

WOULD BE "SOMETHING LIKE"

Wireless Telephone Nothing to Invent—Some Women Hope to See Before Many Years.

An inventor announces that he will soon have on the market a wireless telephone that a man can carry around in his hat. There will be another telephone in his home tuned up with the one inside of his hat, and the result will be that the man's wife can talk to him wherever he may be, whether it be his office, a street corner, a baseball game or a church.

This is a fine thing indeed, and may really be considered a step in advance, but it is not what the wives of the world are looking for. The wives of the world are looking for something that will beat a telephone in the hat all hollow.

We may as well confide to you the fact that there is wild hope surging through the hearts of women that some day there will be invented a contrivance by means of which they will be enabled to see the men folks at all times and wherever they may be. A man can fool a woman with a hat telephone just as easily as he can fool her with the telephones we have now. He can say he is attending a meeting of church wardens when he is really sitting in a poker game; and how is the wife to know any different?

But when this thing is invented by means of which the lady can look into something like a crystal ball and see the man person just where he is and exactly what he is doing, then, dear folks, you may prepare to see the world turn good.

The mere man will not be allowed to use this delicate instrument.

Yes, it will be a better world then, but there won't be much fun in it.—Los Angeles Times.

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Sex and Muscular Strength.

Two women graduates of Leland Stanford university, California, have been investigating the comparative muscular strength of men and women. They have reached the general conclusion that any difference that exists in this matter is not due to sex as such, but to differences in the use of the muscles, brought about by the conventional limitations of activity or by dress. Thus women's back muscles are stronger than men's because their clothes are largely buttoned in the back. Certain of their arm muscles are also stronger, owing to the fact that they do up their hair, and also because the heavy coat sleeves of men limit the freedom of action of these muscles.

On the other hand, the forearm of men is better developed than that of women, because women wear tight sleeves and do not customarily lift heavy weights.

Brain Is Inflexible.

The size of a muscle may be increased by exercise or even by temporary use. The bony structure of our limbs is inside and controls their size only to a certain extent. But in the case of the head, the bony structure is outside and encloses the soft tissues like a box. There is absolutely no opportunity for increase of size, permanent or temporary, after the growth of the body. Recent studies of the brain, we are told by an editorial writer in the Journal of the American Medical Association, have, indeed, shown that slight changes in its bulk may be brought about, but only by altering the volume and pressure of the other occupants of the skull—the blood and the cerebrospinal fluid.

Merely Old-Fashioned Idea.

It is impossible to believe that being bright in school counts for much after you learn that your little boy is getting poorer grades than his cousin.—Kansas City Star.

THE TEAKETTLE

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"Well, I like that," muttered Mary Knapp, in a tone that negated her words, as she raised her eyes from the note to look after the retreating messenger boy. Again she read the note.

"Dear Mary—I'll be away a few days. Suddenly remembered that we forgot to empty the camp teakettle, and I don't want it to freeze. Leaving on the 10:10. Yours, Ed."

"Of all foolishness," breathed Mary. "Rushing off 100 miles into another state to empty a teakettle. There's something more in the wind," she hinted darkly, as she closed the door and went toward the dining room.

She was not really hurt or grieved at his sudden going, for they were as calm and unobtrusive as the average middle-aged couple, and his business often took him on sudden trips. He had had her usual affectionate good-by on leaving after breakfast, but his curious quest vexed, while it amused her. With her thoughts still in a fog Mary stooped to pick up the morning paper that had fallen beside Ed's chair at the table. As she glanced carelessly at the paper her eyes caught a line announcing the opening of the deer season in a neighboring state.

"So that's it," laughed Mary, dropping into a chair. "The teakettle had to be emptied, indeed!" Ed Knapp was never happy without his full quota of deer every season.

"Why didn't he tell me he was going? Afraid I'd think he ought to stay home working?" she chuckled. "I'd like to go, too," she added regretfully, for Mary had been a good shot in her youth and she still hunted and trapped. Years ago she and Ed had met one hunting season, she a farmer's daughter, he a city sportsman. Unknowingly they had shot at the same deer and it was Mary's shot that killed it. Friendship sprang from their similarity of tastes, and love and marriage soon followed. The cares of the crowding years soon took Mary's time from sportsmanship, but each year the family spent its vacation in a cabin near the site of her old home.

"I know the very deer he is after," thought Mary, "the big buck that drank every evening from the brook below the cabin. I'm going to have a shot at it, too. I took a deer from him once, unintentionally, and I'll do it this time, malice unthought."

Mary flushed a glance at the clock. It was 9:30 and Ed was leaving on the 10:30. Well, she would be on the same train, seeing, but unseen. She thought rapidly of preparations; her bag to pack, her rifle to examine and oil, and her house to close. First she called a cab. As she donned her hunting suit her busy mind checked off the necessary details. She found her hunting license and cabin key snugly buttoned in an inside pocket. She must pack some clothing for Ed for he had gone unprovided. Some provisions would be a good idea. She must put out a note for the milkman and telephone the dressmaker who was coming to-morrow; so her mind ran on.

Mary's heart was beating a tattoo as she took her seat in the train after seeing Ed enter the smoker. As the train whizzed on she laid her plans. Ed would doubtless go to the north village, from which a good road around the mountain led to camp. He might walk or hire a rig. She decided to stop at the south village; for she knew a short cut over the seemingly inaccessible mountain. She had not spent her girlhood in that country for nothing. She feared that Ed might see her when she got off the train, but all was well. She hired a village boy to carry her load over the mountain while she led the way towards camp.

Light snow had fallen and the gaunt trees tossed and strained.

At the cabin she set the boy to work airing the bedding and making a fire while she loaded her gun.

Down through the pine woods she slipped toward the brook to await her quarry. Determination sparkled from her brown eyes and animation glowed in her rosy cheeks. Ed might come at any minute, also the deer. Hardly had she hid in a clump of pines when Ed swung in view. It was evident to Mary that he, too, was hunting a place to hide before "the stag at eve had drunk his fill."

Mary's heart missed a beat as Ed headed for her covert, but he stopped by a big tree and began putting his gun together. Convinced with silent laughter, Mary sat in her thicket. She longed to call out, "Have you emptied the teakettle, Ed?" But instead she kept silently alert for the deer. Ed had adjusted his gun and was searching for ammunition when the big buck stepped daintily from a thicket on the opposite bank. At Ed's dismayed exclamation the big fellow threw up his head, affording Mary a wonderful shot and the deer fell.

A ghost could not have surprised Ed more than Mary did as she emerged from the thicket. "Mary," he gasped, "what?"

"I came," said Mary demurely, "to see that the valuable aluminum teakettle was emptied properly. It has been refilled and must be bubbling merrily by this time. What do you say to coffee and venison steak for supper?"

"Joye, Mary, you are a brick," grinned Ed sheepishly. "I'll get you a whole aluminum set for camp next year."

SIBERIA NOT ALL SQUALOR

For Six Months of the Year Flowers Bloom in Profusion in Otherwise Desolate Country.

Amidst the filth, squalor and poverty of Siberia it is good to find something which seems devoid of all these, and which speaks to this desolate country of a better day. After months of snow and ice, and within a week from the time the snow has disappeared, spring begins, and with it come the flowers. Spring and summer and autumn are all one in Siberia—there is no time for them all; a brief six months is the most which nature allows, and so they have to cram into that space everything they can, the Christian Science Monitor says.

The chief flowers are anemones, irises and lilies-of-the-valley. All of them, especially the latter, grow wild in great profusion, and the whole world seems to smell of lilies for a brief two or three weeks.

Traveling between Vladivostok and Harbin little semi-Chinese-Russian boys bring great bunches of lilies-of-the-valley to the trains, which can be bought for a few cents. They start perhaps by asking four rubles for a basket. This you refuse, and pass on to the next boy. Then the whistle blows, and the boys rush up to you shouting: "Three rubles! two rubles!" Still you take no notice; then you clamber on the train, which very slowly crawls out of the station, and you eventually buy as many lilies as you can carry for one ruble, the boy being perfectly content, and you, thinking of the prices in Fifth avenue, are also happy in the thought of your possession.

HELD PROVERBS IN HONOR

Greatest Men in the Pages of History Have Left Testimony to That Effect.

That proverbs have always been dear to the true intellectual aristocracy of a nation, there is abundant evidence to prove. Take but these three names in evidence, which are in themselves a host, Aristotle made a collection of proverbs; nor did he count that he was doing herein aught unworthy of his great reputation; however, some of his adversaries may have made this a charge against him. He is said to have been the first who did so, though many others have followed in the same path. Shakespeare loves them so well that besides often citing them, and innumerable covert allusions, rapid side glances at them, which we are in danger of missing unless we are at home in the proverbs of England, several of his plays, as "Measure for Measure," "All's Well That Ends Well," have proverbs for their titles. And Cervantes, a name only inferior to Shakespeare, has not left us in doubt in respect of the affection with which he regarded them. Every reader of "Don Quixote" will remember his squire, who sometimes cannot open his mouth but there drop from it almost as many proverbs as words. I might name others who held the proverb in honor—men who, though they may not attain to these three, are yet deservedly accounted great.—Trench.

What the Hair Denotes.

A long and peaceful life is promised the owner of hair that grows low on the forehead and retreats up the head above the temples.

Coarse hair indicates humble birth and a coarse nature. Black, short, and curly hair indicates uncertain temper, a tendency to alcohol, and an amorous nature.

The darker the hair the more powerful the physical organization. Chestnut or brown hair denotes fairness in dealings, generosity, absence of deceit, but unhappiness in domestic life. Thick, straight and glossy brown hair indicates a robust constitution, energy, and eagerness in the pursuit of life; thick, coarse, and wiry brown hair, great determination of character; curly brown hair, a weak character, but natural ingenuity and ability; while dark brown long and smooth hair indicates faithfulness in love, many children, good health, and much happiness.

Freaks of Nature.

A cat that barked like a dog, recently exhibited at Boston, tops the list of numerous freaks discovered in this country. Recently, says the Detroit Free Press, a giant gulf worm, 4½ inches long, was found in the Santa Cruz mountains. When placed in the dark a gorgeous effect was produced by the luminous rings circling its body. Mammoth fruit is of frequent occurrence, but in Southstake, Bath, England, a shocking case of plant over-eating was discovered. It resulted in seven daisies growing on one stalk. This freak, scientists said, was caused by fecundation, which means over-eating. White blackbirds, curlews, linnets and sparrows have been seen and exhibited. The ocean, too, gives its share of curious freaks. A double-sided flounder, with both sides alike, duplicate fins and a misplaced eye, was caught some months ago.

Swamp Lands.

The swamp and wet lands of the United States are equivalent to three-fourths of the area of France. Much of the swamp land, however, is wet only after heavy rains and usually bears heavy vegetation. It is believed that large areas, if properly drained and cleared by public or private corporations, could be transformed into productive farms.

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