

Smashed Leg Is Worth \$17,500

Old Man Statistics Does Some Investigating Into Suits for Damages.

PRICE SET BY JURIES VARIES

Loss of Arm is Valued at From \$800 to \$80,000—One Man Demands \$25,000 for "Harrowing Experience"—\$500 for Half Mouse in Pie.

New York.—Old Man Statistics is loose again. Now he comes forward to say that if you contemplate losing a leg and suing for damages the sum you ask will average around \$25,000. If you lose an eye, your reputation—in fact, anything—the average remains the same, says he. But the sum you will get (if you win) he declares, will be considerably lower—\$17,500.

The price of a leg, as decided by various and sundry juries, varies from \$800 to \$80,000. What makes for this wide range in value of pedal extremities was simple in the old days when juries consisted of men only, but it is different now. One is left in a quandary.

Damages Total \$28,507,125.

There was a total of approximately \$28,507,125 involved in suits last year in the metropolitan district. That against William M. Baldwin, capitalist, for \$17,000,000 was the largest.

A number of cases involved odd complaints.

Not so long ago a man demanded \$25,000 for a "harrowing" experience he had while being chased about a ship by a madman.

An actress decided to take heroic measures to reduce. She consulted a surgeon as to the advisability of having it "cut off." She forgot one thing—that the operation would leave scars—and she alleged in court they forever marred her "aesthetic" beauty.

She admitted, however, that "several" pounds of flesh had been removed and her figure was more graceful than before. The jury decided the figure was worth the money the surgeon charged.

Somebody hit a young matron with the wrong side of a slap stick, loaded with a blank cartridge. She was being initiated into the mysteries of the Modern Order of Praetorians and was leaning over to kiss the altar when the undisciplined incident occurred. The flash of the powder raised a blister which she thought was worth \$20,000.

\$500 for Half a Mouse in Pie.

One of the youngest complainants in a suit was a four-month-old child. The defendant was a doctor, who was alleged to have so injured the complainant when he brought him into the world as to have permanently impaired his health. Another child recovered damages for a prenatal injury received when his mother fell through a coal hole, the lid of which had been removed.

One woman demanded \$5,000 for finding half a mouse in a piece of mince pie given her in a restaurant.

A boy valued his ability to smile at \$20,000, and the jury agreed with him.

If a guest of yours should happen to fall over one of your rugs and fracture his nose you need have no fear if he should sue you. The Supreme court held in a case of this kind that the host is not responsible for a fall on a loose rug.

Backs, arms, legs, ribs, toes, fingers, noses, jaws, hearts, resolutions, vows

and everything else breakable were broken during the year. For these injuries the litigants sought from \$500 to \$100,000.

Amputations, too, were manifold. One child got \$40,000 for the loss of four toes. Another got \$60,000 for the loss of two hands. They were the high records for cases of that sort.

The lowest award on record was that of a Bronx woman who sued the National Biscuit company for \$2,000 because a splinter in one of the biscuits lodged in her gums. The jury thought \$50 would just about cover the cost.

SKELETON 250 YEARS OLD

Scientist Studies Remains Found in Hawaii to Find Origin of Race.

Honolulu.—Half of a human skeleton believed to be two hundred and fifty years old, discovered on this island by a bather, is being examined by Dr. Edward Handy of the staff of the Bishop museum, in the hope that it may help solve the problem of the origin of the Polynesian race. The skeleton includes the major portion of

HIS BIG ALASKA BEAR



Lieut. Commander Benjamin L. Brockway, commander of the United States coast guard cutter Unalga, and the skin of a monster bear he killed near Unalaska. The Unalga recently arrived at Seattle Wash.

a man's torso, and is in an excellent state of preservation, especially the teeth. These are of unusual size and strength and give rise to the belief that the skeleton may be older than 250 years. Doctor Handy said. The spinal column also is preserved partially.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

A short time ago, the doctors of Pawnee City made physical examinations of every pupil in the public schools. Among the defectives found were very extraordinary cases. One boy was found to be totally blind in one eye, and altho he is nearing his teens, neither his parents nor the teacher had found this out before. Another boy had inverted eyesight. Everything was viewed upside down. He held his books upside down to read, and people on the street seemed to him to be literally standing on their heads. The boy and his parents were both unconscious of the defect.

A pipe line from the Wyoming oil fields to either Omaha or Sioux City on the Missouri river is a possibility of the near future, with construction to begin this summer. The Mid-West Co., one of the largest operators in Wyoming, is the concern behind the movement for construction of the line, which if built will follow the route of the Northwestern from Casper through O'Neill to enable it to tap the Big Chief fields north of Rushville, which the Mid-West now is developing.

The fame of Valley county as the popcorn center of the world is evidenced by the fact that Miss Jennie Brown of Brigalow, Queensland, Australia, wrote a letter to County Agent C. C. Dale desiring a supply of the best popcorn available and has so expressed her wants to the Valley county agent. Valley county has around 4,500 acres of this valuable crop to her credit this year and has had as much as 9,000 acres at times.

According to secretary Hart of the state banking board the Exchange Bank of Ogallala which was closed last week has been laboring under financial difficulties for six months, due to the fact that it could not realize cash on its securities. The bank was founded nearly a quarter of a century ago and was considered one of the most profitable and enterprising banks in western Nebraska.

M. C. Shurtieff, Lincoln real estate man and stock promoter, and Perry Anthony, stock salesman, were arrested on three joint indictments of the grand jury in session at Lincoln charging them with conspiracy and obtaining money under false pretenses, in connection with the sale of stock in the Lincoln automobile and tractor school in 1919 and 1920.

Owing to numerous cases of scarlet fever in the country around Diller, the authorities are taking every precaution to prevent its appearance in the town. Schools and churches are still running as usual, but all other public gatherings have been postponed indefinitely.

The Nebraska Gas and Electric Co. has enjoyed the city officials of Fullerton from reducing the rates for electric current. The city has employed an engineer and will build a municipal plant if rates cannot satisfactorily be arranged.

The Louisville bridge across the Platte river is closed for repairs, such as new piling, floor and railing. This will throw all travel to Lincoln from Omaha to the Ashland bridge until the repairs have been made, unless crossing is had at Plattsmouth.

Three coyotes and many rabbits were killed at a hunt near Dannebrog. After the roundup the animals were sold at auction. The next drive will be held February 12. More than 400 persons have been taking part in this sport.

Omaha Jewish people have entered upon a campaign to raise \$75,000 to be used in relieving the suffering Jews of Europe. The Nebraska quota is \$125,000.

About \$75,000 damage was done by fire to the stock and building of the Witt and Broberg store at Newman Grove. The fire was caused by an overheated stove.

Merchants Spring Market Week is scheduled for Omaha, March 6-11. W. A. Ellis is secretary. Headquarters will be at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Actual construction of Kearney's new \$100,000 municipal auditorium is expected to start in a few weeks.

The estate of the late Charles W. Sanford of Lincoln was valued at \$1,500,000 in a will just filed.

A pimple which developed on his face after shaving a short time ago, caused the death of F. M. Buol, prominent business man of Randolph. The pimple became infected when Buol opened it and he was ill only a few days.

Fearing that he would become a burden upon his family, J. L. Williams, merchant of Arapahoe, fatally shot himself thru the heart in an alley near the Ford hospital in Omaha. The dead man had been a patient at the hospital, where he was undergoing nerve treatment.

Shipments of hay out of Nebraska during the latter part of January showed a slight increase, about one-third of the receipts of prairie hay at Chicago coming from Nebraska, according to the state bureau of markets.

C. D. St. John, miller, of Plattsmouth, employed by the Nebraska rollers mills, was warning the office with an oil stove when it exploded. He frugged it from the building, but his face, head, arm, shoulder and hands were badly burned. The fire was extinguished.

Baby Playhouse Costs Million

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hamilton, Memphis, Erect Structure for Their Two Youngsters.

EMPLOYS ARTISTS FOR JOB

Beautiful Panels Illustrate Characters From the More Popular of the Fairy Tales—Miniature Stage is One of the Features.

New York.—A beautiful, artistic building created by New York artists who flock to Cape May in the summer season, is the \$1,000,000 playhouse erected on the country estate at Centreville of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hamilton of Memphis, Tenn., for their children, Dan, Jr., and Margaret. It is truly a playhouse, fiber, timber and beam. Mrs. Hamilton, sensing that artists were the people to create a home radiating beauty and the make-believe, commissioned Thomas Hunt and his wife, Dorothy, to build and decorate the playhouse.

The little house, with its golden-white stucco walls and steep-pitched red-tiled roof, stands in a cluster of pines above the marshes and overlooking the sand dunes of the cape and the blue waters of Vineyard sound.

Beamed With Oak.

One enters a spacious, low-ceilinged playroom, heavily beamed with oak and stained in gold and cerulean blue, the rough plaster walls radiating the same golden hue. Here is a big fireplace, faced with orange tiles of special de-

signs done in daring lines and hues and giving a touch of the old-world peasant fireplace. Above the fireplace is a low-hung balcony, which invites untold adventure, since it can be reached only by a ship's ladder.

Over the fireplace and along the balcony are three panels executed by Mrs. Hunt, illustrating characters of fairy tales—"Red Ridinghood," "Prince Charming," "The Enchanted Princess" and "Hansel and Gretel." Big windows let in masses of light, and tiny windows form enticing peepholes from which imprisoned princesses can gaze far down the winding river and search the woods for the approach of the prince.

Fully Equipped Stage.

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But perhaps nothing pleases "Dan Ham" and his playfellows so much as his treasure chest. It is of oak, modeled after a famous old Spanish sea chest, with hammered brass corners, straps and lock plate, and with rings around the base to latch it to the deck in rough weather. On it Mr. Hunt has wrought in gorgeous and daring color pictorial scenes of pirates burying their treasure, and Spanish galleons. A close inspection of the characters brings squeals of joy from the children, for as has been said, the Hamilton group has been used as motif in many of the designs. Captain Kidd bears a remarkable resemblance to Daddy Hamilton.

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Speedy Farman Glider on the Seine



This is the Farman Glider, propelled by a huge airplane engine and aerial propeller, gliding along the Seine. It makes a speed of 50 miles an hour.

Girl, Dressed as Boy, Walked Miles in Sleep

Dorothy Sherman, nineteen years old, daughter of J. L. Sherman of Eaton, Colo., walked 11 miles in her sleep recently, garbed in her brother's clothes. She declared she went to bed as usual and knew nothing more until she was awakened by a passing automobile on a bridge 11 miles from her home.

GIRL MAKES MOVIES REAL THING

Invention of California Girl Promises Big Improvement.

Through Series of Silver Screens Characters Are Made to Appear as Actual Humans Moving.

San Francisco.—Ever since the cinema industry became an industry, persons with mechanical turn of mind have developed this and that kind of invention calculated to "humanize" the film character.

There was the "picture that talks," in which a phonographic record was synchronized with the speed of projection. It never came into popular favor. It has remained for a Los Angeles girl to provide an invention that has promise of actual merit.

The invention is that of Mary Bruce, twenty-one-year-old girl, who lives with her mother at 1828 S. Vermont avenue.

By means of a series of silver mesh screens, which have been tested out and found practicable, Mary is able to "absorb" the usual projection.

The result is that characters on the screen appear in their true shadow gradation, and the appearance to the observer is that of actual humans moving.

The full body of the actor or actress is visible to the eye. The "flat" appearance of them has been overcome. The series of silver mesh screens are mounted in varying sizes and may be erected in front of any ordinary projection screen. They take up very small space in front of the screen.

A local picture house will install the invention with a view to proving or disproving its merit.

SICK WOMEN THIEF'S TARGET

Victims Just From Hospital Are Gulled by Willy Trick of Paris Crook.

Paris.—The limit in fraudulent audacity is displayed by a man of fifty-three for whom the Paris police are looking. He has been in the habit of calling at the homes of women who have just come out of the hospital, presenting himself as a Poor Law doctor sent to examine them and report on their progress.

Having caused a woman to undress, he gravely covers her head with her clothes, instructs her to count 40 slowly and then hold her breath. When the woman's attention is thus distracted the man snatches up anything of value and steals away.

Caught Big Snapping Turtle.

Poplar Bluff, Mo.—Probably the largest snapping turtle ever taken from Black river was captured one Sunday recently by Ed Anse. It was

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Through Various Grades.
Freda, a neighbor of ours, called in to see me one morning, wearing a red sweater, which was rather large. I said to her, "Freda, does not that sweater belong to your big sister?" She evidently did not have the word "shrink" in her vocabulary, for she answered, "It used to belong to sister, but every time mamma washes it it grows younger and younger until now it fits me."—Chicago Tribune.

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Even the man who has a will of his own never objects to being mentioned in the will of another.

ARE YOU DISCOURAGED? BLUE? READ THIS

Galva, Iowa—"I have always been, to a certain degree, out of sorts in general, but after my last baby girl came, for three or four months I suffered from pains and discomfort due to feminine and intestinal troubles. Then I became gloomy, subject to fits of blues, and was completely discouraged. Finally, after becoming almost a skeleton from suffering, my sister urged me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took six bottles of this, also one vial of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets and one small package of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery Tablets and now I am in perfect health."—Mrs. Dorothy Calp.
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