

Subway for Moving Sidewalks.

Strap-hanging in street cars and the general congestion of interurban travel will be at an end if the invention of a New York man, who is backed by prominent capitalists of that city, proves as successful as is anticipated. Attracted to the conditions of the Brooklyn bridge, where during the rush hours the traction companies endeavor to transport 60,000 passengers an hour, with facilities which 45,000 tax to the utmost, he evolved a scheme based on an extent on the moving sidewalk which was a feature of the pier at the world's fair at Chicago in 1893. His idea, explains the Technical World, is to equip the Brooklyn bridge with a series of five moving platforms, one within another. The outer one would travel at the rate of three miles an hour, the second at six miles an hour, the third at nine and the fourth at twelve. The inner one, which he would operate at fifteen miles an hour, he would have equipped with seats, each holding half a dozen persons. To step from one platform to another while both were in motion would be both safe and easy. With this system of platforms, moving in one direction on one side of the bridge and back on the other, the inventor claims he can transport 174,000 persons an hour. As an economical method of transportation, the promoters declare that there would be no motormen, conductors nor brakemen to pay and that the expense for power, repairs and operating force would be less than for any other system that is in use to-day.

There is always something fascinatingly mysterious about the government secret service. The men engaged under the chief are not known to the public at large even by name, and one's next-door neighbor may be a secret service agent without one having any suspicion of his occupation. The secret service bureau is attached to the treasury department and is maintained for the detection of counterfeiters and for the protection of the person of the president. The men are employed, however, by other departments on a confidential requisition from the head of the department. If the attorney general or the secretary of commerce and labor needs detectives—each has needed them in recent investigations—the secretary of the treasury has supplied the men. This practice of diverting the detectives of the treasury department from their proper work was objected to in congress not long ago, and an attempt was made to prevent it. If the secret service men become mere detectors of counterfeiters, much of the popular interest in them will disappear.

The report from Mombasa, British East Africa, that 40,000 deaths have resulted from famine in the province of Osoga in Uganda furnishes an illustration of the perils which still confront the dwellers on the dark continent, notwithstanding the progress made in opening up that region to civilization. The news also recalls the frequent experiences from famine in India. In both localities the causes are practically the same—failure of usual sources of food supply and inability, owing to lack of transportation facilities, to reach and relieve those in dire need. One of the great functions of advancing civilization is to equalize the opportunities for securing the necessities of life.

The famous label, "Made in Germany," may soon with propriety be put on a large part of the reforested Adirondack mountain area. The state of New York bought 950,000 seedling trees from German nurseries this year, and is planting those which are three years old in the treeless districts. Those which are only two years old—about half of the number—will be planted in nurseries, to remain a year before they are set out permanently. The Germans sell the three-year-old trees at about the rate of four for a cent, and that is one reason why the state sent the order across the ocean.

The language manufacturers now have the job of inventing a term to describe the man who runs an aeroplane. "Sky-pilot" would not be bad if it were original; but it will hardly be fitting to take a second-hand term for a vocation so novel and daring. Anyhow, it is to be hoped that the result will not be to borrow a word from a foreign language that really means something else.

Out in Iowa there is an editor who wishes to know whether a widower who dyes his whiskers really fools anybody. He perhaps fools the same people who are fooled by the bald-headed man who slicks a wisp from the side across his dome.

President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California has been nominated as Theodore Roosevelt professor in Berlin for 1909 by the trustees of Columbia and appointed by the Prussian ministry of education.

ROUND THE CAPITAL

Information and Gossip Picked Up Here and There in Washington.

Many Holdups on Tag Day in Capital



WASHINGTON.—Every man on the streets here on June 13 wore a tag by a string from his buttonhole. It was a plain cardboard tag such as the express companies use, and it did not add to the appearance of one's dress, but it saved money and a holdup to wear it. June 13 was tag day in Washington. Tag day was a device to squeeze dimes and quarters out of every pedestrian for the benefit of a castoff children's playground. It was a pretty mean man who would not hand out a dime at least once for a tag. It was an excessively high-toned or reckless one who would not wear it. No dime, no tag. No tag, no peace. The holdup of wearers of untagged coats occurred every 25 feet. Something like \$7,000 was realized as a result of the "holdups" for the playground.

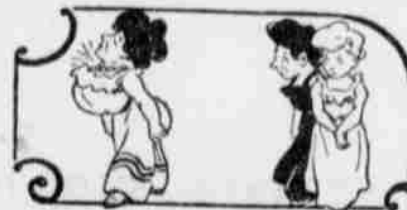
Children peddled the tags in all parts of the city, and no man escaped. There were store tags, house tags, automobile tags, cab tags and personal tags and a five-dollar tag that made the owner immune from attack in all quarters. The store tag cost a dollar, likewise the house tag. Every woman was held up in every store, and it cost

her a dollar to continue her round of shopping without further solicitation. President Roosevelt came across for a five-dollar tag that allowed him to take his customary drive on horseback without being held up at the bridge. Attorney General Bonaparte was tagged twice. A beautiful young woman held him boldly in front of the White House Friday, which was a day in advance of official time for the free-boosting. He dug up a round dollar cheerfully and said it was worth it. But he forgot the tag when he sauntered out Saturday, and he had to shell out again.

Young Quentin Roosevelt made a street record. He stood in front of his schoolhouse and took \$9.20 in an hour peddling ten-cent tags. Then he moved down to the Mall before the White House, where he suspected money would come in bigger pieces, but he was lashed to the mast there in no time after two automobiles drove up filled with daintily clad girls, who piled out and worked the thoroughfare and White House grounds to a finish. The girls then ventured into the sacred precincts of the White House and sought Mr. Loeb, but could not find him. Learning that he, like the president, was exempt, under the rules of the game, they left, by virtue of the five-dollar tag, complimentary tags for both just for luck.

Next the bevy of young beauty assailed the Riggs National bank and held up every one from the president down.

Mrs. Meyer Rouses Feminine Tempest



CAN American society affairs be conducted along lines laid down by the European nobility?

Mrs. George von Lengerke Meyer, wife of the postmaster general, has been doing some experimenting the past season.

Resenting the free and easy custom of everybody and anybody visiting the cabinet homes, Mrs. Meyer has attempted to introduce foreign methods as regards calling and the general programme.

Not since Mrs. Levi P. Morton drew such a line of distinction between accidental official position and hereditary social standing has Washington been so wrought up as over Mrs. Meyer's haughty attitude toward the wives of cabinet officers and other men in public life.

Mrs. Meyer's treatment of wives of members of congress has caused no end of criticism. She inaugurated the habit of asking women from the far

west or the south of the Beacon street circle if they thought it obligatory for them to call on one so far removed geographically. It was broadly intimated she would not be at all offended if the lesser social lights—wives of congressmen particularly—eliminated her from their visiting lists.

Then Mrs. Meyer aroused a tempest in the teapot by her treatment of her associates in the cabinet circle. She invariably ignored her colleagues when she was getting up such smart entertainments as the dinner and reception to the duke of the Abruzzi and the duchess of Sutherland. She invited only members of the diplomatic corps, and selected principally the wives of millionaires from the resident society.

Mrs. Meyer was, before marriage, Miss Alice Appleton, daughter of the well-known head of the great publishing company. She inherited a large fortune.

Mrs. Meyer recently departed for London. She will spend the season with her two daughters, Miss Alice and Miss Julia Meyer. These young women have already bowed to the three monarchs, the czar, the emperor of Austria and the king of Italy. They will soon make their courtesy to the ruler of Great Britain.

Postage Stamp Gum as Article of Diet



EVERY time a person licks a United States postage stamp he gets a taste of sweet potato. The gum with which the stamps are backed is made from that succulent vegetable because Uncle Sam's lieutenants consider it the most harmless preparation of the sort.

All of the gum used on American postage stamps is mixed by the government at the bureau of engraving and printing, where the stamps are made. It is spread on the sheets after the stamps have been printed.

The gum, in a liquid form, is forced up through pipes from the basement, where it is made. These pipes lead to a series of machines consisting of rollers, between which the sheets of stamps are fed, one at a time.

A continuous fine stream of the liquid gum falls upon one of these rollers. The sheet with its wet coating of sweet potato mucilage passes

American "Suckers" Warned by Consul



THE American consul at Dunfermline has furnished a guide to "suckers" in a report warning the American tourist what not to buy in the way of antique and art objects.

Prefacing his remarks with the statement that even a man with much money cannot take a 30 day correspondence course in art and antiquity and then tell what he is buying, he points out these familiar deceptions that are now being hung up abroad for rich Americans who are thirsting for artistic environment:

"Robert Burns Chairs—Babbie did not keep an installment furniture

from the rollers into a long horizontal line with hot air. When it emerges at the other end the gum is dry.

The government makes two kinds of postage stamp mucilage. If one could see the packages of stamps as they come to the post office ready to be sold one would find them labeled, according to season, "Summer Gum" or "Winter Gum." The former is much the harder of the two and was devised some years ago to keep the stamps from getting sticky in warm, moist weather.

While Uncle Sam tries to make the lot of the stamp licker as innocuous as possible, he does not advise making a meal of his sweet potato gum. The whole process of gum making and applying is made as clean as possible, but there is yet another item to be considered.

A sheet of postage stamps is handled a good many times before it even leaves the bureau where it is made. If you must lick any of your stamps pick out those from the middle of the sheet. The corner ones have gone through the fingers of half a dozen or more counters, not to mention the perforators and the separators and the rest.

Working Elephants.

The efforts of the Congo state authorities to domesticate the African elephant have brought out some interesting peculiarities of those animals. During the wet season, which lasts four months, the elephants are not worked, but are turned out into the forest. Instead, however, of rejoicing their wild kin, they seem to keep apart, as if conscious of the difference that their trapping had produced. On being brought back to their duties they show no disposition to shirk their work. Their presence sometimes attracts wild elephants to the vicinity of their scene of labors, but these wild animals are usually too old and indolent to be used as recruits.

"Mary Queen of Scots Tables—The queen was rather migratory, owing to circumstances, and did not carry many tables around with her.

"Sheffield Plate—It is mostly modern, aged with processes that are new.

"Engravings and Prints—Ancient copies are turned off the press every day for the 'fish' from America.

"Crystal and China—The servants broke most of the old stuff centuries ago, and the old shapes are entirely new.

"Rare Old Furniture—This is made with pumice stone and oil, which will age any old chair or table in a week."



"OLD GLORY."

The Name Was First Given the Flag by the Volunteers in Mexico.

The question often is asked: "How did our national flag come by the now universal appellation of 'Old Glory'?" An old soldier in the National Tribune says on this point: "It is desirable to state July 4, 1846, the First Ohio volunteers, afloat on the Mississippi, bound for Mexico, honored the day with much enthusiasm. Among those called upon for addresses was the gifted and eloquent Brig. Gen. Thomas L. Hamer, who was particularly eulogistic of the 'glorious banner of freedom.' Amid the great applause aroused an enthusiastic son of Old Erin impulsively exclaimed, 'Hurrah for Old Glory.' This caught popular fancy, and was afterward heard amid many battle scenes."

In a letter, inclosing copy of the verses printed below, from Capt. Charles H. Pearson of the First New York volunteers dated April 20, 1847, he writes to his prior company, the Light Guards of the Sixty-fourth N. Y. S. M., now known as Company A of the Thirtieth N. Y. N. G., that "The phrase, 'Old Glory,' is said to have originated with the First Ohio."

The Flag of Our Country—"Old Glory."

(Sung in bivouac night before storming of Cerro Gordo, Mexico, by Lieut. Charles F. Brower, New York volunteers.)

"To-night e'er our parting hill high to the brim,
"Tis last we together may drink:
To-morrow in battle some yield to death's grim,
Our soldiers its flag ne'er shrink.

Then stand to the toast, now last, but the best,
"The flag of our country, and love:
We'll crown it with victory—in valorous zest,
Place 'Old Glory' yon ramparts above.

"Whatever each quaffing-be it aqua or wine,
"Round the cup fond memories wreath,
For homeland emotions give courage divine,
It's cause to uphold while we breathe.

Then stand to the toast, etc.
"Sant' Ana is boasting invincible might:
His hosts appear grand in array,
"Remember the Alamo," and—God for the right,
We'll drive them away in dismay.

Then stand to the toast, etc.
"The bugles are sounding the call to retire,
And fit for the morning's dread fray:
May dreams of our sleeping camp brave heart inspire,
With hopeful resolves for the day.

Then stand to the toast, etc.
"THE FLAG."
Splendid Monument to Rhode Island Regiment.

The Rhode Island monument erected to the memory of the Seventh regiment, state troops in the civil war, upon the Vicksburg battlefield is of heroic size and is full of spirit and action. The color bearer has raised

aloft the tattered flag and one can almost hear the answering shout of the men of the regiment as they rally their forces and push the line of battle to victory. The flag, torn and tattered! How it proved in many a critical moment the inspiration for heroic display of courage and discipline.

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"The Flag."

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.

A good prejudice is better than a weak conviction.

There are just as good fish in the sea, but the sea's large.

A virtue that no one tries to cultivate is staying at home.

Many men are convinced that they are geniuses, but can not show it because they are too busy earning a living.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

TOMMY AS GOOD AS A CHART.

Nurse Had No Trouble Remembering Time for His Medicine.

A Boston physician tells a story of a youngster of his own that an over-strenuous vacation had put on the sick list. The father had an appropriate prescription filled, and left the bottle with the child's mother. As she, however, is very forgetful, he gave her a chart, and suggested that she set down the hours when the medicine should be given, checking off each dose as taken. Upon returning from his evening calls, however, he found the chart blank.

"Good gracious, Mary," he exclaimed; "surely you haven't failed to give Tom his medicine?"

"Oh, no. I did not miss a single time," his wife assured him.

"How in the world did you remember it without the chart?" he asked.

She smiled.

"That was easy. I just told Tom this morning at what hours he was to have it, and half an hour before each time he would begin hallooing that he wouldn't take it."

HERE'S REAL SAFETY ENVELOPE.

Ingenious Device for Double Locking a Letter.

A new envelope made in Paris is proof against the thief or the meddler who opens a letter to extract or to read its contents and then seals it so cleverly as to hide any sign of it having been tampered with.

The new envelope is really two envelopes. Each is of thin paper, one a pronounced blue, the other lighter in color and different in texture. Each has a gummed flap.

The letter is first placed in the blue envelope, which is slightly smaller than the other. Instead of sealing this it is placed in the outer envelope and the inner flap brought outside and gummed down on to the larger envelope.

The outer flap is still unsealed. It is much larger than the inner flap and reaches down to a good-sized star-shaped opening which shows through to the inner envelope, so that when the outer flap is sealed it sticks not only to the outer envelope but also through this opening to the inner one.

The letter is thus practically locked and double locked.

WANTED COMPANY IN MISERY.

Stranger Asked for Directions at Unfortunate Moment.

"I beg your pardon," said the stranger on the bicycle, riding slowly up to the sidewalk and steadying himself by putting his foot on the curb, "but I am looking for a restaurant where I can get a good meal. Can you direct me to one?"

The man whom he addressed was standing in front of a store, trying to rub a grain of sand out of his eye with one hand and holding his hat on with the other, for it was a windy day, and at first he made no response. But presently he spoke.

"Go to the next block," he said, "and turn to the right. Four doors down you will find a restaurant."

The stranger thanked him and rode on. About an hour later they accidentally met again. The stranger was on his way out of town. He stopped and spoke.

"My friend," he said, "I followed your directions. I went to the restaurant you directed me to, and I got the worst meal I ever had in my life."

"I thought you would," answered the other. "If you had waited till I got that grain of sand out of my eye I should have sent you to a good restaurant, but you didn't. I just had to divide my misery with somebody, and you happened to be handy."—Youth's Companion.



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KIND THOUGHT OF THE BRIDE.

Possibly Turned Silly Custom into Something Really Worth While.

"The most considerate girl I ever knew got married yesterday," said the man. "She showed her thoughtfulness in a most unusual way. The day before the wedding she called the attention of the rest of the family to a row of old shoes standing in a downstairs closet.

"I want you to throw these after the carriage," she said. "They are all mates. I collected them to throw away. I learned some time ago that certain poor souls who have hard work to get clothes of any description keep a lookout for big weddings. They hang around the house at going-away time and pick up the good luck shoes. Maybe they get a fit, and maybe they don't. Anyway, I've done all I could to accommodate them.

"Here are six pairs of shoes to be fired after me. If somebody doesn't get fitted in that collection, it isn't my fault."

Value of Brief Rests.

If overworked homemakers whose nerves are "worn to frazzle edge" would acquire the habit of sitting or lying absolutely still, relaxed and motionless for five or ten minutes twice a day, they would soon see improvement. The mind must be relaxed, worries dropped, thoughts wandering to pleasant things. You will probably try this several times before you get it right, but after a little practice you will find that it yields large returns, far surpassing the sacrifice of the time it takes to practice it.

It is a foolish habit to borrow trouble or meet it half way. Cultivate a cheerful mind and heart, and much imaginary trouble will be avoided.—Hedley.

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