

**Did Not Mean Just What She Threatened.**

A popular musical comedy star was taking her summer vacation in a New England village this year, and good naturedly agreed to participate in an "entertainment" to be given at the town hall for the benefit of local charities. She procured from New York one of the costumes from her last winter's show, and a fetching poster showing herself in that same costume. Soon after the poster was on display a delegation of village ladies waited upon the committee of gentlemen who were engineering the entertainment and protested against the chic costume of the poster, which was, in fact, that of the conventional "prince" of musical comedy, with a frank if pleasing display of silk-encased limbs.

"Let's send for Miss de Lancy and see if we can't fix it up," a committeeman suggested, and this was done. Now, besides being good natured, Miss de Lancy is high-spirited, and rather thought that the costume which had been good enough for her to appear in for some hundreds of times in New York would do for one appearance in Hickeysville.

"There is no use talking," she announced with decision, "I'll appear in that costume or nothing!" There was a moment of horrified silence, then quick whispering among the lady delegation, and a moment later their protest against the proposed costume was withdrawn.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**COSTS MONEY TO RUN ZOO**

**Pets of Londoners Are Really Expensive Propositions in the Feeding Line.**

How much does it cost now to feed an elephant for a year? Two thousand dollars, say the officials of the London zoo. And a giraffe costs half as much. So that, with the increased prices of food, have come new problems for the keepers of menageries. The meat foods include beef, horse flesh, guinea pigs, rats, cats, mice, rabbits, frogs, snakes, fish, pigeons, ducks, sparrows, gentles, snails, ants and coal liver oil. The gazelles, buffaloes and antelopes must be provided with rock salt. They are fed on oats, bran, hay, green clover, together with carrots and potatoes. The birds are the most difficult to feed satisfactorily. Flamingoes, for instance, require soaked wheat, boiled shrimps and fish cut small. Some birds are fed largely on bullock's liver. This is cut into slices, boiled, then put through a mincing machine. The mince is dried in a slow oven and preserved. The dry mince is usually mixed with bran or pollard. Quantities of insects have to be kept in stock for the insect-eating birds. These are principally meal worms and gentles, which is the polite name for meat maggots. Fat for some birds flies and grasshoppers are required. The monkeys require fruit, such as bananas and apples, while the snakes must be fed on small animals, such as rabbits, mice and rats.

**New Idea in Storing Coal.**

The ingenious plan of storing coal in carbonic acid gas, as undertaken at Dortmund, Germany, gives the safety from spontaneous ignition of under-water storage, while the container offers the convenience of the overhead bunker. Each of the three cylindrical bunkers constructed, with a capacity of 2,500 tons, has semi-spherical top and bottom, and three filling openings at the top, with three discharging outlets at the bottom. The lower outlets are gas tight when closed, but as the carbonic acid is much heavier than air the upper openings do not require being absolutely leak proof. A gravity structural steel tower unloads the coal from a barge. The coal is dropped into a small hopper, and then fed to a push-plate conveyor, which is so placed that it may serve in filling or emptying the three bunkers. The small amount of carbonic acid gas that leaks out in removing coal can be readily replaced.

**Fun for the Girl.**

One evening, coming home from the theater on the street car with my lady friend, I stepped from the car and noticed an automobile coming up behind the car. I kept my eye on the automobile and took the elbow of the next person alighting after me, expecting it to be my friend. Still watching the motor, I led the elbow safely to the walk, and then turned my attention to her. But, to my embarrassment, who should I find myself escorting, but a great, tall man, who said in the sweetest voice: "Thank you, I was never escorted by a young man across the street before; you are the kindest fellow I ever met." My lady friend was following us, and she giggled over the joke all the rest of the way home.—Exchange.

**Artificial Tree for Birds.**

Dr. H. B. Warren is having a concrete tree built on his lawn at West Chester, Pa., to provide homes for birds. The tree is upon a wire frame 35 feet high. Sides of different sizes will lure the birds to nest and rest. At the base of the tree will be a large concrete bath to provide the guests with running water at all times. Installation of the "tree" will give the birds a home, but the question is, will the birds be attracted by this substitute for a real tree? We hope so.

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**According to English Authority, This is One of the Results of the War.**

There are five times as many people in England reading books as there were before the war, according to Sir Ernest Williams, one of the foremost publishers of London. He says war has taught the people the value of books, and shown them the joy of reading. When air raids were numerous and all social activities stopped, there still remained the inner room, the light and books. There was a quick demand developed for light reading, but it has changed and grown so that now the best books are most in demand. When air raids were ended and lights and social activities were used again, the habit of reading was continued and has grown rapidly the past year.

There is an insistent demand, this publisher says, for books that deal with real life. It is his belief that out of the experiences of war has been born a deeper appreciation of life and understanding of how tremendously worth living it is. On this new consciousness he bases the demand for books that deal sincerely with problems of life.—Ohio State Journal.

**ISLAND SAVED BY WOMEN**

**How the Female Population of Helgoland Upset Calculations of Danish Admiral.**

Helgoland, the naval wall flower during the World war, had its fate decided, upon one memorable occasion, by the women of the island, according to a bulletin of the National Geographic society. About the time William Penn was settling Pennsylvania a Danish admiral captured the island's fishermen one night while they were placing their nets. He threatened to hold them as hostages until the island surrendered to Denmark. Wives, mothers and sisters arose and forced the Danish garrison to relinquish any claim upon Helgoland.

In the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries Helgoland was a center of the North sea herring fisheries. Then herring veered back to Scotland's coast and the islanders handed down a tale of the implety by which they forfeited the boon. Until a few years ago horses were unknown to the island. One story has it that when an old woman saw an Englishman ride up the hills she dropped dead from the shock of what she believed was a supernatural creature.

**Humidity.**

Humidity is the moisture or aqueous vapor in the atmosphere. The vapor is really an invisible gas. When this vapor becomes visible it is called dew, fog, mist, haze, clouds, rain, snow, hail, etc., according to the size of the drops of water or the method by which the vapor condenses. A given space at a given temperature can contain only a definite amount of moisture. When a given space contains all of the moisture it is capable of holding it is said to be saturated. The percentage of moisture in the air to what it would hold if saturated is called the relative humidity. When the air is saturated with moisture the humidity would be 100 per cent, and if half saturated 50 per cent, three-quarter saturated 75 per cent. The increased humidity has much to do with the effect of the temperature on the individual, which is the reason the subject is so commonly discussed during hot periods.

**Responsibilities.**

Thinking of others does not excuse folks from respecting their own responsibilities. The world wouldn't get along very fast if all our time and thoughts were given to others. To get along and have the means to be helpful to others we must do considerable for ourselves. Our job must bring enough returns to the boss to pay him for the trouble of bothering with us. Our home life touches others and we must see to it that our contact leaves them happier for the touch. Life is more than mere routine however much it may seem to be cast in a one piece mold. It's our thoughts for others that lift us out of the humdrum and make life worth living. There's no limit to the enthusiasms of life when concern for another's welfare gets hold of you.

**Envied the Tallor.**

When Douglas Fairbanks was a little boy, five years old, he lived in Denver, and he was always sent to bed much earlier than he wanted to go. Opposite his bedroom was a tailor shop where the lights burned brightly a long time after Douglas went to sleep. He used to lie and watch the industrious tailor, and one day he surprised his father by saying that he knew what he wanted to do when he grew up: he would be a tailor.

"Why?" said his father.

"Because," said Douglas, "I can't get anything out of them half the time."

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