

CITY LIFE BREEDING SNOBS?

Lover of the Woods and Hills Almost Makes Direct Accusation in Magazine Article. Last summer I spent several weeks in the woods and hills as nearly a natural life as one well could. That is, everybody wore the kind of clothes he wished to, and did about as he pleased, without regard to fashion or arbitrary social custom.

LAURELS AT PASSING YEARS

Veteran, Ninety-One Years Young Rightly an Inspiration to Those Who Know Him. Comrade Searies from the Soldiers home at Sawtelle was over at San Gabriel the other day. He came by way of the trolley car. But he could have walked easily, had he been so inclined.

BUYING SECOND-HAND JUNK

Astonishing How Many Succumb to Lure Which Holds Forth in New York City. If not every man then every other man in New York city is said as a March hare about the desirability of owning somebody else's old junk. While he neglects to take care of what belongs to him already he sallies forth under the sway of an irresistible impulse to collect the cast-off props of another man.



Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

MARY GRAHAM BONNER. 'BIRDS OF FREEDOM'. 'As we know,' commenced Daddy, 'the Bald Eagles are the Birds of Freedom. They are the American national birds.'

KNOWN DEAD IN NEW YORK STORM OVER 60 AND IT IS FEARED THE TOTAL IS MORE THAN THAT

RODIES SWEEPED OUT TO SEA IN NUMBER THAT MAY NEVER BE KNOWN. Heaviest Toll Taken Among Canoeists In Sound. STORM COMES SUDDENLY. Hundreds of Persons in Boats Caught In Blinding Rain Without Warning. CROWDS VISIT MORGUES. Relatives of Missing Throng Police Stations Seeking to Discover if Loved Ones Are Among the Dead—a Day of Death.

about the day their work of grappling in Pellam Bay and Long Island Sound off City Island, where the great toll was taken among Sunday canoeists and fishermen, predicting they would find at least a few more victims—enough to push the death toll past 80. Eye-witnesses of the swift tragedy placed the number even higher. At least 250 canoes, row boats and small motorboats were bobbing about the island, witnesses said, when the storm came scorching down on the resort at a velocity of 80 miles an hour, or better. Occupants of the little craft, seeing their danger, made a run for shelter, but scarcely had they got under way when they were engulfed in a blinding storm of rain and hail. As quickly as it had come the storm vanished. It had lasted less than five minutes. But scarcely a dozen of the 25 small craft had survived. Horror-stricken but helpless to aid the crowds on the beach and about the casino pier saw scores of men and women clinging to wrecked and overturned craft in the choppy sound and bay. One by one they gave up the struggle, and dropped quietly off to be carried out toward the open sea by the tide.

NOT MATTER OF GALLANTRY

Early Man Had Reasons Entirely His Own for Giving Up His Seat in Street Car. The old saying that 'all fat men are good natured' is not borne out by Bill, an overly fat city employee of Los Angeles. Bill is known as a woman hater and looks upon girls of the street as of no use whatever. Frequently he spreads his feet over the seat in a street car and girls like a crazy bear if a shop girl 'hog the nerve' to make him contract suitably to make room for her. On his way home recently Bill was seen to arise and proffer his seat to two girls who stood near. 'What's the idea, Bill?' asked a fellow employee. 'Are you really getting human?' 'Don't kid yourself,' replied Bill gruffly. 'That's the hottest seat I ever encountered and I cover entirely too much territory. That's all.'

BEAR TRAPS FOR BURGLARS

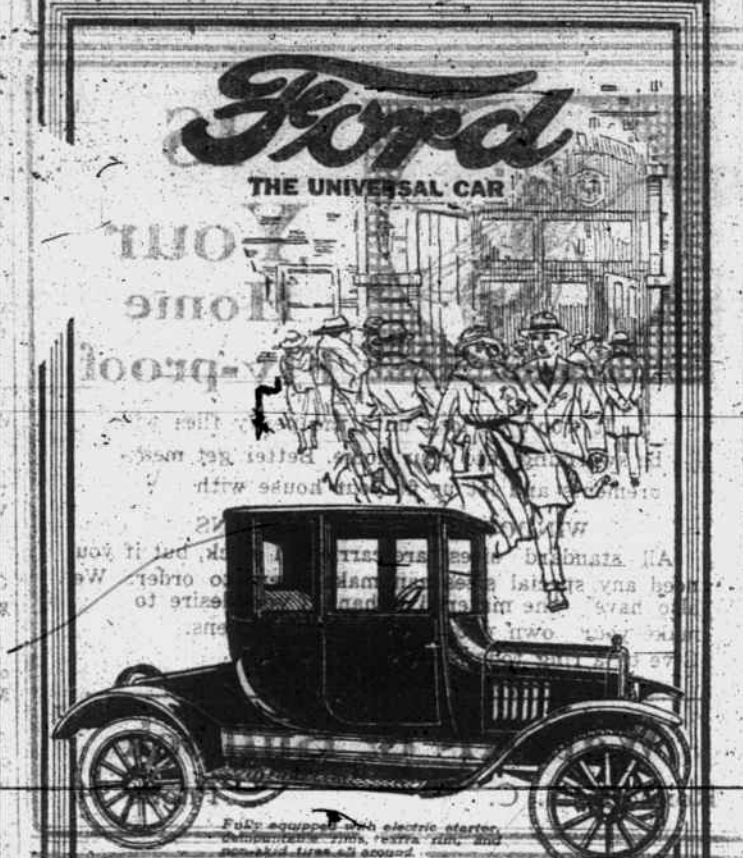
Brooklyn Man Braved Consequences of Well-Known Old Adage, With Gratifying Result. A Mr. Cogan of the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, after being visited by burglars five times, decided to depend no longer on Commissioner Enright. He set a bear trap inside a window of his home and caught a burglar. In it the New York Herald states. That burglar, it may easily be imagined, will never try housebreaking again. He is one of the many who are caught at the crime in the ordinary way, to be taken to a comfortable police station, to be released on bail easily jumped, to be convicted even, and sent to a prison where there are good food and motion pictures. But it is quite another thing for the criminal to feel the iron jaws of a bear trap close on his leg. A bear trap does not soddle or release on bond. Unfortunately, every household can't set a bear trap for burglars. He might accidentally catch himself or his wife or the children or the dog. It is well not for that the whole town might well turn trapper. Electrified. A third of the farm land in Sweden now uses electricity for power. Farmers over there are beginning to make laquies about electrically-propelled plows and harrows. Many of them use electric saws to cut their firewood and lumber. Some even have electric elevators that lift whole wagon loads of hay and grain to the granary. Swedish government officials predict it'll only be a few years until practically their whole country will be on an electrical basis. Where does the power come from? Usually, large water-power plants. But many Swedish farmers dam small streams and use the falling water to generate their own. A tip there for American farmers remarks the Chicago Evening Post.

TAKE DELIGHT IN MANIKINS

Venetian Children Prefer Antics of Marionettes to Any Moving Picture Show. Fashions in entertainments never change among patrons of the resourceful Tony Sirag in New York, nor yet on the shores of the Adriatic, homeland of the marionettes. The Venetian child wouldn't give a pin for movies while he has the beloved jointed mannikins of his ancestors to execute their wonderful maneuvers and spout the speeches of Romeo and Juliet or one of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales or—yes, or some exciting episode in the detective career of Sherlock Holmes. Thursday afternoon is the triumphal time of the marionette all over Italy, for Thursday, not Saturday, is the school holiday, and childhood's dearest delight is to witness the drama of the dolls. A New York writer states Venice has the best public performance. The dolls are about four feet high. Any necessary number of characters are placed on the stage and their entrance, exits and antics are managed by the man above, who does the wire pulling and who puts the speeches into their mouths. All sorts of plays are given and the ordinary type of Punch and Judy shows less common than fairy tales and Shakespeare on children's afternoons. Frigate Bird's Endurance. For pure and unadulterated impudence, lack of principle and of all virtue, the frigate bird is pre-eminent. These birds must be endowed with prodigious powers of flight. They are often seen hundreds of miles from land appearing as mere specks in the sky. After hovering almost motionless for a considerable time they take flight in ever-increasing circles in the direction of their island homes, which have of necessity to be reached ere the setting of the sun, unless the faculty of sleeping on the wing is possessed by these C. of the sea. I have never met or heard of a man who has seen the frigate bird rest on the waters of the ocean over which it delights to wander. Next to the albatross, I enter the frigate bird for the aeronautic endurance stakes.—Buffalo Express.

THEY SIT UP HIGH

away for him, for they are not very polite in that way. They have never been taught any better. 'Sometimes they will take live fish from the water, but not like the Osprey or Red-shouldered Hawk or Barred Owl do, at any time at all. The Eagles cannot capture living fish as easily as these other birds. Ducks can get away from them by diving, especially during the winter-time. 'Eagles scream, like vultures, and they sit up in high pine trees. It is said that people seek out their nests, which they do not climb unless the people merely want to see their homes without doing any harm. 'Sometimes they make noises which sound like little toy dogs barking. 'Mr. Eagle has a high and clear voice, while Mrs. Eagle's voice is noisier and harsher, and sometimes she can make such strange sounds that if you didn't know you'd say: 'Is Mrs. Eagle crazy? She had never been taught to lower her voice, I suppose. 'But I think it is nice for us to know all we can about our birds, and so I try to gather every bit of information I can,' ended Daddy.



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Concrete Houses

The use of concrete houses is becoming common in various sections of the country. In connection with the general program for the investigation and improvement of housing conditions now being carried out by the bureau of standards, several trips of inspection have been made by members of the staff of that bureau to study improvements in the building of concrete houses. The trip recently made included many projects in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Chicago and Minneapolis. Great improvements, both in the ordinary uses of the concrete and in the architectural and ornamental effects obtained were noted on this trip. It seems certain that some style of concrete house will become very common in the near future.—Scientific American.

Personal Interest

Mr. Dunn stood up in court, charged with disorderly conduct, his head swathed in bandages, and demanded a trial by jury. 'Only a minor offense,' advised the judge. 'Why not plead guilty, pay a small fine and get it over?' 'No, judge,' replied Mr. Dunn determinedly. 'I want a trial by jury. The last thing I remember was that I was standing peacefully on the corner and that big guy wandered along. The next thing was when two doctors were sewing me up. Unless I have a trial and hear witnesses I never will find out what I called that stiff.'

Sugar Fungus

It is reported that an expert of the Department of Agriculture has investigated that the spoiling of granulated sugar, stored in damp places, results from the development of a microscopic fungus, seen in the form of threads and round bodies, and capable of being artificially cultivated, so that experiments can be made in inoculating sugar, previously free from the growth. Three species of this fungus were found in some barrels of sugar which had become unfit for use. It grows readily on all kinds of cooked vegetables, but chiefly on raw vegetables.

Improved Range Finder

The largest range finder in the world is four times the size of any used during the war, and has been constructed in England for use in coastal defense, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. It was designed by the two original inventors of the range finder, that has been in use in the British navy for many years, and that consists of a horizontal tube carried on a central frame, which rotates with the tube on a pedestal.

Not If He Can Help It

Old Tom was a colored janitor. He really was not old, but his shuffling at all times had caused the nickname. A few days ago he was leaning his chin on a broom handle listening to music from a phonograph. After a few moments he started slowly up the stairs, dragging one foot after the other as though he was at most exhausted. 'Tom,' demanded his employer, 'are you tired?' 'Never,' he replied, with a drawl, 'and I ain't never going to get that way.'—Indianapolis News.

Girls Only

In the midst of a busy afternoon, a girl, her throat pinned to the back of a branch library and said in a discouraged tone: 'You had to have a better red book for girls only, but I can't find it now. I read part of it and want to finish it.' The puzzled assistant decided here was a case for investigation and suggested obvious books as 'Little Women.' 'Sixty-fourth Street,' she guessed at random. 'Was it Keating's Up With Love?' 'That's it.' And it was.

New Powerful Machine Gun

Remarkable possibilities are conceivable in connection with a power-driven machine gun, said to have originated in Germany, but which is now being developed in this country, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Besides having several advantages over other machine guns, it is or rather will be when fully developed, driven entirely by external power, such as electric motor or gas engine.

And in Farm Telephones

The bureau of the census counted the telephones on the farms in the United States on January 1, 1920, and found 2,508,002 of them. In other countries, except Canada, a telephone on a farm is a rarity. There are half a dozen or more agricultural states in this country in which there are more telephones on the farm alone than there are in the whole territory of Italy. Germany, the Netherlands, and some other European countries.

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