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Scheme Proposed in Which Employer, Employee and State Will Help Foot Bills

BENEFITS FOR WAGE EARNERS A Well Known Statistician Reckons

That in Twenty-five Years the Nation Will Have 1,500,000 of These Pensioners-Insurance for 12,000,000.

A committee of the French Senate under the presidency of M. Cuvinot has formulated a scheme for old age and workmen's pensions with which it is understood the Government is in almost complete agreement. The scheme is very complex and will give rise to long debates in the Senate and later in the Chamber, but its main lines are clear.

It creates two benefits for wage earners. One is an absolute gift to which they will contribute nothing, while the other is a form of insurance to which they will subscribe.

The first benefit is an annual grant of \$24 which is to be made to all wage earners when they reach the age of 65. The funds from which this is to be paid are to be raised by a tax levied on the employers and a complementary contribution by the State.

Employers are to pay for each of their employees over 18, a sum of \$1.80 a year and 90 cents for each under 18. Only one-tenth of these sums will be payable the first year the law goes into effect, two-tenths the second year, three-tenths the third year, and so on, so that it will only he after ten years that the employer will be paying the full amount, and after that year his payments will remain fixed.

It is calculated that for the first year this scheme is at work there will be 120,000 grants, needing \$2,880,-000. The payments by employers are estimated to reach about \$2,000,000. so that the State will be called upon to pay \$\$\$0,000.

A well known statistician, Edouard Fuster, reckons that by the twentyfifth year France will have 1,500,000 of these pensioners whose grants will be paid, \$20,600,000 by the employers and \$14,200,000 by the State.

The second part of the Senatorial commission's scheme is an old age pension established by payments made by those interested and by grants from the State. The payments made are to be obligatory, with the option of paying more and so securing a higher pension. The amount of pension will depend on the payment made and the age at which the pensioner claims it.

The obligatory payment is 60 cents a year between 15 and 18 and \$1.20 a year from 18 until the pension is claimed, which can be done at the age of 55.

stone's, Mr. de Queux modestly de-The State undertakes to increase the pension thus secured by a third, clined to challenge invidious comthat is to say that a workman who parisons with the mighty men of the makes the obligatory payments until past h is 65 will have a right to a pension

\$12 to which the State will add

NEW YORK BROKERS AT PLAY CRANIAL FLUCTUATION. Size of the Heads of Well-Known

Men Compared by Punch.

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One of the strangest cranial coin-

tow famous interviewers, Mr. Ray-

mond Blathble and Mr. Harold

Beghthwayt take exactly the same

size in hats, 7 1-8. Here, however,

the resemblance ends, for while Mr.

Blathbe is a man of gigantic statue,

Mr. Begthwayt only scales 154

Sir Oliver Lodge's wonderful dome-

shaped head, which has so striking

a resemblance to that of Pericles, has

been growing steadily since he went

to live at Birmingham. His anthropo-

metric measurements are indeed re-

markable, for while he is only forty

inches round the chest he is just on

forty-eight round the head. No

stock size in hats fits him, and

Messrs, Linnett and Bencolm have

to retain a special assistant who is

exclusively employed to minister to

the needs of their massive-brained

customer. Recently asked to ac-

count for the cause of this phenome-

nal development, Sir Oliver attrib-

uted it to the extraordinary intel-

lectual atmosphere of Birmingham.

Personally he regrets his frontal dis-

tension, as it renders him too con-

spicuous in a crowd and leads to oc-

casional collisions in negotiating a

Mr. Harry de Queux, the famous

Arctic explorer, diplomatist and nov-

elist, in the course of a recent inter-

view with a representative of the

Hatter and Capper gave some aston-

ishing interesting details as to the

strange fluctuations in size of his own

cranium, according to the nature of

the company he kept. To express the

matter with scientific accuracy, he

found that the bulk of his head va-

ried in a direct ratio with the rank

of his interlocutor. Thus, after in-

terviewing a Kaiser, or witnessing

the marriage of an ex-Crown Prin-

cess, he simply could not insert his

head into a hat of normal size, and

on more than one occasion had to

remain bareheaded for forty-eight

Asked as to the probable effect on

his brain of his forthcoming sojourn

in the Arctic regions, Mr. de Queux

cautiously observed that, while frost

contracted metals, .t undoubtedly

tended to expand water, as might be

seen from the familiar and distress-

ing experience of the British house-

holder during a severe winter. Fur-

ther asked whether it was true that

his head was bigger than Mr. Glad-

Sir J. Crichton Browne indorsed

narrow doorway.

hours.

Jokesmiths of Produce Exchange Manufacture a Few Gold and Sil-

In an illuminating interview which ver Coins for Others to Find. appears in Cassell's Saturday Journal, Dr. Fernard Hollander maintains New York City .- Even if trading that heads generally are increasing was not very brisk on the Produce in size, "the reason being that the Exchange last week several of the intellact and the emotions are more members made money. They made it freely exercised than they were. in large quantities and without the With increase of mental exercise risk of speculating for it. In short, there is a corresponding enlargement they manufactured it, and though it of heads, though, of course, in the was not very good money, it purchased case of those who merely vegetate the manufacturers considerable fun. there is no growth of brain." We One broker purchased a cigar which are glad to be able to throw further was wrapped in tinfoil. After he lightlight on this fascinating topic, ed the cigar he used the tinfoil in the thanks to the researches of an emimanufacture of currency. He pressed a little disk of the tinfoil over a twennent craniologist, who, however, dety-five cent piece and rubbed it until



it took the impression of the quarter. Then he carefully placed the "quarter" on the floor. In a moment a dignified, gray haired member sauntered along, saw the new coin and picked it up. Then he glanced surreptitiously around and noted that no person was looking at him, when he cautiously replaced the "fake" coin on the floor. Other brokers followed the example of the first, and soon the floor was liberally sprinkled with quarters, halves and silver dollars. Then some genius procured some gold foil and made a few eagles and double eagles. Many a man stooped with a smile of satisfaction to arise with a frown of disgust, while the jokesmiths "gave him the laugh."

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The Five-Hundredth Issue of Lippincott's.

The August Lippincott's marks the five-hundredth appearance of this interesting monthly magazine. During those forty-odd years much history has been made, and the world has seen many important changes. In the early days Lippin-cott s met with comparatively little competition; for the past decade or two it has been keen-so keen that some really meritorious publica-tions have fallen by the wayside. Yet this dean of the magazines has found no difficulty in holding its own and adhering to its established price. In short, Lippincott's is not price. in short, Lippincott's is not growing old gracefully. It refuses to grow old at all.

The novelette for August is

"The Cult and the Catamount," by Dorothy Canfield. It is a sparkling tale, with a clever plot. Its opening scenes are laid in New York, where some surprising things happen in a most plausible way. Then the scene shifts to a New England rural district, whither three competing parties race to get possession of a valuable copper mine. Of course the right people win, as might have been expected, yet their path has been such a thorny one that the reader has been afraid right along that they wouldn't.

"The Contaminating of Augustus," a boy story, by Grace Mac-Gowan Cooke and Caroline Wood Morrison, is as delightful as it is original. "The Man Who Wanted to Know," by Owen Oliver, tells grippingly of a man who tried to experiment dispassionately with the tender passion and found he could n't. "The Jesters," by Eleanor M. Ingram, is an automobile story on distinctly new lines. "A Mother of the World," by C. Cunningham, is a touching tale of mother-love "Bum O'Reilly Collects," by Lucy Copinger, tells of an amusing episode in a primary school. "Between Yesterday and To-morrow," by the late George Wetherill Earl, Jr., is a story of the army life with which he was so familiar. George Lincoln Walton, M. D., whose book "Why Worry?" has gone into several editions and done untold good, has supplemented his labors with a new series of three papers on nervous troubles, real and imaginary. These are now appearing in *Lippincott's* under the generic title "Those Nerves." The August article is called "Sidetractibility." Then there are shorter contributions on various topics by Clifford Howard, Thomas L. Masson, and Minna Thomas Antrimthese last in the department "Ways of the Hour." Ellis O. Jones contributes a whimsical sketch called Are Women Human?" and W. I. Lampton pays his respects to those who are anxious to get off the earth, in some remarks headed 'Balloonacy.'' Roby C. McCombs, Margaret Root Garvin, Harold Susman, Richard Kirk, Katharine Lee Bates and Madge Morris are those who



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The insured will effect their payments by placing stamps on an annual card which each will receive, thereby avoiding the necessity of having the employer deduct the payment from the employee's wages. The commission particularly wished to avoid giving this insurance scheme the appeartree of lessening wages, but it has felt itself obliged to insert an article to the effect that if at the end of "ie year the worker is behind in his monthly payment the employer must on demand from the State authorities, retain from his wages the amount due.

At the Circus.

The pretty snake charmer in pink silk laid ber little finger on a boa's eye. The boa, unwinking, let the finger rest on his eyeball with ghastly indifference.

"His eye is closed," the pretty snake charmer explained, "but it looks open because the eyelid is transparent. His eye is always closed, but he can always see through it. His eyelid is a scale of plategiass translucence.

"It is useful to him, this well-protected eye, in his flights or in his onsets through the low, thorny bushes, the sharp grasses and the prickly twigs of the forest undergrowth among which he lives."-Philadelphia Bulletin.

The U. S. Postal Service.

The beginning of the postal service in what is now the United States dates from 1639, when a house in Boston was employed for the receipt of letters for and from the Old World. In 1672 the Government of New York Colony established a post to go monthly from New York to Boston. A general post office was established in Virginia in 1692 and in Philadelphia in 1693. In 1789, when the Federal Government went into operation, the number of offices in the thirteen States was only about seventytive.

not monopoabout big heads lizing intellect. Idiots. vegetaand wearers of Harris riana Tweed had invariably large heads. Mr. Bernard Shaw said that he could not swear that his head had grown since he had dethroned Shakespeare, because he never wore a tall hat, and was generally photographed without headgear. Large heads were commonly found in the Criminal classes, such as archbishops, publishers, and the like. For his own part he had cultivated, not size but hardness. From earliest youth he had stood on his head and invariably wrote in that position. .

The Pope's Private Car.

For many years there stood in the yard of the Florentine rallway a saloon car, which bore the name of 'The Papal Car.'

It was originally built and furnished to be used by the Pope on his journeys-at a time when his holines did not choose to remain a voluntary prisoner in the Vatican; and it is not imposible that Plus IX. may have used it before 1870, on some of his not very numerous or very extensive journeys.

Like the papal horse-drawn carriages, it is distinguished from the generally very lightly built Italian carriages by its extreme size and weight. It was done up in sky blue with the figure of an angel at each corner; and was both richly and gorgeously fitted up.

Provision was made for all needs and comforts of the Pope; there was even a private altar, in case his holiness should want to read Mass when under way

This car has disappeared as thoroughly, as musteriously; and no one knows -or will say-where it is.

At the Milan exhibition of 1906 there was r retrospect exhibit of transportation of the ninteenth century, and it was intended to show the papal car; but during the negotiations to the effect the Italian private railways passed into the possession of the state, which later refused permission to have the car exhibited .- Weekly Telegraph.

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teen out of places where liquors are sold; out of pool rooms, roller skating rinks and moving picture shows.

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LANDS ON BEAR'S BACK.

Bear as Much Scared as Parks, Who Fell from Window.

Port Jervis, N. Y .- E. L. Parks, a publisher of Twenty-fifth street and Fourth avenue, New York City, is occupying a bungalow on top of the World Mountain, the highest in Pike County, Penn. During the night he was awakened by a noise in the rear of the building, and from the window he saw a large bear.

Mr. Parks leaned out of the window with a .22 calibre revolver, lost his balance, and fell upon the bear. His revolver went off and it was a question which was the more frightened, bear or man.

The bear uttered a roar of fright and ran toward the woods. H. Her- have poems in the number. Then man, son of ex-Sheriff Herman of there is "Walnuts and Wine,' Orange County, and a fellow-camper of Parks, was awakened by the noise and ran out with a shotgun. The bear could be seen lumbering away toward the woods, and, though Herman fired a shot after it, he failed to make a hit.

Mr. Parks was uninjured. So was the bear.

Passenger Mustn't Change His Mind Rochester, N. Y .--- A decision of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court makes it apparent that a passenger asking for a transfer of a street railway conductor must state his destination when asking for the transfer and must not change his mind. The Court was unanimous in sustaining the company's rule of only one transfer and no change after making a request for one.

Wins Prize for Shaving Husband. Chicago.-Shaving her husband every other day for a month netted Mrs. W. O. Smith a \$1 contribution for the missionary cause and a gold pin. The prize was a gift from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Austin Methodist Episcopal Church for earning money in the most novel manner.

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