

**THIS "ANGEL" WAS A KITE**

**Cut Superstitious Railroad Man Who Shot It Down Was Certainly Scared for a Time.**

"The shooting," says a Texas man, "occurred some years ago on the Fan-bundle branch of the Santa Fe, and the hero of the tale was a superstitious engineer who believed in 'warpings.'"

"One night he was rolling along at a good speed, when he saw a clear, white light, like a will-o'-the-wisp, dancing over the track a few hundred feet in front. He shut off steam and came to a stop as quickly as he could. The conductor and train crew came running up to the engine to see what was the matter.

"There is some one swinging a lantern across the track," said the engineer, and the crew went ahead to investigate.

"We can't find anyone," reported the rear brakeman, and the engineer pulled out again, but he went slowly, and in a few minutes stopped again. The crew went ahead once more to see what was the cause of the light. The conductor, who was a good shot, drew his revolver, and at his second shot there was a crash, a scream, and the light went out, and something white came fluttering down from the clouds.

"The engineer was scared. 'You've shot an angel, sure,' he said to the conductor, with a face as pale as death.

"Investigation brought out the fact that a small boy, with a lantern tied to the tail of a kite, was the cause of the trouble; but for a long time it teased the engineer to be asked about 'shooting angels.'"

**HIGH PLACE FOR LEWIS CASS**

**Was Instrumental in Setting Up American Form of Government in Western Territories.**

"Those who pushed the frontier westward were themselves the products of frontier conditions," says William B. Shaw in the American Review of Reviews. "Such a leader was Lewis Cass, a native of New Hampshire, who went out as a youth to the settlements that were soon to be organized into the state of Ohio, took part in lawmaking there, served as a volunteer officer in the war of 1812, was appointed governor of Michigan territory, and for many years was engaged in the difficult task of setting up an American form of government in regions that had barely emerged from the wilderness stage.

"That Lewis Cass was in after years a United States senator from Michigan, a member of cabinets, a diplomat and an unsuccessful aspirant for the presidency may have partially blinded us to the really important services that he rendered in the pioneer period of Michigan's history. Neither he nor any of the men of his day could have foreseen the strain that was to be put on the states created out of the old Northwest territory caused by the attempt to absorb vast populations of northern European blood into the citizenship.

"Lewis Cass lived to see great armies recruited among those newly made Americans to fight for the Union and the principles of nationality which he had himself defended throughout his career."

**First Payment of Rent.**

"It would be hard to find exact records of the first rent paid. It is said that when the Germans conquered parts of Gaul, the land was parcelled out to chiefs, lieutenants and private soldiers. In return the holders of the lands promised military service when needed. Some of the land was given to favorites, who were allowed to pay in money instead of service, and the system was established. Rent was certainly known in the days that Rome flourished, there being Latin names for rent under leasehold tenure; rent of a farm, ground rent, rent of state lands and the annual rent payable for the right to the perpetual enjoyment of anything built on the surface of the land.

**Ancient Bible.**

A Bible belonging to Elizabeth Haddon, a Quakeress, printed in 1583, has been discovered in the East. The Haddon Bible is sixteen years older than the Helms Testament sometimes spoken of as "the oldest Bible." The Haddon Bible is an authentic "Great" Bible. It is also a "Treacle" Bible. Coverdale, the translator, rendering "The Prophecy of Jeremey" gave the reading "I am heavy and abashed; is there no triacle at Gylad." This is the King James modern version reads "balm in Gilead."

The Haddon Bible is indeed "Great." It weighs 18 pounds, and its dimensions are: Thickness, 4 1/2 inches; width, 10 1/2 inches, length, 16 1/2 inches.—Detroit News.

**Few Do Much Walking.**

Statistics of mankind's ambulations, including young children and old persons, and taking into consideration the fact that nowadays there are the inclination and the facilities to ride more and walk less than our forefathers did, show that a fair estimate of the average distance walked during the 24 hours by the men, women and children of continental United States seems to be four miles. The postman and the policeman and the messenger boy walk far more miles than four, so does the farmer, though the use of the tractor has taken some of the burden of agricultural work off the farmer's mare.

**ANCIENT RACES PLAYED BALL**

**Tossing the Sphere is Supposed to Have Had Deep Symbolic Meaning Centuries Ago.**

Although it is a proven fact that the game now designated baseball is of modern and purely American origin, the use of a ball in ceremonies and games goes back many centuries.

Four thousand years ago, in the twelfth Egyptian dynasty, a Coptic artist sculptured on the temple Bent Hassan, human figures throwing and catching balls. A leather-covered ball used in games played on the Nile over 40 centuries ago, has a place among the many archeological specimens in the British museum. It has a sewed cover and is in a remarkable state of preservation.

The game of ball was prized by the Greeks as giving grace and elasticity to the human figure, and they erected a statue to one Aristonous for his proficiency in it. Ancient medical practitioners were wont to prescribe a course of ball playing, where the modern doctor would order a diet of pills.

It is supposed that ball tossing had a deep symbolic meaning when played in the spring of the year; and that the tossing of the ball was intended first to typify the upspringing of the life of nature after the gloom of winter. And, whether this was the case among the people of antiquity or not, it is a remarkable fact that the ecclesiastics of the early church adopted this symbol and gave it a very special significance by meeting on Easter day and throwing a ball from hand to hand, to typify the Resurrection.

**"TOTEM POLES" TELL STORY**

**Are Historical Records, and Not, as Many Supposed, Idols to Be Worshipped.**

An art in sculpture not resembling any other art in the world, unless possibly that of ancient Mexico, is found highly developed among the aboriginal natives of the northwest coast.

Their material is always wood, and is furnished by huge trees from the forest, which are carved into the most fantastic shapes. In this style are sculptured the so-called "totem poles," which, often of great size and height, astonish the observer by the intricacy of their workmanship and the weird imaginativeness of their complex designs.

Early missionaries in that part of the world mistook the totem poles for idols. As a matter of fact, they possess no such significance, being merely heraldic columns. Each tribal clan has its own traditions and myths, which takes the place of history, and these are symbolized by the extraordinary birds and other animals, sometimes human faces or figures, carved on the totem poles.

Thus the Bear clan will have its heraldic column topped by the sculptured figure of a bear. The raven shows up conspicuously as the totem, or crest, of the Raven clan; the whale for the Whale clan, and so on.

To the unversed a totem pole would have no significance beyond its queerness, but it is in reality a whole story carved in wood.

**Power of Poise.**

Poise is power. The man who is not master of himself under all conditions cannot feel the assurance, the power, which is the right of every human being to experience. He is never sure of himself, and the man who is never sure of himself is never wholly at ease. He is not even well-bred, for good breeding implies self-control under all circumstances.

There is, perhaps, no other thing which is so conducive to one's physical and mental comfort, efficiency, happiness and success as a calm mind. When the mind is unbalanced, by anger, excitement, worry, fear or nervousness, the entire body is thrown out of harmony. All the functions are deranged; the man or woman is not normal, and is, therefore, whatever the situation, at a complete disadvantage, wholly unable to contend with it.—Orison Sweet Marden in the New Success Magazine.

**Elevator Rope in Coal Mines.**

One of the most impressive things about a colliery, to an outsider, is the mammoth drum which winds the rope which brings coal up from the pit. This monster drum may measure 180 feet in circumference, and weigh about 200 tons, and it will wind in the rope with its load at a speed of nearly 60 miles an hour. There are miles of the rope, when the pit is a deep one, like the Yorkshire Main colliery's, whose vertical shaft holds the record for depth by going down nearly 1,000 yards, and for long distances horizontally. The rope costs \$10 a yard and its maximum life is three and one-half years. Every inch of it passes each day through a man's hands for examination. Shaft accidents are very rare.

**Strange Leases.**

For weird leases London would be hard to beat in some instances, says a correspondent. He dealt with houses lately which were for sale and found that the ground landlord was the duchy of Cornwall, the leaseholder paying an annual ground rent of fourpence! And this fourpence was sent every year in an envelope which cost twopence, and it cost the duchy twopence to acknowledge receipt! "But there is a stranger lease in the north of London," he said; "some houses there are leased until the death of the duke of Connaught. There is no other date attached to the document."

**Still Adept as Soldiers**



These are a few of America's unfortunate war heroes in Uncle Sam's hospitals, for whom the Red Cross is doing everything possible to lighten their load. The picture shows a group of crippled doughboys proving they still are experts at the manual of arms. It was taken at a recent field meet staged by the Red Cross at Ft. Des Moines, Ia.

**Girls Learn Care of Sick**



One of the many classes of girls taking the class instruction in home hygiene and care of the sick course given by the Junior Red Cross in hundreds of schools in the central division.

**He Could Hardly Harness a Horse**

**IOWA FARMER SAYS HIS MUSCLES FELT LIKE THEY WERE TIED IN KNOTS BEFORE HE BEGAN TAKING TANLAC.**

"Tanlac has relieved me of a case of indigestion from which I suffered for years and has added ten pounds to my weight, besides," said Joseph Ians, a well-known farmer living at Genworth Park, Iowa.

"It hardly seems possible that I am now a well man, after suffering so long as I have, but anybody who knew me before can see that such is the case. I had no appetite and everything I ate caused severe pains in my stomach. I had miserable sick headaches, and often while plowing such spells of dizziness came on me that I felt like I would fall.

"I had rheumatism in all my limbs, with sharp, shooting pains, and often after a day's work, my muscles felt like they were tied in knots. I had such pains in my arms that often it was all I could do to harness up my horse. I tried about everything that was recommended to me in the way of medicine, but in spite of it all I lost weight and strength continually and kept getting worse.

"But my first bottle of Tanlac convinced me that I had found the medicine for my case, and now I feel like a new man. My appetite is fine and everything I eat agrees with me perfectly. I no longer have headaches or spells of dizziness, and my arms and legs are free from those heumatic pains. I am brimful of new life and energy and can plow all day or do any other kind of hard work."

Tanlac is sold in Dakota City by Neiswanger Pharmacy, in South Sioux City by McBeath's Pharmacy, in Homer by Brassfield & Jensen, in Hubbard by Durgan & Heffernan.—Advertisement.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

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**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.**

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Dakota County, Nebraska, and directed to me, George Cain, as Sheriff of said county, commanding me to sell the premises hereinafter described, to satisfy a certain decree of the District Court of said County and State, obtained at the October, 1920, term thereof, to-wit: On October 7, 1920, in favor of Etta H. Halstead, as plaintiff, and against John F. Burkhead, Fred J. O'Chander, William Chadwick Hutchins, William Bartels, William W. Beam, Margaret L. Moore, Charles Holsworth, Josephine Holsworth Spier, Lottie Holsworth Piggim, Clara Holsworth, Thomas Holsworth, Lizzie Holsworth, Tillie Holsworth and Ben Holsworth, the sole heirs of Wm. Holsworth, deceased, and Frederick W. Lohr, and the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter, the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, and the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter, all in Section 29, Township 27, Range 9, East, in Dakota County, Nebraska, and all persons

claiming any interest in and to said real estate, as defendants, for the sum of \$8535.33, with interest thereon at 10 per centum from said date, and costs of suit taxed at \$58.25. I have levied upon the real estate covered and included in the mortgages given to secure the obligations upon which said judgment was based, and rendered, which is described as follows, to-wit: The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 29, Township 27, Range 9, East, in Dakota County, Nebraska, and I will on the 19th day of January, 1921, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the South front door of the Court House in Dakota City, Dakota County, Nebraska, proceed to sell said real estate to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the amount due upon said judgment and order of sale, including interest and costs, and accruing costs, the principal due thereon being, as above mentioned, the sum of \$8535.33, with interest at 10 per centum from October 7, 1920, and costs taxed at \$58.25, and accruing costs.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1920.

GEORGE CAIN, Sheriff of Dakota County, Nebraska

pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Dakota County Herald, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

S. W. McKINLEY, County Judge.

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**Order of Hearing and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account.**

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

State of Nebraska, Dakota County, ss.

To Wm. Messerschmidt, Adolph Messerschmidt, Anna Kruse, Reinhard Messerschmidt, Meta Berg, Amanda Johnson, Herbert Messerschmidt, and all persons interested in the estate of Gottlieb Messerschmidt, deceased.

On reading the petition of Wm. Messerschmidt, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 25th day of December, 1920, and for his discharge as executor of said estate.

It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said County, on the 22d day of January, A. D. 1921, at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Dakota County Herald, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for four successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

S. W. McKINLEY, County Judge.

(Seal)

**Probate Notice to Creditors**

In the County Court of Dakota County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the Estate of Michael Farrell, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the administratrix of said estate, before me, County Judge of Dakota County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room in said County, on the 3rd day of March, 1921, and on the 4th day of April, 1921, at 10 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 and one year for the administratrix to settle said estate, from the 3rd day of January, 1921. This notice will be published in The Dakota County Herald for four weeks successively prior to the 3rd day of March, 1921.

Witness my hand, and seal of said court, this 3rd day of January, A. D. 1921.

S. W. McKINLEY, County Judge.

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**COMMUNAL SPIRIT IN JAPAN**

**Writer Notes the Fact That Natives Share Their Sneezes With Strangers on Street Cars.**

Japanese do things in public for which we would ostracize a man or send him to the lockup. From their communal spirit which tolerates bathing in public together they go to the other extreme of coming out on their balconies and clearing their throats at five o'clock in the morning and expectorating into the open gutters below.

They will hold their fans before their mouths when talking or yawning, as do we, but will cough and sneeze in your face on street cars. And yet, among the refined, observance of custom is pathetically beautiful. They come to celebrate the arrival of the cherry blossoms by bringing with them their geisha and their children; they move in perfect hordes; they go to the station in masses to see off some friend or relative and crowd the platforms, bowing and bowing and bowing again as though there weren't a thousand strangers passing before them; they dress, undress, eat, sleep and drink whisky by the tumblerful on the trains—yet their inner lives are as secret to one another as they seem to be to the foreigner.

It is as though from behind the scenes—in which many people are more interested than in the play itself—the actors had come, forgetting, in a moment of absent-mindedness, to put on their make-up, or had come upon the street, forgetting to take it off.—Sydney Greenbie, in "Japan, Real and Imaginary."

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**TO GROW OLD GRACEFULLY**

**Desirable Condition That Greatly Depends on One's Habits of Mind Formed in Youth.**

The most inevitable—and one of the earliest—of the things we do is to grow old. Yet what a difference there is in the way different people do it!

You probably know, for instance, some little old lady who, although she may not be beautiful or brilliant, is just "nice"—which is apt to mean that instead of bossing or scolding, she tries not to be troublesome or unreasonable to those around her. Or rather, she does not have to try, for it is characteristic of elderly human beings that they seldom try very hard to form new habits. Youth is the period of endeavor, and old age of results. This is the reason for the futility of young folks' displeasure at their parents' "old-fashioned" ideas. Such ideas are fixed; they will not change.

Yet not all elderly people are age-bound in their thoughts; many can be tolerant of innovations, and a few can even adopt them. Such a flexible condition of the elderly mind is, like the rigid, intolerant sort, a product of earlier life and habits; it is not likely to indicate any particular good or evil trait in the person possessing it.

If the young man or woman who feels impatient at the old folks' notions will cease to shrug a shoulder and exclaim: "I hope I'm not like that when I'm old," and will turn his attention to the younger generation, starting with himself, he is likely to do much more for human progress. When he himself has reached the age of fixed ideas his character will depend on his previous habits of mind; if he has kept himself free from prejudice and cocksureness and has been always willing to learn better ways of thinking and doing, he will be likely to remain correspondingly more rational with advancing years, and will, in truth not be "like that" when he is old.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

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**Moral Forces.**

Above all it is ever to be kept in mind that not by material but by moral force are men and their actions governed. How noiseless is thought! No rolling of drums, no tramp of squadrons, or immeasurable tumult of baggage wagons, attends the movement. In what obscure and sequestered places may the head be meditating which is one day to be crowned with more than imperial authority; for kings and emperors will be among its ministering servants; it will rule not over but in their heads, and with these its solitary combinations of ideas, as with magic formulas, bend the world to its will. The time may come when Napoleon himself will be better known for his laws than for his battles; and the victory of Waterloo prove less momentous than the opening of the first mechanic's institute.—Thomas Carlyle.

**Sought El Dorado in Vain.**

When Sir Walter Raleigh started out to find his El Dorado he was seeking a fabled city whose houses were covered with sheets of pure gold, and which was surrounded by hundreds of square miles of rock so filled with surface gold that when the sun shone it was as if a great yellow mirror was blazing as far as the dazzled eyes could reach. Raleigh, of course, found nothing that even came near to such a wonder, and many a brave gentleman of England lost his life or his fortune in seeking the same fabled El Dorado.

**The Elite.**

"Dr. Pillers seems to be a fashionable physician."

"I should say so! He has patients at some of the most expensive health resorts in America and a waiting list of people whose health will give way as soon as they get money enough to consult him."—Birmingham Age-Herald.