

**Poet's Glider Almost**

**Too Eager in Action**

Long ago, in Algeria, a French poet contributed unknowingly to the advancement of aerial conquest, says the Air Station News, biweekly publication of the naval air station at Pensacola, Fla. Mouillard was his name and he constructed his glider from the study of birds.

Starting early, as is the custom of later-day pilots, he buckled on his wings and started down the road waiting for a favorable breeze. The road down which he "took off" was raised five or six feet above the surrounding plains and was bordered on both sides by ditches some ten feet wide. His wings felt light. Running forward to test their life, he thought to amuse himself by jumping one of the ditches. The result is told in his own words: "No I took a good run across the road and jumped. My feet did not come down to earth. I was gliding on the air and making vain efforts to land, for my airplane had set out on a cruise. I dangled only a few feet from the soil, but do what I could I could not reach it, and I was skimming along without the power to stop. At last, my feet touched the earth. I fell forward on my head and broke my wings and all was over, but goodness, how frightened I had been."

**Bones May Be Those**

**of Famous Drunkards**

Human remains, buried under two or three yards of debris which had fallen from the ceiling of a great underground grotto, were discovered seven miles north of Jerusalem by Prof. William Bada, head of the American archeological expedition which unearthed the huge city wall, greater than that of Jerusalem itself. Pierre Van Paassen writes, in the Atlanta Constitution. It has been suggested that Tel el Nabsheh is the site of the treasure city of Solomon. Professor Bada discovered a natural limestone cave artificially enlarged to a great underground chamber. The entrance to the grotto was found in the basement of a large building. From the entrance stone steps led to the bowels of the earth and to the cave. The human remains were apparently buried by ancient earthquakes. Beneath the debris was found a number of great wine jars of the Seventh century B. C., indicating that the chamber, above which was a wine press, was a store for the reputed drunkards of Ephraim. ("Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim," Isaiah 28:1).

**Antiquity of "Gent"**

A Croxley Green reader is at a loss to know why a learned judge should have taken exception to the abbreviation "Gent" in legal documents. "It is," he writes, "time honored, even though nowadays it may appear to be a vulgar cockneyism. Upon many monumental inscriptions it may be found in place of 'man,'" and he quotes one of 1594 in a Shropshire church, which refers to "Ye body of ye worthy gent," etc. "The word 'gent' here is not intended to indicate his social status, as it is followed by 'Esquire,' which does place him." Nevertheless the abbreviation has come to be regarded as not only colloquial but vulgar. Was it not O. W. Holmes who solemnly warned his countrymen against using such expressions as "a gent in a flowered vest"?—London Morning Post.

**Old Hawaiian Custom**

The custom of casting chelo berries into the crater of the Kilauea volcano is a very ancient one in Hawaii. The object is to propitiate the goddess Pele. The goddess Pele appears in various guises. Formerly it was believed that she would never allow the volcano to harm any individuals but the recent flows of lava have shown this to be not true. Red flags are often placed to mark the boundaries of the village and a live pig is tied in front as a sacrifice to the goddess. Kilauea is merely a crater on the eastern slope of Mauna Loa, which is the largest volcano in the world though not the loftiest.

**Children at Play**

The noises of children, playing their own fancies—as I now hearken to them by fits, sporting on the green before by window while I am engaged in these grave speculations at my neat suburban retreat at Shackleton—by distance made more sweet—inexpressibly take from the labor of my task. It is like writing to music. They seem to modulate my periods. They ought at least to do so—for in the voice of that tender age there is a kind of poetry, far unlike the harsh prose-accents of man's conversation.—Charles Lamb, in Essays of Elia.

**Many-Legged Optimist**

Several belated examination papers tell us that "posters are sheets of paper pasted on blackboards;" that "an optimist is a thing with a lot o' little legs;" that "an aqueduct does marvelous things at a circus;" and that "All Baba means away when the crime was committed." Also that "R. S. V. P." means "received same very promptly." Too many students get their learning by ear and not very well then.—Capper's Weekly.

**Smile Worth While**

No matter with how much or how little beauty you are endowed, you are better looking when you smile. Looks count for much in this world, yet most when coupled with soft words.—Grit.

**Pet Cat Made Model**

**for Artist's Lioness**

When Sir William Richmond, the artist, was a small boy his mother took him to St. Paul's cathedral to hear the singing, and he was disappointed because everything was so cold and colorless. He said to his mother suddenly, "Perhaps one day I shall decorate this place!" and we can imagine how she smiled at the thought of Willy coloring the walls with a box of chalks.

But the boy's dream came true, for somebody else thought with him that the interior of the cathedral needed color and decoration, and in 1890 Richmond, then a famous painter, was entrusted with the work of designing mosaics to cover the roof of the choir.

The westernmost of the three saucer domes in the choir vaults represents the Creation of the Beasts. Richmond had a favorite cat which loved him so much that she used to attend him even while he had his bath, and when he got out she would crouch down and lick his great toe adoringly.

She was not beautiful or valuable, but the grace of her attitude so charmed the artist that he decided to use it in his great work. In a panel near the Creation of the Beasts there may be seen Adam between a lion and lioness. The lions are so true to life that when they were shown to a Zulu chief he started and involuntarily raised his hand to stab. But the lioness is really a little tame cat licking her master's foot.—London Times.

**Good Definitions, but**

**Not Dictionary Terms**

Anyone can go to the dictionary for definitions, but in no dictionary will be found quite so good a definition of "gossip" as that given by a child who on being asked what the word meant, said, "It's when nobody don't do nothing and somebody goes and tells about it."

Amid a collection of droll or witty definitions accumulated from time to time through newspaper reading, the following seem worthy of repetition: "Dandy"—"a football for men and a pincushion for women." "Snoring"—"Sleeping out loud." "Bachelor"—"a man who has lost the opportunity of making some woman miserable." "Tyrant"—"one who kills worms lest they turn."

"Nothing"—"a bunghole without a barrel around it." "Truth"—"the only thing that can't be improved upon." "Polite interest"—"listening to things you know all about, told by one who knows nothing about them." "Cannibal"—"one who loves his fellowmen." "Caution"—"the dark lantern of enterprise." "Smiles"—"laughter's photographs."

**Out of the Ordinary**

The deepest coal mine is near Lambert, Belgium, 3,500 feet deep. The biggest dock is at Cardiff, Wales, and the strongest electric light is at the Sydney lighthouse, Australia, while the largest lighthouse is at Cape Henry, Va., being 165 feet high and 8 feet thick. The oldest college is University college, Oxford, founded in 1050. The largest library, the National, in Paris, contains more than 5,000,000 volumes. The largest theater is the Paris Opera house, covering three acres. The largest bronze statue, that of Peter the Great, in Leningrad, weighs 1,100 tons. The biggest stone statue is in Japan, 44 feet high. The largest college is in Cairo, with more than 15,000 students and 500 teachers. Damascus has the honor of being the oldest city.

**Distance in Solar System**

Take a farmer's field and place in it a two-foot globe to represent the sun. In a circle 82 feet away is a grain of mustard which represents Mercury, the planet nearest the sun. The earth is a pea 215 feet away, and the planet Saturn is a small orange in a circle two-fifths of a mile distant. This is the astronomer Herchel's illustration of distance in the solar system, so in a measure we can comprehend them. In reality Saturn is 896,000,000 miles from the sun, compared with the earth's 93,000,000 miles. Even when the earth is closest to Saturn that planet is 793,000,000 miles away.—Detroit News.

**Parts of a Tree**

When we look at a tree we can recognize in its make-up three principal parts. They are the roots, the stem, and the crown. The roots comprise that part of a tree that is usually found below the ground, says the American Tree association. Such trees as the spruces, the hemlocks, and the pines have roots that tend to spread and lie close to the ground. These shallow-rooted trees are, as a rule, not windfirm. Other trees, such as the hickories, the oaks, and the walnuts develop a long taproot. These trees are firmly anchored and rarely uprooted.

**Time to Laugh**

Biffkins was suffering from liver trouble and the doctor told him that if he laughed fifteen minutes before each meal his condition would improve. One day in a restaurant, while Biffkins was having his little laugh, a man at the opposite table walked over to him and said in an angry manner: "What the dickens are you laughing at?" "Why, I am laughing for my liver," said Biffkins. "Well, then, I guess I had better start laughing too. I ordered mine half an hour ago."—Pittsburgh Chronicle Telegraph.

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PEARL WILSON.  
4t-8-26-27

John Adams, Attorney  
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Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administratrix of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 3rd day of November, 1927, and on the 3rd day of January, 1928, at 9 o'clock a. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 1st day of October, 1927.  
BRYCE CRAWFORD,  
County Judge.  
4t-9-2-27

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the estate of Henry Hunter, deceased.  
All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition

before said court on the 24th day of September, 1927, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 24th day of September, 1927, at 9 o'clock a. m., to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Frank Blackwell or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.  
BRYCE CRAWFORD,  
3t-9-2-27 County Judge.

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of George G. Johnson, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 17th day of September, 1927, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 17th day of September, 1927, at 9 o'clock a. m., to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Ray L. Williams or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.  
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