

ICE PATROL IS NEVER IDLE

Coast Guard Unit Constantly at Work Broadcasting Information as to Ocean Conditions.

Describing the work of the ice patrol which was organized and placed under United States management by international agreement in 1913, an authority says:

"A continuous patrol is maintained by two United States coast guard cutters capable of keeping the sea in all kinds of weather. Each one alternately takes a two weeks' tour of duty and is then relieved by the other. When one of these ice scouts approaches the ice region, it collects all information from nearby vessels and proceeds to search the area south of latitude forty-three for signs of ice, and broadcasts information as to the limits of the ice to all approaching vessels. In connection with this scouting duty, the ice patrol secures scientific observations relating to the ice area and forwards daily reports to the weather bureau."

One of the things brought out by the evidence gathered by these vessels, he stated, is that there is no truth in the old idea that the cold Labrador current flowing south dives under the warmer Gulf stream moving northeast and comes up again to the southward. When these two ocean currents meet, he claims, the Labrador current is arrested, then turned toward the Gulf stream and finally pulled along in an easterly flow parallel to it.

CHEATED OF JUST REWARD

Oldtime English Inventor Unable to Get Recognition and Died Broken-Hearted.

It seems always to have been true that a pioneer of any invention which is afterward to become indispensable must suffer misfortune, and perhaps even perish, before his creation can win the recognition it deserves.

This was the case with the steel loom for knitting stockings, invented in the sixteenth century by William Lee.

Lee took his invention to Queen Elizabeth, but she withheld her patronage. Again he improved his machine, so that it would knit silk stockings—the queen's love of silk hosiery had been one of her chief reasons for disinterest—but again he was disappointed at not receiving a royal grant.

Things were no better under James I, so he went to France, and when success was almost within his grasp at the French court the assassination of the king balked him again. Broken-hearted, he died, but in the next century Oliver Cromwell granted a patent on his device to the Company of Framework Knitters.

Onions and Authority.

Next after hard-boiled eggs M. Clemenceau made the American public familiar with onion soup. But all that is purely material, only a question of restoring the tissues and keeping in health. Far above any such association with the onion is the dictum, of metaphor, of one of our high-soaring and untrammelled poets. Writing of one whom he rather vaguely describes as an infallible authority on literature, art and all life, he says that this genius speaks "from the very center of the onion." This may mean that the man has pungent and penetrating views. It may mean to convey that his ideas carry far, in the spirit of what George Eliot wrote about "the waftings of that energetic bulb." In any event, the appearance of this smile is worth noting if only as a reminder of what all those who desire to be "in the movement" have to keep up with. Possibly we have here the dim beginnings and adumbrations, we may say odors, of a new and revolutionary onion philosophy.

Fortunes Made in Few Minutes.

If a song "catches on" it proves a gold mine to somebody, although not always to the author and composer. "Alexander's Ragtime Band," and "Her Golden Hair Is Hanging Down Her Back" were moneymakers, for the profits in each case fell little short of £20,000.

In the same class must be added such songs as "The Bogey Man," "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree," and "After the Ball." It is said, too, that "My Pretty Jane," which Sims Reeves sang thousands of times, netted £2,000 a line.

Yet some of these best sellers have been the result of but a few minutes' actual work. "Sing Me to Sleep" was composed in ten minutes. Tosti's "Dear Heart" was the work of two days, while Balfe wrote "Killarney" in a few minutes.—London Tit-Bits.

Old Car Didn't Matter.

The neighbors had bought a new car, but still used the old one, which was sitting at the curb one day when Mrs. H., across the street, was backing out of her driveway with Charles on the seat beside her. He was watching out from his side of the car.

"Am I going all right, sonny?" Mrs. H. asked.

"Yes, you're all right, mother," Charles answered.

"I want to be careful and not hit Jones' car."

"It won't make any difference if you do, mother; it's their old one," Charles replied.

HELD "PEACE PIPE" SACRED

American Indians Attached Immense Importance to the Ceremony That Accompanied Its Smoking.

The smoking of the "Pipe of Peace" among the American Indians was a ceremony attended with great solemnity. The peace pipe, called by the French the calumet, was treated with great reverence and was brought out only upon the most important occasions, such as the making of peace treaties, the reception of a distinguished stranger with whom the tribe wished to be upon good terms. If the occasion did not bring forth the pipe of peace, it was a sign of hostility. To refuse to smoke it when offered was a cause of offense. The calumet was between two and three inches long, and the stem rather than the bowl was the object of the Indian's reverence. The stem was of reed, artistically decorated with women's hair or eagle's quills. Among the western tribes the pipe bowl was of red catlinite, a fine-grained stone of deep red color found in Coteau des Prairies, west of Big Stone lake, in South Dakota. The Indians of the South and East made the bowl of white stone pierced with several holes so that several stems could be used at the same time. The calumet quarries were regarded as neutral ground among the warring tribes and there were many sacred traditions connected with these spots.

FURTHER HINTS ABOUT MEN

It Would Seem That Writer Has Given Pretty Thorough Consideration to the Subject.

"There never was a man too near-sighted to see the look of admiration in a pretty woman's eyes."

"A good woman inspires a man, a brilliant woman interests him, a beautiful woman fascinates him—but the considerate woman gets him."

"When it comes to making love, a girl can always listen so much faster than a man can talk."

"Love, the quest; marriage, the conquest; divorce, the inquest."

"Most marriages, nowadays, seem built for speed rather than for endurance."

"There are only two kinds of perfectly faultless men—the dead and the deadly."

"One reason why a man's life is so much fuller than a woman's is because he spends nearly three quarters of it in hunting up things for a woman to do."

"A widow's chief consolation in remarrying is probably that she finds it less exhausting to sit up and wait for one man to come home evenings, than to sit up and wait for a lot of them to go home."—From "A Guide to Men," by Helen Rowland.

Famous Chinese Tombs.

The famous Ming tombs are located near Nanking, China. On the road that leads to them from Nanking are colossal figures of carved stone. These are statues of Chinese kings. The Mongols under Genghis Khan's successor swept across Asia and Russia and overran Hungary. He defeated the Germans and Poles in 1241. But the mongols were beaten by Egypt in 1260. After that their power waned, and China was able to throw off the Mongol yoke in 1368, when she established a rule of native kings—the great Ming dynasty. Under the Mings, China flourished until 1644. Then the Manchus, another Mongol people, reconquered China, and remained masters until 1912.

There is a fence built around these statues, because the Chinese believe that the statues would be very mad if a common Chinaman were to touch them.

Blind Spots.

The world has its "blind spots" for thunder and lightning, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society. The brilliant flash of lightning and the crackle and rumble of thunder would be as impossible of conception by many Eskimos as would "solid water" by equatorial savages.

In general the frequency of thunderstorms decreases as one goes north, until within the Arctic and Antarctic Circles they seldom occur.

When Katmai volcano, on the Alaskan peninsula, erupted in 1912, some of the adult natives of the vicinity were more terrified at the lightning and thunder that accompanied the dust clouds than at the possibility of being buried by ash, because they had nothing in their lifelong experience by which to judge the blinding and deafening noise from the skies.

Luminous Paints.

The luminous ingredient in paints is usually either calcium sulphide, barium or strontium carbonate or sulphate, or mixtures of these chemicals may be used. An example of a luminous paint, giving a violet, is as follows: 100 parts of strontium carbonate, 100 parts of sulphur, 0.5 parts each of potassium chloride and sodium chloride, 0.4 parts manganese chloride. These are heated an hour to 75 minutes to about 2,372 degrees F. The paint is prepared by mixing this with pure linseed oil.

The Changes of Time.

"You never can tell what is going to happen."

"What now?"

"The young fellow I fired for incompetency two years ago has just married my daughter and I've got to take him back and give him a better job."

PINE GROVE MENTION.

D. W. Meyers is spending some time among friends in Altoona.

C. C. Williams spent Tuesday at the W. G. Gardner home in the Glades.

George Smith and wife, of Altoona, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Prof. A. L. Bowersox transacted business in Lock Haven on Saturday.

Will Thompson left for Chicago this week where he has a good job in view.

Merrill Leidy, of Altoona, will assist John Kocher on the farm this summer.

Don't fail to see "The Poor Married Man," in the I. O. F. hall Saturday evening.

One of George Mothersbaugh's best cows was found dead in its stall Saturday afternoon.

E. C. and J. F. Musser shipped two carloads of hay from the Oak Hall station this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bryan are receiving congratulations over the arrival of a little girl.

Mrs. J. H. Keller is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Ida Williams, on Main street.

Allen Andrews, tenant on the A. C. Kepler farm, is nursing a sore leg the result of being kicked by a horse.

Mrs. John Fortney and daughter, Mrs. Biddle, of Altoona, were callers at the J. I. Reed home on Monday.

Mrs. Blanche Heas, of the Branch, attended the funeral of her cousin, Annie Fox, at Lebanon on Saturday.

Grover C. Cori has been discharged from the Bellefonte hospital and is convalescing nicely at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glenn and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shirk spent Sunday with friends in town.

Now that the public sale season is over auctioneer J. I. Reed will assist his son Frank erect a new house in State College.

H. H. Goss and wife, of State Col-

lege, were here on Sunday to see postmaster Barr, who is very little improved in health.

Ernest Royer, who spent the winter with friends at Chester is back at the home of his parents at Bloomsdorf, very little improved in health.

While confined to his bed with an attack of the flu George C. McWilliams endeavored to get up to get some medicine, fell and cut quite a gash in his head.

Frank Heninger and wife, of Lewistown, and Prof. M. E. Heberling, wife and sister, Miss Estella Heberling, of State College, visited among friends in town on Sunday.

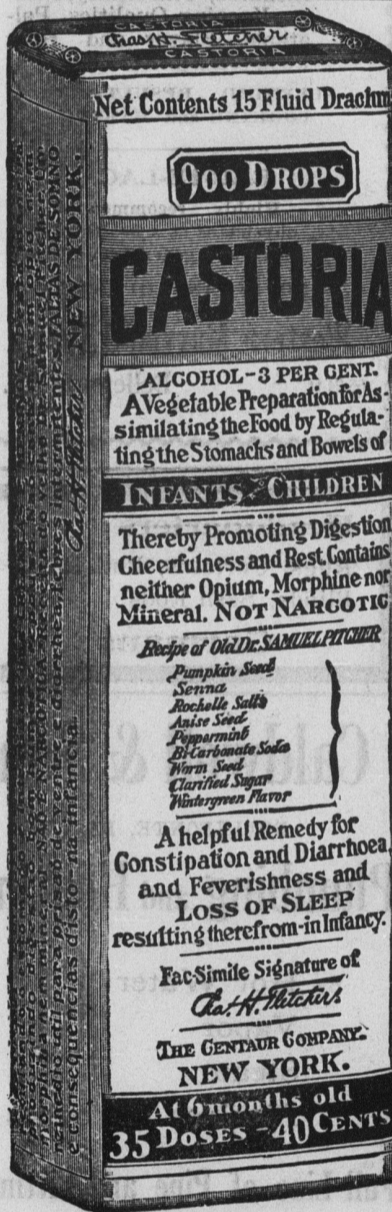
Miss Etta Gilliland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gilliland, in the Glades, is seriously ill with pneumonia, which developed while recovering from an attack of the measles.

Mrs. Rachel Wilson has returned from the Wills Eye hospital, Philadelphia, where she underwent an operation for the removal of cataracts from her eyes. She is now able to read with glasses.

Wade Herman motored over from Clearfield last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Williams at Lemont and on starting home that night crashed into a tractor that was moving without a tail light. His car was pretty badly damaged and he was compelled to spend the night at the St. Elmo.

The Moore home west of town was the scene of a happy birthday surprise party on Monday evening in honor of the head of the family, Edward Stewart Moore's 68th birthday anniversary. Mr. Moore was born at Sauburg but when eight years old came to this section and became a member of the J. B. Mitchell household. In 1888 he married Margaret Martz. Ten daughters and one son were the result of the union.

—No man is too big to be courteous, but many men are too little.—Binery Talk.



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