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THE AGGRAVATION OF IT.

Every young man has had drilled into him at some time the platitude—always spend less money than you make. In seasons of hard times it is always declared that the wage earners, the small salaried men and women, are largely responsible for conditions because they are living too high.

It is not the tariff, the trusts, the Rockefellers, the Morgans or Big Business that are to be held for money panics or low prices of farm products, bad crops and the various other reasons usually alleged, but it always is the clerk, male and female, the small merchant, the day laborer, and all those whose very existence depends upon some one else, these classes of people are given the advice, to economize and prevent hard times. No question as to the value of economy practice in every household. No need to discourse upon its importance and the good principle of it. But how many thus lectured can put into actual living practice, economy? Very few it will be found. Why? Because only in rare cases will it be found that among the above mentioned classes, have wages or trade profits increased in proportion to the cost of living. Take the great stores of the cities, where profits are largely affected by saving expenses, these through low wages to employes, how can economy be practiced by these employes, who do not actually receive money enough each week to live upon decently, and so if investigation was made would be found men and women, employes, in professions, in trade, who are honest, and naturally inclined to be economical, who want to save up money, but who because of the constant obligations of each day, cannot save. The desire is with these people, but environment or general conditions prevents. Is it just to accuse these as living beyond their means?

STAGE OF EXPERIMENTAL WAYS DEADLY.

There is a great deal of newspaper talk about the terrible danger in aviation. At first each death of an aviator was given great scare heads by the papers, but the steady death rate has made the news less sensational, until this character of news ceases to be given prominence. But aviation is not just dangerous, it is deadly, yet for every aviator killed at least two men will come forward perfectly willing to run the risk with the possibility of meeting the same fate. Is this temerity or heroism? Neither, just the human way that has gone on from the beginning of invention or change in the order of man's affairs. Why do men risk their lives, and certainly endure most terrible hardships if they safely return, from Arctic explorations. Chemistry in its delving into mysteries to solve them, finds constant victims. Steam secured its share during the experimental stages, and electricity finds men unmindful of death, in trying to solve its ever increasing possibilities. The automobile has an increasing death list, yet there is no hesitation in trying for "new records" of speed. It is because of the Caucasian race that science receives a continual supply of men, anxious and willing to risk limb and life in the search for some mystery to be solved.

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Practically invisible themselves, they see, hear and breathe. The crocodiles are thoroughly aquatic in their habits, and their peculiar conformation enables them to attack and seize their prey unawares. Their nostrils, which lead by a long canal to the back part of their throats, their eyes and their ears, are placed on the upper part of the head, so that when in the water they can breathe, see and hear, while they are themselves practically invisible. When they dive their nostrils and ears are closed by lids or valves, and their eyes are covered by a transparent membrane. They are further furnished with an arrangement which prevents the water from getting down their own throats when they are holding large animals under the water to drown them.

The dentition of these reptiles is peculiar. The teeth are sharp and conical and are hollow at the base, and each tooth serves as the sheath of another, which will in time replace it. The tongue—for notwithstanding the ancient belief the crocodile does possess a tongue—is fleshy and is attached to the bottom of the mouth. And finally the lower jaw is hinged at the very back of the skull, thus giving the animal its extraordinary gape and also the peculiar appearance which caused the notion that it moved its upper jaw.

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Former president Morales, with some followers, was arrested upon landing on the East coast of Santo Domingo.

Two persons were killed in a gang fight in New York.

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A DREADFUL WOUND  
A man, who had been in the army, was severely wounded in the chest by a bullet. The wound was so deep that it penetrated the lungs. He was taken to a hospital, but the doctors were unable to do anything for him. He died a few days later.

The POOL of FLAME

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When he went to South Africa, explained O'Rourke. "Twas a pasteboard box the size of me fist, wrapped in brown paper and tied with a bit of string, that he brought me one evening, saying he was about to leave, and would I care for it in his absence. I knew no more of it than that 'twas something he valued highly, but I put it away in a safe-deposit vault—which he might've done if he hadn't been a scatterbrain—an Irishman.

"Then he wrote me a letter—I got it weeks after his death—saying he felt he was about to go out, and that the Pool of Flame was mine. He went on to explain that the box contained a monstrous big ruby and gave me its history, as far as he knew it.

"It seems that there's a certain highly respectable temple in one of the Shan States of Burmah ('tis myself forgets the name of it) and in that temple there's an idol, a Buddha of pure gold, 'tis said. It would be a perfectly good Buddha, only that it lacks an eye; there's an empty socket in its forehead, and 'tis there the Pool of Flame belongs—or come from. In the old days the natives called this stone the Luck of the State, and maybe they were right; for when it disappeared the state became a British possession.

"In the war of 'eighty-five, says the O'Mahoney, a small detachment of British troops out of touch with their command, happened upon this temple were speaking of and took it, disposing priests and populace without so much as a day's notice. The officer in command happened to see this eye in the Buddha's forehead, pried it out and put it in his pocket. In less than an hour the natives surrounded the temple and attacked in force. The British stood them off for three days and then were relieved; but in the meantime the officer had been killed and the Pool of Flame had vanished.

"For several years it stayed quiet, so far as is known. Then the curse of the thing began to work, and it came to the surface in a drunken brawl in the slums of Port Said. The police, breaking into some dive to stop a row, found nobody in the place but a dead Greek; they say 'twas a shambles. One of the police found the big ruby in the dead man's fist and before his companions guessed what was up slipped away with the stone.

"He was murdered some months later in a Genoese barge, by a French girl, who got away with it somehow. The O'Mahoney came across the thing in Algeria, when he was serving with the Foreign Legion. He was in Sidi Bel Abbas one night, off duty, and wandering about, when he heard a man cry out for help in one of the narrow black alleys of the place. He thought he recognized a comrade's voice, and surely enough, when he ran down to aid him, he found a Dutchman, a man of his own regiment, fighting with half a dozen natives. He was about done for, the Dutchman, when the O'Mahoney came up, and so were three of the Arabs. The O'Mahoney took care of the rest of them, and left seven dead men behind him when he went away—the six natives and the Dutchman, who had died in his arms and given him the Pool of Flame with his last whisper.

"That's how it came to me," said O'Rourke. "And where is it now?" "Back in Algeria, if I'm not mistaken. . . . I remember Chambret—he was with us in the desert and wanted me to marry him afterwards. He has it—the dear man; I love him like a brother. . . . He sickened of Europe when he found his case with you was hopeless, and went to Algiers, joining the Foreign Legion."

"But how?" "Well, we were fond of each other, Chambret and I. I helped him out of some tight corners and he helped me along when me money ran short—as it always did, and will, I'm thinking. After a while I got to wondering how much I owed the man and figured it up; the sum total frightened the life out of me, and I made him take the ruby by way of security—and never was able to redeem it, for 'twas only a little after that that I came into me enormous patrimony and squandered it riotously getting married to the most beautiful woman living.

"He warned me to hold the stone, the O'Mahoney did, saying that the time would come when some native prince would offer to redeem the Luck of the State as an act of piety and patriotism. He prophesied a reward of at least fifty thousand pounds. And now it's come—twice over!" "And now what can you do?" "Do?" cried O'Rourke. "Faith, what would I be doing? I've realize what this means to me, dear heart! It means you—Independence, a little fortune, the right to claim my wife!" He drew her to him. "Do! Sure, and by the first train and boat I'll go to Algeria, find Chambret, get him to give me the stone, take it to Kangoon, claim the reward, repay Chambret and—"

"And what, my paladin?" "Dare ye ask me that, madame! . . . Yes, will ye wait for me?" She laughed softly. "Have I not waited, O'Rourke?" "Tell me," he demanded, "have ye talked with anyone about this matter?" "Only to Clara Plinlimmon!" "Good Lord!" groaned the Irishman. "Only to Clara Plinlimmon?" "Only to Clara Plinlimmon?" "Only to Clara Plinlimmon?"

FIRST AERIAL POST.

It Was Used in China, and a Wild Goose Was the Carrier. The ancient records of China reveal the fact that our aerial post was formulated some thousands of years ago, aptly enough by Celestial. It is true that the first postal air man was an aquatic fowl, and to this day the post in China is referred to as "the conveyance of the wild-goose," and pictures of that bird still appear on certain stamps.

The legend tells us that a Tartar chief was offensive to the Chinese emperor, who sent a special envoy to warn him. But the chief took the emperor's servant prisoner and made him shepherd to his flocks. In this condition of social degradation the unfortunate envoy languished for some years until one day he captured a wild goose and his mind was illumined by the bright idea of using it to carry news of his whereabouts to his friends.

With a letter secured to its leg, the Samaritan goose flew southward until, virtue meeting its customary reward, it was killed in the grounds of the palace by no less a personage than the emperor himself. The letter was read, and a punitive expedition rescued the captive and punished the rebel chief.—Pearson's Weekly.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Mrs. "Stonewall" Jackson wants pensions for Confederate veterans.

WHERE THE LOCALITY DOES NOT COUNT.

Wherever there are people suffering from kidney and bladder ailments, from backache, rheumatism and urinary irregularities, Foley Kidney Pills will help them. Belvidere, Ill. E. A. Kelly, an ex-engineer says: "Three years ago my kidneys became so bad that I was compelled to give up my engine and quit. There was a severe aching pain over the hips, followed by an inflammation of the bladder, and always a thick sediment. Foley Kidney Pills made me a sound and well man. I cannot say too much in their praise.—For sale by all dealers.

Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, introduced a joint resolution to terminate the extradition treaty with Russia.

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The House of Lords passed a compulsory insurance bill.

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