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How to Tell Parcel Post Charges.

If you know the zone in which is located the postoffice to which you desire to send a parcel post parcel you may figure out the postage required by a simple method.

If the office is in zone No. 1 or No. 2 add to the figure or figures representing the weight the numeral 4. If the weight is ten pounds the postage will be 14 cents, if it is five pounds the postage will be 9 cents, and if it is one pound the postage will be 5 cents.

If the office is in zone No. 3 multiply the weight by 2 and add 4.

If in zone No. 4 multiply by 4 and add 3.

If in zone No. 5 multiply by 6 and add 2.

If in zone No. 6 multiply by 8 and add 1.

If in zone No. 7 multiply by 10 and add 1.

If in zone No. 8 multiply by 12.

This scheme is good for packages up to and including twenty pounds. It was worked out by an ingenious attaché of the Chicago postoffice.—Farm Life.

"Dear Old Ladies" and Other Kinds.

There are as many kinds of old ladies as there are girls, men, automobiles, books and remedies for a cold. There are kindly old ladies, ill-natured old ladies, sharp old ladies, witty old ladies, stupid old ladies, musty-fusty old ladies, dainty old ladies, wise old ladies, silly old ladies, Whistler's mother old ladies, Betsy Trotwood old ladies, white-spatted old ladies, churchy old ladies, sit-by-the-fire old ladies, tangoing old ladies and old ladies who don't wish to be called old ladies at all.

Nowadays most of them are so busy working in public causes that they have not time to protect their own interests as they should. But let us hope that after awhile they will organize a new association, to be called the Society For the Promotion of Distinctive Characterizations For Old Ladies, and that it will have displayed prominently on its banners the slogan "Down With the Word 'Dear!'".—Scribner's.

Celts Discovered Soap.

Soap appears to have been discovered by the Celts, for the name is derived from the Celtic word "sebon." It seems strange that such early wanderers should have been familiar with soap, but if they had the name they must certainly have had the article it stood for. Moreover, it is quite conceivable that nomads using wood fires could accidentally discover soap. All woods have a certain amount of mineral salts, chiefly those of potash, in their fibers. After burning these are left in the form of carbonate, which a heavy shower of rain would dissolve into a liquid lye, wanting only the grease from an overturned caldron of broth to form soap. A dash of natural curiosity on the part of the woman who cleaned up the mess would reveal the cleansing properties of the new substance.—London Mail.

Chateaubriand a Lover of Cats.

Many famous men have loved cats—Cardinal Richelieu and Victor Hugo among others—but probably the animals' most eloquent defender was Chateaubriand, the French writer.

"I love in the cat," he said, "that independent and almost ungrateful temper which prevents it from attaching itself to any one, the indifference with which it passes from the salon to the hearthstone. The cat lives alone, has no need of society, does not obey except when it likes, pretends to sleep that it may see more clearly and scratches everything it can scratch."

And the great writer on another occasion went so far as to express a hope that by long comradeship with cats he was acquiring some of their characteristics!—London Times.

Pasteur's Gift to Society.

The normal death rate of civilized countries before the days of Pasteur was about thirty to a thousand of the population. Today it is about fifteen to a thousand in the more progressive nations. Think what a saving of fifteen lives a year for every thousand of population means when applied to half the earth! It means the averting of 12,000,000 untimely deaths annually. It means more than 25,000,000 cases of illness avoided. It means health and happiness in 20,000,000 homes rather than disease and distress.—Bulletin of National Geographic Society.

His Drawback.

"Girl, ain't you making a mistake in marrying a football hero?"
 "But, auntie, consider how he is admired on all sides."
 "I do, and I should think that would make it very difficult to reduce him to a point of humility desirable in a good husband."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Cinnamon Bark.

It is a seeming paradox that the best flavored cinnamon bark is produced on poor, white, sandy soil. It must, however, have an abundance of moisture, the choicest growing in a temperature of 85 degrees, where the rainfall is about one inch for every degree of temperature.

The Grand Teton.

The view of the Teton peaks from Ashton, Ida., is superb and doubtless has been the inducement for many a tourist and sportsman to leave the main line for the Teton range and the Jackson Hole country in pursuit of elk, sheep, trout and unsurpassed mountain scenery. Owen Wister's "Virginian" was glad to get out of these mountains because, as he explained, "they're most too big."

The average American, who has only a vague conception of the natural beauties of the Rocky mountains and imagines that real alpine forms are found only in Switzerland, must be surprised when he first sees the lofty peaks of the Tetons. Even a man who has climbed the Matterhorn would think twice before daring to try Grand Teton. According to local report, this peak has been ascended only twice, in 1872 and 1894. As the snowcapped mountains along the Alaskan archipelago, rising to cloud reaching heights, stand with their feet bathed in the ocean, so from a viewpoint near Ashton the Tetons, towering to the sky, rise from the billowy surface of a sea of golden grain.—Geological Survey Bulletin.

Howard and Prison Fever.

Typhus, which under the name of "prison fever" was once rampant in England, held no terrors for John Howard, the prison reformer. While in a cell he would hold to his nose a vial of aromatic vinegar and on going home would wash and change his clothes, though even these precautions he later abandoned. People thought his powers bordered on the magical. He pressed him for his secret and refused to believe his explanations that his immunity was due to fearlessness, cleanliness and temperance. He ate no flesh and very little of anything; he drank neither wine nor spirits and went to bed early and rose early. And his asceticism enabled him to let light into the most noisome dungeons and to live to the age of sixty-four.—London Graphic.

Deal in Trousers.

The village innkeeper had been persuaded to lend a customer a pair of black trousers for funeral solemnities. The sad occasion was long gone, weeks had passed away, and still Mr. J. looked in vain for the return of his garments. They became urgently necessary, and he sent a messenger to demand them back again.

Said the messenger to the wronged detainee of the goods: "Mr. J. must have 'em. He's going to a funeral."

"They won't do for a funeral," was the reply. "I've been workin' at the quarry in 'em."

"What will Mr. J. do, then?" asked the messenger.

"Why, borrow a pair," replied the other, "same as what I did."—London Tit-Bits.

Largest Hydraulic Lift Lock.

The largest hydraulic lift lock in the world is at Petersburg, Canada. It consists of two great steel boxes or pontoons, moving up and down between guiding towers. When a boat moves into one of the two pontoons the lock gates are closed behind it, and water is pumped into the other pontoon until it becomes heavier than that containing the boat, which then, being overweighed, rises bodily into the air until it reaches the level of the upper canal. The boats are lifted a total distance of sixty-five feet, the gates and capstans being operated entirely by hydraulic power. The time of lockage for boats is about twelve minutes, the actual time of the vertical lift being one and one-half minutes.—St. Nicholas.

Be Prepared.

Daniel Webster once told a friend that his great speech in reply to Hayne, which is the high water mark of modern eloquence, but which at the time was supposed to have been delivered without preparation, had been substantially prepared long before. When called upon suddenly to reply to the fiery Carolinian's attacks, which so alarmed the New Englanders at the capital, he was entirely at ease and ready for the fray, for, as he said, he had "only to turn to his notes tucked away in a pigeonhole" and refresh his recollection. "If Hayne," he said, "had tried to make a speech to fit my notes he could not have hit them better. No man is inspired by the occasion. I never was."

The Liberty Boys.

The name of Liberty Boys is the name by which the Sons of Liberty of the American Revolution were familiarly known. They were the men who fought the first battles of the colonists, who opposed the stamp act and participated in the Boston tea party. A flag hoisted upon the flagstaff that stood beside Liberty tree, in Hanover square, Boston, was the signal at which they assembled.

A Giant English Oak.

Winifarth oak, according to reliable testimony, was 700 years old at the time of the conquest. William surveyed it closely before making his famous remark, "Could I live to be but one-fourth the age of this tree the world would be mine."

Ending the Argument.

"There are always two sides to a question."
 "Quite so. And I don't like a fellow who insists on expounding both of 'em."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sure to Lose.

Gillet—See here! Did you tell Scott I'd been cheated again? Perry—No; I merely said you had made another of your characteristic investments.—Saturday.

Chance generally favors the prudent.—Joubert.

A Story of Abraham Lincoln's Physical Strength

By ELINOR MARSH

If Abraham Lincoln had lived till his birthday falling due in February, 1916, he would have been 107 years old. Had he not fallen in his prime at the hand of an assassin or been taken off in some other unnatural way he would doubtless have lived to a great age, for he was physically a very strong man.

We may well wonder how Abraham Lincoln endured the strain of four years of civil war, millions of people looking at him to bring about a restoration of the Union, foreign nations threatening to intervene, thus insuring the division of the country; vainly trying to find generals who could accomplish results, and constantly abused for what was considered his mismanagement. It would seem that no man without herculean strength could live through such an ordeal.

That the physical structure of Abraham Lincoln was equal to the requirements is made plain by the following story told of him many years ago by a friend of his boyhood who was employed in the same store with Lincoln.

"Billy," said Abe one day, "what makes you bet with Enoch? You ought to know better than to bet with a man on his own tricks. If he didn't know he had a sure thing he wouldn't bet."

The advice was given because this Enoch would come into the store in the evening ostensibly for the purpose of loading, but really to win small bets by a number of tricks. One of these was doubling up his hand so as to hide one of his fingers. He would bet that Billy couldn't mark that particular finger. Of course Enoch always won such bets. When Abe advised Billy to stop betting the latter told him that he had lost nearly a dollar to Enoch and he didn't wish to stop till the money was won back.

"Will you promise me," said Abe, "that you'll never bet any more if I put you in a way to win back what you have lost and a great deal more?"

"You bet!" replied Billy.

"How would you like a plug hat to wear with your Sunday clothes? It would set you up with the girls."

"I'd like a plug hat first rate, but how am I going to get one, seeing that it would cost me \$7? It would take pretty nigh a week's salary."

"I reckon I can help you to one. At any rate, we can try the next time Enoch comes around and wants to bet you on his tricks. Tell him that you've got tired betting picayune amounts, but if he really wants to bet something worth while you'll go him; then, if he agrees, you offer to bet him that Abe Lincoln can take a forty gallon barrel of whisky off the floor and drink out of the bung hole."

"Can you do that, Abe?"

"Reckon I can. After the store closes tonight I'll try it."

As soon as the proprietor had gone home for the day the two clerks shut up the store, and there was a rehearsal, at which Abe convinced Billy that he would risk nothing provided he could get Enoch to take the bet.

The next day Enoch came into the store and had not been there long before he called to Billy an offer to bet him on some new trick that had not yet been demonstrated. Billy was weighing out some sugar at the time and said he hadn't time to do any fooling. But Enoch hung around till Billy had finished what he was doing, when he renewed his offer. Billy consented to talk with him and during the interview said:

"Do you know, Enoch, how strong Abe Lincoln is?"

"No, I don't, but I reckon he's pretty strong."

"I shouldn't be surprised if Abe could lift up one of those barrels of whisky over there in the corner and take a drink out of the bung hole."

"Bet you a quarter he can't."

"Now, look a-here, Enoch, I don't want any more of these small bets. If you want to bet something to make it worth while I'll go you, but if you don't, why, let's have no more talk about it."

"What you want to bet, Billy?"

"On Abe's being able to take a forty gallon barrel off the floor and drink out of the bung hole."

"I'll bet you he can't do it."

"Enoch, I'm wanting a plug hat, and maybe you're wanting one. Did you ever wear one?"

"I had one once. It set me off fine."

"Well, here's your chance to get another. I'll bet you a plug hat that Abe can take that barrel—the big one—up off the floor and take a dram out of the bung hole."

There was a good deal of dickering, and Enoch tried to lift the barrel himself, not succeeding in stirring it. Finally he agreed to Billy's proposition, and the bet was duly made in the presence of witnesses.

Abe being called upon to decide the bet, advanced to the barrel and, stooping, tilted it on his right knee. Then he bent backward, and Billy pulled out the bung. Abe craned his neck forward and took a drink out of the bung hole, spit it out on the floor and set the barrel down again.

That was the last time Enoch came into the store with his betting offers. He paid the forfeit, and Billy kept his promise to Abe to bet no more.

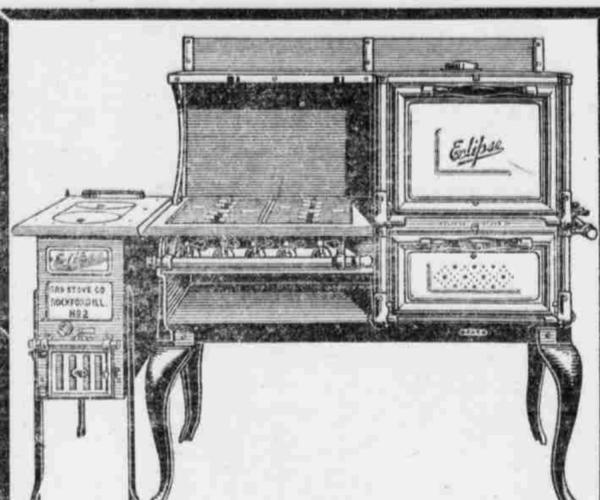
CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Robert Dickey transacted business in Cozad Tuesday afternoon.
 Ray Smith, of Wellfleet, visited the McMichael family this week.
 Miss Bessie Smith who has been ill for several weeks is much improved this week.
 Mrs. Arthur Howard will entertain a number of ladies at a Kensington this afternoon.

R. E. Scott, of Sutherland, who visited his brother M. E. Scott this week, left Wednesday.

For Sale—About forty heads of shoats. THOMAS E. DOOLITTLE, North Platte, Neb. 3-2

Miss Roxy Murphy left Wednesday morning for Sutherland to visit friends for a week or longer.
 J. S. Davis has gone to Chicago to attend the automobile show which is being held there this week.



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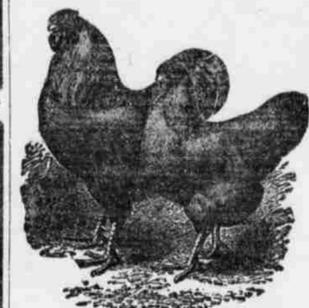
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 How many people we meet who are living narrow lives, complaining of their lack of opportunity!
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Epsom Salts as a Dimmer.
 Five cents' worth of Epsom salts dissolved in a teacupful of water produces the neatest and most efficient "headlight dimmer" for automobiles so far proposed, according to the Scientific American. The solution is used on the inside of the headlight glass, where it is allowed to evaporate. The result is a beautifully frosted lens, the frosting on which lasts for several months.

A Warning.
 "You had better be careful, Miss Flirty, or you will find yourself up against the law."
 "Oh, what do you mean?"
 "Why, you have such a killing way of shooting glances at a fellow."—Baltimore American.

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