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### How to Estimate a River's Width.

To measure the width of any ordinary stream, or even of a good-sized river, it is necessary to make use of only your eyes and the brim of your hat. That seems queer, doesn't it? But it's true, and here is the way to do it:

Select a part of the river bank where the ground runs back level, and, standing at the water's edge, fix your eyes on the opposite bank. Now, move your hat down over your brow until the edge of the brim is exactly on a line with the water line on the other side.

This will give you a visual angle that may be used on any level surface, and if, as has been suggested, the ground on your side of the river be flat, you may "lay off" a corresponding distance on it. To do this you have only to hold your head perfectly steady, after getting the angle with your hat brim, supporting your chin with your hand, if necessary, and turn slowly around, until your back is toward the river.

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### Strange Diseases.

Lombardy is the one place where pellagra is always prevalent—that mysterious modern ailment, due to eating damaged maize, which since 1833, when it was first noticed, is computed to have been responsible for the death of more than 500,000 peasants. Mandalay ringworm, again, is known and dreaded throughout Burmah, but even the most ignorant Burmese is aware that it cannot be contracted outside the ancient capital. Similarly, "rock" fever is confined to Gibraltar, although it is probable that the ailment known as Maltese fever, which can be contracted only in Malta, and there only in the spring and autumn, is closely allied to it. Aleppo evil, too, is unknown in any of the other cities of Asia Minor; just as the Delhi boil, so dreaded of our soldiery, is confined to Delhi.—Chambers' Journal.

"If the State has the right to tax the people to educate the children of the State," says President C. E. Vawter, of the Miller school, "then it surely should use the money in that way which will give the State the results. It should educate our children toward what they have to do in life, not away from it. There is no denying the fact that our present scholastic education tends to draw our children away from industrial pursuits. Surely the object of public education should be to enable our children to become good, useful, honest, loyal citizens, and to equip them for the life-work that lies before them."

A seven-masted steel schooner of 11,000 tons displacement is at present being built at Quincy, Mass. She will be the largest sailing vessel afloat when launched. Schooners of 5,000 and 10,000 tons displacement are now becoming common on the Eastern coast, and some of them are earning from 25 to 40 per cent. a year.

The largest coral reef in the world is the Australian barrier reef, which is 1,100 miles in length.

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All the new trains on the Central London railway are to be of fire proof construction, steel and asbestos being largely used. Other precautions for the safety of passengers are being taken.

"Jim" Gleed, one of Eugene Ware's partners in business, has dropped into poetry, a la Silas Wegg, apropos of Ware's appointment as Pension Commisioner.

### A Jail With 475 Murderers.

The mediæval fortress of Volterra is now a formidable prison house. When last I visited it there were 475 prisoners within its walls, all of them murderers. It is an uncanny sensation to look upon nearly 500 human beings, each one of whom has taken the life of at least one other human being. One hundred and forty-nine of them were condemned for life, and that meant murder of a brutal and cold-blooded description; the remainder were imprisoned for periods ranging from fifteen to thirty years, and that would mean murder with extenuating circumstances—murder the result of inconstancy in a sweetheart, or frailty in a wife, or faithlessness in a friend. The confinement is rigorously solitary and cellular; the exercise courts are cellular; there are cellular smithies and cellular workshops; nay, the very chapel is cellular. Two tiers of cells run one above the other, and the prisoner in each, while unable to see his fellow convicts, can through a long narrow loophole see the altar and the priest who is saying mass.

As I walked round the ramparts of the great fortress I could look down into the rows of high-walled exercise courts—not more than 10 feet by 10, I should say—in each of which the convict was taking the hour of exercise which he is allowed daily. Every prisoner saluted respectfully, and showed his white teeth in a pleasant smile, glad at the sight of any fresh face. Italian prisons are models of good order and cleanliness, and the cheerfulness and natural patience of the Italian temperament does much to lighten the labor of Italian prison officials. The convicts get two full meals of beans, lentils, or paste, cooked in lard, and meat on Sundays and holidays. Every prisoner may spend 25 centesimi a day, if he has it or can earn it; therefore wine is by no means an unknown luxury in the prison.

The system of rigorous solitary confinement leads to frequent cases of madness. Indeed, there is often talk of the Italian Government abolishing the system on account of the great expense of maintaining numerous criminal lunatic asylums.—St. James's Gazette.

### Holds up a Congressman.

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### A Well-Developed Case.

"Hello, Jinks! Why, I haven't seen you for several weeks. How's your health?"

"Poorly; every little thing thong seems to affect me lately. Well, at any rate, you are looking like a king-kong."

"Feeling that way, except for a slight touch of spring fever."

"Yes, spring-sprong always affects me, too; makes my head ring-rong."

"What in thunder is the matter with you, old man, the way you've got to talking?"

"Nothing thong," said Jinks, making a swinging movement of his arm through empty air, as his friend backed away in amazement and alarm.

"I hear that you have become a great devotee to the fashionable fad of table tennis."

"Yes," he said wildly; "I like to have my fling-flong and enjoy the banjo sing-song of the game of ping-pong at every racquet's swing-swong, while the celluloid sphere is on the wing-wong—I know that game's the thing-thong——"

Gently the keepers from the asylum led him away to his padded cell, the first victim of the omnipresent game of ping-pong.—Baltimore Herald.


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"Mamma, here's a letter from the dead-letter office," said intelligent little Clarence.

"How do you know, dear?"

"It has a black border all around the envelope."—Judge.

Leading Him On.—He—Would your mother let you go to the theatre without a chaperon?

She—Not unless I was engaged.—Town and Country.

"That girl can't talk a little bit."

"Is that so?"

"Quite true. The only thing she said to me the whole evening was 'No,' and I had to propose to her to get her to say that."—Stray Stories.

A story is told on the Eastern Shore of Maryland of a young man who called one evening on an old farmer to ask him how it was that he had become rich.

"It is a long story, said the old man, "and while I am telling it we might as well save the candle," and he put it out.

"You need not tell it," said the young man. "I see."—Baltimore Sun.

"How long," asked the youth, "ought a young man to be acquainted with a girl, Miss Flyppe, before he may venture to call her by her first name?"

"How long have you known me?" she asked in turn.

"About six months."

"Well, if he's the right young man, that's a long enough time."

"Then, Susie——"

"But you're not the right young man, Mr. Spoonamore."—Chicago Tribune.

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A friend said to Bishop Brooks, jokingly, on the eve of the latter's last trip abroad, that he might run across a new religion during his trip. "But keep quiet about it," he added. "You may have trouble getting it through the Custom House." "Hardly," was the ready reply. "Any new religion popular enough to import will have no duties attached to it."

### Jacksonville's Fire Burned a Year.

While the fire which started on May 3, 1901, and devastated the city was under control within seven hours, yet it has been burning for the past 365 days.

J. H. Kooker, Wm. Baker and a reporter went to the ruins of the old Mohawk block, and with a shovel dug off the top of the pile of broken brick and mortar. Three or four inches from the top the place was warm and smoke was seen to come from the hole dug. Digging still deeper each shovelful became hotter and hotter as it was taken out. Digging a little deeper, red coals were found, and as soon as the breeze fanned it it blazed. The fire department was notified, and a stream was turned on.

Thus it was that one year after the commencing of a fire the department is called upon to put it out. This place has blazed up several times since the day of the fire, and the last time, about five months ago, the department soaked it thoroughly with water. A quantity of grain had been stored in the building, which stood on the site where the digging took place yesterday, and it was this grain that was smouldering all the time.

A considerable crowd of people gathered around the place yesterday, and were astonished at the fact of the fire burning so long, and remarked that all records were broken as to the length in time of burning of a fire by the one in Jacksonville which burned a whole year.—Florida Times-Union and Citizen.


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### Here and There.

An English writer calculates that Americans are investing an annual sum of $450,000,000 in Europe, mostly in English securities.

Waterford possesses the only toll bridge in Ireland. After 108 years' agitation a movement is now on foot for the construction of a free bridge over the River Suir.

The Royal society of Great Britain has announced a new determination of the heat of the sun. It is made by Prof. Charles Wilson, who places it at 11,192 degrees Fahrenheit.

Mice cannot exist on Papa Little, an island in St. Magnus bay, on the west of Shetland. To test the truth of this statement several mice at various times were brought there, but the soil proved so uncongenial that they soon died.

A Bohemian couple holds the record for procrastination. Franz Rosner, 100 years of age, was married on his deathbed to Anna Renner, aged ninety-three years, at Oberpolitz. The groom died two days later. The two had been in love for seventy-five years, but had kept putting off the wedding day.

Immense areas of cattle range have been destroyed by too much crowding and by sheep. Sheep in large bunches nip the grass so close and so cut its sod with their hoofs that it dies. The railways of the northwest have combined to find the grass most suitable for stock, and to this end will divide 30,000 acres of land into thirty sub-divisions, each of which will be planted with a different kind of grass.

An American syndicate has made a proposition to the Porte to construct a line of railways along the eastern littoral of the Red sea. The railway mileage of Turkey in Europe is but 1,239 and in Asia Minor 1,500. No railway of any length in Turkey is at present able to meet operating expenses and fixed charges unless aided by state subsidies. Companies that have made the experiment have been forced to compromise with their bondholders.

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### Christianity and War.

It is amazing that the Washington authorities should be so little touched by the confessed barbarities in the Philippines. Here we have a man who is described as "one of the high officials of the war department" declaring that Gen. Smith will come from the court-martial vindicated and that the people will sustain such a decision. This official bases his conclusions on the ground that "there is no Christian war. War is as far from Christianity as heaven is from hell. Christianity has to do with heaven and war is hell." We do not believe that the country will agree with this statement. A theory has been held that Christianity makes men better; that it tames the savage; that it eliminates barbarities.

Of course, war is war; it is not a Sunday school picnic, nor yet a foot ball game. Men are killed in battle, or hanged as spies, or executed as deserters, or held as prisoners. All these things are duly provided for and are expected. But other things are also expected; at least they are expected by the American people. Among them is a decent humanity and a regard for the honor of the flag. The conscience revolts at the slaughter of children merely because they may be "capable of bearing arms." If a boy, even of the tender age of ten, becomes a combatant and is slain in battle in the ordinary course of warfare, no blame, according to military ethics, attaches to his slayers. But to shoot him down as a wild beast for no other reason than that he is "capable" of carrying a gun presents an entirely different question. And that is the question in Gen. Smith's case. He admits this atrocity. He may be acquitted by the court which is trying him, but the people will not acquit him nor will they acquit the court.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

### What Do We Want of Them?

"What, I ask, do you want in the Philippines? More particularly, why in any part of Luzon and the Visayan Islands are you making a howling wilderness and killing children over ten years of age? It will be said that these are the unhappy incidents of war, which is always a stern affair, very different from the holiday making into which civilians would turn it. Be it so. Why, then, are we making war? Here are 6,500,000 fellow-Christians of ours—the only Christian nation in Asia—as highly civilized as most of the people of Central and South America. What do we want of them? We have never told them. The Treaty of Paris requires Congress to determine the civil rights and political status of the inhabitants of the Philippines. Congress has been dumb. President Roosevelt, with his noble instinct and straight-seeing statesmanship, declared that we were to prepare them for liberty after the fashion of the really free nations. The period of tutelage should be short, because no nation can confer freedom upon another, and the most we can do for the Filipinos is to establish favorable conditions, and then endow them with independence. This implies doing in the Philippines what we have already done for Cuba, which this month is to start as an independent republic. But, in the face of all this, General Wheaton says that the Filipinos must be despotically governed, like India and Java, and that any one who advocates their independence should be sent to prison. Congress is silent, the military authorities whistle down the wind the humane and enlightened policy of the President, and the military authorities are the supreme power and final arbiter in the Philippines. Are the American people, then, the freest people on this earth, the very flower and chivalry of liberty, shooting down Filipinos because Filipinos will not do what Americans want, while all the time Filipinos are endeavoring to ascertain, but cannot, what it is Americans do want? Are not your Oriental wards entitled to know how you intend to dispose of them before bidding you welcome to their homes? If we have no policy, let us say so and stop fighting. If we have a policy, let us say so, and it may end all fighting. But to keep an army of 40,000 or 50,000 American citizens in Asia to fight for no policy is at once foolish and wicked.

"It is said officially that the fighting is over. But the commanding officers agree with the best newspaper reporters that the Christian Filipinos are everywhere against us. And the War Department has stated in confirmation of this situation that the retention of a large army in the Philippines is indispensable. But if this be so, though the insurrection may be ended, the archipelago is as full of our enemies as ever it was. You have governed them against their will; behold the result. Shall we make of the Philippines an American Island—an Ireland consumed with hatred for us, governed by coercion and bent on rebellion?

"Thank God, there is a more excellent way. Drop coercion and try conciliation. Give the Filipinos what they want, not what you think is good for them. Regard them not as Sioux or Apache Indians, but as Christianized and civilized brown men, ranking with the Japanese. General Otis said to the Senate committee that they could, if we withdraw, at least maintain a military government; and with the sedition law before you, can you say we are doing much better? Governor Taft is reported as saying at New Haven that, if we conferred independence upon them, power would fall into the hands of the educated classes; but is an intelligent oligarchy of Filipinos worse than an intelligent oligarchy of Americans?

"I was in Ireland last month when the cities of Dublin and Cork conferred their freedom upon the leader of the Nationalist party. His speech on those occasions was printed in full in the newspapers, and one sentence of it still rings in my ears. "There are," he said, "only two methods of government—that of freedom and that of force; and Ireland has shown for centuries that the latter is permanently impossible." The remedy for our Philippine ills is to substitute a government by the consent of the Filipinos for a government by the coercion of the Filipinos."—President Schurman, of Cornell, in the Independent.

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