

CANNED MUSIC IN YUCATAN

Demand for American Talking Machines is brisk, Says Our Consul at Progreso.

The talking machine is as popular in Yucatan as in the United States, according to a report to the Department of Commerce from O. G. Marsh, United States consul at Progreso.

The American machine has monopolized the market. Old styles with horn have had an extensive sale, but cabinet designs are preferred by most customers.

Practically all orders have been placed by importers direct with factories on factory-price quotations, railway and steamship freight and marine insurance being attended to by American agents of importers or by freight forwarders at American ports.

Almost all records sold in Yucatan are of well-known American makes. The most popular have been American fox trots and Latin-American songs and dance music.

THIS MADE TRIP BETTER

Fall of the Big Brute's Suitcase Gratified the Other Passengers Very Much.

They got on the train together—a gruff, pink-cheeked giant of a know-it-all husband. He didn't help her up the steps. To his credit it must be admitted that he was carrying their heavy suitcase—though maybe due to his absent-mindedness or the presence of a quart inside.

The little woman uncomfortably kept glancing up at the rack and unconsciously fingering her shoulder as if preparing it for a blow. Again she ventured, "Dear I'm afraid—"

"Mind your own business; it'll hold," he growled. "Bang! The words were no sooner out of his mouth than down came the suitcase. It struck squarely on his head, crushing his new derby hat.

Smallest Bank.

In the town of Normal, a small suburb of Lincoln, Neb., is the smallest bank in the country. It was organized three years ago with a capital of \$15,000. Today its assets have increased more than tenfold.

A Mean Statement.

As Lawyer Flubdub stepped out of the elevator a man in the corridor fainted. The attorney assisted the man to the sidewalk, called a taxi and helped him in. The unknown showed every sign of collapse. Of course, a crowd gathered.

Somebody asked: "Is that a client of Flubdub's?"

And somebody answered: "I guess so."

"What made him collapse like that?"

"Oh, Flubdub probably told him the amount of the fee."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Queer Cargo.

The queerest cargo ever taken overseas by a British steamer was that recently discharged at a Moroccan seaport. It consisted of 2,000,000 gallons of water, required for the use of the Spanish troops who were fighting the rebel tribesmen.

The "Watchman" gives all the news while it is news.

NEAT PIECE OF MECHANISM

Clock in San Diego, Calif., So Adjusted as to Tell the Time in Many Lands.

There is a wonderful clock in San Diego, Calif., which tells the time in all nations at the same moment. That is to say, it gives the time in nearly a score of the principal cities of the world.

The master clock is inclosed in plate glass at the bottom of the pedestal, and the intricate parts and complicated action are plainly visible. It was made in one shop, and cost \$3,000. Fifteen months were required to construct and finish it.

TRACTORS USED IN LOGGING

Have Displaced Ancient Methods at the Mahogany Fields Are Becoming Depleted.

Tractors are being used in increasing numbers in the mahogany industry in British Honduras, according to a report to the Department of Commerce from Consul Early, Belize. For over 200 years there has been a more or less successful exploitation of the mahogany and cedar forests by means of primitive although expensive methods.

The result has been an increase in the use of tractors for hauling logs. The largest mahogany contractor in British Honduras has invested nearly \$100,000 in tractors manufactured in the United States during the present mahogany season.

A Wrong View.

Prof. F. E. Wolfe, the farm expert of the University of Nebraska, said at a recent dinner:

"Farmers don't go in enough for co-operation and tractors, and, in short, the modern method. These things mean cheaper production and larger profits, but too many farmers are like Dingus.

Traveling Such a Bore.

Transcontinental traveling may become a bore, even to a miss of five. Betty Jean Thatcher of Los Angeles, age five, is visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Moore, in Ruskin place.

Groundless Fear.

"People are worried about having wireless aeriels about their homes when these big electrical storms come," said a Detroit radio engineer, "but it really amounts to nothing. They never remember they also have telephone wires running into their houses, and they are theoretically more dangerous than the wireless aerial, because they are strung over a much greater space along the streets than the ordinary aerial."

A Natural Query.

"Aaron A. Piffer has had to sell his dry goods store and move to the city," related the landlord of the tavern at Tomhicken. "He made money in a modern way here, ever since he started twenty years ago. But about six months ago he married a handsome young second wife. Well, she said she preferred death to living in a small town like this."

Substitute for Rubber.

Chemists have worked out what they claim to be a practicable substitute for India rubber. They use as a basis the oil of the soja bean. Two parts of this oil are treated with one part of nitric acid, and the result is an emulsion. This emulsion is heated to the boiling point of water, when it becomes converted into a uniform gummy mass.

Solomon to the Summer Girl.

Consider thy apparel, for fine feathers make fine birds, and no maiden with the glad rags is as homely as the Lord made her. Yet be not extravagant in thy attire, lest some youth shall see from thee, saying, "Where-withal shall I get the seeds to doll up this Jane in the similitude of the fabled plate of which Solomon was told?"—Miami Metropolis.

SILENCE AT AUCTION SALES

System Employed in Holland Might Be Found of Value in the United States.

Auction sales can now be carried on by electricity through a method that has been tried out in Holland. The proverbial taciturnity of the people in that country accounts for the success of the method there, and no doubt most people would be glad to do away with the objectionable noise that prevails at auctions.

In the present case, the method is applied to selling eggs in the weekly markets which are held in the agricultural districts. The eggs are sold in lots of 2,500 in this case. Each bidder has a numbered seat provided with a push button and electric wiring that goes to the seller's stand.

ARROWS MADE TO "WHISTLE"

Ingenious Device Employed by the Chinese in Their Conduct of Military Examinations.

In the Chinese collection at the American Museum of Natural History are to be found some unusually fine specimens of whistling arrows. These were sometimes known as "drum arrows" and were employed, in connection with the drum bow, by the Chinese in military examinations.

The drum bow used with these arrows was shot on foot at a target consisting of six concentric leather rings, alternately red and white with a yellow center. The candidate had to shoot his arrow so that it would pierce the target. It was not counted if it merely touched the target.

Sell Wolverine Fur to Eskimo.

Selling furs for consignment to the Eskimo sounds like a paradox, but that is exactly what took place at the opening day of the sale of the Canadian Fur Auction Sales, Limited. The explanation was more simple than it looked.

His Only Solace.

Cortlandt Bleecker, the New York Clubman, said on the Aquitania: "I was in Berlin one pay day, and it was a funny sight to see the Berlin work people carrying their wages home in suitcases, wheelbarrows and hand carts. A man earning \$20 a week, normal exchange, would have, you know, some 25,000 marks in notes of small denomination. No light burden."

Submarine Thawing.

The use of electricity for thawing frozen water pipes of city houses is no longer uncommon. An unusual undertaking, however, was the successful application of the process to a six-inch submarine main, 1,700 feet long, that, resting on the bed of the East river, connects North Brother Island with New York city.

Most Wonderful of All Prodiges.

An eleven-year-old Russian boy, Shuro Cherkaski, who has recently arrived in this country, is pronounced by some well-known musicians to be the greatest piano prodigy that has ever been heard. He plays many of the most difficult compositions with the understanding that is to be found only in old and experienced artists.

Vivacious Engine.

An engineer was giving evidence in a case in which a farmer was suing a railway company for damages resulting from the death of a cow, which had been run into by a train. The farmer's lawyer was heckling the engineer, and kept reverting to his pet question, which was: "Now, tell me, was the cow on the track?"

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THIS "FOG-HORN" NOISELESS

Seems an Anomaly, but Explanation Given Should Convince the Most Skeptical.

This is the name given to a signaling device to prevent collisions at sea. Part of it consists of a siren that by means of high-pressure steam will produce powerful air waves with the low frequency of fourteen or fifteen vibrations a second.

Since this receiver is fitted with an ingenious apparatus for registering the strength of the reflected vibrations, it may be possible to learn the distance and even the nature of the object that has intercepted the sound waves. The siren is designed to be mounted on deck so that at night or in a fog, when the presence of icebergs or of other ships is suspected, it can be turned in various directions to explore the sea ahead of the ship.

FIRST OF LIVING ORGANISMS

Expert Opinion Is That Earliest Form in Lakes Must Have Been of Vegetable Origin.

Interesting studies have been made by Montt on the earliest forms of life appearing in the Alpine lakes. One of these, the lake of the Seracs, has been created within human memory, and it seems to justify the statement that the first living forms inhabiting lakes are of a vegetable nature.

They Met Their Pledge.

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Advertisement for F. P. Blair & Son, Jewelers and Optometrists. Features a large diamond illustration and text: 'The Ownership of a Beautiful Diamond is a Permanent Asset'.

Advertisement for The First National Bank, Bellefonte, Pa. Features a cow illustration and text: 'The Cow The Mother of Prosperity'.

Large advertisement for A. Fauble's Variety and Value. Features a man and woman illustration and text: 'Variety and Value the Watchwords in Fauble's Opening Display of Fall Merchandise'.