

"In addition to the trans-Atlantic service we are also making arrangements with vessels sailing in southern waters to get reports twice a day, and this information will be of inestimable value during the hurricane season," said Mr. Scarr.

To some persons daily consultation with the weather man is a very necessary part of the day's routine. Take the produce men, for instance—merchants who deal in perishable goods, like fruit and vegetables. They are obliged to keep daily tabs on the weather, so as to know how to protect their wares. It may be that a commission merchant has just loaded a cargo of potatoes which cannot be left over night. He must ship them immediately, so he calls up to know what the weather is to be for the next twenty-four hours, so that he may protect the consignment for transportation. Or it may be a man is wishing to send a cargo of fruit to some other point. He calls up and finds that there is to be zero weather; therefore he wraps his fruit to keep it from freezing.

Another line of business that depends on the weather forecasts is that of the salvage companies, those who make a business of saving wrecked vessels from total destruction. From this source the weather man has constant calls.

Templeton's Discoveries

All the children of Folkstone Beach were mound builders, spending hours every day with buckets and spades, piling the beautiful white sand up in quaking mounds. The trouble was that nobody's mound went up very far. As fast as a fresh bucketful was poured on top the cunning, crawling sand would slide away from beneath and no amount of bucketfuls could coax the mound up very high.

But one day Templeton Yellot made a discovery. He found how to keep the sand from slipping back to the level beach. He was working off by himself when he found out this great thing, and he built his mound up and up, getting so eager and excited that he did not hear Nelly Tucker and the two Tucker boys coming up behind him.

"I say, Temp, how did you do that?"

"Let me help, will you, Temp?"

But the mound builder was rudely unwilling to share his secret or his fun. "Go away!" he said, angrily. "This is my place, and I don't want you here. I found out by myself how to build this high one, and I'm not going to tell anybody. What makes you stay where you're not wanted?"

"You needn't be so afraid," said George. "We wouldn't stay for anything. You couldn't pay us." And the three Tuckers turned their backs and set off down the beach.

Templeton went on building higher and higher, but somehow the fun was all gone. Pretty soon he emptied out his bucket, shouldered his spade and went to look for the others.

There they were, 20 or more, little girls and boys, piling up the sand, laughing and shouting. Their mounds were low, but their spirits were high, and Templeton envied them the good time they were having together.

Then our little boy made his second discovery that day, which was that being

selfish is a poor way to enjoy yourself, and it was a much pleasanter secret than his first one. "Look here, George," he called to the oldest boy. "I'll show you how to build better than that. It's easy when you know how." And soon he and the Tuckers and the rest were hard at work building fine, high sand heaps.

Train Announcer's Rival

Union Station Train Caller Ben Brown stord in grave danger of losing his job Friday, as a rival suddenly appeared, and after listening to Wee Ben call awhile, developed a remarkable talent along that line says the *St. Louis Star-Chronicle*.

The rival was a parrot, the property of S. P. Bowen of Greencastle, Ind., en route to Los Angeles, Cal.

"A-w-l a-b-oo-re-d fer th' Ro-c-k I-l-a-n-d, a-a-n-d a-l-l p-oi-n-ts west," began Brown, when he was interrupted.

"Squawk! You're a liar. All b-o-a-r-d—squawk! Hello, pal! Gimme er chew—all points w-e-s-t—squawk! Giv' 'em 'ell, Bill!"

Brown looked around to discover his imitator and failing started again, but was again drowned by Polly.

"Beat it, kid! Squawk! Skidoo, cat! yer tail's on fire—Rock Islan-n-d—git on de t-r-a-i-n—ding dong—goin' west—squawk!"

Ben finally located the noise and retired in disgust to a distant part of the room, where he called his train, followed by the diabolical laughter of the parrot.

Letter Enigma

My first is in frown, but not in laugh;
My second is in grain, but not in chaff;
My third is in earn, but not in dollar;
My fourth is in neck, but not in collar;
My fifth is in zero but not in warm;
My sixth is in wind but not in storm;
My seventh is in crown, but not in scepter;
My eighth is in goblet, but not in nectar.

My whole's a condition
Of all winter weather;
And I hope you will solve me
Without any bother.

Conundrums

Why is a cherry like a book?
Because it is red (read).
When is water most liable to escape?
When it's only half tide.
When is a bed like a watch?
When the mattress is ticking.
What is it that can kick without feet?
A gun.



"GATHERED TO ROMP AND PLAY"

Three bunnies and a fairy
We find at close of day;
Three bunnies and a fairy—
Gathered to romp and play!

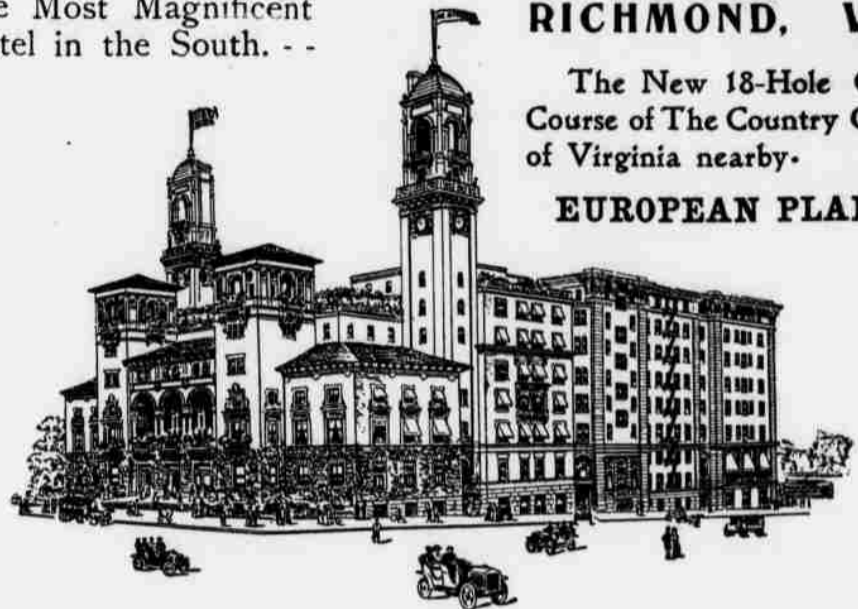
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