

Odd News From Big Cities

Stories of Strange Happenings in the Metropolitan Towns

Historic Barn Is Used as a Church



PHILADELPHIA.—Grace Lutheran church of Roxborough is erecting a handsome Gothic edifice on the northwest corner of Ridge and Roxborough avenues. The site is a historic one and was long revered by the older residents for the part taken there during the revolutionary war. The old stone dwelling has been demolished, but the large barn in the rear not only has been preserved, but is being used as a house of worship while the building of the church home is in progress.

Both the barn and the house figured in a cowardly proceeding during the winter of 1777-1778, while the British were in possession of Philadelphia. Washington's army was at Valley Forge, enduring the hardships of that terrible winter and scouting parties were frequently sent out from the encampment there to the outlying districts of the city. One December afternoon, during a snowstorm, a company of Virginia troopers rode down Ridge avenue, then known as Le Plymouth road, through Roxbor-

ough, and, seeing the spacious and inviting barn, stopped at the house and asked permission of Andrew Wood, the owner, to spend the night in the barn. Wood was a patriot, and at once acceded to the request, urging a number of the troopers to spend the night in the house.

Midnight passed, and the weary troopers were indulging in dreams of deliverance from their foes and a safe return to their own firesides when suddenly the sentinel detected the approach of a body of horsemen. He had scarcely given an alarm when they rushed by him. In a moment the house and barn was the scene of confusion, alarm and disorder. Already had some of the Virginia troopers mounted their horses and were hastening to escape by Care's lane, opposite the house, when the British rushed on to the attack, giving no quarter. Many of the Americans escaped, but those remaining were fallen upon and murdered in cold blood.

Grace Lutheran church, after holding services in the Roxborough Lyceum hall, rented the Woods' house, the lower part of which was fitted up as a chapel, with Sunday school rooms on the upper floors. The property was subsequently purchased, the old house torn down and the barn brought into service.

BALANCED BY GYROSCOPE

Window Cleaners and Other Similar Workers May Wear Novel Safety Apparatus.

Chicago.—Why is it not as important for an individual to keep his balance as for a ship or a railway train? A German inventor thinks that it is, and he has devised individual gyroscopic balances, which will prevent a man from falling when he is working under conditions of danger.

According to reports, as given in Popular Electricity, an American version of the Brennan monorail system in which a gyroscope fly wheel keeps the car from tipping will soon be in service. A European inventor has already demonstrated by a test on a fair sized steamer that a similar plan can



Balanced by the Gyroscope.

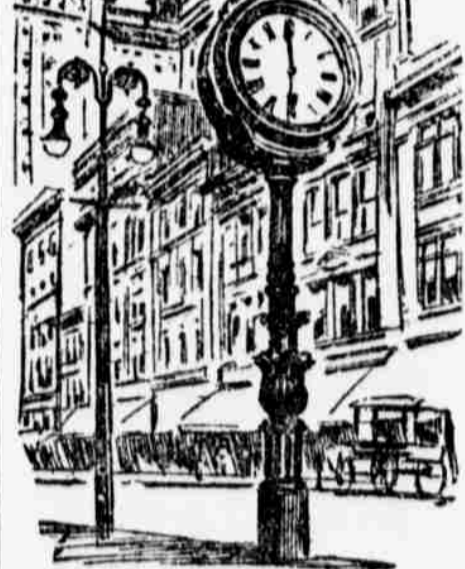
be used effectively to overcome the rolling of vessels. Now a third has reasoned that the balancing of cars or ships is no more important than that of individuals working under unusual and dangerous conditions. For instance, a man washing the windows of any tall building can work to best advantage if free to lean back somewhat, just as he would do if standing on the ground. Safety straps make this possible to a certain extent, but themselves are hindrances to free working. Were the window cleaner a bloodless machine he might simply equip his interior with a gyroscopic balance wheel. Next to this is the external arrangement just patented by Herman Zoern, an architect at Nek Brandenburg. He proposes to strap a light frame to the man, carrying a pair of hoops driven at high speed in opposite directions by an electric motor. A practical test of this scheme will be awaited with interest, and attention, prohibitionists!—might not the same plan with a storage battery thwart the unsteadiness of a toper?

RELIC OF BALTIMORE'S FIRE

Big Clock That Withstood the Great Conflagration of 1904 Is Again Keeping Accurate Time.

Baltimore, Md.—The last relic and reminder of the big Baltimore fire of February 7 and 8, 1904—the big, tall iron clock that has stood on Baltimore street, near Light, for many years and which was recently denounced as an "eyesore"—has been rebuilt.

Persons passing along Baltimore street at this point have noticed the



The "Big John" Clock.

change made in the big timepiece and many pleasing comments have been made in regard to it. The iron frame, which withstood the terrific heat of the great conflagration while hundreds of mighty buildings tumbled and crumbled into ruins, has been repainted and is now a bright steel color.

A wonderful new movement has been installed in the clock and its hands are said to give out the most accurate time. The works cost \$500. It is controlled by a master clock in the Western Maryland ticket office, which is automatically set every hour by electrical apparatus connected with the national observatory at Washington, and which in turn sets the big clock on the pavement. This insures absolutely correct time, to the second, and is regarded as the most wonderful and accurate system ever devised.

It is probable that a handsome bronze tablet will be placed on the frame of the "Big John" to tell the strangers its history. It has always been a sort of mystery how the clock withstood the flames, and the other week while the workmen were putting it into shape again crowds of curious and interested spectators looked on.

HIS LIVELIHOOD AT STAKE

Certainly Candidate for Governor Could Not Expect to Get That Vote.

An incident in which former Governor Odell of New York figured as the victim was told by Col. James Hamilton Lewis at a recent banquet.

"When Governor Odell was last running for office," said Colonel Lewis, "there had been a great deal of talk about Niagara Falls and the electrical power that could be conferred on all parts of New York. One day an old negro halted Mr. Odell and said:

"Mr. Odell, is yo' runnin' for gov'ner, sah?"

"I am," answered the candidate.

"I guess yo' want my vote, den," said the colored man.

"Well, I would like to have your vote, Zeb. I have known you for so many years."

"Well, I jst want to ask you a question, Mr. Odell, befo' I give mah vote to you. Are yo' for electric lights in dis town?"

"Well, Zeb, I am for all modern improvements," said Odell, with a slight flourish.

"Well, sah, I can't vote for you," said Zeb with firmness. "Yo' done forget dat I is a lamp lighter."

AWFUL BURNING ITCH CURED IN A DAY

"In the middle of the night of March 30th I woke up with a burning itch in my two hands and I felt as if I could pull them apart. In the morning the itching had gone to my chest and during that day it spread all over my body. I was red and raw from the top of my head to the soles of my feet and I was in continual agony from the itching. I could neither lie down nor sit up. I happened to see about Cuticura Remedies, and I thought I would give them a trial. I took a good bath with the Cuticura Soap and used the Cuticura Ointment. I put it on from my head down to my feet and then went to bed. On the first of April I felt like a new man. The itching was almost gone. I continued with the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment and during that day the itching completely left me. Frank Gridley, 325 East 43rd Street, New York City, Apr. 27, 1909." Cuticura Remedies are sold throughout the world; Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props, Boston, Mass.

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Cheering Up the Guide.

"Remember, Henry," said the hunter who had arranged with the guide, "we're not hiring you—you're simply one of our party."

"What's on your mind?" inquired the guide.

"Well, you see, in case anything happens we don't want to be troubled with this new employers' liability law," admitted the cautious hunter.—Puck.

His Point of View.

"John, dear," queried the young wife, glancing up from the physical culture magazine she was perusing, "what is your idea of a perfect figure?"

"Well," replied her husband, "\$100,000 may not be perfection, but it's near enough to satisfy a man of my simple tastes."

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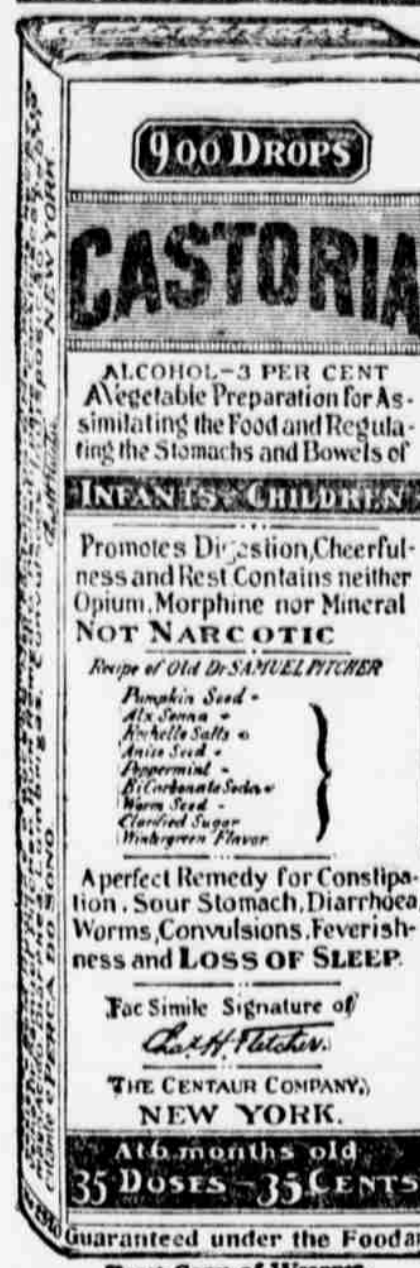
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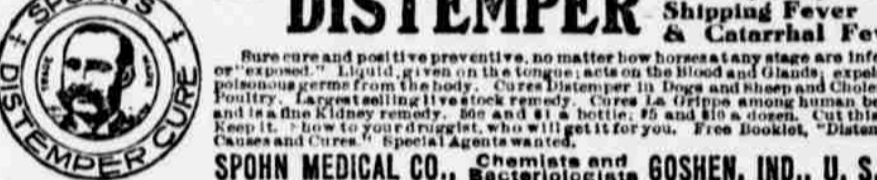
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NEW YORK.—A number of business houses in New York are using the telephone instead of circulars for advertising purposes. Probably this will meet the approval of Uncle Sam. If adopted wherever practicable it might extensively relieve the strain on the postal service. A retail dry goods merchant receives a consignment of choice laces. It takes only a few minutes to ring up two or three dozen of his best customers who would be especially interested in such goods and ask them to call and examine the laces. The flattery of such an invitation appeals strongly to many persons. Circularization has been carried to such an extent that much of its effectiveness is frequently lost and many circulars never reach the buyer to whom they are addressed, whereas the telephone call can usually be a direct communication. A haberdasher telephones his patrons to note his

latest importations in neck scarfs, the newest shirtings or special offers in silk hose, a clipping bureau rings up a prominent financier, tells him his name is mentioned in the dailies in connection with an important railroad deal and asks him to subscribe to the bureau's extremely efficient service; a dealer in antiques begs that madame will call to examine some rare old Sheffield plate just received. Such attentions have all the exclusiveness of a vernalizing day invitation, and it would be a patron of hardy nerve who would fail to buy.

These telephone calls do not cost any more than circularizing, when letter postage, personally typewritten letters or engraved invitations are used, as they must be in order to secure the attention of valuable patrons. Also they have the merit of being traceable without a cumbersome "follow-up" system. If a merchant has telephoned Mrs. Van Allyn that he has a few choice Sulu pearls which he is reserving for her inspection he knows within a day or two whether or not Mrs. Van Allyn has bought thereof and he need not waste time or money again on unprofitable customers.

Chicago Hair Industry Is a Big One



I JUST WONDER IF I AM WEARING SOME CHINAMAN'S HAIR - ! - ? - !

CHICAGO.—According to the manager of one of Chicago's big "hair factories" his plant is doing a million dollars' worth of business a year. Said Mr. Manager: "Why, the foreign dealers who used to make colonial wigs never began to have the trade we have. You can see this letter from a well-known firm rushing us on with an order for 5,000 switches, and those ten band boxes over there contain exactly \$30,000 worth of first quality hair all to be sold to department stores. A woman up in Wisconsin has made nearly \$50,000 simply by selling the hair she has bought from country women all over the state.

"All hair that is not Chinese is first quality hair, but 75 per cent. of the false hair now worn is from a Chinaman's queue—second quality hair we call it. When a Chinaman dies or is sent to prison his queue, which averages 40 inches in length, is cut off

and sold at a big auction sale. Our agents bid for it by the pound and then ship directly to us. Over at our laboratory these queues are first thoroughly disinfected, the greatest care being taken, then they are bleached perfectly white and put through a refining process, which makes them more like the natural hair. After they are dyed the ordinary shades they cease being queues and become 'switches.'

"Then they are put on a hackle, a board set with sharp steel spikes, where they are separated into even lengths. For instance, a 26-inch switch, the popular length, must have every hair precisely 26 inches long. In the average switch there are about six different shades of one color which must be blended together on the hackle.

"We used to get about all of our first quality hair from the peasants of Switzerland. Nine months ago, however, the country passed a law forbidding the women to sell more than one-third of their hair. We now buy most of our fine 'cut' hair from Russia, but the demand for it is so great that where we last year paid \$1.90 a pound we now have to pay \$14 a pound. In a good switch there are four ounces of hair."

City Thrives on the Bermuda Onion



IF IT WASN'T FOR ME SAN ANTONIO WOULDN'T BE ON THE MAP

SAN ANTONIO, Tex.—That this city owes its great distinction as a metropolis of the wonderful state of Texas to the Bermuda onion as grown in Rio Grande bottom lands, the residents are proud to admit. Seven years ago a man named Nye, who thought he had been cheated in a land trade, asked the agricultural department what he could raise on the land. It was dry and sandy soil near San Antonio. Bermuda onions, was the answer. This year the Bermuda onion crop marketed from this district exceeded \$2,000,000 in value. As soon as Mr. Nye demonstrated that the so-called desert land near San Antonio would return a profit of \$500 to \$800 an acre in onions, it

slightly irrigated, someone tried cabbage. The cabbage shipped from this district brought \$1,000,000 this year. Then other garden truck followed naturally and this brought back \$3,000,000.

When truck growing with river irrigation proved successful, an effort was made to get water through bored wells. Artesian wells have added more than a million acres to the cultivatable land.

Of course, as the business grew, San Antonio prospered. From the trading point for a cattle country it became the distributing center for one of the richest small farming districts in the world.

The population of the city was 37,673 in 1880, and in 1900 it had increased to 52,321. This year the total soared to 96,641, and, with suburbs, it far exceeds the charmed 100,000 mark. The nearest rival in Texas is Dallas, with 92,104. What gives the greatest joy locally is that eight years ago all Texas was saying that San Antonio had reached its limit.