OMAHA BOWLERS ON DECK

Balzer and J. Haines Are in Second Place in the Doubles.

SEBRING, OHIO, TEAM LEADS

Cook and Crewson Take First Place with Score of 1,203—Stors Five Fails to Get Inside the Money.

DETROIT, Mich., March 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Four new leaders were posted during yesterday in the two-men event of the tenth annual tournament of the American Bowling congress at the Wayne Garden. Throughout fair totals were in order, the eleven pairs scoring better than 1,100. J. Cook and V. Crewson of Sebring, O., carried off the honors, by not only doing the best work of the day, but with it went into the lead in this division with a total of 1,203. The 1,200 mark of the meet. With a start of 45 they hit the maple for fair results in their remaining game. It was Cook's score of 221 in the second that held the pair up.

F. Balzer and J. Haines of Omaha ran second of the day with 1,179. Balzer's first game gave him four errors and wound up with two splits, counting 129. This pair had every opportunity to land well up in the 1,200 mark. Another example of the element of luck that goes with the game. In the singles C. L. Drinkwater led the Omaha squad with 555.

Scores of Omaha Players.

Two-men teams:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
F. Balzer	267	202	129	598
J. Haines	188	141	212	581
Totals	455	343	341	1,179

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
F. Keyt	193	176	144	513
Reynolds	171	157	200	528
Totals	364	333	344	1,041

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
W. Martin	133	165	167	464
C. Drinkwater	135	177	166	468
Totals	257	342	333	932

Singles:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Drinkwater	165	189	201	555
Keyt	166	166	185	517
Balzer	156	167	162	485
Martin	173	142	168	483
Reynolds	174	137	155	466

Stors Five Fails to Show.

Krollmans of Cincinnati topped the last squad in the five-men events with a count of 2,270, tieing for fifth place in the standing and failing to displace the leaders by eighty-three pins. Stors' Triumphs of Omaha failed to show in the money with a total of 2,535 for their series with games of 834, 900 and 824. F. Walenz stood high on the team with a count of 210 and L. Gjerde posted 208 in his initial game. Score:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
H. W. Fritiches	162	146	178	486
Phil Walenz	159	210	149	518
G. T. Zimmerman	43	175	154	472
L. M. Gjerde	203	195	156	554
W. E. Anderson	167	174	167	468
Totals	834	900	824	2,538

According to the officials, J. Edlich of East St. Louis, Ill., was discovered putting rosin on a runway in the singles, and the schedule was delayed more than half an hour, while the boards were cleaned. No official action will be taken, but the bowlers have been warned against a repetition of the practice.

While there were many scores over the 600 mark in the individuals, fourth place was the best that could be seized by any member of the nine squads. Frank Frohaneur of Columbus, was the leader of the day with 632.

Frohanuer, however, is now in the lead for the grand average prize with a total of 1,805 for nine games.

Scores of Leaders.

Five men teams:

Colonials, Madison, Wis.	2,802
Liberty's Rochester, N. Y.	2,783
Elks, No. 31, Syracuse, N. Y.	2,757
Bonds, Columbus, O.	2,753
Greenwalds, Akron, O.	2,720

Individuals:

George Oakley, Madison, Wis.	642
Max Drossman, Detroit, Mich.	641
Otto Wahl, Cleveland	636
Frank Frohauer, Columbus	632
J. Cruber, Cleveland	623

SPRING ATHLETICS IN IOWA

Practically All Schools Have Prospects for Good Teams.

IOWA CITY, Ia., March 5.—(Special.)—Despite the rumblings of threats against the present system of intercollegiate athletics in the state of Iowa, the spring season opens with fine prospects. Practically every institution of higher learning will have track and base ball teams and the quality of the athletic performances will show a marked improvement over previous seasons according to the early indications.

Good track teams will represent the University of Iowa, Grinnell college, Drake university and Ames, and these same four schools will have stronger base ball nines than in previous seasons. The schedules of both track and base ball teams are more complete than ever before and the number of contests will undoubtedly eclipse all records when the college aggregations disband next June after the last game and the last field meet are held before commencement.

The ultimatum that intercollegiate athletics must be reformed at the University of Iowa, the Iowa State Agricultural school at Ames and the State Teachers' college at Cedar Falls will not stop the enthusiasm this spring at least. The athletes locally are determined to make the most of the coming spring season to make a record that will be received by the educators with favor.

Criticism has come from the state board that the rivalry between Ames and Iowa has been so keen that much harm has been done. That this strenuous activity against one another must stop is its command. Efforts will be made by coaches, players and students in both institutions to emphasize the "Era of Good Feeling" which has existed the last year, so that the board may be impressed by the feeling now existing between the two leading state institutions so far as athletics are concerned.

Track Coach Jerry Delaney will organize his freshmen track squad next week, as the game tonight against Ottumwa ends the season for the first year basket ball men. "I do not believe in working the freshmen in both basket ball and track at the same time indoors," said Coach Delaney yesterday. "It is too much to ask of the youngsters. However, this coming week will see the formation of a good sized freshmen track squad. I hope that we will get a chance to meet Minnesota with both freshmen and varsity track squads."

The base ball practice started in earnest this last week, with Commandant M. C. Mumma in charge. The cage was let down and the men given their first chance to swing on the ball. Efforts will be made this coming week to increase the size of the squad.

The basket ball season closed tonight with the game against Northwestern. The students are more than pleased with the showing of Coach John Griffith's team after the semster exams all but riddled the make-up of the five.

When you want what you want when you want it, say so through The Bee Want Ad columns.

AMONG THE LOCAL BOWLERS

General Delivery Team Wins Two Games from Sea Dogs on Basement Alleys.

The General Delivery won two games from the Sea Dogs last night on the basement alleys. A. J. Latey had all high honors, with 235 for single game and 532 for totals. Score:

SEA DOGS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Crabb	107	124	169	400
Waage	138	151	151	440
Lough	120	143	128	395
Totals	365	418	448	1,235

GENERAL DELIVERY.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Morton	167	144	150	461
Harrier	127	129	194	450
Latey	184	133	235	552
Totals	488	416	489	1,393

The Sunkist Stars walloped the Hollys, three straight, last night. Laird rolled high single game, 202, and Mike Moran high totals, 543. McAndrews with his photo ball failed to connect with the head pin and fell hard, but game. Gillham got all high honors for his team, 200 and 507. Sunkists and West Sides Monday. Score:

HOLLYS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
McAndrews	135	116	84	335
Roche	142	143	146	431
Gillham	200	159	148	507
Totals	477	418	378	1,273

SUNKIST STARS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Moran	175	197	181	543
Griffith	176	171	167	514
Laird	202	154	126	482
Totals	553	522	474	1,549

The Te Be Ce's did it by taking two out of three from the Beselin Mixers. Crabb, the Te Be Ce's new man, copped all high honors in single and totals, 203 and 524. Bill Schneider took high totals and single for the Mixers, 182 and 507. Score:

TE BE CE'S.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Crabb	153	173	203	529
Maytham	150	185	154	489
Patterson	142	187	168	498
Totals	445	546	525	1,515

BESELIN MIXERS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Beselin	178	157	165	500
Dick Schneider	176	148	124	448
Will Schneider	150	182	175	507
Totals	504	485	464	1,453

Scores at Francisco's alleys—Mercantile league:

ON THE SQUARES.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Wilcox	189	147	163	499
Nelson	149	188	119	456
Finley	154	171	129	454
Totals	503	504	402	1,409

KAMOS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Seline	159	170	183	512
Slaughter	180	126	140	446
Danielson	169	151	179	499
Totals	490	456	502	1,448

Special match game:

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Tracy	176	182	173	531
Hammond	182	173	191	546
Totals	358	355	364	1,077

Omaha league:

LUXUS.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Ohnesorg	199	149	200	548
Conrad	203	173	244	620
Christensen	151	192	190	533
Berger	195	190	157	542
Bengele	123	159	187	469
Totals	871	863	968	2,702

OMAHA BEDING CO.

	1st.	2d.	3d.	Total.
Chandler	170	157	176	503
Tracy	153	168	201	522
Johnson	138	170	169	477
Schumacher	139	141	176	456
Sherwood	169	178	145	492
Totals	769	814	867	2,450

FAMOUS SEA CAPTAIN'S GRAVE

Resting Place of Noah Discovered Far from the Turbulent Waters.

A tremendous weight of sorrow will be lifted from the hearts of a long-suffering world, we fancy, when it becomes generally known that the grave of Noah has been definitely located by a certain scientific gentleman given strenuously to knocking around and about the earth and sticking his nose into the haunts of the quaint and curious of the long ago. Noah sleeps the last sleep, it seems, on the summit of Jebel Judi, near by and overlooking the plains of Mesopotamia.

Noah was a most picturesque individual. He was an exceedingly wise man in his generation, for he had sense enough to get in out of the rain when, according to the record, getting in out of the rain was all but universally considered extremely foolish and ill-advised. Nevertheless, had he not shown his surpassing wisdom by acting faithfully upon it, he would not have come to be known subsequently as the real, genuinely authenticated world's champion oldest inhabitant and the final appeal in all matters of ancient history.

Noah—who surely must have been in the original edition Honorable Noah or Colonel Noah—probably may safely be set down as Exhibit A among prohibitionists. If congress had been invented during or before Noah's day, doubtless he would have been a member, and a shrewd and result-getting member at that. He knew how to play both ends against the middle most successfully—a sure sign of the intuitive and practical politician. He built and personally conducted the greatest water wagon expedition of all time, and yet it was known to Noah's closer friends and associates that he did not hesitate to laugh it to scorn on occasions and refuse to ride upon it quite frequently. Astute old Noah! Amid a world of wetness, he alone was able to find a place to get off!

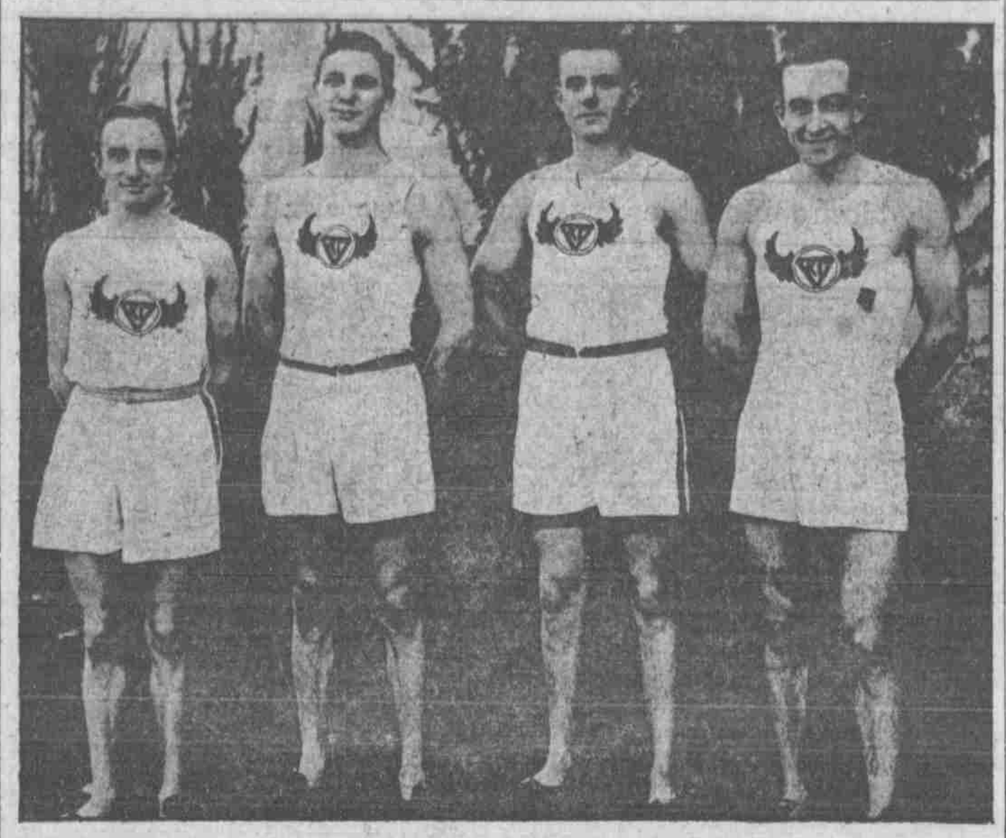
Of course, some of the spicier tales told concerning Noah may have had no real foundation in fact. They may have been given currency by the opposition, afterward duly and truly swamped at the psychological moment, righteously enough, it is to be hoped. It must be remembered that Noah held an undisputed monopoly of the earth's transportation business for a time, and probably was, in consequence, a particularly engaging target for the muckrakers and malcontents of the day.

Anyway, whatever may have been Noah's shortcomings or virtues, and waiving the possible preponderance either way for the moment, his was a compelling personality, and inspires solemn contemplation and speculation even at this late hour. Rest his bones over there on Jebel Judi! He played a stirring part in an exciting drama of considerably more than tank dimensions.—Washington Herald.

The Tourist in Japan.

All Japanese inns, of course, charge a great deal more to the globe-trotting European tourist who does not speak the language, since he or she is not content to travel strictly a la Japanaise, and worries the entire household with a variety of strange demands—extra quilts to sleep on (because they find the floor hard); an improvised pillow; special food (the ordinary guest takes what is given him and at the hour that his host pleases, and is thankful); knives, forks and spoons (because he has neglected to practice eating his food with chopsticks); a bath with fresh water in it (because he will not follow the custom of entering the bath as soon as he arrives, thus getting the opportunity of first bath and the water while it is fresh); and a half dozen other requirements. He reserves his chadal also until he leaves, and often the host misunderstands this action, and, fearing he will get no recompense for his extra trouble, augments the bill accordingly. These visitors not unusually treat the waitresses like so many novel playthings, especially travelers of the sterner sex, who sometimes fall hopelessly to distinguish between professional geishas and ordinary maidservants.—Wide World Magazine.

Kansas City Y. M. C. A. Champion Athletes



Don Stophlet — Jules Kornegsderf — Harry Kanatzu — Don Hendrickson

SQUAD WHO WILL BE AT THE BIG OMAHA INDOOR MEET.

DANE LOSES MATCH TO POLE

Sprained Ankle Puts Him Out After Hour and Eleven Minutes.

BOTH FALL FROM MAT TO FLOOR

Zbyszko Jumps Up and Down on Westergaard Until Pulled Off—Denies Intent of Unfairness.

Jess Westergaard of Des Moines won many additional admirers in Omaha by the magnificent showing he made against Zbyszko, the giant Pole, in a match which was given to the Pole after an hour and 11 minutes, wrestling, because Westergaard was unable to continue on account of a sprained ankle.

Westergaard had the better of the argument all the way through to the finish and the Pole was not able to hook a hold on Westergaard which the Dane could not shake loose. He put up the greatest exhibition of wrestling he has ever shown in Omaha and the much-vaunted strength of Zbyszko was of no avail against the superior knowledge of the wrestling game shown by Westergaard. The Pole had the better of Westergaard in weight by about 39 pounds.

The finish came after an exciting mixup, in which Westergaard was crowded through the north ropes to the floor with the Pole right after him and on top. When they hit the floor the Pole kept jumping up and down on Westergaard until he was pulled off by the police. The referee did not think this sufficient ground for giving the match to Westergaard on a foul, although these unfair tactics while out of the ring put Westergaard out of the running. Passing up the Pole's rough work, which the referee says he did not see, but which those on that side of the arena say was very plain, there was nothing else to do except to give the match to Zbyszko.

Ankle Weak from Sprain.

Westergaard has a weak ankle from a sprain of a similar nature, received in a match two weeks ago at Minneapolis, but he was able to keep his feet away from the reach of the Pole until they went off the platform.

Westergaard at times tossed the Pole around as easily as the Pole did the big Frenchman, De Rouen, in their match a couple of weeks ago. The Dane was behind before they had wrestled a minute. He made a dive for the Pole's leg, and after the scrimmage was behind. He was not able to secure an effective offensive hold, although several times he had the Pole's shoulders started toward the mat. Every advantage the Pole was able to gain on Westergaard was soon turned to the advantage of the Dane by some feat of skill or strength. The Pole was forced to shake his head several times after failure to make a half nelson work. Several times he had what seemed like a strong hold on Westergaard, but he was not able to keep it long.

Westergaard was on the offensive nearly the entire time and seemed to be doing most of the hard work, and in spite of that he seemed in better condition before the accident than the Pole. Both were dripping with perspiration and the mat was stained from their colored tights.

Pole Tried to Be Fair.

The Pole evidently intended to be fair and there were none of the rough tactics which are always evident when the Frenchman wrestles. Zbyszko did not make a bad move, unless it was when Westergaard was hurt, and that was visible to few. When the doctor was called the Pole seemed quite anxious to learn of Westergaard's condition and showed that he could speak a little English. He said:

"I did not know we were not on the mat. I could not help it. He pulled me off the mat."

Bill Hokuf won in straight falls from Policeman McCabe, the first fall in 10:37, with a half nelson, and the second in 12:17, with a half nelson and bar hold. This was quite a lively match, with Hokuf the aggressor all the way through.

An exhibition was given by Jack Toliver and Anton Ruby, the tumbler. Toliver attempted to throw Ruby twice in an hour, but was not able to accomplish the feat. They gave a good exhibition of getting away from holds, with Toliver always on the offensive.

Preparing for the Inevitable.

Jonah was on his memorable voyage.

"Captain," he said to the commander of the Phoenician tub, "I want you to give me a receipt in black and white for my passage money."

"What's gnawing you?" inquired the bluff old Mediterranean sea dog. "Ain't the fact that I don't put you ashore proof enough that you've come across with th' tinks?"

Jonah shook his head.

"Nope," he said. "I want a receipt in full that can be put on record. If I don't get it some Boston muck-raker will be pretty sure to set it down in a book that you threw me to th' whale 'cause I was trying to beat my passage, see?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Key to the Situation—Bee Want Ads!

Along Auto Row

The show gave an impetus to business. The season has opened with greater promise than ever.

Automobile men are confident of a great season's business. The show was a grand success, Colonel Deright said. Thousands of prospective buyers saw the 1910 models. They listened to dealers explain every detail of their cars' mechanism and they went home with catalogues galore.

The glorious weath of the last week has whetted their appetites for machines, and the season may be said to be fairly on.

Last week several dealers visited Sioux City's automobile show. Roy Coffeen and Marshall Collins of the Racine-Sattley company made a splendid show. The Standard company also made a display there.

H. E. Sidles, sales manager of the Buick agency in this section, came up from Kansas City yesterday with R. H. Collins, Kansas City, local manager. They spent the day here with Manager Huff and left for Lincoln last night.

Clad in a fur overcoat, with a cap to match, a stock raiser from down the state strolled into the Cadillac booth at the recent Chicago Auto show and asked to see Mr. Cadillac. When told that the gentleman in question was not to be seen he insisted upon meeting him, saying that he had been running one of the first Cadillacs made for the last eight years and wanted to shake hands and pay his respect to the man that invented it. It was finally explained to him that Mr. Cadillac had nothing to do with making the car that bore his name, but that the gentleman was a French explorer who founded the city of Detroit many ears ago and that the car was made in his honor. The visitor was finally convinced and went away satisfied after shaking hands with Mr. Henry M. Leland, the father of the Cadillac car.

Dick Stewart said: "The other day a visitor to the Rambler factory wanted to know how Rambler quality had been attained. General Manager Jeffrey pointed to a man at work finishing Rambler engine bearings and said: 'Before that man could qualify for that job he had to prove that he had had at least seven years of experience in that special line of work. The difference between the work of that man with perhaps twenty years' of experience, and the man with perhaps two years' experience is the difference between quality and inferiority.'"

C. H. Herring, for the Atlantic Auto company, said: "Paul Hardin of Chester, S. C., is out with a challenge that has set the auto gossips busy in at least four of his neighboring counties. A few days ago W. C. Thomson agreed to buy a two-cylinder 1910 Reo on condition that it would run under its own power from Chester to Bullock's Creek, S. C., by Hardin. Thomson lives twenty miles from the nearest county seat where the roads are of a heavy red clay, which at this time of the year are impassable for a wagon in many places. The long trip was successfully made by Hardin though the road was lost twice. Thomson is now the proud owner of the car and Hardin offers to bet any local owner of a car that cost twice the price of the 1910 two-cylinder Reo, one car against the other, that he cannot follow the Reo in a cross country run to Bullock's Creek or over any other similar roads within fifty miles of Chester. The challenge has not as yet been accepted.

The H. E. Fredrickson Automobile company is just in receipt of a telegram under date of February 27 from the Pioneer Automobile company at San Francisco, reading as follows: "Oakland hill climb today Chalmers '40' won Heeseman cup for runabout, $2,000 to $3,000, Jean Bemb driving."

Denise Barhalow said: "The middle west has taken to the electric car like the proverbial duck does to water. This is probably due to the fact that the home of this type of car is in the middle west and in that section has been more fully exploited than in any other locality. Having been given greater attention by the purchasing public because the sales force of each consern has been more persistent in the middle west than in any other section, the sales necessarily have been greater. The far west is becoming educated to the use of electric cars and in another season every state west of Illinois will have a large number of cars. The east has been slow in taking up the electric cars, the reason for which is problematical."

Speaking of the commerce of the Franklin factory, Guy Smith said: "A turntable for convenience in handling Franklin motor cars has been installed in the repair shop at the factory in Syracuse. Just as a locomotive can be run up to the round house and then on a turntable sent into its quarters on the proper track a motor car can now be run into the repair shop and turned to be sent in any direction in the place. The turntable has a diameter of fifteen feet, is of steel construction and moves on ball bearings."

The A. C. A. touring book for 1910 will be in the hands of all A. C. A. members before May 1. It contains 500 routes and fifty large maps in colors. The main touring lines are divided into a half dozen divisions as follows: No. 1, Hudson Valley (east) and New England; No. 2, Hudson Valley west, (New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania); No. 3, The Middle West; No. 4, The West; No. 5, The South; No. 6, Canada and the West Indies.

"There is no question in my mind," says W. H. Wigman of Fredrickson's, "but what people like to see how they look to other people when they are in an automobile. When we are demonstrating cars, we notice that people are continually looking in shop windows to get a glimpse of themselves. It is human nature, just as it is human nature for a man or a woman to look into shop windows when they are wearing a new suit of clothes or a new gown. There is a feeling of personal satisfaction that goes with the knowledge that you look neither too large nor too small compared with the car in which you are riding, which goes a long ways toward making the purchaser satisfied with his car."

PURE AIR AS A CURE-ALL

Physicians Recount Benefits of Outdoor Treatment in Common Ailments.

Recent experiments in open air treatment of disease were declared to have shown astonishing results by Dr. William P. Northrup in a lecture delivered at the Academy of Medicine in New York City. Dr. Northrup's address was the first of a series of twelve on prevention of disease, which are to be held at the academy under the joint auspices of the public health education committee of the Medical society of the county of New York and the hygiene committee of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs.

Dr. Northrup declared that the generally accepted theory that foul air consisted of a deficiency of oxygen and a large surplus of carbonic acid caused by breathing was erroneous.

"The familiar symptoms of headache, dizziness, nausea, and faintness in crowded inclosures are caused by heat storing in the body," he said. "This heat storing is due to increased moisture in the atmosphere and its stagnation. In the Black Hole of Calcutta the victims died from the increased heat moisture and heat stagnation, not lack of oxygen."

It is steam heated persons who catch cold, Dr. Northrup said, and he declared that if temperature of rooms was kept beneath 70 degrees there would be a great decrease in pneumonia and many other ills. He said that outdoor treatment was now regarded as an almost certain cure for pneumonia, measles and scarlet fever.

"The poor should wear clothing in preference of crowding in overheated rooms," he continued. "The body heat should be governed by coverings and not by overheated air.

"There is no reason why children should not be as healthy in New York as in the country. Anaemic children are not made so by living in the city as opposed to the country, but because in cold weather they are huddled in overheated rooms."

Dr. R. G. Freeman, visiting physician of the New York Foundling hospital, told of having checked an epidemic of measles and scarlet fever in that institution by taking all of the patients to the roof, where they remained until cured.

"When the epidemic broke out," said Dr. Freeman, "we expected to lose many babies, but, thanks to the open air treatment, there was not one death."

After the addresses Dr. Freeman declared, in answer to a question, that no baby was too young for the open air treatment, provided it was warmly clothed. He also said that cold baths were better for young babies than warm baths, if the baby glowed when taken from the water.

"Just dip them in and take them right out," he said. "You need not be afraid even if the water is very cold."—New York Herald.

HOW WE PIPE HOT AIR

Every Great New Invention Greeted by a Multitude of Doubters.

We of this big republic complacently affirm the glory of our national achievements, and are not without temptation to acclaim them as proof of superior craft and judgment.

But herein do we forget that we are on record as having cast our vote against every move that has contributed to the present century's development.

We raised our voices in contemptuous protest against the first projected railways. Had the locomotive waited its signal from the people it would not yet have started.

When the electric telegraph was shown to us few brushed it aside as a toy and laughed its inventor to scorn when he offered to sell us his right for a few thousand dollars.

We put into jail as an impostor the first man that brought anthracite coal to market. We broke to pieces Howe's sewing machine as an invention calculated to ruin the working classes; and we did the same thing to the harvester and the binder. We scorned the typewriter as a plaything.

We gathered together in mass meetings of indignation at the first proposal to install electric trolley lines, and when Dr. Bell told us he had invented an instrument by means of which we might talk to one another across the town we responded with accustomed ridicule, and only the reckless among us contributed to its being.—Atlantic Monthly.

GREATEST OF GAME STATES

Pre-eminence of Maine as the Natural Game Preserve in the Union.

The report of the fish and game commissioner of Maine covering 1909, the 234th year since Pemaquid was founded, reminds us that the little state—little by comparison with many others, being thirty-sixth in area—is one of the greatest natural game preserves in the union. With difficulty the investigator will find any other state in which so many deer are killed in the open season in one year. This is perhaps a very conservative way of putting the speculation. In Oklahoma, admitted as a state in 1907, deer are found here and there in rough country, but their number is small and rapidly diminishing. In some western states there is no need of an open season, for there are no deer left. The south has ceased to be a great hunting ground. In the Pacific slope states the deer and bear familiar are well represented still, but no longer can game be called abundant. In Maine, with its land area of 29,895 square miles and water surface of 2,300 square miles, wild life possesses the forest depths and invades the cultivated valleys, and in spite of stringent laws and a short open season game is really plentiful. A census of beasts of the chase, if not of birds, might indicate a gain rather than a loss since the colonial period.

Bangor is the chief clearing house for game in the state. During the late open season 2,266 deer, 175 moose, and forty-four bears were shipped through that city. The Somerset railroad reported 1,265 deer, seven moose, and nine bears, and the Sandy River railroad 519 deer, six bears, and two moose. From 159 licensed hunters and trappers the following returns of fur-bearing animals were received. Eighty-five bears, 512 foxes, 40 raccoons, 656 mink, 127 sable, 97 otter, 321 fisher, blackcat, of marten; 396 beaver, 2,045 muskrats, 348 weasels, 107 skunks, and 23 wildcats. We should like to know whether any other state could make such a diversified showing, and the returns are by no means complete, for 266 licenses were issued to hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals. The number of guides registered was 2,037 residents and 23 nonresidents. Of these 1,726 reported that they had conducted parties comprising 3,007 hunters. Here again the returns are not all in.

In spite of the army that annually pursues the wild animals of Maine and the recurrent slaughter, their number never seems to grow less. And it will be so as long as the greater part of Maine is a wilderness. Ten years ago it was estimated that there were 23,700 square miles of forests or woodland in the state, or 79 per cent of the whole. In 1896 the standing feet of spruce alone were calculated as 21,239,000,000. There seems to be no pressing forestry problem in the Dirigo state.—New York Sun.

WHO WANTS A BLACK ROSE?

A Triumph of Botanical Chemistry that is Useful Only as a Curiosity.

The inventor of a process for growing black roses naturally takes pride in his achievement. The black rose is new in floriculture. Nature, within the knowledge of man, has produced no rose of that color, and the black rose, if it is a shapely, full-grown flower, will be cordially received. If it have the perfume of the garden rose its value will be greater. Some of the most esteemed roses of the florists' shops are almost odorless. The inventor of the black rose is to be congratulated. Black diamonds and brown ones are esteemed far above their intrinsic value. Mr. Burbanks' horticultural hybrids are highly prized. It will not do in this scientific era to condemn the gardener or agriculturist for using his wit and art to produce freaks in defiance of nature. The freakish tendencies of nature are now too well understood. The cunning of man cannot outdo them. Only nature has not yet produced a black rose, and the first of its kind will surely command a high price in the market for curiosities.

The utility of a black rose is questionable. It will never satisfy the eye like the red, yellow or white rose; a new poetry of roses must be made to fit it; no lover will come to use it as a symbol of his passion. At its best it will seem a thing of mystery. A bunch of black roses carelessly laid on the rail of a parterre box at the opera will not necessarily charm the vision of the unfortunate lookers-on in the stalls. The near-sighted ones may fancy that the principal occupant of the box is displaying her overshoes. A black rose in a lovely woman's hair will resemble a rosette of silk or velvet. As a gift the black rose, after its first novelty has worn away, will fit only funeral occasions. Even then its oddity and the extravagance its presence implies will serve to make it seem unsuitable.

The advent of the black rose will be an event, a triumph of botanical chemistry, a subject for learned discussion and some more or less tedious frivol. But, after that—what? Who really wants a black rose?—New York Times.

SAYS WITCHCRAFT KILLED IT

Parents' Belief Reveals Remarkable Condition in a Pennsylvania Town.

That seventeen of the twenty children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Carl of Reading, Pa., died as the result of witchcraft is the startling statement made by the parents. A daughter, 28 years of age, died and was buried last week. The majority of the children died when quite young.

The parents have never been ill a single day, while their children wasted almost to skeletons. Attending physicians said several of the children were afflicted with marasmus, a wasting of the flesh without any fever or apparent disease, while "powwow" doctors declared that the little ones were bewitched by an old woman. Several of the children in their illness scratched their mother on the neck and face, screamed for hours, and manifested other queer symptoms until they died.

While physicians declared that several of the older children died of subercuiosis, Mr. Carl believes all were bewitched. He said:

"When one of our children was ill the doctor said it would not live over night, and at the suggestion of a neighbor I called in a "hex doctor" who had the reputation of curing bewitched people. He hung something in a bag around the child's neck and gave it two kinds of medicine. He said that it had been bewitched by a woman, but would mention no name. From the time the witch doctor began to treat the child it began to improve, and is one of the three living today."

On another occasion when one of his daughters was ill, Mr. Carl declares, an old man, hearing him tell a friend about his loss of so many children, said he could help the child, and was invited to try. He brought a piece of muslin, a needle and thread, a pen and red ink, and the seventh book of Moses. He "powwowed," and then copied a verse on a slip of paper, using his red ink, and put the paper in a little muslin bag and hung it at the head of the cradle, and the child improved.

When Dr. R. E. Strasser was coroner he waged war on the "powwow" doctors, but they are still doing business in Berks county. Eastern Pennsylvania is a stronghold of superstition.—New York Herald.

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DIVORCE, REMARRIAGE MIXUP

Specimen of the Family Confession Wrought by Chicago Divorce Mills.

Mrs. Jarvis Hunt, a Chicago divorcee, and Howard G. Cole, also of Chicago and divorced, were married in Florida a few days ago. Two interesting developments followed in the Chicago end of the disconnected families. Mrs. Cole is now seeking from her former husband a substantial financial settlement for their children and Mrs. Hunt shortly before her marriage to Cole is said to have relinquished all right to the custody of her son and daughter.

After the Cole divorce case was tried before Judge Dupuy in the supreme court a decree was entered granting Mrs. Cole alimony amounting to $600 a month. This sum is now regarded as insufficient by Mrs. Cole, in view of the fact that the four children are in her care, and she is demanding that Cole place a lump sum in her control for the benefit of all the children.

Mrs. Cole declined to discuss the subject, but it is understood that she is requesting her former husband to set aside $100,000 for the financial assistance of his children.

Mrs. Cole directed her legal advisers several days ago to open negotiations with Cole along this line. She has repeatedly asserted that she has no desire even to threaten him with legal proceedings because of his action in remarrying within the prohibited statutory period, but it is believed by her friends that the possibility of this weapon being used will have a persuading influence on Cole so far as a settlement on behalf of his children is concerned. Attorneys connected with the Cole divorce suit asserted some time ago that if any action was taken against Cole it would remain for his former wife to begin proceedings.

The arrangements whereby Mrs. Hunt-Cole relinquished control of her children, it was learned, were completed shortly before she left for Jacksonville, Fla., to wed Cole. The children, Jarvis, jr., and Louise, were given into the custody of their mother last October, when Judge Slusser of Dupage county granted Mrs. Hunt a divorce. Both children have been for some time with their paternal grandmother, in Vermont. It is said that the grandmother will move to Wheaton, Ill., within a few months, where she will continue to supervise the rearing of the children.

"Mrs. Cole is willing to let her husband pursue his own paths in life hereafter, but she believes that he ought to set aside a substantial sum for the benefit of his children," said one of her friends. "Two of the children by his first marriage and two who were born after his second matrimonial venture are in the custody of Mrs. Cole. Now that he has married a third time she believes that he ought to set aside a part of his ample fortune to take care of his offspring. A beginning has been made in the way of negotiations, but they are far from complete. It remains for Cole to do the right thing by his former family. Alimony of $600 a month is all right for Mrs. Cole, but the future of the children must be considered."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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