

**Hard to Get Exact**

**Size of Hailstones**  
The maximum possible size of a single hailstone cannot be stated positively for the simple reason that there is not always a trained observer on hand to measure every large hailstone which falls. Hailstones larger than a person's fist and weighing more than a pound have several times been reported on good authority, according to the United States weather bureau. During a storm in Natal in 1874 hailstones fell which weighed a pound and a half. They passed through a corrugated iron roof as if it had been made of paper. Hailstones 14 inches in circumference fell in New South Wales in February, 1847. At Cazorla, Spain, on June 15, 1829, houses were crushed under blocks of ice, some of which are said to have weighed four and a half pounds. In October, 1844, a hailstorm at Certe, France, wrecked houses and sank vessels. But these, like all reports dating back many years, must be taken with a grain of salt. The untrained observer often unconsciously exaggerates. Then, too, some of these reports may refer to cases where masses of ice resulted from the coalescence, after falling, of a number of smaller hailstones lying closely packed together on the ground. —Pathfinder Magazine.

**Girl's Father Settled**  
**H. C. L. Complication**

A congressman investigating the high cost of living said to a Washington correspondent:  
"The h. c. l. is responsible for many vagaries and queer complications."  
"A young chap who had got engaged to a girl was talking over the future with her."  
"With prices what they are," said the girl, "we must be content, George dear, with a small flat and one or, at the most, two servants."  
"George coughed."  
"It's my idea," he said, "to live with your old man the first couple of years."  
"But, George—"  
"That's my idea," he interrupted. "Think of the money we can save. No rent, no light, no grub bills, no coal."  
"But—"  
"I insist on this thing," George interrupted again. "I tell you, I—"  
"Then the door opened softly and the girl's father entered the room."  
"Children," he said, tenderly, "I have decided that when you get married I'll come and live with you for the rest of my life." —Washington Star.

**Blue Laws Banned Pies**

"The pumpkin, or pompon," we read in Peters' "General History of Connecticut," published in 1781, "is one of the greatest blessings, and held sacred in New England. Of its meat are made beer, bread, custards, sauce, molasses, vinegar and, on thanksgiving days, pies, as a substitute for what the blue laws brand as anti-Christian minced pies."  
The same author explains why New Englanders were called pumpkin heads. As every male was required to have his hair cut round by a cup, "when cups were not to be had, they substituted the hard shell of a pumpkin, which, being put on the head every Saturday, the hair is cut by the shell all around the head." —Gas Logic.

**Appearance of Tornado**

The chief visible feature of a tornado is a long, whirling cloud, extending to or toward the earth. As the storm travels along, at about the speed of an express train in the average case, and in a direction that in most cases is approximately from southwest to northeast, the zone of destruction is little if any wider than the track swept by this cloud. The width of the zone may be only a few rods and is seldom as great as half a mile. Its length averages something like 25 miles, but is not always continuous, as these storms have a way of jumping over places along their paths and leaving them unharmed.

**Keep Departments Efficient**

There is in the government a bureau of efficiency, the duty of which, among others, is to investigate the needs of the several executive departments and independent establishments with respect to personnel and to investigate duplications of statistical and other work and methods of the government service. There is also a bureau of co-ordination, which investigates cases in which it is possible to avoid the overlapping of departments.

**Busy Man at Home**

Mrs. Fletcher—Did you have a hard day at the office, dear?  
Fletcher—In re your question as to my day at the office, will say that business matters were pressing and that I am very tired.  
Mrs. Fletcher—Well, dear, dinner is ready.  
Fletcher—Your statement in re dinner duly noted, and your suggestion will be acted upon as soon as possible. —Vancouver Province.

**A Typical Woman**

"Boy, tell me the truth!" thundered King Arthur of Round Table fame. "Who or what made all these nicks in my broadsword?"  
"Sire," replied the tremulous page, "I should not squeal on a woman, but the queen's been sharpening pencils."

**Australia Has Sea Serpent**

The most extraordinary testimony of the existence today of the sea serpent comes from Australia.  
Farmers living amid the swamps have been perplexed at the frequent disappearance of their cattle. They thought thieves took the animals and bore them away by boat, but there were no tracks of men or horses—only a curious wide furrow leading to the beach.  
One night a boy was awakened by the dogs, and, calling some farmhands rushed out with his gun. He was amazed to see "a great dark object resembling a huge snake, traveling across fences and paddocks at a terrific rate. Its head was held high in the air, and in its mouth was a struggling calf."  
The wide trail was followed to the beach, and the monster was seen to plunge into the sea.

**Curious Alloys**

In these days chemistry is enabling man to make over some of the most useful metals very much at his will and greatly to his profit. In England interesting reports have been made on the properties of alloys of copper, aluminum and manganese, which show remarkable peculiarities. An alloy of 88 per cent copper, 9.99 per cent aluminum and 2.01 per cent manganese showed enormous tensile strength, a cold-drawn bar having a yield point of 40,888 tons per square inch and an ultimate stress of 52,088 tons per square inch. Another alloy is so hard that it can take a cutting edge sharp enough to sharpen a lead pencil. The British admiralty has been experimenting with these alloys in order to determine their resistance to corrosion in sea water.

**Leaders Too Strenuous**

A popular musical composer recently incurred popular censure in Madrid for beating time with his hands alone instead of using a baton, when conducting a revue of his own composition at the Esclava theater.  
This incident recalls to the Epoca de Madrid the tragic fate of Lull, a celebrated composer. It is related that while conducting a Te Deum in the chapel at Versailles as a thanks giving for the recovery of Louis XIV he struck himself a blow with his baton, as a result of which gangrene set in, causing his death.

**SOUTH SIDE SOCIAL SETTLEMENT ISSUES ITS ANNUAL REPORT**

Reveals Large Program of Varied Activities in Character Building Agencies Carried On Among Many Groups  
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working out of a harmonious program.  
The woodwork classes, meeting five evenings a week, are now under Mr. Walter Sparling, the only white worker connected with the Center, and brother of Mrs. Murdock, who directs the woodwork at the Settlement.

Whenever an equally competent colored instructor is available he will be engaged in Mr. Sparling's place. Meanwhile, most excellent results are being secured to the credit of both Mr. Sparling and the boys.  
"From one Boy Scout troop, with Dr. Morris' help and interest steadily behind it, five Scouts went to Camp Gifford last summer, all five making good records and one making an exceptional record in merits and honors."

"An outstanding feature of the girls' work is the cooking, taught this year by highly expert paid teachers. One of these, Miss Michell, was a volunteer all last year, and carried with Mrs. Busch the full responsibility for the work last winter, during the gap between Miss Patrick's going and Mrs. Rhone's coming."

"A night school for adults was another feature which began last year under volunteer teachers and ended under paid teachers. This school was first started for a particular group, recently from the south, who could not be persuaded to attend the general night school of the neighborhood. The group eventually scattered, other more advanced pupils have been encouraged to attend the general school, and the Center's school has been discontinued."

"Parties of all kinds, special programs, special meetings, baseball games, etc., make up more of the story of both houses. In the Center, the baseball teams (both the boys' and the girls' teams) made a notably fine record."

"Each house had its clean-up parade in the spring and its vacation school over a four-week period in the summer; also its demonstrations of class work in some of the down town windows during the Community Chest campaign this fall. Each house likewise had delegates at the National Conference of Social Workers in Des Moines and at the Nebraska State Conference in Beatrice."

"Through all the long story of both houses, as of all similar houses, runs the desire of those back of them to promote fuller opportunity and a wider reach for the teeming life about them. Self expression, group expression, the one follows the other."

"One of our neighbors at a meeting of the Settlement Improvement Club lately said, 'What would we do without the Settlement here? It's like the spoon in the cake batter. You can have everything good in the bowl, all ready for a cake, but without the spoon to stir it up, you'll get no cake.'"

"What better appreciation could be asked?  
"May our Settlement continue to be just such a spoon, as long as our neighborhood needs it!"

**N. W. WARE, Attorney**  
**NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION**  
In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the estate of Thomas Phillips, Deceased.

**BRYCE CRAWFORD,**  
County Judge.

**H. J. PINKETT, Attorney**  
**Notice By Publication on Petition for Settlement of Final Administration Account**  
In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.  
In the matter of the estate of Walter Bell, Deceased.

**BRYCE CRAWFORD,**  
County Judge.

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 27th day of January, 1928, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 27th day of January, 1928, at 9 o'clock A. M. to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to John Albert Williams or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

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