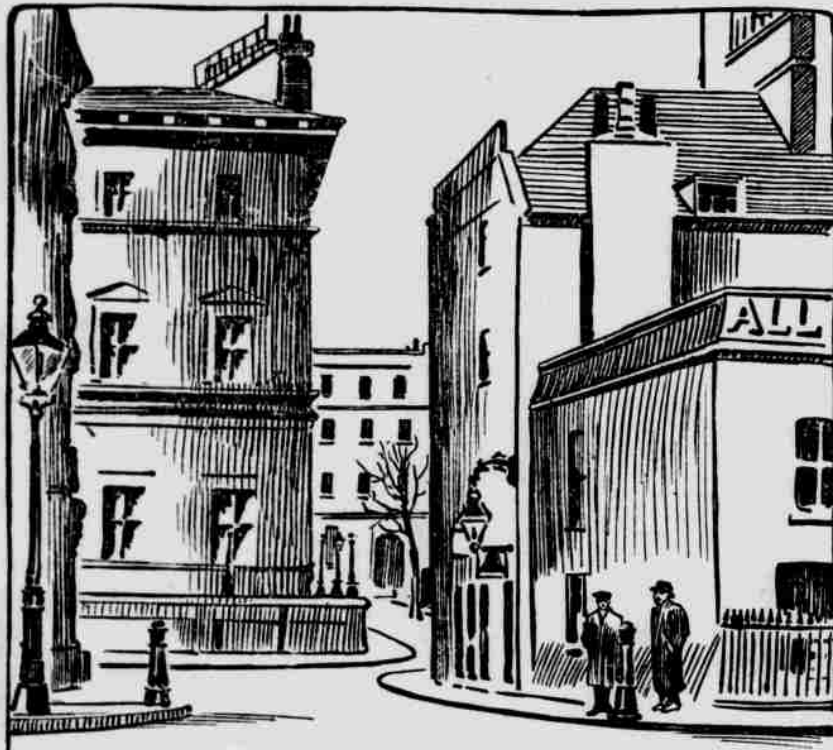


# The World's Wonders

Strange Things Found in Various Portions of the Earth

## London Loses Smallest Street



London has just lost its smallest thoroughfare—John street, off Pall Mall in the West end. It has not been swallowed up in an earthquake, exactly, but the London county council has merged it into St. James' square, of which it is really a part. The street is only a little over 60 feet in length. The main reason for wiping out the

little street is because the residents of John street prefer to consider themselves as denizens of "St. James' square," for in London one's address makes a world of difference. People living in a "swell neighborhood" can sport the address in their letter heading. Thus a floorwalker in a five-cent bazaar can have his letters sent

to "Buckingham Palace Mansions," conveying the impression that he lives just around the corner from the king. John street residents rather pride themselves on their nearness to the aristocratic square where the duke of Norfolk, Lord Avebury, better known as Sir John Lubbock, and other leading lights of the nobility live and move and have their being.

The loss of John street will not be greatly felt by the postoffice authorities, considering the fact that there still are 132 John streets in the London directory. Nearly every district has one or two John streets, and some have four or five. This strange state of affairs is due to the fact that London has grown up by the merging of a lot of separate villages, and, in the early days, each village, of course, named its streets irrespective of other nearby hamlets. Thus, you will find scattered all over London a number of "High" streets, which simply means that when that particular section composed a village it had its "High" or "Main" street. Where in America the principal thoroughfare of a town is called "Main" street, the term "High" is used in England, as it is the principal highway through the village.

This multiplication of street names often leads to great confusion, especially for Americans and other tourists stopping in London for a short time. Hence, it is most important that street names should be additionally identified by the mention of their proximity to larger thoroughfares. Also the direction in which they lie from the city of London proper usually is apprehended, such as "S. W." for southwest, "E. C." for east central, and so forth. If one simply addresses a letter to High street, the chances are that the missive literally will "box the compass" before it reaches its proper destination.

## ELECTRICITY IN FISH.

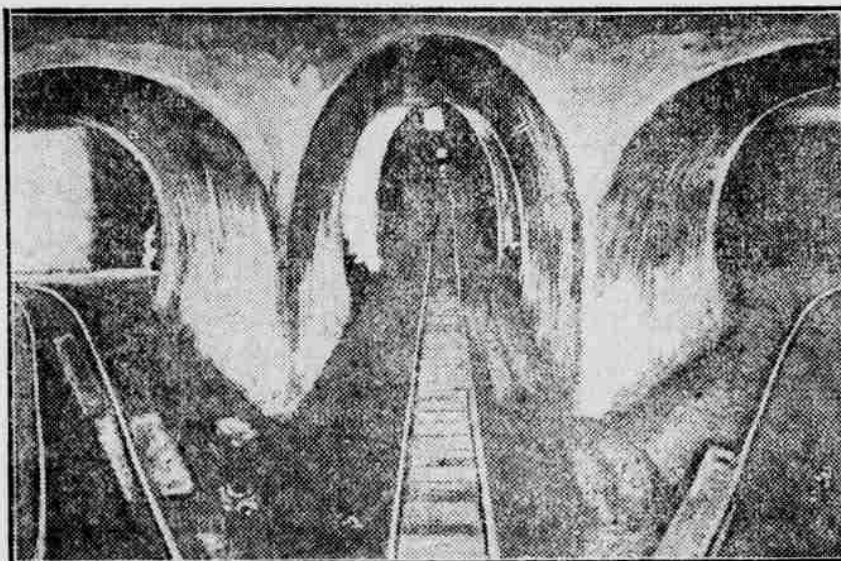
Those funny things which secure their food by means of the electric batteries with which nature has fitted them are somewhat remarkable. The gymnotus, or electric eel, of South America is probably the best known of these. It has four batteries, which extend nearly the whole length of its body. The current passes from front to back, and, remarkable to relate, extends through the animal's own brain. Some large ones, from six to eight feet in length, have been known to kill a horse or a mule outright with a single discharge.

The thunderfish, a species of African catfish, was even in ancient times highly recommended by doctors for certain troubles, and the torpedo, or electric ray, exhibits all the known powers of electricity, rendering the needle magnetic, decomposing chemical compounds and emitting the spark.

## GATE WAS A PRISON WINDOW.

It is not often that a gate is made out of a window, much less out of a prison window; but the gate of St. Cedd's churchyard, Canning Town, East London, was at one time a window in old Newgate prison. Many people wonder at the size of the gate, but when they hear its curious history and the use to which it was put in years gone by they understand the reason of its massive dimensions.

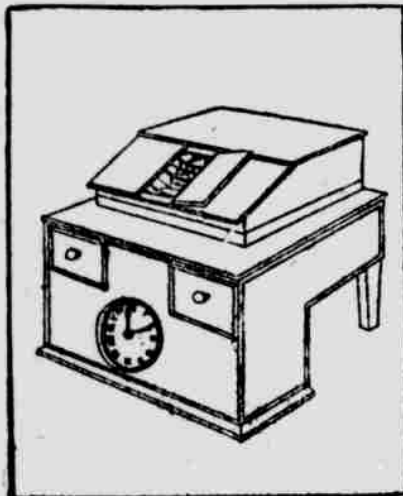
## Only One in the World



Above is shown a section of the freight subways built under the streets of Chicago. They run some 46 feet below the level of the street. The tunnels are of two distinct types—truck tunnels and lateral conduits. The former follow the main thoroughfares, and the latter run out to the less im-

portant parts of the city. The truck subways have 18-inch cement walls and 21-inch cement floors, the smaller conduits ten-inch walls and 13-inch floors. Embedded in the concrete are steel ribs of such length that it is virtually impossible for any weight erected above them to cause the tunnels to collapse.

## INGENIOUS MEDICINE CHEST



One of the most ingenious of inventions is the medicine chest designed by an Arkansas man. With this chest there is no excuse for a person not taking his medicine on time or for getting the medicines mixed. The cabinet consists of a stand with two little drawers at the upper corners and a desk portion on top. In front of the desk portion is a little door, just about wide enough to admit a bottle, and inside is a series of revolving trays. One of these trays is provided with numbers indicating minutes, another with numbers indicating the hours of the day, and a third with ordinals indicating the hours of the day and night. Each tray is divided into little compartments at each hour, so that at a cer-

## SEISMOGRAPH IS SENSITIVE.

Seismometers, or seismographs, as they are more generally termed, are instruments for detecting or measuring the earthquake shock or wave. Some of the modern ones are extremely delicate and sensitive, so sensitive, in fact, according to Milne, that if the solid column of masonry communicating with the rocky floor be pressed with the hand, the seismograph which rests on the masonry will be affected, and the horizontal boom or pendulum will be set in rapid vibration. If two Milne seismographs provided with horizontal pendulums be put on high buildings opposite each other on one of London's traffic streets when crowded with heavy drays, they will show that the tops of the buildings bend over slightly toward each other.

## QUEER ORIENTAL SAIL FISH

One of the most interesting of fish of Japanese waters is the oriental sail fish (*Histiophorus orientalis*). The generic name, given by Dr. Gunther, means the sail bearer, and refers to the huge dorsal fin possessed by the species.

The fin stands higher than the body above it and is used as a sail before the wind. It is a large fish ten feet in length and weighing 164 pounds. They swim about usually in pairs in rough and windy weather with the huge fins above the water.

It is a favorite food fish and the annual catch is nearly 2,000,000 pounds. The sail fish is caught by means of a harpoon.

Another food fish known as a dolphin or dorado is sometimes caught in a curious way. The fishes congregate under a decoy bush and raft made of bamboos, and are then caught by hooks baited with squids. Or the decoy bush is surrounded by a seine net and the dolphins are driven by beating the surface of the water with sticks. This fish is eaten both fresh and salt and is as great a favorite in western Japan as the salmon is in the northwest.

## MAGNETS USED FOR LIFTING.

Lifting by electromagnets in large cranes has become an important means of handling masses of iron and steel, and hand magnets are now proving a great convenience for picking up tacks, nails, screws and other material in store and factory. One type weighs but seven pounds, lifting a maximum load of more than ten times its weight. The magnet can be attached to an ordinary 110-volt direct-current circuit, and is energized by closing the circuit by means of a push button on the handle. Besides the ordinary handling of hardware, such bits of service can be performed as drawing out pieces of metal otherwise difficult to reach.

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On the Square

TENTH AND O STREETS

## Dwelling with God.

He that could recall the past without remorse would be something more than a man or much less than a saint. It was Paul the saint, not Paul the Pharisee, that could not speak of his past life without calling himself the chief of sinners; and it was Paul the saint, too, who greeted his approaching death with the shout of triumph: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith!" The man who has entered into God's rest, in whose heart dwells

the eternal Christ, finds no furia rising from the depths of the past. He may shed tears over the graves of buried hopes and joys, but death has lost its sting and sorrow its bitterness. As to the future, he meets it not only without fear, but with joy; for life—eternal life—dwells in him who has learned to dwell with God.

The labor of the body relieves us from the fatigues of the mind; and this it is which forms the happiness of the poor.—Rochefoucauld.

## Ideal Gingerbread.

One cupful of sugar, one-quarter cupful of New Orleans molasses, one cupful of butter and lard, three eggs well beaten, one saltspoonful of salt, one small tablespoonful of ginger, one-quarter teaspoonful of cloves, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon, one cupful sweet milk, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and one quarter teaspoonful of soda, two and one-half cupfuls of flour. Heat sugar, molasses, butter, and spices until thoroughly warm. Beat up well. Then add other ingredients. Bake in muffin pans.

# Merry Moments With Humorists

## Our Domestic Animals

By W. J. LAMPTON.

Our most domestic animal is the cat. Some authorities contend that the dog has first place, but their contention is weak because a great many dogs do not live in the house at all, while a cat that can't live in the house quits the inhospitable place and goes to somebody's house that it can live in. Will any faunal naturalist, from Nairobi to the north pole, say that a dog will act thus? If he will, he is a nature faker, not to use a shorter and uglier word.

The family line of the cat is feline, and it is divided into two great classes, the tom and the puss, the tom being masculine and the puss feminine. They have equal rights. There are no suffragettes among cats, though there may be cats among suffragettes, and when they meet to discuss questions of common interest all have a voice and all use it without stint. Whiskers also are worn by both sexes, but the mustache is tabooed. Race suicide is frowned upon by the entire community.

There are more kinds of cats than you can throw a brick at. If you doubt this, just try it some time in the soft and stilly night, when slumber's chain doesn't bind you, and when you have thrown the last brick the concert on the back fence will be going on pretty much as if nothing had happened to disturb the harmony. Cats cannot sing. They are like some people, they only think they can. That is why the noise they make sounds like a concert. Of the various kinds, one is a

tab cat. This is so called because you cannot keep tab on it any more than you can on the other kind. There is also the Persian cat, which is not so named because of its purr being different. Speaking of purr, most people know why a cat purrs, but very few know how it purrs.



They Meet to Discuss Questions of Common Interest.

The kid of a cat is a kitten, and it is as full of play as it later becomes full of night noises. Everybody, ex-

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cept the totally deaf, knows how full that is, and a diagram is not necessary. Kittens are born blind. This is so that they may not find their way back when taken to the water in early infancy, as is the custom among civilized people. A cat with its eyes open will always come back if forcibly abducted. You might pack one in the bottom of a large trunk and take it to Africa with you, and when you came home again from wandering on a foreign shore it would be sitting on the front steps waiting for you. This is instinct, for a cat has no scent sense and could not follow the back trail. If a blind cat tried to have fun with a mouse, as cats do, the rodent would get away from it in no time.

Some authorities on domestic science say that women are cats, but this is not true. Women are angels, and angels are not quadrupeds. The cat is a quadruped.

Cats love places rather than people. This is not an instinct, but a habit acquired from associating with people. Cats are very electric. That is why one pole of a battery is called a cat-electrode. Also the program of a cat show is a catalogue, though it might as well be a category. Cats have fits, hence catalepsy. These are a mere kittenish play upon words and are scoffed at by real faunal naturalists. When a cat becomes profoundly agitated its hair stands on end. Bald-headed men are not like cats.

There is more that might be said on this subject, but why in domestic matters let the cat out of the bag altogether?

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