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### MUST HAVE SERVICE AT ONCE

#### Pecullar Fact That Few Men Can Walt With Patience for Telephone Answer.

Why is it that when a man has to walt for "Central" to answer him seconds seem minutes? Many a busy man will walt minutes for anything else and never turn an eyelash. But when he faces that formidable gutta percha ear on the wall, when he listens in vain for "What number, please?" of the telephone girl, he loses all his patience. With his patience go his temper/ and his manners.

Why is it? The reason is comparatively obvious to one who analyzes the problem. People are not accustomed to delay at the telephone. Custom has us all in its deadly grip. Any deviation from custom affronts those prehistoric nerve cells of ours which tells us that a discussion from the beaten track leads us into unknown terrors. Of course, these world-old instincts are dying, but they still possess force enough to render a change undesirable.

Men are used to waiting for others Therefore delay in a bank or store causes no wrath. But men-and women, too-are not accustomed to delay in the telephone service. They are used to the quick, cheery inquiry from "Central," almost instantly following the first call. The unwonted delay thus makes the busy man wroth, leads him to needless expenditures of valuable temper and to equally futile venting of his anger in heated language.

#### Safe to Hold Radium.

What is described by its makers as the most ingenious safe ever constructed has just been completed by the Chubb company of London for the British Radium corporation. The problem presented to the manufacturers was not only to construct a safe that would bld defiance to burglars, but which would at the same time prevent the escape of the radium.

It is well known to science that radium emanations will pass through the thickest and hardest steel. For this reason the inner coffer of this safe was made of lead three inches thick, inclosed within a burglar-proof steel shell. There are many other special features, including a means of collecting the radium emanations before the coffer is opened.

This compartment of the safe is designed to hold 100 pounds of radium, valued at \$5,000,000,000. The total weight of the safe is one and a half

Practical. An English friend, who contends that we Americans have no true sense



LAUNCHING OF M.M.S. MERCULES

Jarrow, England .-- H. M. S. Hercules, the first of King George's battleships, was successfully launched recently at the shipyards here. The ceremony that usually accompanies such an event was considerably curtailed, owing to the recent death of King Edward, and the British flag on the prow of the vessel was at halfmast.



tives Revere Chicken Soup.

Used by Chinese as Panacea for All Human Ills and Symbol of Strength and Medium to Good Health.

Chicago .- How chicken soup is used by the Chinese as a panacea for all human ilis, and how he himself by means of a joking statement increased the faith which the Chinese place in the chicken as a symbol of was told in Chicago the other day by Dr. W. H. Park, who for 28 years has been at the head of Soochow hos-

pital in Soochow, China. "The chicken, according to the Chinese, is the bird of strength," explained Doctor Park, "and the faith which those people place in it is wonderful. When a child is afflicted with measles, with a fever or with the dreaded smallpox, its mother immediately brews a strong concoction of chicken broth. This she literally of historic value or artistic verity,

Doctor From China Tells How Na- the vaccination would have 'taken' and I wanted to see if the woman would attribute it to the soup. "She most certainly did, and after

her baby's arm had healed she spread the news that I was the greatest soup doctor in the land. Her friends came to me and then they told their friends, so that almost before I knew it I could not vaccinate a child with-

out including in my prescription of treatment a stipulated day on which soup prescription.

stition, and those doctors who do practise there are content to rely simply upon the old books which have been left by their ancestors. As diagnosticlans those doctors are all right, but they know nothing of anatomy, of physiology or of chemistry. The younger generation is anxious to learn and there are some Americans, including myself, who are doing their best to teach them.

getting wealthy," Dr. Park added. 'China is a country of bad teeth and the suffering among inland natives, who have to endure the inhuman treatment of the traveling quack denof treatment except to soak the gums with a decaying fluid and then extract Chinese almanac for vaccination and into the country do a great work by supplying themselves with forceps and pulling teeth for the natives.

and years behind in the medical pro- | fessional dentists." Sure Sign of Sea Disaster

When Fish Get Premonition of Death school of dead ones for a reef a mile They Wash Their Faces and Cling Close Together.

fession. The country is full of super-

"American dentists in Shanghai are

"I felt a tickling on my ear. But, or so long, over which the waves were being interested as a man is when is saws the eye out of my head.



## Ideal Man as Barnard Girls See Him



EW YORK .- "Wanted, a man N brown eyes, hair and necktie. Last mentioned article may also be lavender or torquoise-blue. A six-footer. May smoke, may not smoke, may smoke only a pipe. Sense of humor Imperative. Income of \$2,000 a year and prospects. A perfect gentleman and the owner of an auto. No dentists, professors or undertakers need apply." Nay, gentle reader. That is not an ad. of Charles Dana Gibson for a summer man; nor the specifications for the latest hero or victim in a Rob-

ert W. Chambers novel, nor a manazer's picture of a matinee idol. It is merely the collective husband of Barnard, 1910.

"I guess girls are just girls, whether they go to college or not," sniffed the maiden aunt from the country, when she heard this paragon of masculinity solemnly proclaimed by Miss Grace Reeder as the 1910 common ideal for their hero, as previously obtained by a soul-mate. It was at the class-day exercises of the "coeds" in the Co- them want him, by the way. They say lumbla gymnasium. But others sighed. they "find in marriage their highest "Those Barnard girls have spent vocation."

four years studying ethics and psychology and logarithms and social reform," moaned a spectacled professor. "Now, will you tell me how the har mony between a man's eyes and tieaffects his understanding of the har mony between Epicurus and Walter Pater?" The professor's eyes, by the way, were small and pale blue, and his tie was black with white spots.

"And what has his devotion to nico tine to do with his devotion to Kant's 'A Critique of Pure Reason?' And wherein does his possession of a mo tor car imply his possession of the complete works of John Ruskin? And then the supremely sllly insistence on the fact that he shall not be a high priest in the Temple of Knowledge" -indignation choked him there.

"And just to think," came acidly from a severe lady who wore a "votes for women" button, "there isn't a thing in that description about the man's being a suffragist! And nc girl ought to marry any man until he promises he'll work for the cause."

Notwithstanding their adverse crit ics the young women in cap and gown clapped vociferously at the public an nouncement of the chosen charms of statistical count. And two-thirds of

Why School Girls Laughed at the "Cop" "Well, again I was tickled and



BUFFALO, N. Y.-Policeman Edward O'Grady of the third precinct delights in reading the papers. When interested in an article his entire attention is absorbed. He illustrated the idea by a story he told to Policeman Richard Tobin.

"I was coming down in a Niagara street car and was reading how Gotch threw Zbyszko. A woman with a big hat came into the car and I moved next to the window to make room. She sat down on the seat beside me. There were some snips of girls in the seats across the aisle and back of me. They were on their way to school," said O'Grady.

being interested as a man is when an's hat swings round and nearly "It was a long feather, running

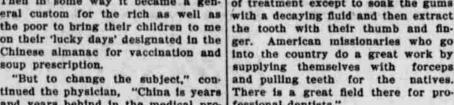
again gave a brush, as a man will. As my hand went up the last time, I see that the snips of girls about me is giggling.

"I looks back and see that the two lassies behind me are holding their books in their hands and am pretty well satisfied that they were not rub bing my ear with a straw. When my ear is tickled again, I brush back with my hand again. The girls giggled louder.

"Says I to myself, 'they're laughing because I nearly struck the face of the woman beside me.' So I excused myself to her and explained that my mind was so taken up with the paper that I forgot she was there. 'That's nothing,' she says, 'read your paper and don't mind me.'

"My mind was made up this time. flea or fly or whatever it was, I was bound to catch it. I only pretended to read. My ear was tickled. Like a shot back goes the hand. The wom-

round the hat and dangling out be



chicken soup should be administered. tists is terrible. They have no means Then in some way it became a general custom for the rich as well as the poor to bring their children to me the tooth with their thumb and finstrength and a medium to good health on their 'lucky days' designated in the ger. American missionaries who go

"But to change the subject," con-

cites the following to prove her point: She was at Holyrood last spring, and the custodian was showing her, together with several American tourists, the old rooms of the famous castle. Darnley's dressing-room especially charmed her-the rare mellow panels, marvelously rich with intricate carving, and the exquisite narrow windows of quaint design.

One of the Americans, evidently a middle-aged man of business, poked his nose into the room and out again. "Whose did you say? Darnley's?

Dressing-room? Humph! Very poor light for shaving."-Harper's.

#### Well Shooter Blown to Atoms.

A terrible fate was that of Charles P. Key, an oll well shooter, living in Wellsville, Pa., who was blown to pieces by an explosion of nitro-glycerine. Key was shooting a well about five miles from town. He completed the work and left for the magazine, about a mile distant, with his team. A short time later a terrific explosion felt for many miles around was heard in the direction of the magazine. Investigation showed a mammoth hole In the ground and nothing but small atoms of the man and horses could be found. It is thought that the man dropped a can of liquid while unload ing his wagon at the magazine, as he had not used the entire contents of his load at the well.

Strange Death.

It would seem that there are still some causes of death which have not as yet come within the scope of the medical man's observation-certainly not of his registration. Thus we read of a man in a southwestern city who died as the result of having trumped his partner's ace. And one of our contemporaries, who is more sophisticated in these matters than we are, commenting upon the incident, remarks that there is only one thing that is more positively fatal than trumping your partner's ace, and that is tickling the hind legs of a mule. So far as we are able to learn, careful and complete prophylaxis is the only effective preventive.

#### A Model.

"So you think Mr. Meekton is a model husband," said the new member of the society.

"I do," answered Mrs. Voteby Gumm. "He is studying stenography so as to help his wife with her suffrage speeches."

#### A Change.

"Papa, does a hyphen change the meaning of anything?" "Yes, with a hyphen you can change

a fine-tooth comb into a fine tooth comb

pumps into the youngster in the belief that the strength thus taken from the chicken will aid the child in the fight against the disease and prevent its Diamond shoals, which was sent in recurrence. The stronger the brew can be made the more good the mother thinks it will do.

a most dreaded disease and it developed that as a cure the woman had fed the child soup which she had made from a setting hen.

"Unconsciously 1 myself added to the sure cure for anything in the line information. of aliments to which the Chinese is

I jokingly remarked to the woman

New York .- A report received by wireless of miles of dead fish near the

by Captain Johnson of the steamship Morro Castle, is causing much comment among mariners. The slaughter "Why, I once had a mother bring of fish was generally attributed to an her babe to me suffering with lupus, earthquake. Later advices stated that some of the fish appeared to have been broken in half by the force of the quake. The story caused South street to gossip and the headquarters of the marine reporters at the Bat-

the conviction that the chicken was tery was visited by many in search of Captain Acheson, formerly of the

heir. I had just vaccinated a child good ship Lexicographer, which was for its mother, and knowing that the lost in a West Indian hurricane some belief in chicken soup was so strong years ago, was among the callers. "Dead fish at sea, as a rule, mean that after four days she feed the a hurricane or an earthquake," said child a cup of broth. I said after four the former skipper. "This Captain days because I knew that in that time Johnson seems to have mistaken a

was out. "Old faithful" today is giving

the city correct time and sounding the

New Cigar Record.

Chicago,-Walter W. Soergel has

broken the long distance cigar

Soergei, a telegraph operator,

smoked a cigar of ordinary length

smoking record, held by William

Mackenzie of Washington, D. C.

previous record was \$41/2 minutes.

Kittens Stop a Town Clock

Joyous

Litter Gets Tangled Up With Im- | huddled together in an important part portant Part of Mechanism-Trouof the clock's mechanism. The secret ble Located by Accident.

Trenton, N. J .- For almost a week half and full hours, and Trenton is Trenton was without official time because of the sudden stopping of the city hall clock, by which the residents regulate their timepleces. The factory whistles have been either early or late and the working class has experienced the greatest of difficulty in trying to keep tab on the time. For years the city has furnished to the mhabitants the correct time free of charge.

Such a thing as the clock stopping had never before occurred in the history of the city. Expert clock repairers were immediately put to work, but "old faithful" could not be gotten in order. The experts diagnosed the case as one of acute indigestion, but as nothing in materia medica, nor plain plyers or monkey wrenches would provide a cure, the city decided that the old clock was dead, and arrangements were made for a funefal. Janitor Walter Seruby of the city hall was hired as the undertaker. and instructed to give "old faithful" a decent funeral, interment to be in

some aristocratic junk heap. Bernard R. Walsh, an attache of the city assessor's office, decided to as- produced made the balalaika instantly cend the tower and bld a loving farewell to his dear friend, "old faithful." clans has been trained to play the With tears in his eyes he glanced at balalalka by Prince Tschagadorff, who the old timeplece. He was alone in was the soloist with the original Rusthe tower and as it was dark he was sian orchestra. The instrument is ex- pressure exerted by Japanese public startled by "mow, mow, mow."

He got a lantern and investigated. few weeks sufficed for the English of Japanese vessels entirely by Jap-He found a cat and six youngsters players-mostly members of the fa- anese.

ow there is a reason for that. When fish get a premonition of death they cling closely together. I've seen a whole mile of them in death, so that they appear to have grabbed one another in a death

> struggle. "There is a sure sign of a coming quake at sea. It's when you see a fish washing his face. A fish washes his face in sunshine. He comes up with his face all full of water and turns it up and keeps it up till it dries. Now, why does he wash it dry, when he goes right down into the water again and gets it wet? Ain't it the same with a man? He washes his

face by wetting it, and then dries it off again. "I'll bet that if Captain Johnson had got out and inspected them fish he

would have seen that inside of a few hours every one of them had been washing his face." Captain Wood, who had sailed the seas longer than Captain Acheson, corroborated the statement that fish wash their faces before any unusual

Mule Limps; \$50 in His Hoof. San Bernardino, Cal.-A pack mule half. in from the desert after a five months' prospecting expedition developed a limp. Examination of the mule's hoof revealed a gold nugget estimated to be worth \$50. The mule is the property of Clyde Durham and James Desmond. prospectors, but they have no idea in what part of the desert the gold was picked up.

The Way It Works. "What is love?" she asked. "Love," he answered, "is a brand of 1151/2 minutes without relighting. The insanity that makes a man call a 200pound woman his little tootsy wootsy."

hand and gave the ear a gentle brush

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"After a little I felt the tickling hind, that had been rubbing my ear again, but being interested in the pa-I had grabbed the feather. I thought per, I just gave another little brush the snips of schoolgiris would break with my hand. their sides. The woman was good

"My ear was tickled again, but benatured, when she found the hat ing still interested, I just put up my wasn't broke. I got off the car at hand again and not thinking of much | Jersey street and waited for the next gave the ear another brush. car down town."

TEW YORK.-A hatless youngster

about sixteen years old approached

the clerk of the Hotel Marlborough a

few nights ago and asked the clerk to

give him a one-dollar bill for a silver

dollar. The clerk handed over the

bill, but before the youthful person

had relieved himself of the silver dol-

lar in exchange he tore the bill in

about to get his breath the youngster

unwound the wad of green and showed

the admiring onlookers that the bill

was quite as untorn and as wholly

sound as it had ever been.

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Magicians Have Fun at Annual Dinner DID CARE FOR DID CARE ments of Modern Magic, Mirth and

Mystery." "Oh," said the clerk, who had beer thinking a second before about tele phoning to the psychopathic ward at Bellevue for an ambulance, "you're one of the crowd having dinner here tonight."

There were about 150 men and wom en magicians just off the lobby, and they were celebrating the sixth an nual banquet of the American Society of Magicians. The masters of black magic who dine together once a year number a few professional performers but by far the greater part of the membership is made up of amateurs And it seemed that about half o these dliettantes have the degree of M. D.

The magicians put pink handker chiefs into bottles of water after their dinner and then fired revolvers at the bottles, whereupon both handkerchie and water suddenly disappeared leaving an empty bottle on the table And they did many other wondrous things that appealed to the audience of experts and which caused many dark skinned waiters who were sup

posed to be at work in the adjoining The boy handed his cards around then and they told in pink ink that he dining room to linger wide-eyed at the is "Max Heir, Magician. Merry Mo- doorways watching the marvels.

# Balalaika Craze in London

occurrence.

Reaches English Metropolis-Effects Novel and Beautiful.

London.-This city is threatened with a "balalaika" craze. This strange er classical composers, and scoring a Russian instrument, resembling a great success. Now numerous amathree-cornered hanjo, took the town by storm some time ago when a Russian balalaika orchestra performed here. The novel and beautiful effects popular. Now a band of English musitremely easy to play, so that only a opinion, which demands the manning

New Russian Musical Instrument mous Coldstream Guard band-to become proficient under the prince's tultion. They gave a concert at the Queen's hall the other day, playing pieces of Mendelssohn, Grieg and othteurs are acquiring balalaikas and forming bands of their own.

#### Japa Supersede British

Seattle .- The superseding of British officers by Japanese on the transpacific liners, the officers being removed one by one, generally at this end of the run, is said to be due to the



ST. LOUIS.-Somewhere in the anatomy of John Henry of Upper Alton there is a five-dollar bill that he chewed up and swallowed while they serve in the city for two bits." eating a cheese sandwich. While munching placidly on the sandwich change had been given Lowe, and W. W. Lowe asked Mr. Henry to change five dollars.

Holding the bill between his teeth. best he got was an assurance from al Henry began to "frisk" himself with one hand for the change while with money and that there was no chance the other he continued to carry the

counter the last of the sandwich had been eaten and Henry asked where

"you were holding it in your teeth." "That's so," said Henry. "I die stick the corner of that bill in my mouth to hold it and clean forgot it I remember now that the sandwich tasted kind of peculiar and I though you had put a leaf of lettuce into i like they do in those club sandwiches Meanwhile the five dollars h when Henry began to figure out where he came in on the transaction the present that he undoubtedly had the

of his spending it. slowly disappearing sandwich to his | Henry has been trying to figure mouth. By the time the change had how he can be "money in" and "money been counted out and laid on the out" at the same time.

the bill was. "Last I saw of it," said Mr. Lows

The clerk stared. Then the youth folded the halves of the torn bill together and ripped them some more. Finally only tiny pieces of bill were in his fingers, all rolled up into a very small wad. As the clerk was