

Bellefonte, Pa., May 17, 1912.

ECONOMICAL AGNES.

"What are you looking so blue about Agnes? As though you had been steeped in indigo. Isn't the latest fashion in hair dressing becoming to you or has your father cut down your allowance?" asked Celine.

"Dad hasn't diminished my allowance, but doubled it on the condition that I don't attempt to economize any more.'

"Has he had a brain storm?"

"Indeed not. He says my economies cost more than other people's luxuries. My lisle stocking income and silk stocking proclivities don't coincide.

"The first time I wore my white serge suit Jack and I were at the Tea Shop, where the waitress spilt a glass of ice tea over it. Jack bemoaned my fate. I smiled serenely, trying to show what a nice disposition I had. The next day I dipped the gown in gasoline, but I had taken the wrong jug, it was kerosene."

"Was it ruined?" asked Celine.

"We sent it to the cleaner's, but nothing would eradicate that odor. After using three bottles of imported violet perfume on it I hung it in the back yard to air. When it seemed safe to risk wearing it, the skirt was gone, stolen."

"Another time I thought it would be sanitary to give our bath tub a fresh coat of enamel. Dad brought home a portly millionaire friend from Kansas. Father wanted Mr. Smith to invest some of his surplus cash in a certain stock company. Our guest said upon retiring he'd think it over. Mr. Smith is accustomed to taking an early plunge. The enamel wasn't quite dry, and he 'stuck to it.' After repeated calls dad rushed to the rescue. At breakfast he was as surly as a bear and snapped at me when I suggested a remedy. Father didn't dare mention stocks, and we have never seen or heard from him since."

"Did you ever try your hand at painting after that?"

"Yes, our porch furniture looked so shabby I painted the chairs."

"They look just like new."

"Oh, these are the new ones. We couldn't use the others. Father and mother were going automobiling. While mother was waiting on the veranda, she exclaimed suddenly in the most aggravated tone: 'Look at my new silk dress.' It was a spotted foulard, I assure you, spots of green paint all over it. After we thought the chairs were dry some one would discover a daub of paint on their suit. Dad's patience was finally exhausted, so he hought these rockers"

"Is your brother out of town?" asked Celine. 21 . r. ht.

WHEN COAL WAS FORMED. WATER OF THE WORLD. What Will We Do When the Population Curious Condition the Earth Was In at

That Period.

Dr. McGee, an American scientist. who follows the form of investigation that uses weighing scales for testimony-scales that cannot lie," has found that the average individual uses directly or indirectly about 4,400 tons of water every year. He drinks a ton. The vegetables he consumes require about 400 tons for their growth, and his annual meat supply of 200 pounds uses up no less than 4,000 tons of

Outgrows the Rainfall?

water. Using this figure as a basis, Dr. Mc-Gee shows that when the population of the United States has reached 1,017,-000,000, which he thinks will occur about A. D. 2210, every drop of the annual rainfall will be required to maintain the food supply, and no further increase of inhabitants will be

possible. The present inhabitants of the entire world, estimated at about 1,500,000,000, can be increased to 20,000,000,000 if the total annual rainfall of earth remains as it is today-that is, thirteen times the present population will crowd the earth to its limit.

Dr. McGee's estimates, however, leave quite out of account the question of tapping the oceans, which is at least a possibility.-London Magazine.

MOVING THE PIANO.

Changing Its Position In a Room Will Affect Its Tone.

It is said that the very act of moving a piano around in a room is sufficient to disturb its tonal qualities. When a plano has been moved into the position for which it is intended. is accustomed to the temperature and the drafts prevalent, it should be tuned. experts say. Any change of temperature or movement may cause the strings to contract or expand slightly with the resultant loss or gain of half a semitone. Changing the position of a plano is said to have almost the same effect as constant playing, only in the latter case the constant action of the hammers against the strings tends to loosen their adjustment and the instru. ment runs out of tune.

Sea air has also a detrimental effect on pianos. Here again contraction and expansion of the wires are the chief causes of disturbance. Planos constructed for the tropics are much more strongly built than those used in temperate climates. Wood that is not liable to warp and crack is used in the sounding boards; otherwise they have, to be brass bound and stayed to prevent splitting .- New York Sun.

Gluttons of the Seas.

The pike's reputation for cruelty and voraciousness is such that it has been ' popularly dubbed the "water wolf." It is probable, however, that many species of sea fish are equally, if not a great deal more, rapacious. Large dogfish, congers, pollack, cod and bass are especially ferocious, while halibut will very often seize and kill other large fish. An English angler was "playing" a large conger when a huge halibut swam up to and savagely bit Camembert is the name of a .comat it-a proceeding that cost the halibut mune, a few houses about a Camemits own life, for on its making for the bert church in the prefecture Vimouwounded conger a second time the tler and the department of Orne. The boatman contrived to gaff and haul it cheese got its name from the fact that aboard. There have been many exit originated near there, but there isn't amples of pike being found dead, choka cheese factory nearer than three ed by their own species, and these tisl: miles away now, and not enough peonot infrequently atttack another pike ple live in Camembert to run one of that has been booked by a fisherman any size. Caen, the principal Camembert market, is in Calvados. The

What is said to be the strangest period through which this earth has passed is the one that was responsible for the formation of coal. The planet is described as being at that time flat and smooth as to surface and peculiar as to vegetation. The continents were just beginning to rise above the ocean, and the land had not yet become dry. Mountain ranges had not arisen from the swamps, and the atmosphere was thick with fog. In this state of affairs there sprouted and flourished the plants which were later to furnish the

world with its coal supply. These plants grew as big as our largest trees, taking deep root in the morass and flourishing like the lush grasses in moist meadow land, developed into the strange shapes now found in tropic vegetation. The forests looked, scientists state, like dense growths of weeds, rushes and enormous ferns. Some of them grew in the shape of cacti, having spines all over them. This kind of vegetation was very rich in carbon, which it derived from the warm, moist atmosphere. Then the millions of years rolled by, the forests of giant weeds were buried by deposits of earthly material, and the chemical change took place which slowly changed them into coal. This process stopped with the carboniferous age, so that when the present supply of coal is dug out of the ground there will be no more .- New York Sun.

RUSSIAN ROYAL TRAGEDY.

Czar Boris and the "Bell With the Ear Torn Off."

The kamaoulie koloko, or "bell with the ear torn off," had a most romantic history. In the sixteenth century Prince Dimitri, the rightful heir to the Russian throne, was deposed by a revolt led by Boris Godunoff, who was afterward proclaimed czar. The seat of government was then at Uglich, and thither Dimitri was sent in order that he might remain under the direct observation of the usurper.

Boris, fearing the populace might awake to the justice of the claims of the young prince, planned the assassination of Dimitri. He was one day stabbed in a courtyard. None of the bystanders showed any disposition to aid him. A priest, however, from the cathedral belfry saw the crime and immediately began tolling the great bell, which was held sacred and rung only on unusual occasions, such as a coronation or the death of a czar. Furious at this tacit expression of

reproach, the czar commanded that the priest should be tortured and executed and that the bell should be taken down and placed beside the body of its ringer. This order was fulfilled, and the bell was beaten with clubs by the entire populace, the Czar Boris being at their head.

Camembert Cheese.

cheese is carted to the shore and car-

ried across the mouth of the Seine to

Haver in boats. It is made, however,

on the northeastern side of the Seine

and from there comes to Haver direct. The cheese is shipped unripe even to

home markets near at hand in French

cities. It is seldom over four weeks

old when it leaves the factory and

The Proof.

"Apropos of international marriages,"

said a Texas congressman, "I am re-

minded of a saying of Vicomte l'Oig-

"These American heiresses,' grum-

bled the vicomte to his friend, the Chevalier Tete de Veau, 'are a cold,

"'Yes,' said l'Oignon. 'I've just been

accepted by Miss Billia Nare and,

though Billia is worth twice as much

as Lotta Golde, the latter declines pos-

itively to release me from our engage-

Caught In His Own Trap.

Mother-Why. what is the matter.

Johnny? What are you crying about?

Johnny-Teccher made me sit in her

chair on the platform today, just be-

cause I whispered once. Mother-Well,

don't see anything dreadful in that.

You have had to sit there before. John-

ny-But there was tacks in her chair

today! I'd just put 'em there for her

Equally Creditable.

give the public an impression that he

"I think so." replied Senator Sor-

ghum. "Even if they do not indicate a

ready wit they show a long memory."

"Do those stories that statesman tells

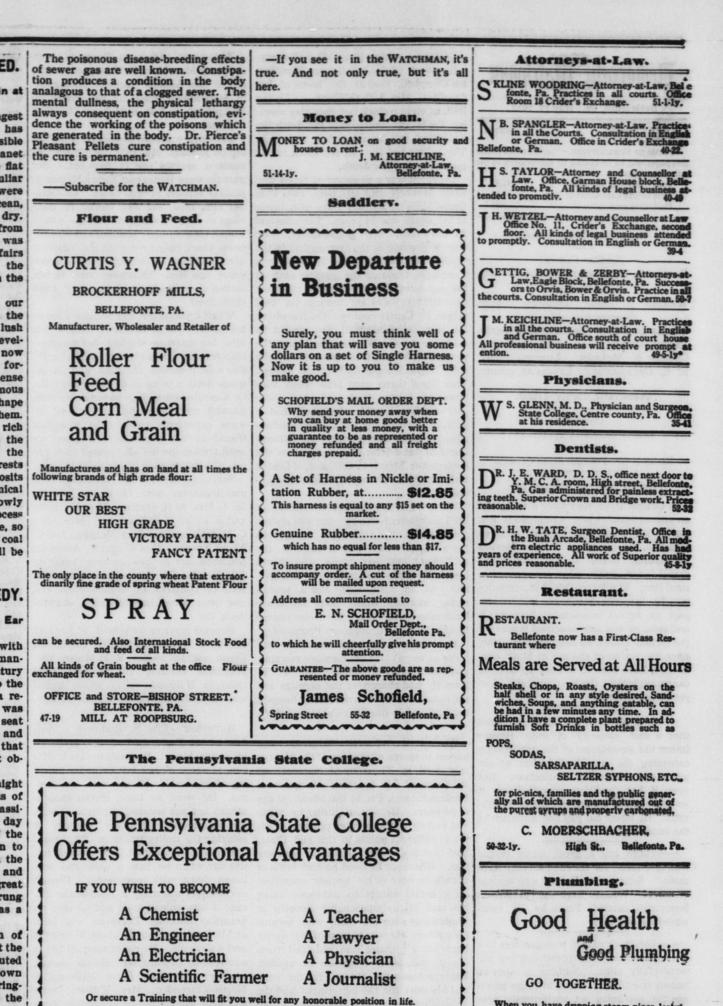
calculating, designing lot.'

ment." -- Washington Star.

"'Yes?' said Tete de Veau.

non.

often only two or three.-Argonaut.



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Groceries.

"There's some class to him when he wears that light gray suit."

"Don't mention that suit to me. Bob said: 'Sis, get rid of my gray suit, I don't want it any more.'

"One of those A menians came to the door with a suit case of kimonos and I exchanged the suit for a silk kimono.'

"What an excellent idea. What did Bob say about your business ability?"

"I'd hate to tell you. He nearly collapsed when he found I had traded the new suit

"Mother had selected a new refrigerator at what see led an exorbitant price. I attended a furniture auction sale, and after writing four hours, procured an ice box all porcelain and glass for only ten dollars more than the other would have cost. When it came it was 16 in hes too high and 10 inches too wide for the pantry." "Did you send it 'ack?"

"No; it was boug't on the condition that it could not be returned."

"Don't you trim your own hats?" "Not since I blackened my leghorn with shoe polish. Jack and I were caught in a rain storm. Jack gave one howl. 'You look like a coal black lady!' he roared. The shoe polish had

dripped off. "Another time I had needed my white pique skirt in a hurry so the cook washed it and I put it in the oven to dry and turned the gas low, I forgot all about it and the skirt was

burned to a crisp. "But that wasn't even as bad as the time I dyed my last blue messaline, coronation purple."

"Was it a success?" interrupted Celine.

"No, the dress became a hideous purple, but the pan containing the dye slipped. The sink, the table, the wall, everything was tinged with violet. The maid threatened to leave, said she never worked in a purple kitchen, and never intended to. We had the wall cleaned and raised her wages." "I certainly don't blame your fa-

ther."

"You needn't sympathize with him. My allowance won't be doubled very long. Jack says he thinks I would make a dear, sweet, economical wife."

Wind Wagon Travels Fast.

Mme. Bleriot has a wind wagon or aeroplane invented by her husband, which stays on the ground, but is otherwise like a monoplane. It is designed on principles similar to the yacht, but it is on wheels and is drivon in the same way that an aeroplane is propelled. Mme. Bleriot goes out on the sands in it with her five children, traveling at the rate of sixty miles an hour.

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Arsenic Eaters.

The average Englishman has a hor ror of arsenic, but the peasantry in Austria-Hungary and other parts of eastern Europe eat it habitually, believing that it gives plumpness and beauty to the figure and longness of breath. Peddlers sell white arsenic about the countryside quite without re-

striction. The quantities taken are small, and so long as the doses are regular no illness results. Once they are stopped, however, symptoms of arsenical poisoning at once become manifest. Mountaineers in eastern Europe often take a dose of arsenic before commencing a climb, and it is also customary to give it to horses and dogs to give brightness and gloss to their

skins.-London Chronicle.

Meteors.

The frequency of meteors is at its highest toward the end of July and the beginning of August. During the first six months of the year the total number of meteors observed on a clear. moonless night is only about six an

hour. At the beginning of July the frequency increases and attains its maximum, sixty-nine an hour, on Aug. 10.

The mean for the entire year is twenty-four meteors an hour.-London Standard.

Progressing.

"I understand your boy Josh is experimenting on the lines of perpetual motion.

"Yes," replied Farmer Corntossel. "And I feel some encouraged about it. I thought for awhile that the only thing Josh was going to take in was perpetual rest."-Washington Star.

A Resemblance. She-In a way, getting married is

Proverb.

like using the telephone. He-How so? She-One doesn't always get the party one wants .- Boston Transcript.

Views of Optimist and Pessimist. Howell-Fortune knocks once at every man's door. Powell-While misfortune keeps on knocking .- Judge's Library

A man is bated sometimes for pride When a fool has made up his mind the market has gone by .-- Spanish when it was an excess of humility gave the occasion.

to sit on.-Judge.

-Washington Star.

is a man of mentality?"

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