

Gillette, Father Of The Safety Razor Dies; He Made Millions Of Money In Millions Razor Blades

Los Angeles, July 12.—King C. Gillette is dead.

The man who invented the safety razor and whose picture was known in every country of the world passed away at his ranch home at 3:00 a. m.

He was 67 years old. His wife, formerly Atlanta E. Gaines, of Ohio, and his son, King C. Gillette, Jr., were with him when he died.

More than 35 years ago, Gillette conceived the idea that made him a multi-millionaire and famous throughout the world.

A salesman for a bottle stopper company at that time, he was riding on a swaying railway train and trying to shave with an old-style razor when he seized with a determination to invent a razor that could be used satisfactorily under all conditions.

History records that the old-style razor which fired Gillette with this determination was dull, that his beard was tough and that his comments about the situation were "mildly profane."

Got His Idea
Knowing little about manufacturing and less about steel, Gillette set out, nevertheless, to invent the article which his prediction caused to be pictured in his hand. He had a definite idea of what he wanted—a moderate-priced handle with a contraption into which an even more moderately-priced "hoe-like razor" could be fitted, used safely, and then thrown away.

Gillette, a native of Fond Du Lac, Wis., worked secretly on his idea while continuing his work as a salesman.

White House Cook Book
He had enjoyed no more than the normal advantages of that time, all his education having been obtained in Chicago's public schools. He had, however, a more unusual lineage background. One of his ancestors was the first governor of Massachusetts.

Another, Fanny Amira Camp Gillette was the author of the "White House Cook Book."

In 1895, while working in London as a salesman, Gillette perfected his idea for a "hoe-shaped" razor with thin double-edged blades.

He returned to the United States, settled at Brookline, Mass., and obtained the help of William E. Nickerson, a teacher, in devising machinery to manufacture the article he had in mind.

In 1901, six years after the incident on the swaying railway train, the first safety razor ever manufactured appeared on the market. The invention did not, however, find immediate favor with the then bearded male population of the world. Only a very few razors were sold that year.

The following year, however, 90,000 of the new razors were sold, and with them went 100,000 blades. From then on, sales increased rapidly and in 1930 the Gillette factory turned out razor number 113,272,539.

Picture Everywhere
A picture of Gillette as he appeared in middle age was printed on every blade wrapped turned out by his company. It was claimed that his face was known to more people in more countries than that of any other man in the world.

Some of the most interesting chapters of Gillette's amazing career were written after he retired in 1913 from active participation in the business of manufacturing the kind of razor he had invented.

Would Organize World
After this retirement, he invested millions in California real estate and carried on numerous financial adventures which amazed the world in their daring as well as in their success. He wrote several books, including "Human Drift," "Gillette's Social Redemption" and "World Corporation."

In the last named volume, he outlined a plan to organize the world as a corporation, with the late Theodore Roosevelt as President at a salary of \$250,000 a year. He actually did incorporate such an organization under the laws of Arizona.

In 1921, most of his razor patents expired. Competition developed. His monopoly was threatened. In 1929 the competition became so intense that Gillette, then an ill and white-haired man of 84 years, came out of retirement to lead the battle to keep his unofficial title as ruler of the razor manufacturing industry. This he succeeded in doing in theory, if not entirely in fact, until the hour of his death.

LOCAL and PERSONAL News

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Canipe of Kings Mountain spent Sunday with their daughter Mr. and Mrs. Mull Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell of Kings Mountain spent Sunday with Mrs. Bell's brother Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Harmon.

Ernest Robinson, of High Point, is visiting Miss Louise Ramseur here this week.

Mr. E. B. Hopper of Bat Cave was in Shelby on business Monday.

Miss Recca Gardner of Elizabeth N. J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Gardner of Shelby, will sail on July 16, aboard the S. S. LaFayette for a summer trip through Europe.

Mrs. W. F. McQueen of Morven is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Tedder, and Mr. Tedder.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hill of Charlotte spent the day Sunday here with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Major Hopper. Mrs. Hopper returned home with them to spend this week as their guest.

Mr. and Mrs. John Honeycutt spent the day yesterday in Concord where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Tom Honeycutt.

Misses Gertrude Boland and Louise Riviere with Roy Willis and D. L. Willis, Jr., spent the day Sunday in Spartanburg visiting Miss Hollie Wolford.

Mrs. G. F. Seyfert of Phoebe, Va., and Mrs. Worth Plyler of Salisbury will arrive today to visit their brother, Mr. L. L. Sloop, and Mrs. Sloop.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bridges are spending this week at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. M. D. Acock, Assistant manager Charles' Store returned Monday from his vacation, which was spent in the eastern part of the State.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thompson of Little Rock, Ark., will leave soon for Cohasset, Mass., where they will visit the latter's sister, Mrs. Sherman R. Thayer, and Mr. Thayer. Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Thayer are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Blanton of this place.

Mrs. J. Roy Mull spent Tuesday in Spartanburg visiting friends. She was accompanied by Miss Ruth Kirby of Gaffney.

Robert T. Ferguson, Jr., left Monday to return to his home in Charlotte after spending a week here with George Blanton, Jr.

Try Star Want Ads.

Prompt Use of Anti-Toxin Has Cut Lockjaw Fatalities in Half

Immediate Cleansing and Treatment of Every Wound That May Introduce Tetanus or Other Germs is Urged to Stop the Serious Results of Infection.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D.
United States Senator from New York.
Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

AN injury to the skin in which there has been an entrance of dirt, is dangerous. Such an injury, with the presence of the right germ and if neglected, may result in tetanus. The same danger attaches to a puncture of the skin with anything that carries dirt into the tissues.

Of particular danger are street injuries and gunshot wounds. With the coming of the Fourth of July, great precautions should be taken against accidents from blank cartridges and fireworks. Wounds caused by them may be contaminated by the tetanus germ.

Tetanus, or lockjaw, is a disease in which the body becomes stiff, the chewing and swallowing muscles won't work, and severe convulsions occur. It is a dangerous ailment.

In some statistics I saw, it was recorded that 80 per cent of tetanus cases are found in injuries occurring on the street, in homes, gardens or stables. The worst case I ever saw followed a fall from a bicycle, where the palms of the hands were scraped on the gravel of the road. It is far less likely to result from industrial accidents.

Fortunately we now have at our disposal a means of combating this much dreaded disease, for by means of "tetanus antitoxin" it may be prevented.

However, for this treatment to be successful, it should be given immediately after the infliction of any contaminated injury, and in addition to giving the tetanus antitoxin, it is essential that the wound be thoroughly cleansed and receive whatever surgical treatment is necessary.

With the use of antitoxin, the mortality from this disease has been reduced at least one-half. The fatal cases now are usually due to negligence on the part of the patient; so never fail to seek medical advice if you have injured yourself.

Please remember that the antitoxin must be given immediately after receiving the injury, and that when it is given promptly, there is very remote danger of tetanus.

In former years, when tetanus antitoxin was not known, it was customary to cauterize all suspected wounds. This painful and unpleasant procedure is no longer necessary if tetanus antitoxin is given.

Do not misunderstand me. Tetanus antitoxin is not a substitute for local treatment. It is only an occasional wound that is infected with this particular germ, but every wound is subject to infection with other germs, less deadly but nevertheless disagreeable.

If every injury were treated at once, by thorough cleansing and the application of iodine, it would make a great difference in the average of results from wounds.

Answers to Health Queries
Miss H. Q.—What causes constipation?
A.—Improper diet is usually responsible. This should be corrected. Send self-addressed stamped envelope for full particulars and repeat your question.
A Reader. Q.—What is the cause of pains in the bones down the front of the limbs?
A.—This may be due to rheumatism or neuritis. For full particulars restate your question and send a stamped self-addressed envelope.
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Poplar Springs News Of Current Week

Intermediate Union Elects Officers. Birthday for Mary Ruth Hamrick. Personals.

(Special to The Star.)

Poplar Springs, July 12.—The Intermediate union of the B. Y. P. U. has nominated the following officers to serve this quarter. President, Ralph Elliott; vice president, Elsie Anthony; recording secretary, Mollie Wallace; treasurer, Mary Ila Hamrick; Bible readers leader, Mary Ila Carpenter; chorister, Mary Ruth Hamrick Group captains, No. 1 Margaret Hamrick; No. 2 Marvin Anthony; No. 3 Edwin McGinnis; leader, Mr. J. D. Elliott.

Miss Willena Durham of Gaffney, S. C., is visiting her aunt Mrs. R. B. Patrick and family.

Master Reid Lovelace Jr. and sister little Miss Rachel of Canton, spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lemons and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hamrick and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Philbeck entertained Saturday evening in honor of their daughter and sisters, Mary Ruth Hamrick's 15th birthday. The home was beautifully decorated with a variety of beautiful summer flowers. Games and music were enjoyed until a late hour when the guests were invited in to the dining room where grape juice and cake was served to the following boys and girls, Misses, Mozelle, Aeda and Cora Wilson, Selma and Gladys Lemons, Virginia and Ruth Hopper, from the Zoar community Mollie Wallace, Selma Hamrick, Annie Mae Jones, Grace Weaver and Pearl Glasco of the Beaver Dam community; Messrs. Bemes Lemons, Brosie Hamrick, James Debrew, Grady and John Hamrick, J. D. Packard and Ralph Elliott, Raymon and Archie Queen, Charlie and Marvin Anthony, Theron Patrick and Eulan Humphries.

The honoree received many beautiful presents. All went away wishing Mary Ruth many more happy birthdays.

Mrs. Lander McSwain and son from near Earl spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wesson and family.

Mr. Edison Noggle has returned home after an extended visit with his brother and sister in Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Hester Hamrick and son, Billie is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Dock Wesson and children.

Miss Virginia Hopper of the Zoar community spent the week-end with Misses Gladys and Selma Lemons and Miss Ruth Hopper spent the week-end with Miss Ruth Hamrick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elliott and children, Packard and Ralph, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. Forrest Elliott of Lincolnton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wake Hamrick and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Hamrick and children spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. Alonzo Hamrick and Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. David Barnette and children of the Patterson Springs community spent Sunday with Mrs. B. C. Queen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Nash Magness and children of the Zion community spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Blanton and children.

Mr. Cyrus Hawkins of Greensboro and Mr. Otho Hawkins of Lattimore were called to the bedside of their mother, Mrs. Preston Hawkins Friday night.

Miss Mary Lovelace and Mrs. Buren Moore and children spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Dargan Grigg and Mr. and Mrs. Evans Grigg.

Americanism: Making a great fortune by paying the workers too little; winning fame as a philanthropist by caring for the needy workers.

Reynolds Fortune Began In Load Of Tobacco; Son's Chances Hurt Because Of Wealth Of His Father

Winston-Salem.—Some sixty years ago a Virginia farm boy set out from his Patrick county home with a two-horse wagon load of plug chewing tobacco and \$2 in his pocket. He drove into the wilderness-like section where Kentucky, Virginia and Tennessee meet, sold his tobacco at a profit, and returned home to continue his business.

This incident marked the entry into the tobacco business of Richard Joshua Reynolds, who built up the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and when he died in 1918, left an estate now valued at more than \$100,000,000.

After his experience in peddling tobacco, young Reynolds came to Winston (now Winston-Salem) in his early manhood, and with a capital of \$5,000, launched his tobacco company in a 36x60-foot building.

Today the business employs more than 20,000 workers and is credited with being the mainstay of business in this city. The Reynolds company grew steadily from the start.

R. J. Reynolds took into the business with him his brothers, William N. Reynolds, well-known sportsman of Cleveland, O., and Winston-Salem

and Walter, who died several years ago. William Reynolds is now chairman of the executive board of the company.

When he was 55 years old, R. J. Reynolds married Miss Mary Katherine Smith, of Mount Airy, N. C. They had four children, Richard Joshua Jr., Mary Katherine and Nancy Susan, both married, and Zachery Smith, whose death from a pistol wound is now being investigated by a coroner's jury.

When his boys were born, the elder Reynolds declared they had to work, although he had already made a fortune.

"A rich man's boy," he is quoted in a biography as saying on one occasion, "has only half a chance to make good, and I do not want my boys hampered by the money I have made. It is not fair to them."

The Reynolds family, throughout the lives of the parents, mixed cordially with the people of Winston-Salem. The children attended the public schools in their earlier years. Since the death of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, their children have spent most of their time elsewhere.

In Balm Suit



Fighting the \$200,000 breach of promise suit brought against him by Myrtle Hazel Joan St. Pierre, pretty Pasadena, Cal., nurse, David Hutton, husband of Aimee Semple McPherson, is shown in court (top) at Los Angeles. He does not seem much upset by the trial, smiling jovially at the evidence. Meanwhile, his evangelist wife, ignorant of the court proceedings, is shown (lower) convalescing at a seaside sanitarium.

My Trip Across Arizona Desert

(Written for The Star by Grady Bright, St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, Arizona.)

As the long hours of westward journey passed and cities and towns became smaller and farther apart. The might of the great open spaces are felt more and more. Nothing but broad rolling miles and distant mountains and skyline one has a indescribable feeling, you are overwhelmed by the immensity of the scene.

West of El Paso is where the real desert begins likewise the real west. Three hundred and sixty-five miles to Tucson from El Paso one may look only at the wide expanse of dun, gray desert lying between ranges of barren, rocky hills. From hill to hill the path lays dry and hot. As far as the eye can reach there is no visible mark of human life. The gaunt and treeless mountains set in front of you as if to stop you from a forbidden land. To a person accustomed to the east and life of all kinds around him, when he first sees that open desolation, it seems grim and menacing and makes him wish he were home again despite the fact he is on a fast flying train.

The first human life I saw was all at once we came to a small desert town. I was surprised that any one could live long under that burning sky. I saw a few unpainted shacks and adobe cabins, one street a general merchandise and hardware store, a dilapidated post office and a tiny depot. A few natives whom you couldn't tell whether they were Indians or Americans squatted in the shade of one of the stores. I confess I expected to see cowboys wearing guns and holding up trains and so on. That is over, but the wide open west is still here just as it was years ago when brave souls dared the dust, burning trails in slow ox wagons from east to west. Ah but the strength and quality of those old-fashioned lives. The purpose and conviction of those noble pioneers, one wants to swell his chest and thank God for America, the noble and the free.

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