

DECORATED BY JAPAN



Dr. Anita N. McGee, the American nurse who has just been decorated by Japan for her work in the Russo-Japanese war, is probably the most prominent woman physician in the United States.

END OF SHIPWRECKS

SCIENTIST'S NEW METHOD TO PREVENT SEA DISASTERS.

Daily Forecasts on Steamers by Wireless Data Plan of German Guest of Secretary of Agriculture.

New York—Shipwrecks at sea are unnecessary, according to Dr. Peter Polla, a German meteorologist, who arrived here the other day as a representative of the German government.

The German visitor, who was accompanied by his wife, has inaugurated a system of interchangeable wireless weather reports among transatlantic ships whereby an official weather map is to be issued aboard every cross-sea liner every day.

Dr. Polla, who is director of the German meteorological observatory, was in communication every day during the trip across the ocean with both continents by wireless through ships that were passing between his vessel and either shore.

In this way he got the latest information as to the weather and was able to give particulars to approaching craft.

Dr. Polla will go to Washington to try to induce the weather bureau to use general instead of words in its wireless code system.

During his voyage the German weather expert, by lines flown from the deck, took features of the heavens daily, but on the third day the kite got away and was traveling Europe-wide at the rate of about 30 miles an hour when last seen.

The last direct shore-to-ship message which the German forecaster received was at a distance of about 3,000 kilometers.

Twice a day the temperature, barometer, force of wind and direction of the air were taken by Dr. Polla and recorded in a map which he displayed on the bulletin board of the ship.

The weather warnings were sent to the Arctic, Lullaland, La Navie and several other vessels going and coming.

Reports of collision in fog, the unobstructed approach of a storm and consequent danger to life and property, said Dr. Polla, will be eliminated on the ocean when my plan of daily weather reports is perfected.

Just as Clear as Water.

Abel Mass—Abel residents have long wanted to know the cause of the smelly disagreeable tasting water in the town pipes.

Apparatus, one of the cyan sulphide, repairs odor and taste, but sometimes, to restore normal condition, use of them.

NO. 13 CUTS BIG FIGURE.

Unlucky Numeral Runs Clear Through Real Estate Deal.

Spokane, Wash.—One of the strangest coincidences in the history of real estate dealers in Spokane has just become a matter of record in the office of the auditor of Spokane county.

Thirteen is prominent throughout the transaction, but E. Frank Lathrop, who has 13 letters in his name, laughs superstition to scorn.

Karl G. Malmgren of the firm of Carter & Malmgren, architect, who uses 13 letters in signing his name, prepared the plans for a bungalow, now under construction, which will cost Mr. Lathrop \$1,200.

SEA SOLID WITH CRABS.

Hundreds of Thousands Encountered South of Cape Henry.

Philadelphia—To sail through a sea of crabs is by no means an everyday occurrence, yet the record of such an experience is written upon the log book of the steamer Capt. Bennett, which arrived here from Jamaica.

The Capt. Bennett was sailing just south of Cape Henry when she ran into the live sea. Hundreds of thousands of crabs, some floating singly, others collected in immense masses, swarmed around the ship.

Gem Weighs 200 Pounds. Marquette, Mich.—An amethyst which it is believed is the largest in the United States has been sold by Alexander Meads, a pioneer prospector of this city.

Concrete Pole Invented. Bern, Switzerland—A Swiss engineer, M. Hans Siegwart, has invented a new telegraph pole which is made of concrete instead of wood or iron.

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HIS AN AMUSING AUTOGRAPH.

Clyde Fitch Values That of Breckenridge, an Eccentric Jurist.

In Clyde Fitch's large collection of autographs there is none that he values more than a letter of the eccentric and brilliant jurist, H. H. Breckenridge, on dueling.

"I have two objections to this duel matter—the one is, lest I should hurt you; the other is, lest you should hurt me. I don't see what good it would do me to put a ball through your body.

"You might make a good barbecue, it is true, being of the nature of a raccoon or opossum; but people are not in the habit of barbecuing anything that is human now.

"As to myself—I do not like to stand in the way of anything that is hurtful; I am under the impression that you might hit me. This being the case, I think it most advisable to stay in the distance.

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TOBOGGANING IN THE SUMMER.

Sport in Austria—Other Uses for the Mountain Sleigh.

Summer visitors at the Semmering and other mountain resorts near Vienna are this season enjoying tobogganing—a sport hitherto confined to the winter months.

The new summer toboggan has a body shaped very much like the ordinary winter article, and mounted on four low wheels.

It is expected that the new toboggan will have other uses besides sport and amusement, for it offers a swift and ready vehicle for carrying a messenger from the mountain hotels to the towns and villages below.

Mis Mean Trick. "There certainly are differences in feelings," said the woman who sometimes philosophizes, "or at least, different ways of expressing them.

A few days ago a shocking incident occurred in the apartment house where I live. The janitor, who was an unusually good looking man, about 35 years old, killed himself.

Retributive Justice. A case of retributive justice, as far as it goes, is reported from Paris.

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Women in War Time. Miss Ethel Everett is an English woman who thinks the time is ripe for the splendid young women of her country to show their patriotism by going into the army.

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SHE GOT A BRIDE'S SUIT CASE.

Was Horrified When She Saw What Came in Exchange.

"Sight unseen" was the game of trading at the union depot recently. Two suit cases that looked "just exactly alike," a blushing bride and groom, and a matronly looking woman with four small children were the cause of all the trouble.

"Oh! Oh!" said the matronly woman, rushing up to J. H. Wallenstrom, acting depot master, "some one has stolen my suit case."

"Mr. Wallenstrom opened the suit case. A marriage license was the first thing he saw and under it were the nicest, fuffiest, sweetest perfumed "things" imaginable.

"Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Nash call at the information bureau," yelled the announcer. "Listen, Lewis, they're calling your name," said Mrs. Nash, homeward bound to Dalhart, Tex., from her honeymoon.

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DREAD OF NUMBER THIRTEEN.

Superstition First Arose Among the Norsemen, It is Supposed.

The 13 superstition originally arose among the Norsemen, for it is recorded in the old Norse mythology that the god Balder was slain at a banquet, at which there were 13 guests, and, as being slain was just as unpopular an experience then as it is now, the number came to be regarded as an ill-omen, relates Stray Stories.

In Christian countries it is generally supposed that the belief had its origin in the last supper, but as a matter of fact, it is of a far older date.

In many lands it is regarded far more seriously than it is in England. The Turks, for instance, so dislike the number that the word is almost expunged from their vocabulary.

A bright-eyed old man boarded the train at St. Paul, bound for Seattle. As the conductor passed through the car the old man stopped him and asked how far it was from St. Paul to Seattle.

"Sixteen hundred and twenty miles," the official answered, curtly. The next time the conductor came along the old man stopped him again, and asked him how far it was from Seattle to St. Paul.

"See here, my man," said the conductor, pompously, "it's 1,620 miles from St. Paul to Seattle, and it's 1,620 miles from Seattle to St. Paul; do you understand?"

Conducts Examination. The council of the Royal College of Surgeons has given permission to Dr. Elliot Smith and Dr. Wood Jones of the Cairo Medical school, to carry out in the museum of the college, an examination of a collection of material amputation of a collection of material amputation of a collection of material amputation.

She Wouldn't. A young Scottish parson was driving home from an outlying hamlet when he overtook a young woman. He recognized her as the maid of all work at a farm which he would pass, so he pulled up and offered her a lift.

Costly Headgear. The proprietor of a fashionable cafe at Maribad is the possessor of a straw hat which he values at \$1,000.

Memorial to Victims. The prison ship martyrs, forgotten victims of the revolutionary war has been commemorated after more than a hundred years of neglect.

A Thief for Information. Benham—Our boy is taking a good many questions.

French Proverb. In the land of the blind the one-eyed sits king.

SOMETHING SOOTHING, PLEASE.

Man with a Bull Couldn't Listen to Political Talk.

They were waiting on a corner for the street car when the man with the folded newspaper turned to the man with the eye glasses and queried:

"Well, how do you like the Denver nomination?" "Um!" was the response.

"Going to be a strong candidate, don't you think?" "Um!"

"And I shouldn't be in the least surprised to see him elected." "Um!"

"In fact, I find lots of people who think it's time for a change. Perhaps you think that way yourself?" "Um!"

"At any rate, it's going to be a hot campaign from now on, and, of course, every lover of his country will be interested."

COURTESY TO WELL-DRESSED.

Richly-Clothed Women Get Seats in Street Cars.

"The species of person feminine to whom man gives up his seat in the street car is a subject of perennial discussion," said the observant woman to the New York Tribune.

"Man's subjection to feminine beauty is a tradition. It isn't beauty he's subject to; it's clothes. Ten years ago I was a good deal younger and better looking than I am now, but I didn't get a seat in the street car or other small courtesies from men nearly so often.

"Of the famous Wu Ting Fang, who is said to have become a recent convert to vegetarianism, a Washington correspondent said the other day in the Washington Star:

"Vegetarianism may strengthen Mr. Wu's body; his brain requires no tonic. A more brilliant mind doesn't exist. At my last interview with him he rattled off, as you or I would rattle off weather talk, these epigrams:

"The most timid woman has courage enough to talk scandal." "The rich meet foreign lands, but the poor man can hardly find them in his own family."

"The prison, though locked day and night, is always full."

Poisonous Nettles of the Tropics. In the tropical regions there are nettles far more powerful than that of our own country.

Scandinavian Dinner Custom. A strange custom obtains in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. At dinner parties, if the guests are not evenly matched as regards numbers, it is a custom for one man to offer his arm to another if the ladies are not sufficiently numerous, and in this strange manner the guests go to dinner.

Not the Reason. "Perhaps," delicately suggested the rejected suitor, "your refusal of me was prompted merely by the fact that I am a vegetarian."

Might Come to Times. "If you continue as you are doing now how in the world do you expect to get into heaven?" "I don't expect to—not in the world."—Houston Post.

PRIMITIVE WEAPONS OF WAR.

How the Ancients Who Inhabited Mexico Fought with Clubs.

Clubs were the weapons of primitive and savage man. Ancient specimens from Mexico are heavy sticks grooved along the side for the insertion of blades of obsidian—that is, volcanic glass.

The obsidian club is a flat piece of wood, curving and widening away from the grip and terminating in a spherical head, which in modern times carries a long spike. While the blades of several butcher knives are commonly inserted along the margin, the national museum of the United States possesses a great variety of these shocking weapons, designed, as the frontiersmen say, to "knock down the white man and then to brain him and cut him into mince meat."

The small knobbed clubs, or "kerries," such as are found among the Kafirs and other African tribes, are generally used as missiles. Whereas the club proper was soon brought to perfection among savage tribes, and was long ago abandoned as a weapon of civilized warfare, the missile—typified by the thrown clubs, or "kerries"—is still being improved upon in boomerangs, bows and arrows, cross-bows and firearms.

FOR HIS LAST RESTING PLACE. This Man Has Prepared Monuments for Himself and Wife.

The contemplation of one's last resting place is an agreeable pastime for the normal human being. He prefers to prepare himself for life rather than death.

This is not the case with John S. Cook, a prosperous farmer of Newton county, Georgia, who has just completed at a cost of \$1,500 monuments to himself and wife and a walled tomb to which their bodies are to be placed after death.

Mr. Cook is related to prominent families in the section in which he lives. He has several married children and he and his wife are living all alone in their little home in Convoy, Ga. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist and also of the Missionary Baptist church.

A Cowboy's Breakfast. T. B. Sweet, a Topeka capitalist, stopped at Abilene in the early days at the best hotel in the city, relates the Kansas City Journal. He asked for his breakfast. The waiter took no special notice of his appearance, or at least did not guess that his appetite was different from the average patron's.

"Give me some eggs," said Mr. Sweet, and waited. In a little while the waitress came back in a bowl she had a full dozen eggs, all hard boiled.

Sweet gapped and ate what he could, protesting that she had brought him too many and that he didn't just know how hard boiled eggs would strike him for his first meal of the day.

"Why, that's a regular cowboy's breakfast," responded the waitress.

Red Tape Binding. There is nothing that binds like red tape. The story is told of a private in the French army who desired to buy and wear a special kind of shoe rather than the regulation article.

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