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CUSTOM SET BY PROMETHEUS

Fire-Stealer's Punishment Credited With Having Established the Fashion of Wearing Rings.

There is a legend for most things, a story kept going by repetition. There is one concerning the Greek tale of the way men came to wear jeweled rings. These ornaments commemorate an important advance in the climb up from savagery, since they mark the bringing of fire to the earth, or rather the punishment of Prometheus is commemorated.

Prometheus stole the sacred fire and brought it down to earth so that savage man could have fish fried instead of raw and have something to see by at night, a New York Sun writer recalls. This fire stealing was a terrible crime in heaven, so for his audacity he was sentenced to spend 30,000 years chained to a rock.

He started to serve the sentence, but in a few weeks Jupiter was in a better temper and wanted to pardon him. Somebody with a legal mind figured it out that Prometheus could wear a link of his chain on his finger and a piece of the rock could be fastened to it. So he came to wear the first set ring. To keep him from feeling penitential ornaments others started to wear rings.

HANDS OFF



Judge—Do you mean to say that you stood by and let the prisoner beat your mother-in-law without doing anything?
Witness—Well, I didn't think he needed any help.

PROWLER

A crowd gathered before a show window always has an appeal for the Woman, so she stopped the other day to see what the attraction was in an art store display. As she drew nearer she discovered that most of the spectators were not looking at the window itself, but at a small errand boy in front of it. He, however, was seated on his big package gazing intently at a small statue of General Puck on horseback. One of the men in the group whispered to the Woman, "Little chap hasn't moved for ten minutes at least. We're all waiting to see what happens next."

Just then the youngster stood up, sighed, picked up the bundle, started off, and then stopped for one last look.
"Gee," said he, as he finally broke away, "I'm against any conference that won't let him fight!"—Chicago Journal.

PASTEURIZED MILK

The use of pasteurized milk is extending very rapidly because it is becoming to be generally understood that the milk in this shape is desirable from the standpoint of the consumer and to be free from disease germs when it is properly prepared. In 1915 78 per cent of the cities of this country with a population of 500,000 or more were receiving a milk service more than 50 per cent pasteurized. In 1921 all of these cities were pasteurizing their milk to the extent of 50 per cent.

CONVENIENT FOR TOURISTS

When touring by automobile, it is essential that all available space should be utilized to the greatest possible advantage. With this in view, a bed has been constructed which, when folded, takes the place of the springs in the rear seat, while the mattress and bedding can be used as a cushion as described in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

COSTLY FOREST FIRES

Every year forest fires in the United States destroy or damage sufficient timber to build houses for the entire population of a city the size of Washington, D. C., New Orleans, La., Denver, Colo., or San Francisco, Cal.

A SUBTLE PLAN

Master (to cook)—You needn't say anything to your mistress, Jane, but have you a policeman for a sweetheart?
Cook (indignantly)—Certainly not, sir.
Master—Then you'll have to get one, or else leave. I want someone to eat up the cold mutton.—Sheffield Telegraph.

DISCOVERY NEEDED

He came upon a friend angling in a most unprofitable stream.
"Hello, Jack; what are you fishing for?"
And Jack, with that same look of disgust, grunted:
"That's what I'd like to know!"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

NO EFFICACY IN MADSTONE

Idea That It Would Cure Hydrophobia Has Been Found to Be Without Foundation.

The belief that a madstone cures hydrophobia is an old tradition with no foundation. The Pasteur treatment administered by a competent physician is the only effective treatment known. For centuries there has existed among men the fallacy of the madstone treatment. But, physicians tell us, no person treated with a madstone ever recovered if the poison of rabies actually found its way into the blood. Many persons, after having been attacked by a supposedly mad animal, have recovered upon the application of a madstone to the wound. But the madstone's effect was wholly imaginary, and the application of a madstone or lardstone would have been attended by the same result.

The origin and history of the madstone are as mythical as the efficacy of the stone in the treatment of rabies. It is generally assumed, however, that the "stone" was a part of the practice of medicine in India in the latter half of the Seventeenth century. Later explanations carried it to Europe and thence to America.

RIDE SERVED TWO PURPOSES

Airplane Trip Gave Pleasure to Aged Man and Brought Sister to His Knowledge.

William Dick went out from Scotland to Australia 70 years ago, and has lived in the commonwealth ever since. His great age has made him conspicuous, and when, one day last February, he expressed a wish to see an airplane, it was felt that he ought to be given that pleasure.

Nay, more; when some public-spirited group that their pleasure over to whom he belonged, they took the old man up for a ride, to his great delight, and showed him his home from a height of 1,000 feet.

The newspapers of course told the story, and proud fellow Scots saw that it was not him, as well they might, for even Scotland has not many sons using airplanes at the age of one hundred and three.

And so the news of William Dick's existence and whereabouts reached a home in Dundee where lived a lady who thought he might be her long-lost brother, who had left Scotland long before she was born. Letters followed, and the two proved to be in truth brother and sister. Thus the brass old man's ride in the clouds found him a sister across the earth.

GOOD PRACTICE

"Launcelot, a word with thee."
"Say on, McPherson."
"Don't think golfing is good winter practice for ball players?"
"Ballier. If they can learn to hit that pill they ought to be able to murder a baseball!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

AN OLD FRIEND

Mrs. Tallmire—I made a scarecrow for the garden; out the clothes the hired man left here, but it don't seem to do no good.
Her Husband—No wonder. They think it's the hired man. When he left he had a bluejay's nest in his hair and a brood of sparrows in his coat-pocket.

GOOD REASON

Owens—I don't think I'll go any place this summer.
Owens—Why not?
Owens—Well, you see all my creditors have left town and I think the city will be about as cool a place as I could strike.—Boston Transcript.

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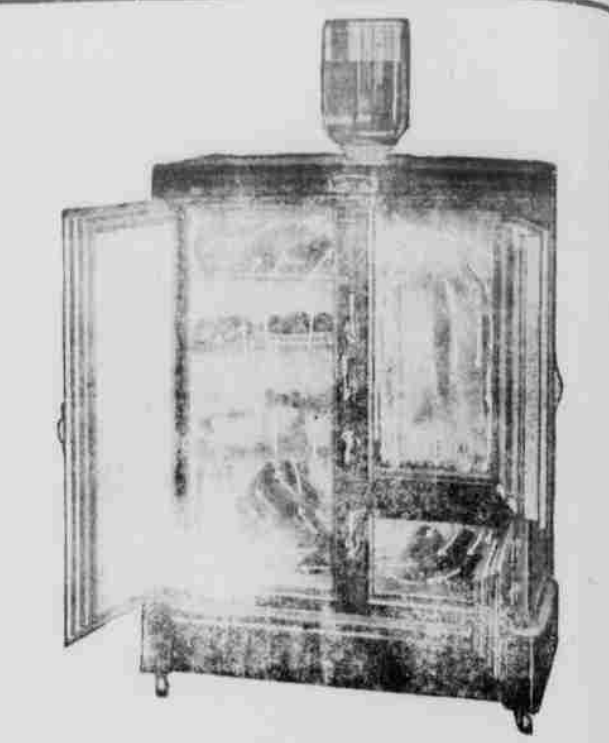
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