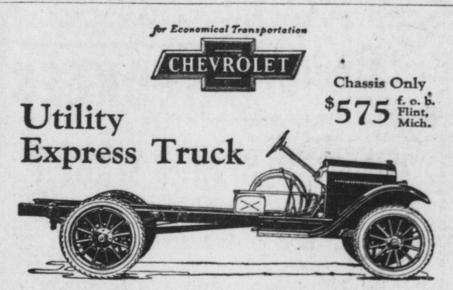


"Don't they get on well together?" pews in church."-Life.

Couldn't. Dick-"What did she say when you "I'll say they don't. They have twin kissed her?" Ted-"She didn't say a thing until afterward."



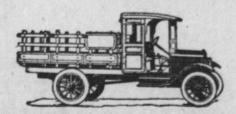
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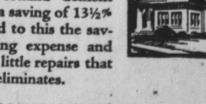
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MUSKRAT AND FRED

Fred had gone on a picnic with several of his friends. They were making coffee when suddenly Fred saw a muskrat: The muskrat was looking at Fred.

. "I know what he is saying to me," said Fred, after he had pointed out the muskrat to the others.

The muskrat was sitting by the root of an old tree and was on the opposite. side of the river from where Fred and his friends were having their picnic. "What do you suppose he is saying?" the others asked Fred.

"He is saying," Fred continued, "'Well, what in the name of old Birch Bark is going on over there? Well, Well! I'll just watch those silly creatures.

"'Alas, now I will know no privacy. The warm weather has come and the people will come out and I will have no rest until next winter.

"'By the ghost of my immortal great-grandfather ten times removed, it was better when wolves and bears were about.'

"Of course," Fred added, "it is not certain that these are his thoughts, but if they aren't they should be. "Otherwise he would have no reason for looking so cross about our

picnic. "Although," Fred went on, "it might really be excusable in his case, a muddy bank of a river I would have

As Fred said this the muskrat decided it was time to let his family see what was going on, so up he went sworld. along his side of the bank and before long came back again with five rela-

They all watched to see what mischief Fred and his friends might be up to, and the youngest of all was



"A Most Delightful Sandwich."

nade to act as guard while the others

decided they would be off. Strangely enough, the young muskrat was very curious. He was more curious than the first one had been, and more curious than muskrats usually are.

"I'm going to stay around," he said to himself. "The others seem to have seen all they want to see. But I want to watch these curious people amusing themselves as they sit about and eat."

So the young muskrat wandered about and something was thrown in his direction. He picked it up, and it was good to eat.

Yes, it was a most delightful sandwich. He knew his family would not approve of his eating food given him in that way. He knew that the old muskrat who had been around first would have said to him:

"Young idiot, do you not remember our aunt's mother's cousin was just such a fool as you, and now where is he?

"Where is he, I ask you? He is the middle piece of a lady's fur coat; that is where he is."

But the young muskrat was glad his wise relation was not around to speak to him in this way, for one's elders were silly, all young creatures knew that!

And besides, the soft sandwich had been very good. And now he gobbled another one for, on second thoughts his wise relatives and the eldest of all especially, might not warn him against the picnic food, but might eat it them-

And the sandwich did him no harm. No, indeed; but Fred wondered if he might not get too many fine ideas in his muskrat head.

Yes, Fred was afraid that perhaps he might think that he was to be given delicacies like this, and that his young head might be turned.

Or perhaps he might suffer the same fate as his r 'ative who was now in a lady's fur coat. But still Fred would give him noth-

ing but the best of food, and perhaps it was nice for a muskrat to be able to enjoy a picnic as well as peo-

That was what Fred finally decided. If people enjoyed picnics then surely once in a while a muskrat might be given the joy of a picnic, too.

And whenever after that Fred went on a picnic he always spoke of the muskrat to whom he had thrown sandwiches and who had seemed as fond of eating picnic food as any of them. And he wondered, too, if the musk-

rat boasted to the other muskrats of the attention he had received For surely it was enough to make a muskrat boast a little bit, at any

REMAIN ALWAYS THE SAME

Overwhelming Proof That Finger-Prints Undergo No Change During Lifetime of Individual.

The finger print is a scientific method of identification. A movement is afoot in Michigan for a state-wide registration system under which every one would be finger-printed? It is also planned by the government to establish a central bureau of identification with a national registration. It is deduced that prints are more permanent than the body itself, as physiologists tell us that the tissues of the entire body change once in about seven years, but whorls, curves and lines of the papilla always are renewed in conformity with the lines of childhood.

After an attack of scarlet fever the cuticle peeled off of a child's fingers As an experiment prints were made. They were found to be just the same as those made before the sickness. A man chanced to burn his fingers. They were badly blistered. After the blisters broke and the outer layer of the skin came off he made finger-prints each day until the fingers were completely healed. The ridges grew gradually until they made the same sharp prints that they had made before the acci-

#### TERM FOR POLITICAL CUNNING

Italian Genius Gave Name to What Might Be Called Unscrupulous Statesmanship.

"Machiavellian" is a term for political cunning, duplicity or bad faith. because Niccolo Machiavelli, an Itallan statesman and historian, held as one of his principles that any means. however lawless or unscrupulous. for it seems to me that if I lived in might be justifiably employed by a ruler in order to maintain a strong a bad temper, what with colds in the central government. He produced head, rheumatism and tired, cold among other works a treatise on government called "The Prince," the principles of which have gained for him a notoriety as wide as the civilized

Briefly, Machiavelli's political doctrines maintained a justification of the means by the end. The ruler or prince was to retain and augment his power; and to do so he might be an adept at misleading his opponents and getting rid of them. The interests of the state, represented by the ruler, were held to be above all laws or virtues, and the despatism of the prince was to be maintained by cunning and unrestrained by morality.

All Aboard.

Some snilors went ashore and as a change thought they would like to go for a ride on horse ack. They went to the nearest livery stable and the spokesman asked for the ostler.

Spokesman-We wants an 'orse. Ostler-What kind of an 'orse? Spokesman-We want a four-legged

goin' aboard.

Right Man Must Be There. Chance in manifold instances has befriended man. Only-it is necessary that the right man should be on vention and discovery as elsewhere, never sec it.-Exchange.

Smart Small Girl.

Small Girl (as sister's fiance slips on banana skin)-Look, mamua, he's worshiping the ground she treads on! -London Answers

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Masterpiece Oddly Written "Songs to David." the lyrical poem of 86 stanzas, was written by Christopher Smart during lucid intervals of

his wild madness, Usually So. "He's popular with the women, isn't

he lives with at home."

The city of Lille is again taking on An indication of the swift progress an aspect of prosperity, according to a of the Japanese mid in practical sei-Ostler (annoyed)-Yes, I know that, report to the Department of Commerce ence is afforded by Docto: Omori's rebut d'ger want a quiet 'orse or a' from Vice Consul J. G. Finley, and is port on the measurement of the vibra-Spokesman-Oh, it don't matter ing center of commercial and industrial mographs. The primary purpose of about that, mate. Give us a pretty long activity worthy of its synonym as cap- the seismograph is to measure the os 'orse-there's eight of us and we're all ital of the north of France. A con-cillations of carthquakes. Japanese siderable change has taken pince since engineers use it for determining the 1921, the consul states. Stores situ- proper balance of locomotives and the ated in the districts not damaged are state of the permancat way of railwell stocked and pparently enjoying ways. Many practical advantages in a good business and electric zigns, un- the saving of cel and the detection known in 1921, have appeared in vari- of faults in construction have thus re-

Righto, Percy!

"And so, children, all these modern conveniences came into being by invention," said the teacher. "And now, Percy, tell me who invented the alarm clock.' "I dunno'm," said Percy, "but if ray daddy ever meets him ther's going t

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