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UNKNOWN LAW OF BREAKAGE

Why Steel Gets Tired and Gives Way at Unexpected Moment.

SCIENCE TAKES HOLD OF NEW QUESTION

Effort Being Made to Establish and Write Down the Law that Governs the Mysterious Breaks in Machinery.

The law of breakage is still unknown and unwritten. The twentieth century—the age of machinery—notwithstanding its wonderful structures, its ingenious inventions, and its brilliant mechanical discoveries, still leaves unanswered the question of how long a thing will last and at what moment it will break—unexpectedly and under an unusual strain—

A freight car will pound along over a few hundred thousand miles of rough road with apparent indifference; then, some time when it is moving at a very moderate speed, maybe on an exceptionally even rail, one of its hitherto sound steel axles breaks short and falls over it.

In a Fair Way to Learn. Among the many truth seekers, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology seems to be in a fair way toward 'knowing the answer,' and as like as not will be the first to come to definite conclusions upon the matter.

The experiments at the Institute of Technology in the strength of materials were begun by Prof. Gaetano Lanza, who is now in charge of the mechanical engineering department, more than twenty years ago.

One Fact Developed. The methods of discovery in use in the Institute laboratories are both interesting and surprising. They disclose one general fact very plainly—that the trial which structural materials above all others cannot stand in the trial of 'repeated stress.'

The case of the steamship shaft that breaks unexpectedly is somewhat different. Here is a great steel rod—for such it may be regarded—is turned rapidly in one direction by the engine at the same time that it is twisted in the opposite direction by the resistance of the water against the propelling screw.

Plan of Investigation. The plan of the Institute of Technology is, in other words, to bring about the very same conditions in the laboratory as actually occurs in practice. It runs machines for no other purpose than to deliberately break things, while the students and instructors 'keep tabs' on the results.

The case of the vibrating bridge is more complicated, for one cannot count the number of vibrations of a suspended structure. Yet there is a way of getting at bridge failures too; for it seems, in the light of recent experiment, that this weariness of structural materials is accompanied by a change in their very fibers themselves.

watched under the influence of acids. The particular state of its fibers just before breaking being once learned, a sample from the tie-rods of a bridge compared under similar tests will soon disclose its condition and the stability of the whole structure will be disclosed.

Slow, but Sometimes Surprising.

It is a very slow, tedious series of experiments to watch, and yet there is the element of surprise and spectacular effect in it, too, even for the uninitiated. It is an impressive sight to see 300,000 pounds brought to bear by a slow-moving giant of a machine, to feel the terrific jar as the bar snaps, and to watch, from a safe distance, the small fragments fly, as they occasionally do, and hurt themselves in the wall like bullets from a rifle; then to watch the breaking of a single horsehair in the same machine, and observe how both breaking strains—the hundreds of thousands of pounds and the hand pressure are recorded with equal accuracy by a finely balanced device as delicate as an apothecary's scales.

Quaint Features of Life. A comely young woman, tried at Marion, S. C., on a charge of murder for killing a man to whom she claimed to have been secretly married, was acquitted by the jury and the judge of the court then imposed upon her a fine of \$20 for carrying a pistol, contrary to the law of the state.

Here are a few names taken from the rolls of the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations in Indian Territory who have been given the Daves commission: Excellent Love, Uple Bogie, Cora Tuggle, Indian Territory Spears, Chick and Cheek (twins), Okla and Homs (twins), Evil Kiel, Smile Hancock, Hate Fobb, Mealey Teumseh, Hilly Wolf, Lying Hampton, Sweet Magnolia Brown, Sweetheart Cole, Betty Brant Smith, (born July 31), Pleasant Jonathan Keith, Ephurhus Guest, Fancy Nora Brown, Nervous Jackson, Always Billy, Dehadue Watts, Dick Jiggotts, June Love.

The old Calvert home, at Mount Airy, Md., which for more than two centuries has sheltered the descendants of the first Lord Baltimore, was offered at public auction recently, but was withdrawn from sale because only half of its actual value was bid.

Three doctors of Naples, Prof. Di Giacomo, Deamicis and Morlari, are studying the extraordinary case of a young woman, a victim of hysteria, from whose body pins and needles have been issuing for some time past.

A queer state of affairs exists in Woods county, according to a pipe dream reporter of the Carman (Okla.) Headlight. At a trial recently before the probate judge, the Alva lawyer drew a gun and was prevented from killing a witness by the bystanders and the court never said a word.

Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, the venerable Presbyterian clergyman of New York, has just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his marriage.

Rev. Charles M. Winchester of Middletown, N. C., declares that a minister can give up his office if he lives celibate and still have some money left for the church. He says he does.

There is an urgent demand for an industrial school among the Spanish-speaking Mexicans of New Mexico of the same kind as that for negroes at Tuskegee and Hampton.

The Federation of Churches and Christian Workers in Chicago has invited the pastors and churches of that city to unite in a simultaneous mission for the two weeks immediately preceding the observance of the response has been received to this call of the federation.

DIVORCE LAW OF NEBRASKA

Matrimonial Noose Slips Easily in the Antelope State.

BAR ASSOCIATION URGES A REFORM

Would Make It More Difficult for Nonresidents to Obtain Relief from Mistakes Made by Cupid.

Persons who are married and sorry of it, and who intend to rid themselves of the yoke by appeal to Nebraska courts, had better hurry, for if the State Bar association succeeds in doing what it recently pledged itself to do in the matter of securing a change in the laws, the process of divorce will be a great deal more tedious and trying than at present. There still remains a popular habit of lauding at the divorce laws, but for just ten years last past the South Dakota laws have been doubly as exacting as those of Nebraska.

The course to which the Bar association pledged itself at its last meeting, by adoption of a resolution, the report of its judicial committee, submitted by Judge Peterson as chairman, is, in brief, the promoting of legislation which shall provide that no divorce shall be granted for any cause arising prior to the residence of the petitioner or defendant in this state which has not ground for divorce in the state where the cause arose; that none shall issue to anyone not a resident of this state for a year prior to starting the action; that in the event of the cause arising out of this state none shall issue until the petitioner has been a resident in this state at least two years, and finally, that none shall issue unless there has been personal service if the defendant is within the state or personal notice if outside the state, the proviso being that where full and careful research fails to discover the defendant the court may authorize service by publication, but hold the decree to be not final until six months after rendition.

Thus for Nebraska the term of residence necessary for the divorcée to be proposed change from six months to one year, and for parties resident outside Nebraska when their troubles arise, it is lengthened from six months to two years.

The South Dakota joke had its rise and grew when only ninety days residence was required there, but now that she sets the pace for Nebraska, its legislature, having put into operation on January 1, 1903, a requirement of six months for residents and a full year residence by the plaintiff when the defendant is outside the state.

Moreover, South Dakota's new law requires personal service of the summons within the state, or personal service of the summons and order of publication in case of a nonresident, whereas Nebraska requires only that the plaintiff make affidavit that service on the defendant cannot be had within the state, and that the plaintiff have notice published in 'some newspaper of the county wherein the action is brought for four successive weeks.'

The latter stipulation of the Nebraska statute is quite obsolete, for many a distant husband or wife divorced without knowing it, and the public officers are being moved the more obscure weeklies of purely local circulation.

Cause for Divorce. In South Dakota divorce may be obtained because of infidelity, willful desertion, willful neglect, habitual intemperance, conviction of a felony, of extreme cruelty, the latter named to consist of such actions as inflict grievous bodily injury or gross mental suffering. In Nebraska, if the judge be so disposed, he may grant divorce on the same ground and consider 'extreme cruelty' committed when there has been only the application of unwholesome epithets.

Many approve the course of the Bar association, and even decide that divorce proceedings should be regulated by congressional enactment, as they have become matters of interstate character. Five cases involving the conflict of laws of different states having gone to the supreme court of the United States during the single period of the October term of the year 1900. Often, too, property rights are involved and is more than two-thirds the cases there are children whose future is affected.

Others, condemning the course of the association, argue that intimidated people are better divorced than held by chafing bonds, and say that since divorces are bound to be secured somewhere, Nebraska, in legislating as the Bar association proposes, simply would be throwing away the \$15 or \$20 court costs in each case, the attorney's fees and the profit of having the petitioner abide in the state. This, they insist, is so small matter when it is remembered that probably 500 divorces are granted each year in the fifteen district courts of the state.

WHAT CAUSES DANDRUFF. Greatest European Authority on Skin Diseases Says It's a Germ.

The old idea was that dandruff is scales of skin thrown off, through a feverish condition of the scalp is exploded. Prof. Unna, Hamburg, Germany, European authority on skin diseases, says dandruff is a germ disease. The germ burrows under the scalp, throwing up little scales of cuticle, and sapping the vitality of the hair at the root. The only hair preparation that kills dandruff germ is Newbore's Herpicide. 'Destroy the cause, you remove the effect.' Not only curing dandruff, but stopping falling hair and causes a luxuriant growth. Delightful hair dressing. Sold by all druggists. Send 10 cents in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

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