Cross," that is, joined the crusade and taken up arms against the infidel. When there was doubt respecting the value of a person's movables liable to taxation, the value was assessed by a special jury.

#### Fear Volcanic Eruption

The famous Mexican volcano, Popo catapetl, is giving its usual winter demonstrations. The volcano, which is 90 miles from Mexico City, is again frightening the natives, who believe that the activity of the silent sentinel of the Valley of Mexico presages the destruction of the ancient city of Tenochtitlan. Black columns of heavy smoke are pouring from the crate straight into the air, giving the volcano the aspect of a huge chimney. This sight, together with the gradual elimination of the snow which usually forms a heavy mantle half way down the volcano's sides, causes the Indian gazing with silent awe to make the sign of the cross and to mutter prayers for the preservation of the home the ancient bings.

Forgot Precept of Peace Fierce fight in church was started in Hull, England, by two ushers to obtain possession of a collection box.
One of the ushers claimed that the othed took the plate from him by force and presented it at the pulpit in order to win higher favor in the eyes of the paster. Police were called to ctop the buttle.

#### Flashlight Aids Seamstress

After wearing out her patience in threading the needle of her sewing machine, an ingenious housekeeper in Portsmouth, Ohio, attached a flashlight to the arm of the machine, and thus ended her troubles, says Popular Science Monthly. The light clamped to the machine with a strap of brass and a pair of bolts and wingnuts in a position that throws the needle into silhouette when the light is turned on.

#### Must Kéep Barrel Clean

The National Rifle association says that after the residue of smokeless powder in a gun barrel has been allowed to remain and the barrel has become pitted, nothing can be done to remedy the condition. Rifles and pisremedy the condition. tols should be cleaned immediately after firing. It is best to swab the barrel with warm water and dry carefully, then apply a heavy grease to prevent rust.

#### Has a Bald Head

The curious appearance that the bald head and neck of the bald ibis gives is heightened by the bright red coloring of the top of the head and the pale blue of the neck and sides of the head, says Nature Magazine. The general color of the plumage is metallic green This rare ibis is a native of the mountainous parts of South Africa. It is comparatively little known.

#### Carte Blanche

The carte blanche was a "blank paper" authenticated with an authoritative signature and entrusted to some one to be filled oup as he may think best. Thus in 1649 Charles II tried to save his father's life by sending from The Hague to the parliament a signed carte blanche to be filled up with any terms which they would accept as the price of his safety.

#### Material of Dreams

Men speak of dreaming as if it vere a phenomenon of night and They should know better. All results achieved by us are self-promised, and all self-promises are made in dreams awake. Dreaming is the relief of labor, the wine that sustains us in act.-Lew Wallace.

#### Port of New Orleans

New Orleans, rated the second largest port in the United States, is 110 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. The port facilities are valued at more than \$100,000,000, and are publicly owned. The public wharves parallel the Mississippi river for more than five miles.

#### Vatican's Crowns Few

Among the valuable relics in the Vatican in Rome are two crowns, one given by Napoleon to Pope Plus XII, containing the largest emerald in the world, and another given by Queen Isabel of Spain to Pope Pius IX. The latter is said to be worth \$2,000,000

#### Psychic Thought

In studying the psychic side of life t should be well and distinctly understood that there is an ever-living spirit within each one of us; a spirit for which there is no limited capacity and no unfavorable surroundings.-Marie Corelli.

#### **Business** and Sentiment

Jud Tunking says if you give a mat present worth two bits he is profoundly grateful; but if you give him immediately begins to be suspicious .-

## To Remove Match Marks

Marks caused by striking matches on painted walls should be rubbed with a newly cut lemon, then with a cloth dipped in whitening. The spot should then be washed with warm, soapy water.

#### First Wheat in America It is not definitely known who first ntroduced wheat into America. His-

tory shows, however, that it was not grown in America prior to its discovery by Columbus. Useless Information

It's all right to learn something every day. But it doesn't seem to be of any particular advantage to know that the ocean is six miles deep .-Toledo Blade.

Focus on the Speaker

He who observes the speaker more

than the sound of his words will sel-

#### dom meet with disappointment,-Lavater. Trait of a Snob

He who forgets his own friends merely to follow after those of a high-er degree is a snob.—Thackeray.

## Being Methodical

Method is like packing things in a box; a good packer will get in half as much again as a bad one.—Cecil.

#### WHY\_\_\_\_\_

#### East End of City Is Generally the Poorest

The "east end" of a town is generally the poor end, while the west end is generally the aristocratic sec-There are few exceptions to this rule, if any, and the most natural explanation is, that in countries of the Atlantic seaboard the prevalent wind is from the west and southwest and that, therefore, the richer classes naturally select their residences as far to windward as possible, in order to avoid the smoke and grime of the city proper.

English and European towns, more-over, for the most part, grew up centuries ago on the banks of rivers, and since the westerly bank of the river is generally the sunniest, another explanation is supplied.

No theories, of this kind, however, will be found wholly sufficient, for in almost every land, and through long ages, the same phenomenon has been

Probably the most satisfactory ex-Manation is that the time of leisure and recreation coming toward the close of the day, people of all time have naturally turned to that period for the principal meal of the day.

#### Why Industrial Workers Have Short Span of Life

Industrial workers have eight years less expectation of fife than office workers, Dr. Louis I. Dublin, statistician of the Metropolitan Life Insur-ance company, declared at the indus-

trial conference of New York state. Doctor Dublin urged founding under the state department of labor, or another agency, of industrial clinics to study and treat cases of occupational disease among workers, reports the New York World.

In addition to 2,000 deaths each year in this state from occupational accidents, specific diseases afflict the worker, Doctor Dublin said.

Among the most virulent are tuber culosis, especially among stone cutters, sand blasters and grinders; pneumonia and the degenerative diseases caused by exposure and strain, and poisoning from lead, brass, mercury, arsenic, aniline, wood alcohol hides and skins.

Doctor Dublin called on the 170,000 physicians of the state to consider industrial diseases more seriously and to help fight them.

Arthur Williams, president of the American Museum of Safety, said out of 41,000,000 employees an average of 2,500,000 are on the injured list all the time, a \$1,250,000,000 economic

#### "Little Bird Told Me."

In early days superstitious people paid considerable attention to the birds and their different cries, which were believed to foretell events. Thus comes the old saying, "A little bird told me," says the London Dally Mail.

Traces of this belief are to be found in our own Old Testament, where verse 20 of chapter 10 of Ecclesiastes speaks of "for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter." It is generally agreed that it is from this belief in the niversal knowledge of birds-which, of course, are supposed to see every thing from the sky-that we get this

#### Clergyman Harness Maker

An Anglican clergyman, Rev. Cano Charles Griffiths of Bristol, England. the proprietor of a prosperous manufacturing business in the East end of London, the publication of his will discloses, the New York Times The business, the manufacture of harness for tradesmen's horses, was established in 1750, and was left to the canon by the will of a relative 12 years ago. The canon is said to have been a generous employer, and the business grew to large proportions under his supervision.

#### A Family Tract

A woman engaged a new maid, with whose appearance and manner she was greatly pleased. When the terms had been agreed upon the mistress said: "Now, my last maid was much too friendly with the policemen. I hope I can trust you?"

"Indeed you can, madam," she re-"I can't bear policemen. I was brought up to hate the very sight of You see, my father was a

#### Plants for the Lawn

In the choice of plants for the lawn, says an expert in that line of home and city beautification, a few special rules are of interest and value. Choo hardy plants. Use dogwoods, honey-suckles, spiraeas, ninebark, etc., for shrubs; woodbine, Dutchman pipe, honeysuckle, clematis for vines, and hardy perennial flowers for the borders, then add maples, spruces, elms, etc.. in suitable places to complete the Plant in the spring rather than to the 'all.

#### FLOWERS IN PLENTY IN MEXICAN MARKET

#### Profusion of Color Marks Native Selling Places

When in Mexico do as the Mexicans do is a wise rule to follow in regard to rising early in the morning, for if you do not you will miss the most delightful and interesting part of the day. Every one is up at daybreak, and one of the first duties of the housewife is to see about the day's marketing. Unlike many women of our country, she rarely if ever goes to market herself, but prefers to give her orders to her servant.

There is always the market proper, which is under cover, with stalls arranged not unlike those in our mar-This, however, forms but small part of the whole. All the streets leading to the market have their displays, and the human tide of color moving in and out has an irresistible charm.

The first thing that attracts one's attention upon entering is the flowers, with their riot of color. Violets, the double sweet-scented kind; roses, with long stems and thick, glossy leaves, indescribable in their delicacy of color; exquisite carnations, with dew still on them-all the flowers you can carry and a flashing smile from the vendor for a few cents, says a writer in the New York Herald-Trib-

Many of the vegetables sold were new to us, especially those of the root variety. The Mexican woman buys her food in small quantities, just sufficient for one day's use. I have often seen a woman carrying in her hand one onion, a few carrots and a slice of squash-probably her soup vegetables for one day. Potatoes and tomatoes, although natives of these southern countries, are small and in ferior, showing little cultivation. We were surprised to see many of ou own native fruits displayed; peaches pears, grapes and apples were plenti ful, but did not compare in flavor with those grown in the North. Mangoes, pineapples' and aguacates were their best and were thoroughly en-

Here and there about the market Indian women sat cooking over char-coal braseros. Rice, frijoles and chile con carne were dished up in brown glazed bowls, and eaten with strips of tortillas, folded so that they could serve as spoons. Tortillas are flat, thin cakes made of cornmeal and water and fried. Other women sat behind palm mats, upon which were areach, which they sold for 1 cent a These, with a few seeds and several bunches of herbs, formed their stock in trade, the whole not amounting to more than 20 cents.

Beautiful woven baskets, reed and raffia work of all kinds, for which the Indians of North and South America are famous, delight the tourist. The dyes give brilliant colors of purple, yellow, red and green, which harmonize perfectly with the colors of the fruit and vegetables on all sides.

#### Why He Made the Change

Mark Twain, while at his summe esidence, prepared one evening to take a drive and, expecting to remain out until late, told his hostler that he need not wait for him. He instructed the his work to lock the stable and place the key under a stone, the location of which Mr. Clemens described with much exactness. When the humorist reached home after his drive he wa surprised to find that the key was not in the place selected. When his patience had been exhausted he awok the hostler, who explained as he started out to find the missing key "Mr. Clemens, I found a better place to hide it."-Pathfinder.

#### World's Strongest Wire

Twenty-five thousand miles of wire, the strongest of its kind ever made, will be used in the two cables support ing the world's longest suspension bridge now being erected across the Delaware river at Philadelphia.

The wire, long enough to girdle the earth, is shown by tests to have a stretching strength of 223,000 pound per square inch. After assembly into the cables it will hold against a pull of 36,000,000 pounds. The total length of the Delaware river bridge, including plazas, is 9,760 feet,

#### Are Not for the Wicked

They are the same beams that shine and enlighten which are apt to scorch, too; and it is impossible for a man engaged in any wicked way, to have a clear understanding of it, and a quiet mind in it altogether.-South.

#### Silent English Christmas Once, when Bluff King Hal lay very ill in December, and the English were anxious about his recovery, by com-mon consent it was decided to have a silent Christmas, without carols or merry making.

#### Trained Canaries Bring High Prices in Market

I have had an interesting conversa tion with a man who makes quite i large income by breeding canaries and putting them on the market as trained singers, writers Sir James L. Cotter in the Dally Express (London). The enor mous prices he obtains for his birds are amazing; in some cases he re-ceives as much as \$150 a canary.

When I heard them sing I began to understand. I cannot imagina any thing more opposite than the liquid rolling notes of these birds and the harsh, shrill, ear-splitting piping of

the majority of pet canaries.

A really efficient songster cannot be roduced without training. When the young birds are six weeks old they placed near to a really finished singer. The youngsters soon begin to imitat the adult bird and once they get start ed never look back. This is a simple method enough, but to train a large number of canaries means retaining nany trained adult singers.

#### Warning to C. Chaplin John Barrymore, at a luncheon, told

story about a Hamlet of diminutive stature.

"The poor fellow," Mr. Barrym said, "played one night opposite an Ophelia nearly six feet tall. The time came when throwing his head back and looking up at her, this poor little Hamlet moaned: "I would I were the glove upon

that hand!' "Then a voice yelled from the gallery:
"'Aw, ye wouldn't fit. Yer too
small.'"

#### "Hysterical Society"

A few days ago, when the Histori-cal society was holding a meeting in Indianapolis, a little granddaughter of

phone in hts absence. When she returned to her grand mother's room, she was asked whether there were any messages. plied: "No, the lady said that she would call later, that she belonged to the Hysterical society."-Indianapolis News.

#### Affidavit Not Supplied

Cornelius Kevitt, a farmer Pompton Lakes, N. J., selected oung pumpkins in his patch early in September, marking one Coolidge and Dawes with his knife and the other Davis and Bryan. By election day, when they were full grown, the Coolidge-Dawes entry weighed 42 pounds against only 16 pounds for the Davis-Bryan pumpkin. - Indianapolis

### Lawn's Proper Setting

Concerning borders that add to the appearance of the lawn, Successful Farming says: "A hardy border of shrubs and perennial plants gives beautiful setting to a well-kept lawn and in this border flowers may be had In bloom the entire summer by a judicloug selection. Hardy bulbs may be had in bloom with the very earliest shrubbery and these will be followed by the peorles, lilles, and summer flow ering buths and perennials, while fall Mooning plants carry on until frost.

#### Pioneer in New Method

The first vessel ever built in the United States by the electric welding method was completed recently in Previdence, R. I. The "one-piece" vessel is a tanker, 80 feet long, 26 feet beam and the hull is 12 feet deep. The tanks in the hold have a total capacity of 200,000 gallons.

#### Considerate

Jud Tunkins says when he goes to heaven he won't mind having a crewn but he's afraid if he tried to play s harp it 'ud annoy the neighbors. Washington Star.

Many Fish in Lake Erie Lake Erie yields a larger annual eatch of fish than any other body of New York state water. Two years ago licensed fishermen took nearly 5,000,000 pounds of fish from it.

#### Foolish Question

When Demetrius was asked wheth-er he held his tongue because he was a fool or for want of words, he re-galed: "A fool cannot hold his tongue."

#### No Profit in Revenue Revenge, that thirsty dropsy of our souls, makes us covet that which hurts most.—Massinger.

Spontaneous Not even the most careful match maker can guarantee that they will

#### not have a flare-up. Unflattering Report English Paper—Rev. Robert Howle preached bosh morning and evening.—

n Transcript.

# Building

#### Well to Provide Now for Future of City

American cities, with their present rapid growth and the increasing de mand for homes away from the crowded section, are constantly breaking over their boundary lines and overflowing into new territory. The march of an urban population into the region still under the township authority brings some large problems. Haphaz ard development of the outlying territories, plots laid out without reference to the way in which they conform to the city's plan of arterial streets, residence lots parceled out far from water and sewer connections, hampering of the semi-urban territory by legal restrictions as to township ex-penditure framed to meet the needs of a purely rural township, these are some of the growing pains of suburban

territories.

The creation of metropolitan areas, or districts, is the device which moderate the control of the ern cities have evolved to ald in the adjustment of these difficulties. The National Association of Real Estate Boards will undertake a study of how far American cities have devised suc-cessful plans for the development of suburban territories through metro-politan areas and will hold a national round-table discussion of subdividers looking to the encouragement of work able plans and toward the spread of such methods of subdivision develop-ment as will make for sound and

#### healthy city growth. Start Drive to Clean

Up City's Back Yard "Let's clean up our back yard."

That's the cry of the industrial development committee of the Cleveland Real Estate board which is planning a campaign which has for its purpose the "sprucing up" of those sections of the "sprucing up" of those section industrial plants visible to the casual passer-through on the railroads.

The cleanup movement offers various advantages. First, the chance to do some very effective advertising for itself by presenting a good appearance to those passing through on trains. Second, it advertises Cleveland.

In some cities where such a move ment has been undertaken, attractive planting along the right-of-way has

een made a part of the campaign. The American Railway Development association has passed a resolution pledging its co-operation in the real-tor movement for spruce and busi-ness-like appearance in industrial areas. Individual railroads are cooperating through their develop departments.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Must Look to Future

I've always believed that city planning was unworthy of the name unless it provided for the future of the city in question and therefore really came under the heading of regional planning, writes Myron H. West, president of the American Park Builders.

The first city to take advantage of the new law regarding the sections outside municipalities was which caused to be prepared a com-prehensive city and regional plan providing for the plotting of 16,000 acres in addition to the 4,000 acres contained within the city limits. This extended area will take off an added population of 100,000.

I believe that the very foundation

#### of city planning lies in comprehensive zoning and in street control, as made possible under the recent Illinois act.

Citizens Must Be Alert Concern with the problem of city government is not confined to stud of municipal affairs. It is shared by the people of the cities. Those who must bear the burden of city government in the payment of taxes are beginning to realize their chief hope for the future lies in more economical and efficient administration of their affairs. It would be a whole change if there should come the realization, too, that whatever the system of government, a persistent and alert public interest in its administration is necessary to effective results.-Ex-

#### change. Group Aids Beauty

As a general rule, more beauty and dignity is the result of planting a group of one kind of tree instead of mixing them. I am not here speak-ing about forest or woodland planting. but about forest or woodland planting, but about planting along our high-ways. Where the adjacent landscape is not interesting, the roadside picture would be enhanced by a promiscuous planting of trees, not in a formal line, but in a scattered way. mal line, but in a scattered way, so that you meet many trunks in place for a lane of trees, shutting off the view of the adjoining country.—Ex-