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"Eczema began over the top of my ear. It cracked and then began to spread. I had three different doctors and tried several things, but they did me no good. At last one side of my face and my neck were raw. The water ran out of it so that I had to wear medicated cotton, and it was so inflamed and sore that I had to put a piece of cloth over my pillow to keep the water from it, and it would stain the cloth a sort of yellow. The eczema itched so that it seemed as though I could tear my face all to pieces. Then I began to use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and it was not more than three months before it was all healed up. Miss Ann Pearsons, Northfield, Vt., Dec. 19, 1907."

They Meant Business.

A Chicago stage manager was telling of amusing incidents of blunders and errors caused by stage fright. In a romantic play, recently revived, one of the minor characters, a dairy maid, comes forward at the end of a recital of a love romance, and comments as follows: "Hope filled their youths and whetted their love; they plighted their troth!"

But at one of the performances the girl who played the dairy maid was absent without notice. At the last moment the manager gave the lines to a shepherdess, who had never had lines to speak before, and who was excessively nervous when her cue came. This is what the astonished audience heard: "Hope filled their trough and blighted their love; they whetted their tooth!"

Argument That Won.

Susie had been promised a pair of new slippers for Sunday. Anxious to have them at once she had tried in every way to persuade her mother to buy them for her and let her wear them to a children's party that was to be given on Wednesday, but without success. Finally when both she and her mother had become tired of the teasing the little girl said: "Well, mamma, you needn't get them now; but I may be dead by Sunday and if I am you'll be sorry for disappointing me." Susie wore the slippers Wednesday.

NEW IDEA Helped Wis. Couple.

It doesn't pay to stick too closely to old notions of things. New ideas often lead to better health, success and happiness.

A Wis. couple examined an idea new to them and stepped up several rounds on the health ladder. The husband writes:

"Several years ago we suffered from coffee drinking, were sleepless, nervous, sallow, weak and irritable. My wife and I both loved coffee and thought it was a brewer" (delusion.) "Finally, after years of suffering, we read of Postum and the harmfulness of coffee, and believing that to grow we should give some attention to new ideas, we decided to test Postum.

"When we made it right we liked it and were relieved of ills caused by coffee. Our friends noticed the change—fresher skin, steadier nerves, better temper, etc.

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

BABYLON THE GREAT REVEALED

GLORIES OF THE ANCIENT CITY BEING UNCOVERED



RUINS OF SO-CALLED TOWER OF BABEL.



BURIED BY THE DESERT: BEGINNING TO UNCOVER ONE OF THE PALACES.

The mounds which now mark the site of Babylon lie about eight hours' distant from Baghdad, upon the left or eastern bank of the Euphrates, and they extend for about three miles from north to south along the course of the river. The nearest modern town to the ruins is Hillah, about five miles to the south; this, too, is on the Euphrates, which divides it into quarters, connected by a bridge of boats. It is a military post of some importance, and the photograph gives a view of the barracks, with the Euphrates in the foreground. The town is built mainly from the bricks of ancient Babylon, which for many centuries has served as a quarry for building materials to the whole district. Hillah is famous for its date-palms, and the houses are nearly hidden in the luxuriant date plantations which fringe the river banks.

The bare mounds of Babylon form a striking contrast to the green and feathery palm tops along the winding course of the Euphrates. The mounds break the flat line of the barren nitrous plain, and are now pitted and scored by years of excavation. At points around them great ridges of earth branch out, like the heads of railway embankments under construction. These are the heaps of earth and debris cleared by the excavators from the surface of the ancient city, and dumped clear of the mound, on virgin soil where possible, so as not to encumber the area of future work. Along the tops of some of these ridges little iron tip-trucks may be seen, pushed by a couple of Arab workmen along a light railway to the end of the shoot; while others at the other end of the line, and nearer the excavations in progress, are filled by lines of Arab basket-carriers who clear away the soil as the diggers loosen it. For years this busy work has been in progress, and the photographs here published will give the reader some idea of the results which have been obtained.

At first sight some of them may not strike one as very remarkable, and it certainly requires some imagination to conjure up from them the glories of ancient Babylon. But in this connection we may remark that the excavators themselves were, for many years, in a like frame of mind, and for a time they even doubted whether the stories of an ancient pomp and luxury might not have been inventions. On March 26, 1899, Dr. Koldewey began work on the mound of the Kasr, or "the Palace," as the natives term one of the largest of the city mounds, and from the very first considerable success of a sort rewarded his efforts. Two palaces of King Nebuchadnezzar were uncovered, and a small temple of the goddess Ninmah and a larger temple dedicated to the god Ninib were thoroughly excavated within a comparatively short time. The next important discovery was the site of the great temple of Bel, or Marduk, the city god of Babylon, in the mound Tell Amran, but the ruins of the building were covered by such a huge accumulation of debris that only a corner was laid bare. Then Dr. Koldewey traced the course of the Sacred road of E. Babylon, which led from the Temple of Bel to the royal palaces. Along this road, at the Feast of the New

Year, the statue of the city god was borne in solemn procession to the palace, where the king did homage, grasping the hands of the god in token of his fealty. At the beginning of a reign this act was equivalent to a coronation ceremony, and whenever the king was in Babylon at the New Year's festival he renewed his allegiance in this fashion to the national god.

It was, surely, no mean achievement to lay bare once more to the sunlight this ancient holy way, the worn blocks of which had been trodden by the feet of priests and kings. To pace the courts of Nebuchadnezzar's palace, and to gaze upon the very spot where he had sat upon his throne dispensing justice or directing his affairs of state, was certainly some return for the labor of years. But, for all that, Dr. Koldewey and his assistants were dissatisfied. For up till then scarcely a fragment of sculpture had been discovered, and no object of great artistic or archaeological value. All that met the excavators' gaze were bricks, burnt and unburnt, spread in bitumen as pavements or piled up in massive walls and terraces. The massive wall on the east side of Nebuchadnezzar's southern palace is older than the palace, and was filled in by Nebuchadnezzar (as may be seen in the photograph) when he raised the height of the platform on which the palace is built. The very temple walls, which were found standing and in place, were covered by a thin lime wash like any modern Turkish serai. It is easy to imagine that the spoilers of the city would have stripped her palaces and shrines of all treasures and portable objects of value—but they would not have scraped the walls. Dr. Koldewey was inclined to regard the story of Babylon's former splendor as another bubble that had been pricked.

But in this he was wrong. For shortly afterwards, when he had transferred his main body of men from Tell Amran again to the Kasr, he discovered the great Gate of Ishtar, which has fully made up for the want of decoration upon the buildings found up to that time. Ishtar, the goddess of love and war, was the most favored lady in the Babylonian pantheon, and the gateway which Nebuchadnezzar erected in her honor was a worthy tribute to her greatness. It is a double gateway, with interior chambers, flanked by massive towers, and was erected at the end of the Sacred road at the northeast corner of the southern palace. But its unique character consists in the scheme of decoration on its walls, which are covered with row upon row of bulls and dragons represented in brilliant enameled bricks. Some of these creatures are flat, others are raised in relief, and the effect of these processions of monsters, even in the present ruined condition of the structure, is remarkable.

L. W. KING, M. A., F. S. A.

Knit Stockings by Electricity.

From the gigantic task of hauling freight and passenger trains over the electrified branch of the Canadian Pacific the Aroostook falls, in Maine, performs such little chores as knitting stockings. The falls have recently been harnessed to drive electric generators which supply current to the railroad and to the knitting mills of the vicinity. An electrically operated machine will knit a stocking in less than two minutes.

Plans Large Y. M. C. A. Hotel.

L. Wilbur Messer, general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association in Chicago, has started a project for the erection near the heart of the city of a hotel to accommodate 1,000 guests, to be run on the plan of the Mills hotels in New York. He thinks that \$500,000 will be enough to finance the project.

To Farm Insanity Plant

Deadliest Vegetable Known to Be Introduced Into Texas.

The deadly marihuana plant is to be introduced into Texas from Mexico by special permission of the state agricultural department. Ernest Love, who conducts an agricultural experimental station near Cuera, has returned from a trip to the marihuana producing region of Mexico, bringing with him ten pounds of the seed of the plant, says a dispatch from Austin to the New York Herald. The weed is known as the most harmful of narcotic drugs. Its leaves, when smoked in the form of cigarettes, produce a species of insanity which frequently ends in horrible death. The story is told in Mexico that Empress Carlotta, the ill-fated wife of Maximilian, had her mind dethroned by drinking coffee in which marihuana leaves had been placed. She left Mexico an incurable lunatic at the time of the overthrow of the French in that country and has never regained her faculties.

So terrible are the effects of marihuana that a law was passed by the Mexican congress making it a penitentiary offense for a person to use the plant in any form. It is said that it is so seductive in its effects that it will addict one to its use. Notwithstanding the stringent Mexican law, it is a common practice for cigarettes made of it to be smuggled to the soldiers in the barracks, producing more than one dangerous riot.

Love believes that the plant can be put to good commercial use as a drug. He says it is a cure of asthma and is also thought to be valuable in the treatment of tuberculosis. It is far more powerful than India hemp, of which it is a species, he says. India hemp is recognized in the materia medica as a valuable drug.

"Absent-minded, is she?" "I should say so. She's the kind of woman who would go to a bridge party without her rings."—Bellman.

Gossip of Washington

What Is Going On at the National Capital.

Clerk Weds Prince in Travel Romance

WASHINGTON.—From government clerk to princess is the change made by Miss Georgie Jeffrey, formerly a clerk in the office of the auditor of the post office department. She is now the wife of Prince Alfred Ahrheim-Gagarin, adjutant to his imperial majesty, the czar. The wedding took place in Canton, China. The prince and princess are now traveling in the far east, but will ultimately go to St. Petersburg, where they will make their home. The romance which culminated in the marriage of the American girl and the Russian nobleman had its inception on an ocean steamer bound for the far east. Miss Jeffrey, who was regarded as one of the best clerks in the post office department, was transferred at her own request from that department to the Philippine service. She left Washington early in October.

Capital Is Cordial to Little Countess

Bernstorff made her debut in society at Cairo, Egypt, where her father was a country's representative up to a few months ago. She feels as if she were making a second debut since coming to Washington, for she has taken part in all the affairs given for Miss Ethel Roosevelt, as well as in many of the official functions. Since the dismantling of the German embassy by the Baroness von Sternberg, who recently sailed for Europe with her mother to spend the rest of the winter on the Riviera, the house has been placed in the hands of decorators and furnishers, and the ambassador and his family have been obliged to live at one of the hotels. The embassy is expected to be ready for occupancy in April. The Countess von Bernstorff and her daughter wish to know all about the city in which they live, and they are seen frequently on pleasant mornings, guidebook in hand, learning about historic houses and places. They have strayed already outside the foreign and official circles to meet people of interest, and it is confidently expected that the German embassy will be thoroughly cosmopolitan and democratic during the present incumbent's regime.

House Committee Clerk Courts in Demand

When congress recently voted \$800,000 for the relief of the Italian earthquake victims, an unusual scene was enacted in the house. A misunderstanding had arisen between the president and congress as to the amount of the relief and the bill prepared by the house committee on appropriations did not fit with the president's message by \$300,000. Courts was summoned by a general alarm and responded readily, pen in hand. A conference was held at the speaker's table lasting about two minutes, and those two minutes brought \$300,000 more relief to the sufferers of Italy. Courts and his pen fixed the bill and Courts later rushed the bill to the engineering committee and had it in the senate in record time. When congratulated by members and civilians alike later, Courts merely smiled. When, however, some one ventured to suggest that it was an inspiring sight to see congress act so generously and so quickly, Courts replied: "I once knew a congressman who made a speech in Paneti hall, Boston, and bragged about the passage of a pension bill carrying over \$100,000,000 in forty minutes. Finally he swelled up in his patriotism and exclaimed: 'Can you beat that?' somebody in the back row replied: 'Lord, I hope not.' There is such a thing as being too quick on the trigger."

Secretary Satterlee's Zest for Duty

called on Mr. Midshipman, and meeting with no response, said, "Oh, you won't, won't you?" With that he rushed toward the bed and taking hold of the mattress was about to jerk it down on the floor, when a sleepy voice said, "What's the matter?" and a sleepy face, wearing a full beard, emerged from the bed clothes. It was Mr. Satterlee of the honorable board of visitors who had been so unconsciously aroused, and when this fact dawned upon the brain of the enterprising midshipman he beat a hasty retreat.

Cocoa Crop Will Be Large. Santo Domingo's cocoa crop will be unusually large this season, according to present indications. The first gathering will be in April, and mature trees will yield a second crop in August. Santiago is now in wireless communication with the capital, Santo Domingo.

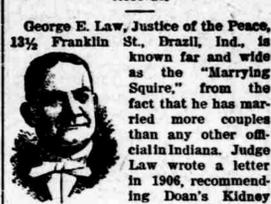
British Shipping in Bad Way. The output of the British shipbuilding yards amounted in 1908 to only about \$900,000 tons of merchant steam vessels, or little more than half of the preceding 12 months. The number of British ships now laid up at home and foreign ports is estimated at 1,000,000 tons.

Yacht Built of Concrete. Daniel B. Banks, a member of the Baltimore Yacht club, has had in use for 11 years a yacht constructed of concrete reinforced with steel rods. The craft is a slow sailer, but rides a heavy sea easily. Several years ago the yacht was driven on the rocks in a storm, but was not injured.

To Push American Goods. Santiago, Chile, is to have an "exhibit of American goods" in the fall of 1909.

"THE MARRYING SQUIRE"

Justice George E. Law Has Broken All Records.



George E. Law, Justice of the Peace, 134 1/2 Franklin St., Brazil, Ind., is known far and wide as the "Marrying Squire," from the fact that he has married more couples than any other official in Indiana. Judge Law wrote a letter in 1906, recommending Dean's Kidney Pills, which he said had made a bad back well, enabled him to sleep better nights and feel more fit for work. The treatment also cleared up the urine. On January 5, 1909, Judge Law confirmed his previous testimony. "I have recommended this remedy to many people since I first used it," said he.

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Teacher of Physiology. "Now we will dissect this odd little animal. But first, Jimmy Phalg, will you tell me what we have here?" Jimmy—"Faith, and it's called a bat, sir." Teacher—"Very well. Now, how many kinds of bats are there?" Jimmy—"There are four. The black bat, the red bat, the acrobat, the baseball bat and the brickbat, sir."

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If thou speakest what thou wilt, thou shalt hear what thou wouldst not.—Bias.

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GAVE HER DADDY AWAY.

Little One's Innocent Remark That Left the Deacon Gasping.

Every Sunday some one threw a button into the contribution box of the little church. The anonymous pastor confided to his wife that he suspected the button thrower to be stingy old Deacon G., who had so strongly opposed his "call" to the pastorate, but that he dare not accuse him of it for lack of evidence.

At a church "sociable" that week some one suggested the playing of games. Deacon G. had just partaken of oyster soup at some one else's expense and felt warmed and expansive. "Why not play 'Button, button—who's got the button?' he inquired of waiting children.

"Oh, yes!" exclaimed his youngest daughter with enthusiasm. "And you lend us the button, papa!" Then she drew back, timorously. "Unless you want to save it for next Sunday's contribution," she added, considerably.

LIVE AND LEARN.



Farmer Meddergrass—Waal, by clover! I knew them Chinese lived on 't'her side o' 't' airth but hang me if I knew they had a through route!

Sheer white goods. In fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

Was a Lucky Day for England. Admiral Nelson was the recipient of favoritism in the matter of his appointment to the British naval service. Nelson's father could not have afforded to send his son to Osborne. "But if he had been Nelson would have been rejected as physically unfit," says a writer. "Nelson was shoved into the navy under a bit of jobbery and pushed on by backdoor influence."

Noted Woman Press Agent. Mrs. Charles Neave is the latest English woman of birth and education to go into business. She has become a press agent, and it is said by her friends that some of the best singers at Covent Garden, London, are largely indebted to her for their success this season. Mrs. Neave is the daughter of a man of title and the widow of an army officer.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Up to Him. "Do you think you can manage with my salary of \$12 a week, darling?" he asked, after she had said yes.

"I'll try, Jack," replied she. "But what will you do?"—Universalist Leader.

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