#### Marriage Kept Secret for Thirty-Seven Years

The secret of a wedding which took place 37 years ago has been revealed since the death at his home in South Shields, England, of Cleveland Masterman, a cousin of the bishop suffragan of Plymouth.

Masterman's will was proved recently. He left an estate of the gross value of more than \$650,000.

Among the bequests was one of \$75,-000 in trust for life, his wine and furniture and the income from two houses to his housekeeper, Mrs. Martha Mary Ann Broom, It has now become known that "Mrs. Broom" was actually Masterman's wife, says the London Mail.

The marriage took place at the Carlisle register office May 4, 1886. Mrs. Masterman always called herself Mrs. Broom and Mr. Masterman always referred to her as his housekeeper. The marriage was a very happy one.

Of late years only one other living person has been in the secret, Mrs. Masterman's niece, Annie Rebecca Turner, who was one of the witnesser at the wedding.

Masterman was eighty-two years old when he died and his wife is eighty.

#### California Now Shows Whaling to Tourists

There is a general belief, cultivated by motion pictures and fictioneers, that whales are peculiar to the Arctic circle, inseparably associated with icebergs, Eskimos, polar bears, igloos, scurvy and huge men so bewhiskered as to resemble water spaniels. All of which is "old stuff," for now that California has gone into the tourist business seriously and whole-heartedly, whaling is merely a week-end party, a sort of post-graduate work in connection with the trout-fishing course, says George Creel in the Elks Magazine, ac cording to the Detroit News.

At Trinidad, a point of land jutting into the Pacific near the California-Oregon line, there is a whaling station of such proportions and activity that it can be smelled for 50 miles on a calm day, while, when the wind is right, distant San Francisco grabs for its handkerchief. Three boats, mostly manned by Norse, Danes and Swedes, ply up and down the coast, and six whales a day is the average catch.

Make Money From Ferns The unobstrusive, almost forgotten

carpet of the Green mountain forest, promises to bring back a measure of prosperity to a group of the most impoverished of the back hill towns of southern Vermont. Probably 100,000,-000 ferns have been taken from the leides and deep forest recesses of the narrow strip of back hill country in Windham and Bennington counties declining rural villages from this harhas amounted to almost \$200,000, says the Detroit News. Whole families pick for the 14 weeks' season, and make a vear's income.

Fern picking is crowding the maple sugar business for leading place among the profit-bringing side enterprises of rural life along one ridge of the Green mountains.

#### Value of Oyster Fishery

Oyster culture represents the most valuable fishery in the United States. The 1920 yield approximated 30,000,-000 bushels, having a valuation of \$15,000,000 to fishermen. The latest inventory as to the magnitude of the industry in personnel and equipment employed for twelve months, indicated that 67,257 persons were thus engaged, drawing wages aggregating \$10,876,801, using vessels and apparatus appraised at \$17,000,000. Ninetynine per cent of the oysters are taken from the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, Maryland, Virginia and Connecticut, in the order named, having foremost ranking in yields. It is said that Chesapeake bay gives up more oysters than any other body of water in the shabblest clothing. The state is sup-Virginia and Maryland, through which this huge pond navigates, produce 5,000,000 bushels of oysters each annually. Connecticut is bushels.

#### Watt the Fly

Electricity is turned to a new use Sentence of death has been passed on the all too commoon housefly by electrical engineers. A contrivance has been designed to receive current from the ordinary lamp socket. It is to be baited and affixed to a wall or some other place where files gather. Only a fraction of a watt is required for a fatal shock, the engineers say.

A new device for fly extermination merits a new slogan: "Watt the fly" is in character with the reported progress, eh, watt?-The Nation's Business.

#### Diplomatic Reply

The irate customer shook his portrait m the photographer's face. "Do I look like this picture? The thing's an outrage! Why, you've given me an awful squint-and the look of a prizefighting bully! Now, answer me, and no nonsense about it! Do you

call that a good likeness?" The photographer scanned the print, then looked at the customer. "The answer," he said, "is in the negative." And the customer went away with a look of deep thought on his face.

#### **Automatic Borer That** Tunnels Through Rock

In and around New York city much use has been made of an automatic tunneling machine that bores its way through solid rock. It is the latest development of the compressed air drill, being a machine which, using 15 or 25-pound hammers, bores like an

Machines of various types have been invented which have done good work for a short time, but which cost a great deal to operate because of the repairs required. Because of the terrific strain and vibration to which they were subjected, they endured but a short time. The improved machine allows but one hammer in the set to work at a time and, instead of trying to cut the hard rock, it chips it. The result is that the machine does not tear itself to pieces, but works its way with comparative ease.

The set of hammers operate on a disk revolving at a speed of from two revolutions a minute to one every three or four minutes, depending upon the hardness of the rock. The muck drops into a scoop, which then delivers it to an endless belt, making the operation of tunneling a continuous one. The drill travels on a track, but must be reset every three and a half feet. Through that distance the operation is automatic and the drill requires but one man to handle it.

#### Radio Is Helping in Reclaiming the Sahara

The conquest of the Sahara has been sericusly begun. The development of the radio system enables the caterpillar caravans to keep in touch with the outside world and, if necessary, invoke assistance. French engineers are now studying the system of artesian we'ls in Australia, by means of which the central desert of that island continent

is being slowly but surely conquered. The Australian territory is divided into eight principal artesian basins, covering a surface of approximately 472,000 square miles. The first artesian well was driven at Blaehall in 1888. In 1904 there were 1,112 such wells in all Australia. Ten years later these had increased to 3,000, while today there are 4,426, of which 1,635 are spouting wells, 1,651 nonspouting and

It is believed that the same system could be applied to the Sahara, thereby reclaiming the land. If this be so, it will insure the construction of the trans-Saharan railway, the plans of which are at present before the French parliament. Thus an immense productive territory will be added to France's colonial empire.—Washington Post.

#### Making Sugar From Beets

Gardeners who cannot raise sugar cane are interested in a process, devised abroad, for extracting sugar from beets, a process designed espe- in red and black. In later times beauamateur Great care is exercised in harvesing the roots that the tender skin be not broken. The in the last few months. The income to first operation is to remove all dirt by washing, after which the beets are vest of the wilds that took no sowing boiled in water until the skin peels tians frequently took refuge in the off easily. They are next cut into thin slices, placed in a pan, just covered with water brought to a boil once also gathered there to celebrate in semore and then left to simmer for ten hours. The resulting pulp is then put Detroit News. into a muslin bag and squeezed until all the juice is extracted. The juice is boiled down to a very thick sirup that makes a good substitute for commercial sugar. As the sirup will not keep for more than a few weeks, it is found advisable to make only a small quantity at a time. The roots, howwithout deteriorating if they are kept dry and free from frost.

#### Where Judges Get Little

paid of all state officials. Those hold- wheat, or they may be ground to difing the chief positions, and most high- ferent degrees of finenesss, but otherly qualified, receive only 3,000,000 wise they are alike. All contain the crowns a month-not much more than bran and vitamine that make wheat \$40, and this after from twenty-five to thirty years' service. So poor, in fact, are some of the judges that they cannot afford to buy their official robes or talars, and preside in court in the posed to furnish them with talars, but has not done so for the last two years. Letter carriers, railway men, policemen all receive their uniforms free, credited with an output of 4,000,000 but the judges must find their own or

#### Uncle Robert on Scouting

admirer of the scout spirit. "The boy scout movement, with its code of service, unselfishness and respect for the rights and beliefs of others," he has recently stated, "has proved an inspiring interpretation of the great ideal, 'Peace on earth, good-will to men.'"

Old Palace Almost Modern Originally built in 1456, before America was discovered by Columbus, the Japanese imperial palace has been considered a very old point of interest, but it has been so often destroyed by fire and other agents that the present structure dates only from

### Divorce in 283 B. C.

An Egyptian divorce paper made out 283 B. C. has been discovered by a I wrote a testimonial for a soap maker translator at the University of Penn- once an' promised to use no other. sylvania museum. It states, "I have Mrs. Housekeeper - Well, why do abandoned thee as wife. I have no you not use that? claim on earth against thee on account of a wife today onwards; instantly, without delay."

#### Site of Peg Leg Smith's Gold Mine Remains Secret

Smith had lost a leg in an Indian fight and in the course of his wandering found himself at Yuma, then a small military post on the lower Colorado river. With a companion he was en route for California and they struck out toward the west through an uncharted region

As was to have been expected, they lost their way and one day saw in the distance three conical hills, the central one being the loftiest. In order to obtain an idea of the region to the westward and of the best course to be pursued they climbed the loftiest of the hills and, after studying the landscape and deciding in what direction to direct their steps, had their attention attracted by some roughly shaped, blackened fragments of metal, which upon examination proved to be solid gold. The ground was thickly strewed with them.

Filling their pockets, they resumed their journey, after having made landmarks that might serve as guides in the future, when they planned to return and make themselves wealthy.

But they never returned. They were in a barren and waterless region, and while staggering over the sands, crazed with thirst. Smith's companion finally gave up the ghost, as have so many others who have in the past essayed to cope, while ill-equipped, with the hardships of the desert. Smith brought up in the Sisters of Mercy hospital in Los Angeles, having been found unconscious by the roadside of some passing Good Samaritans.

The suffering that he had undergone proved too much for him and finally it became the duty of the attending physician to inform him that his days were numbered. When assured of this fact he related the story of the gold discovery to the doctor and gave him the nuggets that remained in his pocket. The doctor and many others later on made several attempts to find the lost mine, but unsuccessfully .-- Adventure Maga-

#### Early Christians Hid in Catacombs of Rome

The catacombs of the early Christians of Rome consisted of long, narrow galleries, usually about eight feet high and five feet wide, branching off the remainder still under construction. in all directions, forming a perfect maze of corridors. When one story was no longer sufficient, staircases were made, and a second line of galleries was dug out beneath.

The graves, or loculi, to receive the bodies, were cut into the walls of the gallery, one above another. They were closed laterally by a slab, on which there was occasionally a brief inscription or a symbol, such as a dove, an anchor or a palm branch, and sometimes all of these. Some of the inscriptions and epitaphs were beautifully carved, some merely scratched on the slab, and others were painted tiful frescoes were common, in which were indicated the Christian faith and

It is now regarded as certain that in times of persecution the early Chriscatacombs, since burial places had the right of protection by law, and they cret the ceremonies of their religion .-

#### All of the Wheat

Do you know the difference between whole wheat and graham flour? Well, there isn't any. In 1889 Dr. Graham started an agitation for the unbolted whole wheat and gave his name to the ever, can be stored for a long period product. Graham flour and whole wheat are identically the same product. Both mean the whole of the wheat berry ground up after cleaning it. There may be some difference between various graham flours because Austrian judges are the most poorly they are made from different kinds of so valuable a food.

#### Temperature

A state commission in New York that has been studying the matter of ventilation says that an indoor temperature higher than 67 degrees is prejudicial to health and efficiency. "An increase from 68 to 75 degrees," says the report, "caused a decrease of 15 per cent in the work done by workmen who were stimulated by a cash bonus. An increase of temperature from 68 degrees to 86 degrees "Uncle Robert" Spero, doer of nu- when the relative humidity was 80 merous good turns to the sick, shut-ins caused a reduction of 28 per cent in and poor of New York, is a particular the work done, in spite of the bonus offer."-Youth's Companion.

#### He Got Even

"You must find that impediment in your speech rather inconvenient at times, Mr. Biggs?" "Oh, n-no; everybody has his pe

culiarity. Stammering is m-mine." "Well, really, I am not aware that I have any." "D-do you stir y-your tea with your

right hand?" "Why, yes, of course." "W-well, that is your peculiarity;

most p-people u-use a teaspoon."-

Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

#### Complications of Business Weary Walker-No, ma'am, I ain't dirty from choice. I'm bound by honor.

Weary Walker - Because, ma'am, that firm failed about five years ago .-Pearson's Weekly (London).

#### Thrilling Adventure at the Witching Hour

The clock on the dining-room mantelpiece had just struck midnight. As the last stroke merged into silence the watcher looked up from his meal and listened intently. The fire had died down almost to extinction, and the full moon, shining through the French windows, threw eerie shadows across the deserted room

A slight sound, hardly discernible to ordinary ears, came from the outside of the window, as if something were scraping on the stonework underneath the window.

Instantly the watcher was on his feet, crouching in the shadow of a big armchair, his head on one side,

every sense on the alert. While he was listening thus the moon disappeared behind a cloud. When it appeared again a shadow was silhouetted against the window; and even as the watcher, his heart palpitating, decried the mysterious appearance, the window slowly began to open noiselessly. Faintly, almost imperceptibly, the opening grew larger, a black shadow silently protruded itself, dropped quietly to the ground, and faded into the darkness of the recess.

There followed a deathly silence, broken only by the faint sound of trees swaying in the night breeze. Suddenly a black shadow detached itself from the darkness around the walls and steadily crossed the path of moonlight near the fireplace.

A slight noise caused the watcher to turn. As he did so he became aware of two shining green lights glaring uncannily at him, about a foot away, from out of the darkness. With a despairing shriek of terror he fled for the sideboard. The black shadow sprang. A brief scuffle, a sharp scream of pain—and silence.

Five minutes later the black tomcat left by the way he had entered, the still warm body of the newly-slain mouse in his jaws .- London Answers.

#### Stone-Age Houses Are Rebuilt on Lake Shore

All visitors to the Lake of Constance in Baden know that on its banks may be found remains of so-called lake dwellings, prehistoric habitations built on a platform supported on piles. In on a platform supported on pile Switzerland and in Austria, where pile dwellings of the same kind have also been discovered, the first reconstruc-tion of these ancient villages was tried. At present reconstructions of a similar kind are being made at Unter-Uhldingen on the Lake of Constance.

Last year a family house and a "men's house" were erected on the ancient piles. Both are imitations of the oldest types of lake dwellings belonging to the Stone age. A third house imitating the later type of the Bronze age is to be built next.

These dwellings are furnished with the various implements and articles of daily use found in the neighborhood and are instructive prehistoric museums on a small scale. It is now planned to reconstruct a cluster of dwellings showing almost a village formation on the Swiss bank of the lake at Ermatingen.-Christian Science

#### Screws Used in Watches

Certain of the screws used in making watches are so tiny that 100 000 of them could be placed in a woman's thimble. These screws are cut by a machine from steel wire that is only four-one-thousandths of an inch in diameter, and as the chips fall it looks as though the operator were simply shaving the wire for his own amusement. No screws can be seen, and yet a screw is made at every third operation. Studied through a microscope, it will be seen that each little finished screw is evenly grooved at the proportion of 260 threads to the inch. It is estimated that a single machine turns out about a million a. month. They are polished in wholesale fashion-ten thousand at a time. They would never be finished taken sep-

#### Modern Duelling

arately.

Two men had planted themselves in a field and were about to fight a duel with pistols when the farmer dashed

"No duelling here," he declared. "I don't suppose either of you can shoot

They admitted the truth of this. "Then your shots are apt to go wide and hurt somebody." "Well, where can we fight? Got an-

other field?" "Go over yonder to the railroad," suggested the farmer. "What you want is a tunnel."

#### His Twin

Iwo Irishmen met in the street one "Sure I met a man last week, and,

bedad, I'd have sworn it was your "And wasn't it?" asked the other.

"Never a bit," replied Pat. "But he was your very image, barrin' he was a thrifle gray. I suppose, now, ye haven't such a thing as a twin brother a few years older than yourself?"

#### Fair Question

Barrister (to flustered witness)-Now, sir, did you or did you not on the date in question, or at any other time, say to the defendant or any one else that the statement imputed to you and denied by the plaintiff was a matter of no moment or otherwise—answer

me, yes or no? Bewildered Witness-Yes or no what? Stray Stories.

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