

REVOLUTION IN THE LABELS

Beneficial Results of the Pure Food Law Up to Date.

TRUTH GETS A GREAT BOOST

Designers of Labels Forewear Fiction and Tell What the Package Contains—State Laws Supplement National Law.

Allice Lakey, chairman of the food committee of the National Consumers League, presents in the Outlook an instructive resume of beneficial results flowing from the national pure food law enacted June 25, 1906.

The first change noticed, then, in food products is in labels, and this brings up the question, Do consumers read labels? One food official says they do, and he proves his assertion by citing a certain line of food product that has been driven out of the market since the passage of the act.

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The label tells. It is easily seen that the new law protects not only the consumer by giving him the chance to buy what he wants, if he wants it, but it also protects the retailer from the dishonest manufacturer.

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PERIL OF ALPINE CLIMBERS

Two Dangled on a Rope Above 6,000-Foot Drop.

BOTH ALIVE TO TELL THE STORY

Rope Ladders Now Assist Those Who Scale the Matterhorn and Save Much Time.

It was a bright August day and fine weather for mountaineering in the Alps when two or three men who happened to be looking up at one of the most precipitous rock faces of the Matterhorn saw a thrilling scene that few could witness with unflinching gaze.

Both men are alive today and one of them has told the story of that terrible hour in the latest number of La Montagne, the periodical of the French Alpine club. It has its interest and its value as a lesson to mountaineers.

These men played with danger. They climbed the Matterhorn, which fifty years ago was distinguished from all the other Alps as "the unscaled and unscaleable mountain." They did it without a guide.

One of them was not hardened to such work. He had never been put to the test and strain that the Matterhorn imposed. He was not equal to the task and his companion did not even know of his unfitness.

Three Perilous Trips. Edouard Monod-Herzen, a young Frenchman, has a passion for mountaineering and is among the best of French alpinists. Early in the season last year he made three ascents of the Matterhorn and returned there in August to climb the mountain again with a young Russian, Sergius Solanof, whose brother Charles, a fine mountaineer, had been the Frenchman's comrade in a good deal of climbing.

All that Monod-Herzen knew of the qualifications of Sergius was that Charles had assured him that the young man had acquitted himself creditably in the ascent of the Weisshorn and several other hard climbs.

Not far below the summit on the southern side of the Matterhorn is a rock face that is absolutely perpendicular. It can be circumvented only by a tedious detour which requires so much time that four rope ladders, one below the other, have been fastened to this vertical wall so that climbers can ascend and descend it.

With the aid of these stout ladders there is no great danger for an expert man if he has great strength of arms and a level head. As an additional safeguard a long heavy rope is fastened to the wall at the top of the highest ladder and hangs loose beside them to the bottom of the lowest ladder. It may be called the emergency line. If saved the lives of these two young men.

As soon as they had reached the topmost ladder they proceeded to adjust the rope that tied them to each other. Then Monod-Herzen sent Solanof down ahead and said not the rope until most of the slack was taken up.

He then turned over on his face and began the descent, calling now and then to his comrade, who each time cheerily responded that all was well. They had thus descended about sixty feet, half the height of the precipitous wall to whose face they were clinging, when, without the slightest warning that trouble was brewing and just as the Frenchman was taking a step down, he heard the words, in a tone more like a deep sigh than a cry of terror: "I am falling."

"Oh! I am falling!" Instantly Monod-Herzen braced himself against the wall on the rope. It occurred to him quick as a flash that he could not get his fingers clear around the rung of the ladder because it lay too close against the wall. He instantly removed his hands and grasped the loose line just as the shock came.

It pulled him off the ladder and he was swinging in midair. The rope that joined the men was tied around their waists. The weight of both men was supported by the Frenchman's grip upon that rope. If his wrists gave out or his fingers could not maintain that grip they would both fall over a mile upon the ice and snow below.

The shock that jerked Monod-Herzen off the ladder swung him out into the air and he came back like a pendulum against the rock wall, adding severe bruises to his injuries and nearly loosening his hold on the rope. Grip as hard as he might, he could not keep the rope from slipping a little through his fingers.

All the alps was rubbed off the palms of his hands. Blood covered the cord and his flesh hung to it, and it seemed to him as though the rope around his body was cutting him in two, so heavy was the Russian at the other end.

He cried with all his might for Burgener, who could just be seen far below. Burgener heard the appeal from above. "What's the matter?" he shouted. "My friend has fallen. Come!" "Where?" "Here; he is hanging on my rope. Come!" "Great as the crisis was, Burgener did not violate the unwritten law of his profession. He disappeared around the rock to obtain permission from the man he was serving to go to the rescue.

Clutching the ladder Burgener grasped the swing rope as it came near, drew it about seven or eight feet and then the young Russian back to the ladder and fastened him there. Then he clambered above and helped Monod-Herzen to the ladder.

Back to the Russian he went again and placed his hands and feet on every rung of the ladders till they reached a platform on which they rested for a while and then Burgener went to the tourist, below whom Burgener had left. The vertical drop of the wall was now above them.

Neither on that day nor later was Monod-Herzen able to learn from his companion exactly what happened. Solanof could say only that he felt his hands opening and he had no power to close them again upon the rung of the ladder. He seemed almost half dead as he was led below.

Burgener then said that his first duty was to the man whose safety was his special charge. He would do this, however. He would take his tourist one stage further on the descent and then return to help them to the same point. Below that he could not be with them, for he must deliver his man at Breuil before dark.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS - BIDS

Will be received until 4 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, April 1, 1908, at the office of the undersigned, in the Administration building, on the grounds of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Nebraska, for the construction of Mechanical Engineering Laboratory, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the superintendent of construction, room 308 of said Administration building.

Bidders must consult the superintendent of construction before opening bids. Bids, upon all matters which may appear therein uncertain in either plans or specifications, and the terms of contract, and based on file with the superintendent; they must also personally inspect the building site selected. Bids must conform strictly to the plans and specifications and to the requirements of this notice.

Bidders must be prepared to furnish satisfactory references upon their financial standing. If the same be required by the university authorities, bids for the building shall be accompanied by a certified check on a Lincoln (Neb.) bank, payable unconditionally to the order of the University of Nebraska for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500). The check of the successful bidder, in case of an award, will be held as a guaranty for furnishing to the superintendent of construction the schedule of quantities of materials required and price therefor, signing the building contract in form as proposed and furnishing a security company's bond in a sum equal to one-third of the contract price for the building. Both the security company offered and the form of the bond must be satisfactory to the Board of Regents or its building committee. In case the successful bidder fails, within two weeks from the date of award, to sign and file the schedule, fails to furnish and file the required bond or to enter into contract at the amount bid, the University of Nebraska, as aforesaid, shall be entitled by him to be forfeited to the university as liquidated damages without further notice. The bid, if not accepted, shall be returned to the bidder whose bid is second best, in the judgment of the Board of Regents or its building committee, with the exception of the contract for the closing of the contract with the first best bidder, or until it is determined whether the second best bid will be taken up or rebidding will be for. All bids must bear the residence or business address of the bidder. They must be signed, sealed up, addressed to the undersigned, and be plainly marked on the outside with the bidder's name and the words "Bid for Mechanical Engineering Laboratory." The bids shall be opened and inspected as soon after the date above set for filing the same as the Board of Regents or its building committee can be conveniently assembled. Any contractor desiring the use of a set of plans and specifications to be taken away from the office of the superintendent of construction will be required to deposit with the undersigned a check for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) as a guaranty for the return of good copies of the plans and specifications so loaned. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Address the undersigned at room 308 of the Administration building, the University of Nebraska, Station A, Lincoln, Nebraska. W. S. DAVIS, 314-11.

After an hour of rest Solanof recovered something of his spirit and physical strength and they slowly went down together, reaching Breuil at 11 p. m.

Solanof told the friend who had saved his life that while he was swinging out on that rope he wanted to shout to his comrade to cut the rope, let him drop and save his own life. Solanof tried to speak the words, but could articulate nothing. Monod-Herzen replied that no man would sacrifice his friend to save his own life, and that such an idea never entered his head.

A Giant Tarheel. "I'll bet none of you folk know that the largest man that ever lived was born and reared in North Carolina," said a Tarheel. "His existence and dimensions are vouched for in the American Encyclopaedia.

"His name was Miles Darden. He was 7 feet 6 inches high, and in 1845 weighed 871 pounds. He was born in North Carolina in 1798 and died in Tennessee January 23, 1857. Until 1853 he was able to go about his work in an active manner, but his weight increased so fast that after that year when he wanted to move about he had to be hauled in a two-horse wagon. In 1859 it is chronicled that his coat was buttoned around three men, each weighing more than 200 pounds, who walked together in it down the streets of Lexington, N. C. At his death he is said to have weighed not less than 1,000 pounds. His coffin was eight feet long, thirty-five inches deep, thirty-two inches across the breast, eighteen across the head and fourteen across the feet. These measurements were taken at the time and are of historical record."—Washington Herald.

Blondes Most Superstitious. "I believe blondes are more superstitious than brunettes," remarked one of our sporting politicians Euclid Avenue and East Sixth street the other day.

Their hair was ladder leaning against that building over there, and people had to be standing on the roof of the building on the edge of the sidewalk. A good many women walked under it, but a lot more were afraid to go under it. I noticed that while I got to noticing more particularly, and I noticed that nearly all of the women who were afraid to go under it were blondes. The ladder went right under without a moment's hesitation."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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