

**"Adventure" Only for Man Physically Fit**

I find that most people think of "adventure" when the word "exploration" is used. To the explorer, however, adventure is merely an unwelcome interruption of his serious labors. He is looking, not for thrills, but for facts about the unknown. Often his search is a race with time against starvation. To him, an adventure is merely a bit of bad planning, brought to light by the test of trial. Or it is unfortunate exemplification of the fact that no man can grasp all the possibilities of the future.

Serious work in exploration calls for as definite and as rigorous professional preparation as does success in any other serious work in life. The first qualification of an explorer is a sound and trained body. Exploring involves the hardest kind of physical exertion, and the capacity to endure such exertion under stress both for long periods of sustained endeavor and in the trying moments of emergency. How preposterous, then, it is for men who have lived at desks to maturity suddenly to attempt these arduous enterprises!—Roald Amundsen in *World's Work*.

**Had Business Reason for Making Inquiry**

Times were hard, and those who had had work cling to it tenaciously. A small steam roller chuff-chuffed noisily up and down a road, which was under repair, and one of the out-of-works watched it for a time, studying the engineer intently.

"How do you feel today?" he asked suddenly.

"Fine. How's yourself?" came the prompt response.

Each succeeding day the lounger appeared, always with the same greeting. The engineer became curious, almost annoyed at the persistent inquiry, and finally demanded:

"Say, what d'you mean by coming and asking 'how do you feel' every day?"

"Well, you see," drawled the lounger, "you don't look any too well, and I have a hunch that one of these days you'll have to quit your job—and I want to get it."—Vancouver Province.

**How to Get Lost**

A pompous elderly man, visiting a certain rural district, wished to inspect some ruins in the neighborhood. He inquired for the oldest inhabitant, and assailed him with such a host of needless interrogations that the ancient personage presently lost his temper, and said:

"I'll tell thee a better way yet. Go straight down yonder, take fust turning through a tater field, past the Blue Boar, up Mileston hill, and over the common till you come to the Windy wood; go down till you get into the middle of that 'ere wood, and then—"

"Well, and what then?" demanded the old gentleman.

"Then," said the oldest inhabitant, "I'm blowed if you won't be properly lost!"—London Tit-Bits.

**Grounds for Suspicion**

"Look there!" said the washing machine agent who visited the hamlet sufficiently often to be fairly well acquainted there. "See those men and boys—yes, and women, too—pointing at Uncle Skinner and grinning after he has passed by. What is tickling them?"

"Old Skinner is a widower," responded the landlord of the tavern at Squam. "He is also as stingy as stone soup, but they've found out that while he was up to the city last week he went to a beauty shoppe and paid a whole dollar to get manicured. And they are kinder putting two and two together and making twenty-two of it."—Kansas City Star.

**Sincerity in Reading**

"Read to see, as far as you can," says Sir Henry Hadow, "the difference between good work and bad, and you will come to like things which you first of all thought dull, austere and inaccessible." That is the secret. Whatever one reads should be read with a critical eye, not merely raced through for the sake of its passing interest, but more or less studied for the qualities it possesses. Every book, however poor, contains something new and instructive. If one reads for improvement as well as interest, an appreciation of the best will come as a matter of course."

**Dustin, the Resourceful**

Harrison Gibbs tells of a night when the stage manager neglected to place a mattress outside the castle walls as a landing place for Dustin Farnum when he made a spectacular leap in some melodrama. Farnum landed with a thud audible all over the theater. To stave off the laugh he thought fast, with the result that almost immediately he peeked over the parapet and remarked, "The lake is frozen!"

**D for Denarius**

The "d" in English money is the abbreviation for "penny." It stood originally for the Latin denarius, a coin of value equivalent to the Anglo-Saxon penny. Medieval money changers continued its use as an abbreviation for the penny and gave it a fixed place in English custom. A penny is approximately equal in value to two cents. The half penny is therefore about the equivalent of our cent.

**Failed to Appreciate "Alice in Wonderland"**

All those who have been famous in imaginative work for children were children—spoilt children—themselves, asserts Harry Furniss in his book, "Some Victorian Women." Mr. Furniss, a famous Punch artist, says that "Hans Andersen cried at the table if he was not helped first, and was not given more jam on his bread than any one else."

Lewis Carroll's childishness was of a different kind; his was pure literary egotism.

"It was his habit to watch the children of well-to-do people on the sands at Eastbourne and then, without disclosing his identity, present those he admired most with a copy of 'Alice in Wonderland.' Subsequently he formally called on the parents. Then came the moment at which the Rev. C. L. Dodgson informed the grateful parent that he was 'Lewis Carroll,' the effect being magical and Carroll's delight immense.

"However, one day, the dignified lady whose little daughter had been the recipient of a beautifully bound copy of 'Alice,' by the strange, uncanny clergyman, remarked:

"Oh, you are the writer of those rubbishy books, are you? Well, perhaps you may like to know that I threw the book you gave my daughter away—I certainly could never dream of her poisoning her mind with such as that!"

**Mother Sheep Must Have Jumped Fence**

There is a common expression, "stupid as a sheep," but this is not entirely just, for the sheep displays surprising intelligence when its maternal instincts are aroused.

Recently a shepherd was startled by the sudden and frantic bleating of a sheep outside his door. Going outside, he found one of his own flock, which immediately led him to the grazing pasture.

Here he had to open the gate to let the sheep into the field.

She led him to a spot where he found her lamb with its head firmly wedged in a hedge. It was apparent that she had made frantic attempts to free her baby, and falling had gone to the shepherd's home for help.

He freed the lamb, none the worse for its adventure, but has never discovered how the mother sheep got out of the field, which was so well fenced that at no point could he find a gap.—London Tit-Bits.

**Famous Astronomer**

Hipparchus, the Greek astronomer, who lived more than 2,000 years ago, long before any of the modern astronomical instruments had been invented, deserves much credit for his accomplishments, says the Kansas City Star.

He catalogued 1,050 of the stars; fixed latitude and longitude; determined the length of the year, the obliquity of the ecliptic, that is, the inclination of the earth's equator to the plane of revolution about the sun; the eccentricity of the earth's orbit, how far it is from being circular; measured the distance of the moon, roughly, and discovered the precision of the equinoxes, that the sun's place among the stars at times of equal day and night constantly tends eastward. This last discovery of Hipparchus waited 2,000 years for its explanation.

**Iceland in History**

Iceland was an independent republic from 930 to 1263, when it joined with Norway. The two came under Danish rule in 1381. When Norway separated from Denmark in 1814, Iceland remained under Denmark. In 1918 Denmark acknowledged Iceland as a sovereign state, united with Denmark only in that the Danish king, Christian X, was also to be king of Iceland. Its permanent neutrality was guaranteed. Provisionally until 1940 Denmark has charge of its foreign affairs, and a joint committee of six reviews bills of importance to both states.

**Extremely Ancient Eggs**

After cutting his hand on the top of a high cliff, an explorer found a line of egg shells springing like crocuses out of the ground. These proved to be parts of shells laid by a dinosaur—a prehistoric creature that lived probably ten million years ago.

Many of these eggs, supposed to be the oldest in the world, have been recovered from the sands of Mongolia. Bits of them were formerly used by primitive people into ornaments for women's necks.

**Overcoming Fear of Dark**

Children who suddenly form an aversion to the dark can often be helped in overcoming this fear, by becoming more familiar with the dark. We might play games in dark rooms, and occasionally send the children to unlighted rooms for sweets or new toys. Sometimes giving a flashlight, which he himself can turn on at a moment's notice, has been most helpful.

**Women Getting Feminine**

"This design for a dinner dress is infinitely more feminine," says the Woman's Home Companion of a new Paris model. "It certainly is," said the crabbed editor. "It leaves corduroy trousers and high rubber boots miles behind."

**CHAS. F. DAVIS, Attorney PROBATE NOTICE**

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

Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 1st day of December, 1927, and on the 1st day of February, 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 creditors to present their claims, from the 29th day of October, 1927.

BRYCE CRAWFORD, County Judge.

**NOTICE**

In the Municipal Court, in and for the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska

OSCAR W. ANDERSON and JACOB HANSON, Plaintiff, vs. CLAUD BJORNBERG, Defendant: Doc. Q. No. 222.

To Claus Bjornberg, Defendant: Take Notice: That plaintiff has filed motion and affidavit in the municipal court, the object and purpose of which is to secure revival of the judgment made and entered against you in the sum of \$113.00 and court cost taxed at \$4.40 in which said plaintiff was plaintiff and you were defendant. You are required to appear on or before the 1st day of November, 1927, and show cause why said judgment should not be revived against you, the defendant therein. Upon your failure to appear and show cause, said judgment will be revived in favor of plaintiff and operate with, and in full force and effect against you.

By order of the court, ROBERT W. PATRICK, Judge. WM. B. WHITEHORN, Clerk. RUTH ROBERTSON, Deputy. 4T-10-7-27

**LEGAL NOTICE**

In the Matter of the Adoption of Ethel Margaret Robinson, Minor.

To all persons interested in said matter:

You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of September, 1927, a petition was filed in said Court by John William True and Ruth May True, husband and wife, residents of Douglas County, Nebraska, praying for the adoption of said minor; that a hearing will be had on said petition for adoption before said Court on the 12th day of November, 1927, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the County Court Room of Douglas County, Nebraska, and unless you appear at said time and place and contest said petition, the court may grant the prayer of said petition, whereby said minor shall be adopted by John William True and Ruth May True.

BRYCE CRAWFORD, County Judge.

**H. J. PINKETT, Attorney PROBATE NOTICE**

In the matter of the estate of Henry Hunter, deceased.

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