

775
Minus 84
Leaves 691

In our issue of Sept. 4th we made appeal to 775 of our subscribers who were in arrears at that time.

Since then 48 have responded, and to them we make grateful acknowledgment of their promptness in coming to relief of the financial strain we are under.

We are still hoping that the remaining 691 are not going to fail us.

By the way: If you have any printing jobs. Anything, large or small in the line of commercial printing, we would like to do it for you.

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The Democratic Watchman

EX-CONVICT KILLS HIMSELF FOR LOVE

Attempt to Regain Lost Happiness Is Failure.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The last chapter in an ex-convict's attempt to regain the happiness he once had known was written with the man's suicide in the home of the woman he had loved in vain.

Nathan Corna, forty-five, Pittsburgh, paroled last December from Marquette (Mich.) prison, where he had been sentenced for killing a woman in Detroit, killed himself in the home of Mrs. Dora Ritt, a widow. For six weeks Corna had sought to win the love of Mrs. Ritt, she said.

Corna told her of his prison sentence, Mrs. Ritt said. "If I had loved him, I could have forgotten and forgiven—but without love, it was hopeless," she said.

As Corna finished his story and was about to leave, he slashed his throat, Mrs. Ritt said.

"Corna told me he had gone to Detroit from Pittsburgh when a young man and met a former Pittsburgh girl who was married and had one child," she added. "He said he fell in love with her."

"One day the woman was found dead and Corna was accused of the crime. For two years the case was fought in Michigan courts and he finally was sentenced to life imprisonment. He begged me to believe him innocent."

Doctors at Last Solve Puzzle of Boy's Illness

Harrisburg, Ga.—Doctors of the Harrisburg hospital believe they have correctly diagnosed the mysterious ailment which has confined Mark Enders, sixteen, Halifax, Pa., to the hospital for more than two months.

Enders was admitted last April when he was found unconscious while fighting a forest fire. He was treated for smoke suffocation.

It showed no signs of improvement and seemed to be a victim of hemolysis, in which the red corpuscles of the blood dissolve.

Other physicians diagnosed his ailment as "purpura hemorrhagica" and treated him accordingly. He was delirious at times. Hemorrhages broke out at several points and his skin at times flushed red and oozed blood.

Blood transfusions were given and for several days thereafter the boy rallied. Later he sank back into a semi-comatose state.

Other diagnoses were made and other treatments applied.

One day a veteran physician reached the conclusion that Enders had been bitten by a snake, or a noxious insect.

So a form of treatment to arrest such a condition is now being applied, and the physicians believe that they are on the right track at last.

Africans Send Money to Starving Americans

New York.—A collection raised by black natives in the village of Batanga, in Cameroun, West Africa, to "help the starving in America" was received by the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church. With the check came a letter from a Presbyterian missionary, Rev. Albert D. Good, saying:

"A month or so ago there was a little article in the Bulu news sheet, 'The Mefoe,' telling of the hard times in America, and indicating that there were actually people in America who did not have enough to eat. This particular item caught the attention of Pastor Eduma Musambi and his son, Musambi, and they decided to give something for the starving people in America. They quietly told the church people about it, and, entirely of their own volition, a sum of money was gathered, which I inclose to you."

The inclosed check was for \$3.77.

Most States Contribute to Forest Service Fund

Washington.—Virtually every state and territory contributed last year to amass almost \$7,800,000 for expenditures on state forestry, fire control, extension and reforestation, the forest service of the Agriculture department here announced recently after completing a summary of state and territorial expenditures last year.

State forest work has shown a total gain of \$4,000,000 in the last two years, forest service officials pointed out, and has been successful in extending fire protection and reforestation to several million acres of forest lands.

In the past year over \$2,500,000 was spent by the states for fire protection and upwards of \$1,000,000 for reforestation projects. During the same time \$2,300,000 has been spent for additional purchases and maintenance.

Scotland's Population Decreases in 10 Years

London.—Scotland's population is decreasing.

There were 30,943 fewer Scots this year than there were ten years ago, according to W. Adamson, secretary of state for Scotland. The population of Scotland is now 4,842,534, a decrease of 0.8 per cent, compared with 1921, he said.

The decline was shared by the sexes, and there are still more women than men in Scotland. The number of males this year is 2,325,867 and women 2,516,667.

Purple and High Estate Have Long Association

The word purple came into the language from the Latin purpura, purple. It was used in King Alfred's time, and designated the dress of an emperor or a king. The color was obtained from a mollusk from which the purple dye was derived. Purple is a deep crimson or scarlet color which some people, instead of allowing it to describe the color of blood that is the crimson venous blood, as distinguished from the arterial blood, which is scarlet, associate as a color purple with violet. Purple originally was crimson. By the Middle ages, the term was used to indicate many shades of red, and in our own time, it designates mixtures of red and blue in various proportions approaching to crimson on one side, and violet on the other. He who is "born in the purple" is one of an imperial or royal family, or by extension, of a noble or wealthy family. The phrase in purple, used from 1685, designates the scarlet color of the official dress of a prince of the church—cardinal.

Violet, as a purplish blue color resembling that of the violet, dates from the time of Sir John de Mandeville, who is stated to have been born in the year 1300, and died in the year 1372. Literary references to the plant antedate this by about a century, for the violet is referred to in the "Tales of Arthur and Merlin."—Literary Digest.

"Wonders" Foreseen by Great Minds Long Ago

Roger Bacon, born in 1214, foresaw the coming of the balloon. He thought that it would be made of very thin metal and filled with liquid fire. It was actually more than 300 years before the first balloon ascent was made, but the first man to rise into the air did so in a fire balloon.

The airship provided with a means of moving against or across the wind was anticipated in the Eighteenth century by Lunardi, who invented a balloon propelled by oars. Even in his day there were those who foresaw that in the future the "oars" would be worked by some kind of engine. The airplane was foreseen with remarkable accuracy by Leonardo da Vinci, who, besides being a painter, was a renowned mathematician and engineer. Wireless was foreseen at least 300 years ago. The Italian writer, Strada, born in 1572, describes an imaginary machine which enabled two friends, no matter how far apart, to communicate with one another. Strada's imaginary process is almost exactly what happens in the most modern telewriter or automatic telegraph transmitter.

Sneezing—God Bless You

The custom of uttering a benediction after a sneeze is universal. Its origin is obscure and each country seems to have its own particular legend concerning it. Among the Romans the belief existed that a sneeze expelled evil spirits. The sneeze, therefore, was regarded somewhat in the light of a lucky effort on the part of the person to rid his system of evil spirits and those present at the time would say, "Good luck to you." There is also an old legend that before the time of Jacob men sneezed only once and then expired. But the patriarch interceded in the behalf of man and obtained a relaxation of this law on condition that a prayer or benediction follow every sneeze. Some writers offer this old legend as an explanation of the modern sneeze benediction "God bless you."

Name Traced to Blunder

The designation of a particular variety of worsted fabrics as "tweeds" is commonly, but erroneously, associated with the Scottish river of that name. The origin of the word "tweed," however, has no reference to the River Tweed, but is said to be due to an error on the part of a London clerk, who, in the year 1826, when writing out an invoice for these goods, inadvertently wrote the word "tweeds" instead of "tweels," the Scottish for twills. Orders were placed for more "Scottish tweeds," a novel description which immediately won the popular favor and became firmly established in the clothing trade as a brand of quality.

What, No Whittlers?

What has become of the old-time whittler, and why his disappearance? A half-century ago almost every man carried a good pocket knife and when he stopped on any occasion he took his knife from his pocket and began whittling. At that time many men carried in their pocket a stick or block of wood known as a whittling stick. It was some soft wood, soft pine and white walnut being favorite timber for whittling. The early settlers greatly enjoyed whittling for pastime, and many of them were real artists with a pocket knife. It is near a lost art.—Milan Republican.

Beauties of Ceylon

For the visitor, Ceylon is an island amazing in its beauty and interest. The native streets are thronged with a gaily-clad multitude. Yellow-robed priests, plodding bullock carts, make a brilliant picture. The Low country is a patchwork of paddy fields and coconut plantations, splashed with vivid tropical flowers. Kandy, the capital, is on the shores of a glistening lake, and the gorgeous Peradeniya gardens (1,000 feet). High in the forest-clad hills is Nuwara Eliya (6,200 feet) amid tumbling waterfalls and mountain streams.

INCUBATED EGGS MUST BE LABELED

More than 850 hatcheries and egg opening plants operating in Pennsylvania have been advised by the bureau of foods and chemistry, Pennsylvania department of agriculture, of the amendment to the pure food laws which requires that all eggs incubated for eight days or more must be labeled "Incubated" when offered for sale. The amendment also provides that all bakery products in which incubated eggs are

WOMAN IS ELEVATED TO WELFARE POST

Elevation of Mrs. Alice F. Liveright, Philadelphia, to the secretary of welfare in Governor Pinchot's cabinet, became known. Mrs. Liveright was named deputy secretary of welfare Sept. 14 after John L. Hanna resigned to become secretary of property and supplies. The post pays \$10,000 a year.

used must be labeled "Incubated Eggs Used."

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