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#### KNOW LITTLE ABOUT OLD NEPTUNE'S BED

#### Scientists Have Arranged to Make Discoveries.

The discovery of a plateau only 150 feet below the surface of the water of the Atlantic ocean was recently apnounced.

This is only one of many discoveries, made in the last few years, which show that our knowledge of the ocean bed is remarkably poor. In many books pub- the weather. His plan was so suclished a quarter of a century ago it was emphatically stated that the ocean floor is flat, sloping gently here and there, but never broken into ranger

like the dry land. Then, in 1901, the cable ship Britannia discovered a mountain range in the South Pacific which was in every way like a range on the dry land. More recently a range of mountains, known as the Edward VII range, was discovered in the North Atlantic, its highest peaks only a hundred fathoms below the surface. In the Atlantic, too, is Mount Laura Ethel, whose summis

towers near the surface. Several small islands are only the peaks of a mountain range which have broken the surface. The Bermudas rise straight up from a depth of two and a half miles, while St. Helena and Ascension island are also mountain peaks. Off the Kuril islands the bottom drops sheer to a depth of five miles, while only a mile or two from the coast of Porto Rico the depth is 27,366 feet.

It is curious that although the bottom of the sea has not changed for a million years, man still knows little about it. Many expeditions are now setting out with the object of salvaging some of the \$1,500,000,000 worth of gold which is hidden in the depths, and these expeditions will, no doubt, make many discoveries concerning underses

Diving apparatus invented during the last few months enables man to descend to depths undreamt of ten years ago; but the terrific pressure at great depths is still a great obstacle. Quite as important is the invention of a mercury vapor lamp, which enables films to be taken at great depths. Experiments on a lamp that will illuminate a large area at a great depth are also being made. By means of this the diver will be able to see the billsides covered with olive-green seaweed, which a passing eddy turns into a wind-swept pine forest, mountains towering to the surface, volcanoes, plains, and many other features which are associated much modified or reduced. Many other with the grandest land scenery.

#### Make Money From Pest

The extent to which rabbits and hares are a pest to the farmers and stock raisers of New South Wales, Australia, is shown to some extent by the numbers slaughtered each year, notwithstanding which these little animals do immeasurable damage.

The flesh of these animals forms a common article of diet both in the cities and towns and in the country, especially in the winter, when large numbers of men are engaged in their capture and treatment. The year 1919-20 was the record year for the export trade, the total value of exports being \$15,650,000. During that year 6,980,636 pairs of rabbits and hares valued at \$2,600,000 and 9,927,-240 pounds of skins valued at \$13,-140,000 were exported. It is estimated that the skins and carcasses exported during that year, added to the numbers killed for local consumption, totaled at least 100,000,000.

#### A Woman's Way

An unusual weapon with which to fight a burglar was used by Mrs. Clara Remick, of Lodi, when she was awakened by a noise early one morning. Mrs. Remick, fully satisfied that there was someone in the house, jumped from her bed and, grabbing a feather pillow, dashed into her kitchen and chased a burglar from the room. She made a swing with the pillow and struck the fleeing burglar over the head as he darted out of the door and down the back stairs. Then, woman like, she removed the pillow case and put it in the weekly wash before returning to her bed. She was so nervous over her encounter that she forgot to telephone for an officer .-Sacramento Bee.

#### Pigs That Speak French Some time ago a French girl visited some farmers in Illinois. She heard

two boys quarreling. When asked the cause of the misunderstanding the older boy said: "Well,

you see, mademo!selle, that's about old man Tyson's pigs. I was telling Bud those pigs are French, and he said they are not."

The foreigner, rather puzzled, inquired, "What makes you think Mr. Tyson's pigs are French?"

"Well," answered the boy, "because from morning till evening those pigs grunt oui-oui."

#### Brazil Advertising

Business interests in Brazil, one of the large coffee producing countries, have turned to advertising as a means of coping with the so-called coffee boycott started by some South American coffee drinkers. In the course of a few months they spent a million dollars in counteracting the effect of the boycott.

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#### Mankind's Advance in Comfort and Health

Just a hundred years ago Thomas C. Wales, a Yankee boot and shoe merchant of Boston, bought from a wandering sailor a number of crudely made shoes fashioned from "India rubber" by South American natives. The sailor had picked them up in Para, Brazil, as curlosities. All he wanted of them was to obtain a few dollars to purchase the creature comforts that sailors loved, rum being

perhaps the chief of these. Mr. Wales, however, saw in them what Doctor Johnson once called "the potentiality of wealth beyond the dreams of avarice." He conceived the idea of shaping rubber shoes over the standard lasts so that they might be worn over shoes to protect them from cessful and the rubber shoes had such a ready sale that a country-wide market, which shortly became world-wide,

was developed. It was not until 1858 that Mr. Wales patented the waterproof and coldproof overshoe made of cloth and rubber together. He called that invention "Wales' Patent Arctic Gaiter." and from this name arose the familiar appelation of "arctics" for overshoes that is heard even to this day from the lips of the elder generation.

We little appreciate how modern many of the comfortable things of life are. For example, the fathers of men now living knew nothing of window screening, and the plague of flies in the house was something of which we today have little conception. About the same time the new invention of "rubber shoes" appeared, and for the first time in the history of the race it was possible to walk the streets and fields dry shod and to return to the house in which the age-long battle with house flies had at last been won. A new era of comfort and health had opened. And this was less than a hundred years ago .- Minneapolis Journal.

#### Insect Evolution

The earliest insects on earth had six wings—one pair of wings to match each pair of legs, according to the results of the researches of Dr. Herbert Bolton, director of the Bristol (England) museum. Doctor Bolton discovered the remains of these strange creatures, the first living things that ever conquered the air, in fossil material from Coal age beds. Each body-segment that bore a pair of legs, he says, bore also a pair of wings, but the foremost wings were short and apparently of less use in flight than the after two pairs, suggesting the subsequent development of the modern type of insects, which all have four wings, though in some groups one or both pairs have become to two pairs of wings, also lived in the Coal age. Most notable were giant dragon-flies, some of them with a wingspread of more than a foot, and innumerable cockroaches. In fact, the Coal age may well be called the age of cockroaches, as far as insect life is

#### Another Breed of Pups

Charles Ponzi, who made a fortune in Boston some years ago through the manipulation of foreign exchange, and then smashed horribly, said in Jacksonville the other day:

"I'm down here in Florida to try and make another fortune. Florida real estate, you know. I want to pay back all my creditors, too.

"I'm like the chap who complained at his club about the heavy losses he had sustained in Wall street. But a broker slapped him on the shoulder and said:

"'Cheer up, brother. You mustn't go on like this because you've dropped a plunk or two. Come down to my office some morning and I'll give you a few pointers.'

"'It isn't pointers I'm after,' said the loser; 'it's retrievers!'"

#### Use Newspapers

When you find the woodbox empty, go for the pile of newspapers. Take half a dozen sheets and roll them up cornerwise. Fold the roll to the size required, perhaps doubling into thirds, and tie together. Place some crushed paper in bottom of grate and lay four or five of the rolls over this. Scatter coal over it and light from the bottom with a piece of newspaper, just as you would a wood fire. There are housekeepers who always follow this method of kindling the fire. The children enjoy preparing the paper rolls for

### Colon Gone Wrong

A teacher of English was sorely afdicted with conditions that seemed to mean a surgical operation. One examination after another, with the X-ray liberally applied, finally disclosed the source of the pain.

"You have no disease in your appendix," said her medical advisor, "nor elsewhere that I can discover, except in your colon."

"Dear me!" she exclaimed. "Here I have been wrestling all my life with commas and periods and semicolons, only to be told, at my age, that my colon has gone wrong."

#### Turning to Water Power

All of the countries of Europe, save England, have, because of the kigh price of coal, been making rapid progress in harnessing their water powers to produce electricity. For the three years ending in 1923, 3,400,000 horsepower of water-power produced electricity was added to the total capacity of the European hydro-electric gen erating stations.

#### SHARK GOD'S WRATH OF LITTLE MOMENT

#### Overcome by Peace Offering, or by Cement?

Hawaiian natives prophesied calamity when ground was broken in October, 1909, for the construction of Pearl harbor, America's strongest naval station, on the shore of the island of Oahu, near the city of Honolulu. For their legends said that on the site selected for the immense dry dock were the caves in which the shark god once lived. Their belief was based on the presence of numerous sharks in the vi-

When, on February 17, 1913, the immense coffer dam collapsed, the natives fancied that the shark god had avenged himself for the desecration of his temple. The construction company in charge of the naval works believed that faulty engineering rather than one of the ancient island gods was responsible for the collapse, and requested authority to proceed with the project. The opposition of the natives was so strong that many conferences were held before the Navy department agreed upon the plan which has since been developed.

When work began anew in December, 1914, the natives, believing that another disaster was inevitable, did what they could to avert it, and retained a female "kahuna" or priestess. They believed she possessed the ability to appease the wrath of the shark god by making offerings, and engaged her to conduct her rites on the shores of Pearl harbor during all the time that the dry dock was being reconstructed. In the spring of 1919 all was in readiness for the release of the water from the new dock. This was regarded as the supreme test. A Hawaiian foreman sacrificed a white pig and white chicken to the shark god, with prayers and supplications that the dry dock be spared.

The pumping began. It was noticed that a muddy streak arose in the water within the docks. The Hawaiians then insisted that the shark god was again attempting to break down the structure by boring through the basin. As the last foot of water was pumped out the remains of an immense shark were revealed on the bottom of the dock, and naturally the Hawaiians believed that it was the god which had destroyed the first dock. The bones were distributed among the members of the construction crew as souvenirs.

Engineers who have studied both the first and second dry docks have been inclined to scout the efforts of the priestess in appeasing the shark god, and to credit the success of the second work to the fact that the present basin has a concrete thickness of insects, which were already reduced 16 feet, while the collapsed dock had a base of only 8 feet.

#### Cancer on Increase

A careful analysis of cancer statistics gathered by the United States census bureau over a period of about twenty years in ten Eastern states reveals definitely that cancer mortality is from 25 to 30 per cent higher than it was about twenty years ago, according to Dr. J. W. Schereschewsky of the United States public health service, who made the statistical analysis and reported it to the American Medical association. "There has been a pronounced increase in the observed death rate from cancer in persons forty years old and over in the ten states comprising the original death registration area," Doctor Schereschewsky said. "Part of this increase is due to greater precision and accuracy in the filling out of death returns, but the remainder is an actual increase in the mortality of the dis-

#### Plan Prehistoric Park

Twenty-seven acres of land just south of Hollywood will be converted into a prehistoric park by the Los Angeles Museum of History, Science and Art. A large number of bones of prehistoric animals have been found in the asphalt beds in this small area. If the plans work out, the park will be planted with trees and shrubbery as nearly as possible like those which grew there when the saber-toothed tiger, imperial-tusked elephant and their contemporaries roamed in the jungles of southern California. Prehistoric animals, reproduced in stone, will be placed in this reconstructed jungle.-Pathfinder Magazine.

#### Counting the Pennies

"Getting to work from an all-night poker party is sometimes something of a problem," says a downtown business man. "The other morning after an awfully bad session, I found I had just a few minutes in which to reach my office several miles distant. I had only \$1.24 but I called a taxicab. I kept one eye on the meter and when the bill amounted to \$1.10, I ordered the driver to stop. I wanted the ten cents for coffee and sinkers and the four cents for luck .- Detroit News.

#### Little Choice

First Casualty-What happened to Been teaching my wife to drive the

"Ah, ha! Why didn't you act sensibly, as I did? Mine wanted me to teach her, and I refused."-Judge.

#### She Knew the Game

fraffic Cop-I'm sorry, miss, but I've got to tag your car. You know what that means? The Sweet Young Thing-Certainly,

Now I chase somebody else and tag them and then they're "it."-Life.

#### Doughnut Revealed as

Poison Gas Producer Life seems to be just one menace after another. Here is a man who has died from the fumes of cooking doughnuts. Having reached the saturation point with all the other sorts of major threat, and damage for the time being become measurably adjusted and reconciled to thembolshevism, communism, anarchy, foreign wars and complications—just when we are all growing a bit easier in mind this most unexpected and unnatural peril arises. The doughnut is a work of peace, our most domestic and tractable contrivance. Heretofore its disposition has been mild and friendly. Nobody ever heard of a doughnut going on strike, exploding with a loud noise, turning to mob law and violence. The only trouble it has ever caused, according to the best authorities, is some controversial friction on the question of resemblance to the cruller. Some have contended that a doughnut is not a doughnut at all, but the true cruller, while the cruller is really the doughnut without the hole. Now it turns out that the doughnut has suddenly committed murder by an unsuspected capacity to produce poison gas. For the sake of the merest fragment of belief that there are still harmless and innocent things in the world, it is to be hoped that this doughnut story may prove to have been exaggerated.

#### Eyes Need Extra Care When Lights Are Poor

-Exchange.

Autumn and winter months are trying where artificial light is not of the best. The eyes need great care if they are to remain in good condition

under the strain. If the eyes give any definite trouble an oculist should, of course, be consulted at once. But a simple home treatment will not only act as an efficient "refresher," but will also rid the eyes of all harmful secretions of dust. Make a weak solution of boracle powder (about one teaspoonful to a pint of boiling water) leave to cool, bottle and cork tightly. Use this in an eyebath which can be bought of a drug-

Night and morning give the eyes a good "bath," using a fresh bathful of the solution for each eye. Once you have started the treatment you will find it so beneficial that you will continue all the year round, much to the improvement of your eyes.

#### Where Columbus Trod

"All day long we eat the sun," is the delightful way in which a Santa Fe cafekeeper described life in that city about Christmas time. When you consider that a cool wind from the snowy Paraganda gives zest to the sun feast, this City of Sacred Faith, where Moorish feet have never trod, deserves mention, especially as a rendezvous for Americans. For over its Pinos-Puento Columbus once journeyed on his way to France after he was repulsed by Spain as a visionary, and it was on the same bridge that stands today that the queen's messenger caught up with him and told him that his plans were favored, and, weeping for joy, he turned to make Spain his embarkation land on his memorable voyage to America. A picture of this bridge should be in every American schoolhouse.

#### Happiness in Duty

Whosoever goes to his work rejoicing in the vigor of a generous motive; whosoever abandons a vice because fascinated by the idea of self-control and the loveliness of the better way; whosoever goes aside to do a kindness out of the pure love of the neighbor, manifestly finds the ground of his content in the surrender of himself to what seems to him richly to deserve the service he pays. The content is loved not because it is a gratification, but because it is the frame which suits this service. All other search for happiness fails, because it is really the effort to satisfy some instinct, whose very essence it is not to be satisfled, but to crave ceaselessly and forever.-Samuel Johnson, in "The Duty of Delight."

#### The Boneyard

The men with pick and shovel seem able to uproot human skeletons, no matter in which part of the earth they toil. This world must have been quite a burying ground during the last 1,000,000,000 years. The delvers with the Franco-American expedition in the Sahara turned up the bones of some human that must have been over six feet high and is thought to have been a woman, at that. The bones are thought to be of a pioneer Tuaregsomebody who came into the desert when it was young and before Timbuktu was staked out. It seems quite simple to weave a story about a nest of human bones, no matter where found.

#### Pigs Live in Nests

Wild pigs make nests in Siam, according to K. G. Gairdner, writing in the Journal of the National History Society of Siam. In India, Mr. Gairdner says, it is reported that the pigs make nests of grass but in the evergreen jungles of Siam there is little or no grass and the nests are made of sticks. The sticks are all bitten off from the surrounding trees and they vary in thickness from the width of a finger to an inch in diameter. They are piled about a yard high and in a heap about three yards broad. The pigs tunnel beneath the nests, presuma' for protection against the

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