

TRAVELS TO EUROPE AND BACK ON NICKEL

Boy, Fourteen, Well Satisfied With Trip Abroad.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Herbert Avram, fourteen-year-old adventurer, who got to Paris on a nickel and a lot of self-reliance, although Colonel Lindbergh needed an airplane and some letters of introduction for the same trip, returned the other day on the La Savoie, the ship on which he stowed away in a stateroom.

Herbert returned as a third-class passenger. But even then he had the run of the ship, as he was the only one in that class, and had the privileges of cabin passengers. The French line had decided to treat him as a third-class tourist and had billed his father for \$175, half fare for the round trip.

Despite the bill, Morris Avram, an inventor of Manhattan, was not at the pier to greet his globe-trotting offspring. At this Herbert was visibly downcast. Herbert admitted that he expected a licking. A friend of the family, Alexander O'Hara, took him home in a taxicab.

Mum Regarding Trip.

Herbert would not discuss the trip. On the eastward passage the boy was a general favorite with the passengers, who raised a purse for him, but he has refused to let any glamor be built up around him. To most questions he answered, "Bunk," although he was not asked about the skyline or American women. He denied that he went to see Lindbergh, saying he went "just for the trip."

He did have one regret. He was sorry he had not taken his five-year-old brother along.

"My father expected me to take care of him at home," he said. "If I had taken him along things might have worked out smoother."

Would Not Have Him Jailed.

Edme Vasco, purser of the La Savoie, said the French line did not like to turn over boys of Herbert's age to the police. The usual passport requirements were waived and he was placed in the custody of his two sisters, Marguerite and Violet, students in Paris, who cared for him until the ship was ready to make the return voyage.

And he came back with more clothes than he left, his sisters having outfitted him with a bathrobe, pajamas and two fresh shirts, which he carried in a small black bag. Whether or not he still had his nickel could not be learned.

To Applaud or Not to Applaud Stirs Musicians

London.—To be applauded or not to be applauded. That is the question which is agitating London's music world today.

There are two hostile camps. One holds that a real masterpiece, such as an opera or a brilliant pianoforte solo by Paderewski, should be received with a solemn hush. And the other thinks that approval should be "signified in the usual manner."

So far the loud applauders seem to be victorious, if the opinions of such as Sir Thomas Beecham, the conductor, and Sir Landon Ronald, the composer and conductor, can be taken.

"I wish people were more demonstrative," said Beecham. "Nowadays, as a rule, we applaud either in the wrong place or not at all. Concert audiences sometimes choose the worst possible moment for their applause—before the piece has ended, for instance. As long as the applause is in the right place, the more of it the better."

"It's all nonsense," said Ronald, "artists love applause. That's a thing that troubles an artist when he is making a record for the phonograph. He sings into a trumpet—he puts his heart and soul into it—and at the end there is just dead silence. It seems almost unnatural."

One Auto in U. S. for Every Five Citizens

Washington.—The United States has one automobile in operation for each five of its citizens, the automobile division of the Department of Commerce announces, basing its figures on a recent survey.

Statistics for the world as a whole showed 27,650,267 machines in operation at the beginning of the year, or one for each sixty-six of the population.

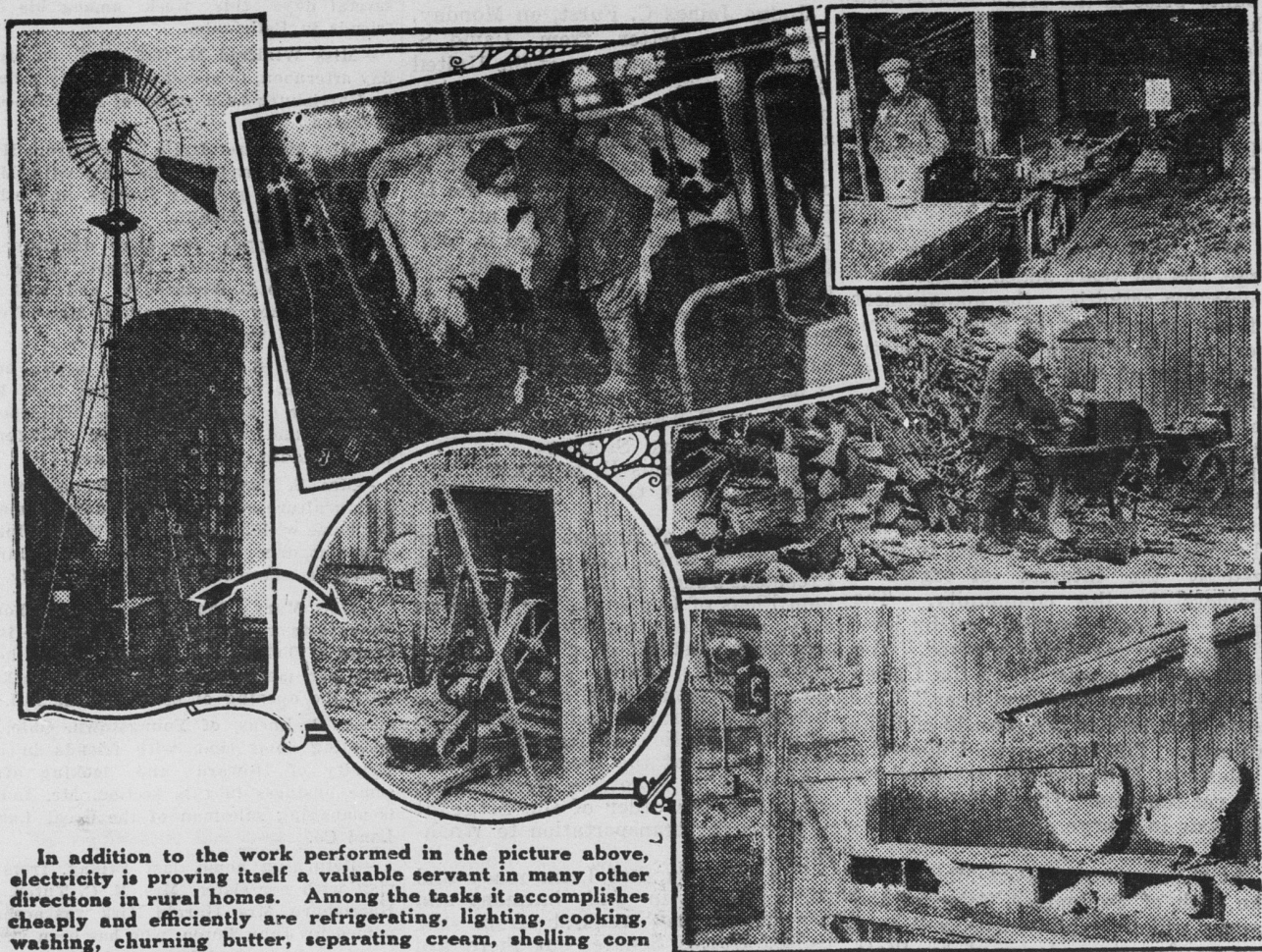
In Canada and Hawaii there is one machine to each eleven of population while New Zealand has one to twelve. Australia and Denmark one to seventeen, Great Britain one to forty-three, Argentine one to forty-five, and France one to forty-six.

It was estimated that 95 per cent of all the automobiles operating in the world are of American origin, though a considerable proportion of them were assembled in foreign branches of American factories.

Seek Beetle Parasites for Planters in Hawaii

Honolulu, T. H.—F. C. Hadden of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' association is now on his way to Formosa to collect parasites to control the Japanese beetle. The beetle, which is an epidemic to southern China, is kept in check in Formosa by natural enemies. It is hoped that introduction of the Formosan parasite into Hawaii will help control the pest here.

ELECTRICITY PUMPS WATER, MAKES HENS LAY, MILKS COWS AND SAWS WOOD ON NATION'S FARMS



In addition to the work performed in the picture above, electricity is proving itself a valuable servant in many other directions in rural homes. Among the tasks it accomplishes cheaply and efficiently are refrigerating, lighting, cooking, washing, churning butter, separating cream, shelling corn and shearing sheep.

SPEED ESSENTIAL FOR PRESERVING

Housewives Will Find That Use of Pectin Will Hasten Process of Jelly Making

Speed, the great American characteristic, should be applied by every housewife to her annual canning and preserving, according to the home service department of the American Gas Association, says the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee.

"In order to have jams and jellies of the best quality it is still necessary to subject the fruits and vegetables to long and slow boiling," says the Association. "However, in jelly-making, the process may be shortened considerably by the use of commercial pectin. Time, fuel and effort will be saved, while the flavor of the finished product will not be altered."

"Pectin in certain definite proportion and strength is needed if the jelly is to 'set.' Since the ripening of fruits lowers the native pectin content, the tendency has been to use fruit not too ripe, and then to boil away the juice in order to concentrate the pectin."

"With commercial pectin, ripener fruit may be used, which is usually less expensive. Less sugar is also needed, and there is no need for intensive boiling away of the juices. In addition, with the commercial product it is possible to make jelly from many fruits which it has been impossible to utilize up to now."

"Gob" of Uncertain Origin

The derivation of the word "gob," applied to sailors, is uncertain. Some authorities say that it comes from the Chinese; others, that the word was adopted from England. "Gob" in provincial English means a "coast guardsman," probably from the fact that the seamen were accustomed to chew tobacco, since "gob" in English also means a "little lump or piece, or a mouthful."

Earliest Magazines

The American Library association says: "It is said that the first magazine that really deserved the name was the Athenian Gazette, which appeared in London in 1691. Gentleman's Magazine, starting in 1731, is the real beginning of the monthly magazine such as we know it in recent years."

Hawaiian Product

The evergreen blackberry came to Oregon from the Hawaiian Islands, whence it is believed to have been carried from other islands of the South seas. It is said that one of the Fiji islands is so covered with this shrub as to make an impenetrable thicket.

Material for Gas Bags

Silk, cotton and linen are the textiles extensively used in the manufacture of gas bags for balloons and airships, but all of these materials require the addition of a gas-holding treatment, such as varnish, India rubber, goldbeater's skin and so-called "dopes."

Waterfall's Energy

The naval observatory says that the energy of a waterfall comes from the clouds in the form of rain or snow and these clouds are caused by evaporation which is the result of the sun's energy acting in the form of heat on the surface of oceans, lakes, etc.

Ambassadors Defined

Ambassadors are ordinary when they reside permanently at a foreign court; or extraordinary when sent on a special occasion. They are generally ordinary in talent and extraordinary in expenses, ignorance and presumption.—Samuel Johnson.

ANCIENT BURIAL CUSTOMS CITED

Excavations Near Wisconsin River Reveal Them.

Sheboygan, Wis.—Excavation of Indian mounds near Black river is under way at present, with archeologists from the Milwaukee museum and the Wisconsin Archeological society in charge of the work.

Study of the bones already unearthed shows that the Indians buried there are either of a tribe which did not use the "cradle board," or are of Indians who lived there before the method of carrying babies strapped to a board which was carried on the mother's back, came into general usage.

This last theory is most favored by the archeologists, for there are very few dishes and ornaments buried with the bodies, leading to the belief that the burials took place before the custom of placing such articles in the graves became common.

One of the mounds already excavated has revealed the skeleton of a body buried in the flesh, while another is that of a "pack" burial, where bones of others, previously dead, have been disinterred, bundled together, and buried with the body of another person.

The latter, it is thought, may have resulted when all but the head of a family died first, were buried and dug up again to be re-buried with the last of the group.

The mounds excavated so far are of the effigy type, being built in the shape of animals.

City Gave Name to Hats

Leghorn hats take their name from Leghorn, an important seaport of Italy and a strong naval station, 15 miles south of Pisa. Leghorn, with a population of 100,000, exports straw hats, silks, wines and dried fruits.

Constitution's Timbers

The Century Biographical Encyclopedia says that the timber used in building the Constitution ("Old Ironsides") came from Cumberland island, near the northern coast of Florida.

There Are Such

It is easy enough to be grouchy when things aren't coming your way, but the prize old growl is the man who will howl when everything's going O. K.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Truly an Abnormality

From an exchange: "Daniel coming unscathed out of the fiery furnace was an abnormality." It was all of that, seeing that what he had entered was a lion's den.—Boston Transcript.

Where Aliens Take Jobs

Almost half the foreign workers who come to this country enter mechanical and manufacturing pursuits, while less than 15 per cent go on farms.

Tender Sprinters

Countless thousands, including men, women and children, and tiny babes in arms, raced across the field.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Uses for Whalebone

Whalebone, once used so much in the making of corsets, is now mainly employed as bristles in hair and other brushes.

Origin of Window

Window comes from a Norse word meaning wind-eye, unglazed windows being originally nothing more than air holes.

Angel Voices

Los Angeles not only speaks for itself; it shouts.—Woman's Home Companion.

WASTING OF WATER IS ACTUAL MENACE

Supply Companies Warn Public to Avoid Excessive Sprinkling and to Stop Leaks

At this season of the year the water company men begin to watch the consumption of water more closely, remarks the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee. The danger of an extra dry summer and consequent drought is always present.

Inspectors are sent out from water companies to keep a strict watch on the use of water for sprinkling purposes. With the advent of spring both the amateur gardener and the home owner who has a lawn are firmly resolved that garden and lawn must be kept in better condition than in previous years.

Automatic sprinklers have been found to be particularly wasteful because they are often left in operation in one spot for many hours. It is in order to protect the public from such water waste that inspectors try to educate home owners to co-operate with the water companies to cut down the consumption.

BELL SYSTEM HAS 12,816,000 PHONES

Fiftieth Anniversary Reveals Company Operates 998,330 in Pennsylvania

At the end of 1926, which year marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Bell Telephone, the Bell System in the United States had in operation 12,816,000 telephones, according to the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee. Connected with that system were 4,758,000 other telephones, giving the nation a comprehensive communication system of 17,574,000 telephones.

Service in the Bell System is rendered through 5998 central offices and requires the use of more than 51,000,000 miles of wire, more than ninety per cent of which is in cables.

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania at the end of 1926 was operating 998,330 telephones with a total of 3,955,862 miles of wire, of which 3,739,125 miles, or ninety-four per cent, was in cables.

Haorc by Shipworms

Mollusks, of which there are several hundred species at present known, include some of the best friends of man, like the oyster and clam, and some of his worst enemies. The damage done in the United States alone by shipworms annually is estimated to reach \$10,000,000.

English Cathedral City

Rochester is a cathedral city of Kent, England, on the right bank of the Medway. It really forms one large town together with Chatham and Strood. Charles Dickens, who lived at Gad's Hill, three miles from Rochester, frequently introduces the city into his novels.

Camphor-Yielding Bug

Possibility of a camphor bug industry similar to that of raising silk worms is seen following the discovery recently by an English naturalist of a small insect that yields a milky fluid having the properties of camphor. The new drug producer was found in Sumatra.

Almost Universal Belief

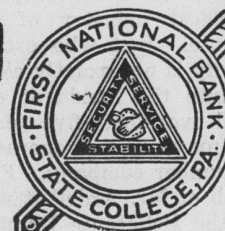
The belief that animals contained within their bodies stones endowed with magical properties is one that is common to almost every race and civilization, and refers to a large variety of creatures, says a geologist writing in the Popular Pictorial Magazine.

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