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Genius has the wisdom of age in its youth.

Peace has her victories no less than war—and then there's football.

Ballooning lacks one thrilling phase. There are no speed ordinances to be violated.

Will the couple who were married in the Lake Erie lighthouse do lightho—no, say it yourself.

The brave, gay, generous and light-hearted bear the strokes of fate with equanimity and indomitable courage.

It is probably no more true that tin soldiers make fighters of boys than it is that Teddy bears make growlers of girls.

The claim that prunes cause baldness was started by some doctor who was trying to make trouble for his landlady.

A Harvard professor says aversion to work is really illness. Here is where an indefinite lay-off is going to be asked.

An association has been organized in New York to build airships. But notwithstanding its object, it will not use inflated capital.

Balloon travel is rapidly becoming more safe and scientific. We may all fly yet, even if some of us never get a chance to wear wings.

Earthly fame, wealth and glory are as evanescent as the cardinal rays of the setting sun that drops into dark-storms and eternal night.

A swarm of bees lit on a Philadelphia policeman. The fact that one man woke up made a nice little piece of news for the local papers.

Dioegenes was not like a modern muck-raker or investigator. He did not go around looking for dishonesty. He knew it was always there.

Several men have been convicted and sent to prison in New York for stealing electricity. This naturally comes under the head of shocking crimes.

They are putting monkeys in jail in New Jersey. This looks as though the law of that state was making near-human efforts to getting itself enforced.

Marconi has harnessed that air, but whether he can drive it as he pleases remains to be seen. He is, however, one of the dreamers that Boyle O'Reilly says live forever.

The body is quickly buried and lost in the dust of centuries, but the spirit of thought, that moves us every moment for good or ill, has immortal lineage and cannot be destroyed.

A wicked conscience is the most devilish companion that mortals can harbor, for even in the success of its villainy it is tortured with uncertainty, anxiety, dread and plutonic remorse.

The women's literary clubs of Michigan have started a novel contest as to which club shall add the most children to the state's population next year. Race suicide will have to take the count.

A Wisconsin court has decided that a cigarette with a tobacco wrapper is not a cigarette, and does not violate the anti-cigarette law. This is an easy road to liberty. The tobacco wrappers are better than the paper ones, anyway.

Now a vessel is to be built to outclass the Lusitania. Perhaps in the future seagoing vessels of any kind will be dispensed with entirely and speed-seekers will be simply hurled across the ocean through pneumatic tubes at telegraphic velocity.

English experts who have been investigating report that the gold still to be dug out of the mines in the Rand district of South Africa may be estimated at \$5,000,000,000,000. With that much gold in circulation the world would have quantity as well as quality.

Brazil, distinguished in the merry comedy, "Charley's Aunt," as the place "where the nuts come from," is also distinguished as a place where ideas grow. Thirty Brazilian merchants and professional men are visiting this country, in obedience to the advice which Secretary Root gave to all the Americas to "get acquainted."

Mrs. Russell Sage, having lately learned that a debt of \$2,000, contracted by her father in 1844, had never been paid, has forwarded a check for the amount to the heirs of the creditor. If she had paid interest on the sum for the 63 years the check would have been larger, but probably the heirs are thankful to get the principal.

NOTED MUSICAL CONDUCTOR



Latest photograph of Walter J. Damrosch, conductor of the New York Symphony society. Mr. Damrosch is 45 years old and comes from a musical family, his father at one time having held the son's post.

FAKE RELIC SWINDLE.

TABLETS MADE, BURIED, THEN UNEARTHED.

Exploiters Come to Grief in Digging Up "Noah's Diary"—Michigan Copper Used as Basis of Gigantic Fraud.

Detroit, Mich.—An alleged copy of Noah's diary, engraved upon a copper tablet dug up in Michigan and offered for sale to a Wisconsin collector, has resulted in uncovering one of the cleverest swindles of recent years. A former secretary of state is implicated in the affair and with him are a university museum curator and other Michigan men.

Michigan copper formed the basis of the enterprise, which consisted in manufacturing ancient relics out of copper, painting them green to represent verdigris, dipping them in corrosive acid, and burying them in mounds, after which they were dug up by relic hunting expeditions under the leadership of the promoters.

The affidavits of prominent citizens that they had seen the relics dug out of the ground were sufficient to secure their sale to credulous collectors, no one dreaming that the prehistoric age might have been only 11 months before. Indian copper implements, battle axes of leaf copper, well tempered spearheads, and other supposed rare and anciently corroded relics that have been treasured in Michigan and outside museums are declared to be bogus, with the result that all collections of the sort are thrown under more or less suspicion.

As a finishing touch to a gigantic swindle the relic manufacturers branched off from Indian relics. They went so far as to dig up in the presence of reputable witnesses bronze tablets inscribed with hieroglyphics and symbols of the biblical deluge and the tower of Babel. The fakers would have had collectors believe that Michigan was the seat of the original flood, and that Noah's ark floated somewhere among Michigan's low hills, which were the real Mount Ararat.

The diary of Noah was offered to a wealthy man of the Badger state, who asked the advice of a museum curator as to accepting it. This man had had considerable experience with fakes and

warned the relic patron to beware. Whether the relic finally was sold cannot be learned.

IRISH BORN, RAISED SWED.

Did Not Learn Until Manhood That He Was the Son of Erin.

Chicago.—Believing all his life that he was a Swede and that his name was Olaf Olson, Herbert Sweeny did not learn the facts until he had reached the age of 25. He then went to Judge Walker's court and asked to have himself set right.

He explained that while he thought his name was Olson he had taken a wife and given her the name of Olson. The judge learned that behind the tangle there was a romance of an adopted son—an orphan taken to fill the place of a runaway boy in the hearts of the prodigal's parents—and of a disinheritance by the foster parents when the real son returned.

In Red Wing, Minn., Sweeny was adopted as an infant by a family of Olsons.

The necessary legal papers of adoption were never obtained. When the true son returned, his parents gave to him the place held in their affections by Sweeny from the time of his infancy to manhood.

"If you want to change your name, all right," said Judge Walker.

MAN'S HAIR TOUCHES GROUND.

Modern Samson is a Marvel of the Northwest.

Maple Falls, Wash.—This town boasts a modern day Samson. In an eccentric old man, who, like the hero of old, has never permitted his hair to be trimmed. He wears long locks, which hang nearly to the ground. He is a powerfully built man and stands six feet five inches.

This man is John Fitzpatrick, 75 years of age, and though so old he can lift a barrel of salt, weighing 270 pounds, at arm's length over his head.

One of his recent feats of strength was at the Yakima county fair, when, in the presence of many persons, he picked up a granite boulder which, when previously weighed, tipped the scales at 450 pounds. He raised the huge oblong stone in his arms, carried it 40 feet, and loaded it into a wagon box, with no assistance.

OSAGE INDIANS RICHEST RACE.

Third Allotment Makes Each Tribesman Worth \$40,000.

Tulsa, I. T.—The Osage Indian tribe has been notified by the department of the interior that orders for the third selection of lands in the allotting of that tribe would be delivered soon. Surveyors are in the field checking the land and the location of the third and final selections will begin December 1.

According to the tract books of 1871, when the Osage tribe entered Indian Territory on land purchased from the Cherokees, their reservation consisted of 1,470,057.78 acres. Recent surveys or changes in the channel of the Arkansas river, which forms part of the boundary of the reservation, have not affected materially the number of acres. Deducting 5,120 acres, included in government townsites, the Indian reservations and railroad rights

of way, the 2,229 allottees on the final rolls will receive 656 acres each.

At present land values in the Osage nation, and including other interests of members of that tribe, each Osage will become a citizen of the state of Oklahoma and worth \$40,000. Not only are they the richest race in the new state, but in all the world.

After due consideration of her application, Mrs. Jane Appleby, of Tulsa, the white widow of a famous Osage chief, who died several years ago, has been denied the right of allotment by the department of the interior. She is, however, permitted to share in the annuity payments, which amount to a large sum annually.

Sign of Success.

Isaac—Is Einstein prosperous in business?  
Moses—Sure thing! He's failed four times!—Yonkers Statesman.

IS BOON TO VILLAGE

A STRANDED SHIP FURNISHES LIGHT TO GUATEMALA TOWN.

Iron Hull Serves as Safe Refuge from Terrors of Tropical Revolutionary Storms—Also Utilized as a Hotel.

Victoria, B. C.—Time and again has fortune frowned on Ocos, Guatemala, but she has at last made amends in a manner almost surpassing the understanding of the simple natives who have hitherto deemed revolutions the only reputable manner of gaining comforts.

The steamer Sesotris from this port and Tacoma for Hamburg, via South American ports, which grounded at Ocos some months ago, has proved a godsend and Capt. Groot is enrolled as the Bollivar of Ocos. The way of it, according to the late dispatches from the forlorn little port, is as follows:

"Proud alcaldes of the future may claim for their village on the sand dunes the distinction of being the only place in the world where erratic fortune descended and in a single night provided, free of cost, a municipal lighting plant, a big tourist hotel, a steel refuge from revolutionary storms—all in one great freight steamer's hull—about which the ocean currents are hourly packing sand, apparently for the sole purpose of securing to the little Guatemalan town ready-made metropolitan conveniences the like of which not all the rest of the country can boast.

"Between the steel sides of the stranded ship and the sand all around is a tiny strip of water. This permits the turning of the propeller, and Capt. Groot keeps steam up all the time. This gave Ocos an idea. Prior to the last month or two the night owls among its swarthy citizens had to go home by moonlight if they required any light at all.

"So, when the cabins and portholes of the Sesotris blazed and shot white gleams, the like of which Ocos had never seen, into the town, public-spirited citizens gazed a while and between blinks said: 'Why not?'

"Capt. Groot could not see why not either, so that is the reason why Ocos has had illuminated streets for weeks. Wires from the ship's dynamos have been strung into the town, but Capt. Groot has neglected opportunities that may never return, for he failed to organize a public service corporation to issue watered stock to squeeze dividends out of the gulleless citizens of Ocos.

"The sand now has drifted about the vessel so effectively that a deep canal will have to be dug if she is ever to be released, and little hope of saving her exists. The British Columbia Salvage company has been asked to send its steamer Salvor, but the company, seeing little chance for success, has thus far failed to enter into a contract and has merely planned various theoretical ways to free the ship."

STOWAWAY HAS BEST THERE IS.

Travels Like a First-Cabin Passenger on an Atlantic Liner.

New York.—It is rare indeed that stowaway travels like a first-cabin passenger, but that is the experience which befell William Roseman, son of a New York jeweler. Roseman has just arrived from London by the Atlantic transport steamer Minnetonka. The Minnetonka had been out ten hours when Roseman introduced himself to the purser and explained that he was a stowaway and wished to be looked after. The purser took the youth to Capt. Cannons and the captain learned from Roseman that he went abroad on the liner Oceanic last summer, had a good time in Europe, and spent all his money.

Roseman assured the captain that his family would pay for his passage, the result of which was the stowaway was given a berth in the officers' quarters and a seat at the officers' mess. For five days Roseman had the run of the vessel, but after that he was obliged to keep to the afterpart of the main deck, and when the Minnetonka left quarantine, by order of the immigration authorities, Roseman was locked up in the vessel's hospital. His relatives secured his release.

Light or Rum? Town to Choose.

Hudson, O.—If the village of Hudson will bar liquor for 50 years, with the exception of beer, which the donor is willing to let the villagers imbibe, \$75,000 will be forthcoming for an electric light plant and sewerage system. This offer has been made to the village council over the signature "Hudson Citizen." Although none is breathing it aloud, the name of the donor is understood to be James W. Ellsworth, millionaire coal operator, retired, with homes in New York and in Hudson, and former Chicagoan.

Word Derivatives. "Petrol" and "petrol" both descend from "petra," a rock. "Petrol" comes directly enough, through "petroleum," rock oil, but "petrel" through St. Peter, after whom the bird was named, because it appeared to walk upon the waves.

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