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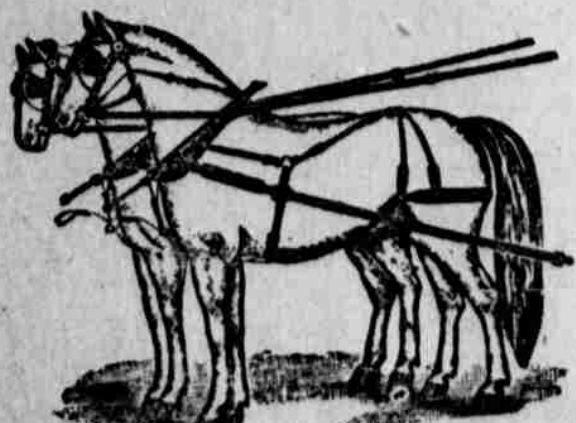
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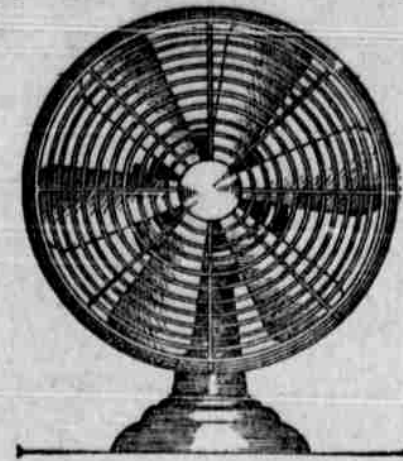
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# The ELECTRICAL WORLD

## NEW FAN GUARD IS UNIQUE

Precludes Possibility of Any One Getting Fingers Dangerous Near to Blades.

A new type of fan guard, manufactured especially for the Electric Shop, Chicago, consists of concentric circles of wires, close together in front of the fan blade tips. The fan is thus enclosed in a veritable network, which precludes the possibility of the baby



Unique Fan Guard.

or a careless individual getting the fingers dangerously close to the blades. Another feature is the use of six blades instead of four, a reduction in the amount of vibration being thus secured, the fan running almost noiselessly. Since this fan will be largely used in residences and offices, the guard is neatly finished in bell copper.

## ELECTRICITY TO AGE CHEESE

Industrial Electrician of Rotterdam Perfects Device After Long Series of Experiments.

Another use has been found for electricity, that of aging cheese. An industrial electrician of Rotterdam, Holland, through a long series of experiments found that he could take an absolutely fresh cheese and in one day actually "age" it two years. In other words, by means of electricity he would make this fresh cheese have all the consistency, taste and appearance of a fine cheese that had been stored away and carefully aged for two years.

He takes a fresh cheese and subjects it to an alternating current. At the end of twenty-four hours of constant alternating electrical currents through this cheese it possesses all the properties of a fine two-year-old cheese.

## LINEMAN TO TRAVEL IN AIR

Aerial Car is Propelled Along Cable by Means of Gasoline Engine—Eliminates Walking.

The future lineman may possibly travel in an aerial car propelled by a gasoline engine if the invention of Henry M. Procher, Brunson, S. C., is put into operation, says the Popular



Lineman's Aerial Car.

Electricity. Furthermore, the lineman will not need to climb poles or do any walking but will be carried along near the wires he is caring for. Depending from the cross arms are brackets carrying a cable. From this by means of grooved wheels a car is suspended, the whole being driven by a sprocket chain connected to the engine in the car.

## Electricity From Coal.

Experiments by two English scientists give promise of a solution of the problem of producing electricity directly from coal without using a steam engine and dynamo.

## India's Coal Production.

India is now producing annually more than 12,000,000 tons of coal and electrical machinery is being introduced into its mines.

## Reduce Glare of Tungsten.

For reducing the glare of a tungsten lamp without lessening its light a globe has been patented with longitudinal corrugations on the outside which diffuse the light so that the entire globe appears to glow.

## Coal in English Mines.

The suggestion of an English scientist that coal be burned in mines and the resulting gas utilized to produce electric power for general distribution will be acted upon in an experimental way in the near future.

## Powerful Signals.

Electric light signals, powerful enough to be seen in the day, are being adopted by several electric railroads in preference to semaphore as they save the expense of motor driven mechanism.

## Sensitive Substance.

A French inventor claims to have discovered a substance more sensitive to wireless waves than any now in use and to have perfected receiving apparatus which does away with all outer wires and antennae.

## INCREASE IN HOME COMFORT

Many Modern Electrical Devices for Housewife Greatly Lessen Work in Various Ways.

The traditional halo surrounding the "comfort of home" has grown in size and brilliancy by leaps and bounds since electricity added convenience of attainment to these very-much-in-demand comforts.

The electric lamps, which illuminate the entire house—attic, cellar and closets included—are always in place and ready at the mere turning of a switch to do service which could formerly be had only by striking matches and carrying lamps from place to place.

The electric heating pad is another wonderful device for meeting emergencies. The electric heating pad is such a soft "comfy" article that in emergencies it is at once to anyone who has ever had to bother and fuss with filling a hot water bottle and trying to keep the water at an even temperature.

The electric pad is made of soft, pliable material and can be kept at any desired temperature. When used with a rubber cover it can even be used for applying wet poultices and keeping them warm enough to do their work most effectively. And all this by simply attaching the pad to an electric light socket. When it comes to wanting all these things in the middle of the afternoon or night this simple procedure is leagues in advance of the old method of an especial fire for heating water or cloths and of running back and forth between stove and patient with the hot applications.

The electric heating utensils which are now common would have been a blessing to grandmother. It is so easy now to have an afternoon lunch or the Sunday evening tea. The electric stove and an electric tea kettle have the happy faculty of making a warm lunch with no more work involved than in ordinarily the case with an all cold lunch.

## JACK KNIFE IS ATTRACTION

Occupies Full Length of Window and is Operated by Means of Small Electric Motor.

A huge jack knife taking up almost the full length of a show window is in itself quite enough to attract attention, but when this large knife slowly



A Sharp Attraction.

opens and closes its blades, the attraction seems complete judging from the number of people who stop to look. The only suggestion that electricity is the motive power is the end of the motor shaft which projects through the side of the box upon which the knife rests.

## SWITCH TO REGULATE HEAT

Recent Invention Makes it Possible to Use Low, Medium and High Electrical Temperatures.

Experience has shown that such devices as electric water heaters, heating pads, table stoves, chafing dishes, frying pans and irons are operated more economically when it is possible to use high, low and medium temperatures. Therefore, a manufacturer has placed on the market a three circuit switch, which may be attached to the flexible cord supplying current to any device at any point desired. It consists of a small cylindrical brass shell from which project two push buttons. The light colored button, when pushed, gives the low temperature, while the black button operated alone supplies medium temperature. If the highest degree of heat is desired both buttons are pushed.

# ELECTRICAL NOTES

A progressive Ohio farmer uses an electric motor to run a fodder cutter and a blower to blow the cut fodder into a silo.

An almost pure white light has been obtained from mercury vapor lamps by a German electrician who has added a small portion of cadmium to the mercury.

The largest direct current generator for turbine drive and the largest turbine driver gear in the world have been built for a Cleveland electric company.

A tank vessel with a capacity of 15,000 tons and driven by oil motors is building in Germany for an American oil company.

Wireless connection between the principal Catholic churches of Italy, France and Austria and the Vatican is being arranged.

More than 4,000 miles of copper wire will be required for telephones in a big office building which is being built at New York.

The electrification of Berlin's suburban railroads at an estimated cost of \$30,000,000 is being considered by the German government.

A new German electrical device to enable a moving train to set a signal makes use of a slight sinking of a rail as a train passes over it.

The tower of a tall church in Switzerland has been equipped to receive the time signals sent out by wireless from the Eiffel tower in Paris.

The city of Twin Falls, Idaho, claims to use more electricity for heating and cooking in proportion to population than any other city in the world.

An electrically heated drying form for newly made bootery that a Massachusetts man has patented correctly creases stockings as it dries them.

## TRAINING TRIP STAR

### "Texas" Russell Quickly Picks Up Difficult Curve.

Pitcher Has Nothing but Fast Ball When He Joined White Sox—His Showing Against Frisco Seals Lane Him With Comiskey.

Offices the career of a budding baseball player hangs by a thread.

One little turn of the wheel may send him back to oblivion or into the calcium of fame. Albert (Lefty) Russell, of the White Sox, is a case in point. Today he looks like one of the real finds among southpaws in recent years. Yet he came mighty near being shipped back to the bushes.

Russell, who is called Tex, or Reb, because he came from Bonham in the Lone Star state, has had exactly one year of professional baseball experience. He wound up the season at Fort Worth in 1912, but was only there one month. The rest of the year he played on the Bonham squad of the Texas-Oklahoma league. Prior to that he was a semi-pro, content to make his \$10 or \$15 per week.

While in Texas several scouts heard of this big fellow who seemed to have lots of control but little besides that and a fast ball. Comiskey happened to get hold of him, and "Tex" reported for his tryout at Paso Robles late in February, and he contracted a grippe on the journey. He was under the doctor's care for nearly a week at the training camp.

This wasn't an especially good start for a green hand. Callahan and Gleason looked him over carefully and discovered his curve was of the round-house character—the kind that big league batters literally eat up. So Gleason set about to teach him the difficult hook curve. Much to his surprise "Reb" picked it up in a single break. He was able to get a terrific break to the ball with the over-arm motion, but couldn't control it—as was natural.

Russell was shipped along with the Yanigans crowd and had exactly two trials in the month of traveling. The first was against a team at Redlands, Cal., and he won that game, striking out 16 men. But he looked awfully green then, didn't field his position especially well and didn't use the hook at all. He depended entirely on his speed.

In the meantime negotiations were under way to have him sent back to the minors when, by chance, Acting Manager Gleason of the Yanigans sent him against the San Francisco team. "Reb" shut out the Seals and held them down to five hits. He had the hook working wonderfully well and showed a big improvement in fielding the job.

Gleason immediately wired on to Callahan to withdraw waivers on the youngster. "He seems to have the makings of a great pitcher," Gleason said.

A couple of weeks ago Russell was given his first trial in the major leagues, working the last three innings against Cleveland. The first man to face him was Lajoie. This



Albert ("Texas") Russell.

was enough to scare any kid to death, but Russell was equal to the occasion. In short he whiffed five men in three rounds, including Joe Jackson.

The following week he was sent in against Detroit to start the game. He lost by hard luck—as even the Tigers will admit—but held the hard hitting squad to five hits. He was cool, deliberate and worked like a veteran. Then St. Louis faced him and were held to two hits, losing without a chance in the world against the big fellow.

Then he went against Ray Keating, the star spit baller the New York Highlanders picked up this spring and in front of the largest crowd ever gathered around a baseball diamond (estimated at 45,000 on Frank Chance day at Chicago), easily won his game. Critics unite in claiming Russell looks like a wonderful beginner. He has the build and endurance of Ed Walsh. He is so confident one has to marvel at him. He has absolutely no bad habits. In fact the only criticism that can be found with him is his greenness. But that'll soon wear off.

Against Summer Ball.

After three years of intermittent discussion, during which no definite stand on the matter was taken, the athletic board of Amherst college voted that summer baseball be prohibited. The student body showed strong sentiment in favor of allowing men to play ball for money during the summer vacation, but the majority of the faculty were against such action. In the official vote of the board which decided the matter the student representatives were for summer baseball, the faculty against it and the alumni evenly split.

## No Charge for Name.

Catcher Guadalupus de Jan of Opelousas has been sold by the Jackson club of the Cotton States league to Gadsden. The name was included without extra charge.

# Social Forms and Entertainments



## An Outdoor Birthday Party.

How children do love parties, birthday parties especially, and every child is entitled to one day out of the year for his or her very own, and of course this is the natal day. I wonder if mothers realize they are making history and how very short the time will be when these wee tots will be saying: "When I was little we did so and so." I am reminded of an elderly woman who always counts back to her sixth birthday and the sake which she chose for the occasion was "roll jelly." The young mother was not an expert cook but she had promised the child she would choose the kind of cake she wanted, and, let me add, she made it, and it was glorious in the child's eyes and has gone down into the annals of a happy life with many a birthday cake and a party.

Remember, children are the most satisfactory of all guests, the very fact of dressing and going to a party and bringing home the spoils is bliss. Provide little baskets of dainty tissue paper bags in which to put the favors and candies, and even the cake, for some kiddies love to take samples home.

Now for the party. We will need a lawn, some trees and a big porch and then with these accessories there must be a big bowl of lemonade on hand under a Japanese umbrella, the stake or handle being driven into the ground. Children are always thirsty and this will prevent them from running into the house for a drink every five minutes. Hide animal crackers over the grounds and tell the guests there is a whole menagerie hidden under the bushes, in the grass and even in the benches of the trees; give each one a paper bag in which to put the game and give a little prize to the one who finds the most. A small flag may be hidden and that will make another hunt, the gay little "stars and stripes" being pinned on the lucky finder.

The "ests" will be the climax of the party and the cake should be lighted with due ceremony and the children allowed to blow out the candles. Cuddling favors are made by sticking animal crackers together with icing, and thus made they will stand upright at each plate. Delicious small cookies may be ornamented with daisies made from blanched almonds, the stem and leaves of angelica; fasten them on with frosting.

Snapping motto caps always give pleasure and sometimes the Christmas tree sparkles are obtainable at this season and they are lovely set to going outdoors and are not harmful. Ice cream may be served in orange halves, thus making baskets with smilax for handles. Orange ice is very good served this way and is not so rich as ice cream. The party stationery that comes for parties is a joy to use for the invitations and the "Sunbonnet" baby cards are attractive also. The "five and ten" cent store will furnish any number of trifles for a fish pond if one cares for this, or for a grab bag, or better still, for a "fairly tree." Tie the parcels onto the low branches and let each child slip one with a pair of scissors. Anything that makes for mystery is an adjunct to a child's party.

Candle Tricks.

Children and even grownups enjoy after-dinner tricks and I give these just as they came to me. They are all to be performed with candles. I have not had time to try them. Perhaps some of you will be kind enough to

write me if they are any good. You could use them as an adjunct to a bazaar, performing them in a separate booth with curtains hung at the door to give an air of mystery, and charge a penny to get in. Of course, this is all to be done by young people, as it is within their possibilities.

Put a nail in the end of a candle and set it all in a glass filled with water. The nail will steady the candle, which will burn until nothing remains, always rising above the surface of the water by reason of the decrease in weight.

Take a small picture cut from a paper or book, and wrap it tightly around a candle. Light a match or another candle and hold the flame near until the paper becomes transparent. Unwrap the paper, and every one will be astonished to find the picture printed on the candle.

Put a candle unlighted in a basin of water. Let several try to take it out with their mouths, not touching the candle with their hands. Every one will fail. Then put your face in the water and, when your mouth is near the end of the candle, draw in a deep breath, and the suction of the water will draw the candle into your mouth.

Allow some drops from a lighted candle to fall into a basin of cold water. This grease will form flowers. String these on a wire with green leaves made from paper, and an interesting plant will be the result.

Heat a piece of wire and stick it crosswise through the middle of a candle. Make a wick at both ends. Balance the candle on two tumblers. Light the wicks, and the dropping of the candle grease will make the candle wick, faster and faster as the flame grows hotter. This is a pretty experiment.

## Pastimes For Outdoor Parties.

Did you ever try "Blowing the Cone?" The youngsters will love it. Make a large cone of stiff paper and slip it on a string stretched between two trees about three feet from the ground.

Give each child a try to see if by blowing into the large end of the cone they can send it across the string. The art is to see who can send it over with the fewest "blows."

Another very good amusement is to tie a knot in a clothes line and stretch it conveniently high between two trees or posts, blindfold each child in turn and give him three clothes pins. Then see who can come the nearest to the knot. Each pin is marked with the player's number; for instance, three will be marked "1," three "2," etc. This gives each one three trials. If the party is a large one it will be best to let each child have just one pin and instead of numbering the clothespins could have colored ribbons tied to them, each child to remember his or her color.

## MADAME MERRI.

Gray Pumps Popular.

For several seasons pumps have been very much for street wear, but fashion reverses; they should be of tan, white or black only. This season, however, one finds gray quite as popular as the other colors. The colonial pump of gray or tan suede with self-covered buckles is extremely smart for street wear, as are the black or tan Russian calf ones and the white nubuck, patent leather or bronze kid ones. The Spanish heel is the favorite.

The Tassel Earring.

Earrings are again coming into fashion. The latest are composed of seed pearls. Ten or eleven strands of these hang from a diamond top, forming a tassel about half an inch in length. This little tassel is again suspended by a single thread of pearls from a single stone diamond top screwed into the ear.

These earrings were first seen in Paris worn by a manikin of one of the famous dressmakers, and they have been adopted by several of the smart society women and actresses.

When Darning Stockings.

Use a white china egg as a mending ball for black stockings and a black one for white stockings. This will prevent eye strain.

Models show the use of one material for the entire dress. All three dresses are of old rose cotton crepe with lingerie collars.

## One Material Is Used in These Dresses From Vienna



Models show the use of one material for the entire dress. All three dresses are of old rose cotton crepe with lingerie collars.