

BOOK MADE HIDING PLACE FOR PISTOL

While visiting in an old farmhouse in West Virginia, writes a contributor to the Youth's Companion, I discovered between the covers of a book a curious reminder of the Civil war. I had been looking over some volumes that had been slowly accumulating through three generations. There were several textbooks of former days—among them was a thick octavo, "Analecta Graeca Majora," bound in stout leather; it was perhaps a hundred years old. The work was in Greek and had a Latin preface.

Idly turning over the pages, I found two or three hundred leaves that were cut in a peculiar manner. For a moment I was puzzled why the book should have been so mutilated. Then I noticed that the hollow made was exactly in the shape of a pistol. The work had evidently been done with a chisel, for the edges were smooth. When the book was closed it looked like any ordinary book; it made an excellent hiding place for a small firearm.

On mentioning the matter to my host I learned that during the Civil war the owner of the house had suspected of being a Southern sympathizer, and that he had been accused of keeping a large number of firearms upon the place for use if there should be a secessionist uprising. The authorities made frequent visits in search of weapons, and all firearms were seized except one small pistol, which he had concealed in that cunning manner.

Egg Transportation Not Profitable to Railroads

New York consumes 1,800,000,000 eggs a year and then a few dozen more. The job of getting them from the farmyard to the counter of the corner store is beset with difficult problems. The breakfast table depends on the carrier as well as on the hen, says the Times of that city.

Time was, and not very long ago, when the railroads lost money on every case of eggs they handled. Even now eggs are classed by the railroads as traffic without profit. Sometimes the breakage is due to the character of the egg. Many of them have shells naturally too weak to stand a long journey; the hens have been improperly fed. Fertile eggs, too, are likely to go to pieces on the trip. The United States Department of Agriculture estimates an annual loss from fertile eggs in this country amounting to \$15,000,000. Again, some eggs are too long for standard fillers and suffer "end crush" as a result.

Long Submarine Cable

A submarine cable in one continuous length of 2,700 feet has been recently laid across the Hudson river at Garrison, just below West Point, according to the Electrical World. The makeup of the cable and the method of laying it presented some features not encountered in every-day practice. The cable is to carry current from the east side of the river to the west side for local distribution in the immediate vicinity of Garrison. Power is to be transmitted at first at 2,800 volts with ungrounded star-connected transformers, and this will later be changed to 4,000 volts with the neutral grounded.

Must Wait

A certain furniture shop was famous for its antiques. A stranger entered one morning and was met by a small boy, who told him the proprietor was not in.

"Perhaps you can tell me what I want to know," he said to the boy. "I called two weeks ago regarding half a dozen genuine old Empire chairs. You had only two of them in at the time, but were expecting the other four at any moment. Have they arrived?"

"No, sir," replied the boy. "They haven't finished making 'em yet."—Minneapolis Tribune.

World's Largest Tree

Forest fires threatening the redwoods and sequoias in northern California are a menace that may destroy the oldest and largest growths in the world. It is claimed by scientists that the General Sherman tree, in Sequoia park, is the largest living thing, towering 279.9 feet above the earth, and boasting a diameter of 36.5 feet. Two other trees are taller, but none so broad. In the 3,200 acres comprising Sequoia National park, there are 5,000 trees that have diameter in excess of ten feet.

Cost of Candy

In the year 1923 the people of the United States spent nearly \$300,000,000 for candy, an average of more than \$1,000,000 a day. Assuring an average price of 40 cents a pound for all grades, this amount of money would purchase nearly 1,000,000,000 pounds of candy in a year.—Lydia J. Roberts in Hygeia.

A Layer

"It is altogether fitting, then, that the scion of such distinguished forbears should lay in a cradle at least a hundred years old."—Cleveland Press.

And thinks it would be a gain for exactness if we should style such an extraordinary heir a parent.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Impossible, Mrs. Sambo

Mrs. Sambo—Sambo! Sambo! Wake up.
Sambo—I can't.
Mrs. Sambo—Why can't you?
Sambo—I ain't asleep.—Center Column.

Lightning Photographed

Photography determines the distance of a lightning flash, and hence the dimensions of any of its features. Two cameras are mounted side by side and exposed at the same time, says Nature Magazine. Objects of known distance from the point of observation are photographed along with the lightning, and a comparison of the two pictures, plus a little mathematics, gives the distance of the lightning much more exactly than the old process of counting seconds between the flash and the thunder.

KERNELS OF TRUTH

Cheerfulness is wisdom.
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Goodness brightens beauty.
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Life is a long lesson in humility.
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Nature's rules have no exceptions.
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You "run" into debt and crawl out.
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Cupid has his work cut out for him.
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A miser is known by the money he keeps.
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Man is as positive as woman is contrary.
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An acted lie is just as bad as a spoken one.
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Usually the better half gets the worst of it.
—
The newspaper of the future will be issued tomorrow.

No wonder the up-to-date girl limps after being vaccinated.

Some titled individuals are like worn-out brooms—all handle.

In war, there is no chance of introducing the eight-hour day.

Other women can't see how any man can be jealous of his wife.

Walking isn't half as much fun unless accompanied by talking.

Some men get as tired of being married as some women do of not being.

Next to having wisdom yourself it is well to profit by the wisdom of others.

Doctors give plenty of good advice, but we do not ask for it soon enough.

The letter-carrier expects everybody on his route to take things as they come.

An empty title comes high, but many a silly American hearse feels that she must have it.

After a man gets off one witty remark he is expected to give a continuous performance.

Yes, Clarence, there are workers and workers. One class make a specialty of working the other class.

Insect Forager That Is Blessing to Man

A caterpillar, known as the "Painted Lady," is one of the most remarkable of insect foragers. These strange little creatures move in vast armies, but never attack field crops or cultivated flowers, but, seemingly with deliberate intent, clear the territory over which they move of many harmful weeds and grasses. The insects crossed the Mexican border some months ago and invaded southern California in great hordes. Millions of them would move past a flower garden or field of blossoming clover, stopping on the way only to attack nettles and weeds and leaving the blossoms intact. The army traveled across the famous Death valley in California at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour. The desert, which stops many insect migrations, appeared to hold no terrors for these, since they were able to find isolated patches of their favorite food sufficient to sustain life. The "painted ladies," which derive their name from the exceptionally beautiful coloring of their wings, have been long known below the border.

Transportation Triumph

Two steamers moved a hotel from Oakland, Cal., to Nome, Alaska. An entire caravansary with everything complete from the clerk's desk and a bench for the bellhops to the furnishings for the top-floor bedrooms was manufactured in pieces in California to furnish accommodations for the transient trade in the town near the Arctic circle where the pieces were reassembled into a furnished hotel.

Volcano as Lighthouse

A volcano on the island of San Salvador serves the purpose of a lighthouse and requires no attention. The volcanic lighthouse is about eight miles from the port of Acajutla. It is a veritable pillar of cloud by day, and the flash of its light by night has served as a guide to mariners for several centuries.

CHATTER

You can't do much for a man who is easy to do.
No more delay, vain boaster, but begin.—Dryden.
Children are the tomorrow of society.—Whately.
A diplomat is any man who knows how to hold his job.
When a fool gets angry he opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.
The sweet confection abroad may be a bitter pill at home.
Be careful that indifference is not interpreted as heartlessness.
Our idea of an unpopular man is one with a fad for collecting bills.
From the standpoint of literature, one may wish Moses had written more.
Many a man has attained success merely by making the most of his blunders.
If the man behind the gun is a crack shot the rabbit's left hind foot doesn't save it.
When a man is intoxicated with love it is up to him to sign the matrimonial pledge.
He who has the truth at his heart need never fear the want of persuasion on his tongue.
It is always difficult to convince the man who talks to himself that he has a fool for an audience.
Lawyers can stir up strife and create business, but doctors are obliged to let well enough alone.
A married man's conscience doesn't worry him much until his wife begins to sit up and take notice.
The average man's idea of a business transaction is one in which he gets the best of the bargain.

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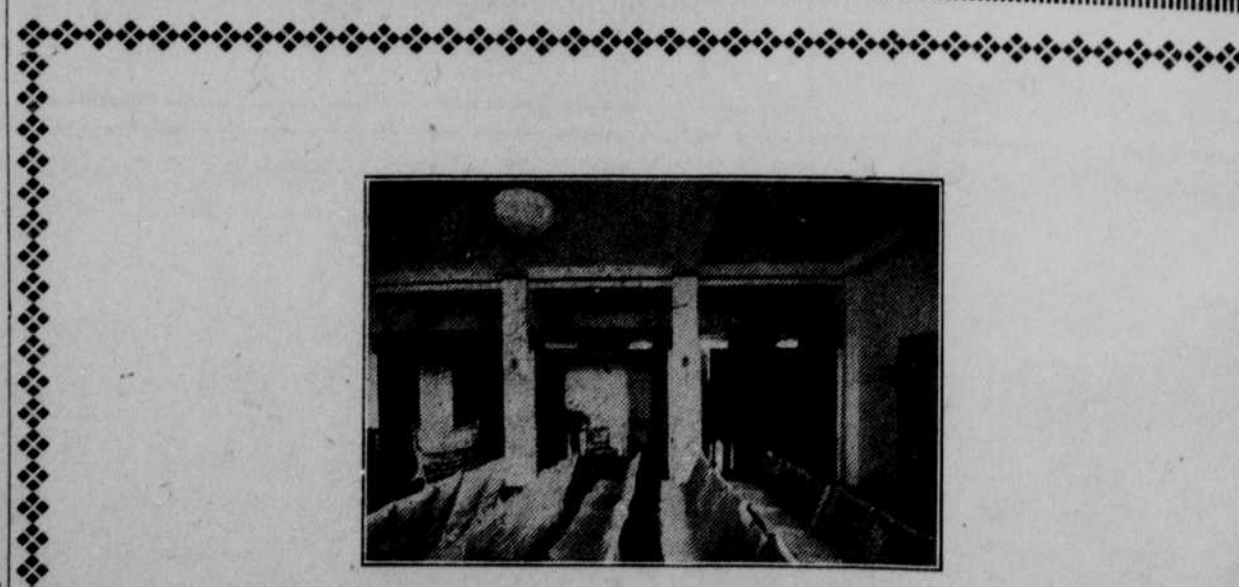
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