

# SCIENCE AND INVENTION



## ORIGIN OF THE OCEAN TIDES

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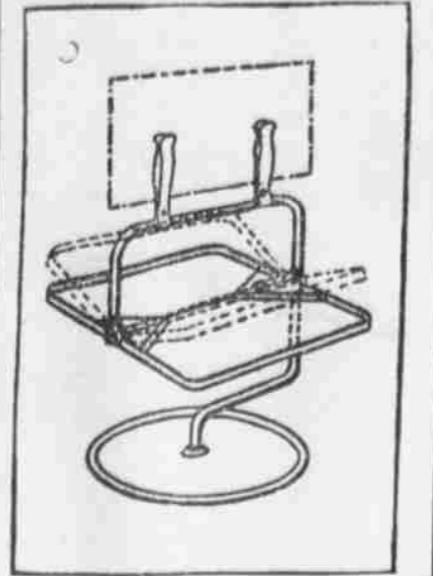
The tide visits us practically twice a day, rising to a height that can be measured by so many feet. In many places it comes only once, and is measured by inches. The tide producing agents are sun and moon, and the law by which they act is the law of gravitation. This law declares that there is a force of attraction between two bodies, or, to put it differently, that every particle of matter in the universe attracts every other particle, the attraction depending on their mutual distances and their mass. Taking the moon's attraction first, it is assumed that the whole of the earth is covered by the ocean. The moon attracts the waters, and that layer of water immediately under the moon gets heaped up on the side nearest the moon. High tide will be there.

The waters on the distant side are heaped up also, and this is a little detail that puzzles most people, because here one would naturally expect low water. The reason of the seeming paradox is that the waters on the distant side are thousands of miles further away from the moon than is the earth's center. The earth thus gets more of the moon's pull than the distant waters. These waters heap themselves up away from the earth and moon, and high tide will be there also. The observed tide is the effect of both lunar and solar pull. Of the two the sun's pull is the weaker, because of his greater distance from the earth. At new moon the height of the tides is increased. Sun and moon then pull in the same direction. At full moon there is also an increased height. Sun and moon then reinforce each other, though they are on opposite sides of the earth.

## HOLDER FOR SMALL CHANGE

Eliminates Difficulty of Picking Up Silver Coins from Glass Cases, Counters, Etc.

The difficulty of picking up coins from the top of glass cases, counters, etc., has resulted in the invention of numerous articles to facilitate the collection of change. There are rubber mats and felt mats and hollowed glass trays galore, but one of the most pretentious of these devices is that designed by a Washington man and shown here. A metal or wooden folding pan, that normally is fastened in open position, is pivotally supported by a rod that arches over the top



Holder for Change.

of it and curves under it to the center of an extended base. There is room both above and below the pan to turn it and insert a hand. The change is laid on the tray and the customer holds his hand beneath it and tilts it, the coins thus being dumped off in a twinkling. There is no clawing necessary, as when the money lies on a flat surface that is immovable. The tray is made to fold in the center and can be closed when not in use. At the top of the support are clips adapted to hold notices or advertising cards.

## WELL-BALANCED GRAND PIANO

New Musical Instrument Which Comes From England Possesses Tone Purer Than Big Ones.

In the effort to secure a compact grand piano, with all the volume and other merits of the larger instrument,



The Balanced Grand Piano.

There has been evolved in England the balanced grand, which is said to have all the points of merit of the large instrument without its bulk and its unwieldy shape, for it is arranged so that one side is the duplicate of the other. This change in shape has required the scale being doubly overstrung, giving a tone of volume and quality which many musicians claim is purer and has greater carrying power than the old full-sized instrument. This is the very first piano of symmetrical shape and that opens either side, the top forming two lids, hinged in the center so as to distribute the sound waves.

## Electrified Smoke.

The smoke problem was the chief topic of discussion in the convention of the American Chemical Society, recently held at San Francisco. Leading scholars contributed a symposium on smelter smoke. Prof. E. G. Cottrell of the University of California has gained greater success so far than any chemist in the solution of the smoke evil. Cottrell's remedy is an electrical precipitation of the impurities in smoke by sulphuric acid, lead and zinc. Cottrell proposes to make the smoke which pours from the smelter chimneys of the country harmless by static electric discharge.

## Novel French Brake.

The resistance of water to a paddle wheel is utilized in a novel French brake for motor cars. A bevel wheel is loosely mounted on the shaft between the engine and the gear box and can be clutched to the shaft as desired. The bevel wheel meshes with a pinion having attached a fan, or paddle, wheel in a small water tank. On using the brake the paddle is set in motion, and the resistance of the water exerts a braking effect that is considerable at high speeds, decreasing with lower rates.

## NOTES OF SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

Nearly one-fifth of the area of France is forest land. A ton of ice will cool about 28,000 pounds of water one degree. A recent estimate placed the population of the world at 1,467,000,000. British postoffices handle 15,000,000 letters and 250,000 telegrams a day. Nearly one-fifth of the deaths in England occur in public institutions. Alabama has held third place among the states for iron production since 1894. More paper is made in Holyoke, Mass., than in any other city in the world. Something like 300,000 horsepower is going to waste in the waterfalls of Iceland. Although it weighs but half a pound, a female herring will lay 45,000 eggs.

# NEW NEWS OF YESTERDAY

by E. J. Edwards

## Story of Grant's Opponent

Horatio Seymour's Practical Political Lesson to Chauncey M. Depew When Latter Was Secretary of State of New York.

"It was just four years before Horatio Seymour was nominated by the Democratic party, in 1868, to run against General Grant for president of the United States, that I received from him what I have often regarded as the most practical political lesson that was ever taught me," said Senator Chauncey M. Depew at a time when the discussion turned upon political leadership and political leaders of yesterday.

"Mr. Seymour had been elected governor of New York in 1862—he had also filled that office ten years before—and in the election of '63 I was a candidate for secretary of state. I went into the campaign very earnestly—I was only eight years out of college, and political life looked mighty tempting to me—and the arguments that I delivered on the stump throughout the state were at times pretty well seasoned with political spice of the very hot sort.

"Well, after the campaign was over and I had found myself elected by a majority twice as large as that which Governor Seymour had received the year before, the thought occurred to me that the governor might not want to speak to me, for I had been quite personal regarding him in some of my speeches. But, to my astonishment, he had not long been in office when the governor invited me to spend a few days with him at his home in Utica, promising, among other things, to take me to his farm at Deerfield, a few miles out of the city. Overjoyed at the discovery that I had not made a personal enemy of him, I immediately accepted the invitation, and arriving at his home, found him a man of wonderful personal charm, of an ideal domestic life, and a most entertaining story teller of men and events.

## Incident of Sherman in 1846

How Henry A. Wise, Then the Minister to Brazil and Later a Confederate General, Entertained Him at Rio Janeiro.

On the morning of Dec. 27, 1846, Henry A. Wise, United States minister to Brazil, and later the governor of Virginia, who signed John Brown's death warrant and a Confederate major general, went for a stroll to the docks of Rio Janeiro. Some days before he had been told that an American clipper ship might make the port, and he did not wish to miss his fellow countrymen there; hence his daily haunting of the water front.

On this particular morning he had not quite reached the dock when he spied two keen-eyed and alert young men, who bore every outward sign of being Americans and who seemed to be intensely interested in the scenery that the harbor of Rio Janeiro afforded. Going up to them, Mr. Wise put out his hand.

"You are from the United States," he said. "So am I. Am I right in assuming that you are passengers upon the clipper ship that I see is taking in stores at the pier yonder?"

"The two young men replied in the affirmative and then Mr. Wise introduced himself, saying that he was the American minister at the Brazilian court, and adding that he would be pleased to have the two travelers dine with him. Thereupon the strangers expressed their delight at the invitation and immediately introduced the younger of the two men introducing the other as Colonel Henry W. Halleck of the United States army. "And," said Colonel Halleck, indicating his companion, "Captain William T. Sherman, also of the United States army," adding that they had been ordered around the Horn to duty in California.

A few hours later the two officers who were destined to figure so prominently in the world's greatest civil war, were received at the American legation with true Virginia cordiality when dinner was announced. Minister Wise arose and in his very best manner apologized for the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Wise, who he explained, was indisposed temporarily. During

"Grant" for diners. Mayor Gaynor of New York city who holds that "all honest folk should be in bed before midnight" would find Vienna a city after his own heart. The Viennese are subject to a form of impost unknown in America, the "sperrgeld," or door-opening tax. They all live in flats and the street entrances is invariably locked at ten o'clock each night. When the bolts are drawn persons passing in or out must pay four cents when dinner was announced. Minister Wise arose and in his very best manner apologized for the unavoidable absence of Mrs. Wise, who he explained, was indisposed temporarily. During

"You have begun a political career," he said. "Well, in my opinion, you have many qualities for a successful career of that sort. You have some gift of public speaking, and you know how to approach tactfully. But if you were to ask my advice, I should tell you emphatically not to go into politics, but to stick to your profession. The law always offers a good field to the ambitious young man."

## Dirge Carl Schurz Played

Rendered "The Heart Bowed Down" After Horace Greeley Was Nominated by the Liberal Republican Convention in 1872.

One of the men who took a very prominent part in the organization of the famous Liberal Republican party which instantly went to pieces following Greeley's defeat for president by General Grant, running for re-election in 1872, was the late Samuel Bowles, for more than thirty years prior to his death in 1878 a powerful editorial influence throughout the country. Allied with him in the task of organizing the Liberal Republican party were three other famous editors, the late Murat Halstead, Henry Watterson and the late Carl Schurz, then United States senator from Missouri.

## Made a Bad Impression

Gracie's Inquiry Unfortunate Coming as it Did Just at the Wrong Time.

The number of things children can do to annoy their parents is unlimited. No one parent's experience can be a guide for another, for each has terrible breaks out in some unexpected place and the most their progenitors can do is to console one another.

"For a small but acute mortification," said one young mother, comparing notes with some friends, "I have seldom had anything to equal a performance of Gracie's a short time ago. You know she is about four years old. This summer when Frank and I were traveling we took her nurse with us, so we always made special arrangements to have Gracie at the hotel tables with us. At many of the resorts it is practically impossible to have a table by yourself. At the first place we stopped

political leaders of the past. This plan I have followed for over twenty years, and to it I attribute whatever success I have had in politics, as well as peace of mind, even when I have been most violently attacked.

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## Deserves Indictment.

Munsterberg: A state which will not prevent what can be foreseen is open to indictment.

## Not Pop, Does the Earth go Round?

Tommy's Pop, does the earth go round? Tommy's Pop—Yes, my son; but it wouldn't if it was divided among all the people who want it—Philadelphia Record.

# Hints For Hostess

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS for Those Planning Seasonable Entertainments

## A Boating Dinner.

This dinner was given by a coterie of four couples who had passed a great part of the summer together yachting on the great lakes. The occasion was in the nature of a little farewell to the one they called "commodore." The table was lovely and had for the center a lake made first by the flimsiness, who concocted a circle about three feet in circumference, which was surrounded with a border of ferns, vines and pond lilies. In the water two small boats and a toy launch floated as natural as life, manned by cute doll sailors. To add to the festive appearance there was a huge Japanese umbrella over the table, from which small lanterns hung from every rib; they were lighted by electric lamps. At each place there was a tiny canoe, with a very small Japanese lantern at the bow. The name of the guest was lettered on the side. Wee paddles painted white were stacked bayonet fashion at each place and held a small pair of bon-bons. The name flag of the boats were around the room with the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes. The guests were asked to come in flannels and it was just the jolliest kind of a time. The menu was as nautical as the market could afford, beginning with oysters, fish, lobster salad, etc.

## A Wild Aster Luncheon.

The lovely wild aster furnished the key note to one of the prettiest luncheons I ever attended. This dainty flower is very common, and really it is very beautiful. With it always comes the golden rod, as they grow usually in close proximity. For a table centerpiece there was a low green pottery bowl containing a flower holder, so that the blossoms branched out in a charming manner. The doilies were white, with finger bowl and tumbler doilies having embroidered designs in lavender. First we had iced grape juice in tall glasses resting on lollies of grape leaves. Then there was the usual luncheon menu with a delicious grape juice sherbet for dessert, decorated with candied violet leaves, the plates set in a wreath of asters. The rooms were lavishly decorated with golden rod, and the combination of lavender asters and the brilliant yellow was very effective.

## A Pillow Shower.

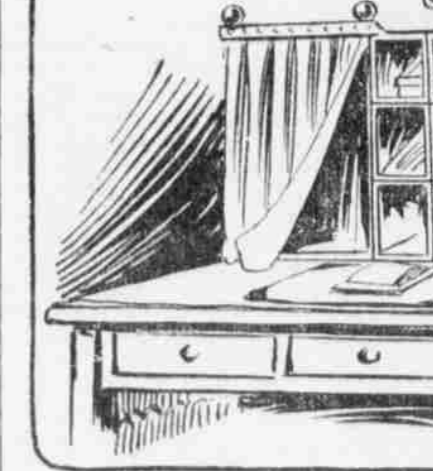
This was not given for a bride, but for two girls who were going away to school. To furnish their joint sitting room was the idea of the home

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girls who gave it. The result was a fine collection of useful and ornamental pillows or cushions, from those for the couch to dainty confections of dotted swiss and ribbon for the dressing table. There were also cushions filled with pins of all sizes and with needles. There were denim cushions large enough to sit on when placed on the floor, and what girl does not adore sitting on the floor in front of the fire and dream long, happy dreams of the days that are yet to come? A bride-lect who heard of the affair said she thought such a downpour would be very acceptable, so the readers who have been asking for something new in the way of showers may adapt this to their needs.

## A Novel Amusement for Children.

At a recent party for youngsters from "nine to eleven" they had a soap bubble contest. First the hostess gave each child a sheet of colored crepe paper and a needle and thread. A grown-up took each pipe and quickly drew a face on the back of the bowl and the children were told to make dolls of them. A couple of prizes were offered and it was surprising what attractive creations were turned out. The boys did just about as well as the girls. The pipe bubbles were taken home as souvenirs. There were favors for the soap bubble contest, too.

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