

Laugh at Lightning

New York.—The next time the lightning flashes and baby cries and mother shivers and you swallow hard and tell Johnny, "Pooh, pooh, there is nothing to be afraid of," and then duck your own head under the bed-clothes—don't. You are right. There is nothing to be afraid of. The chance of a person being struck in his home is one in several million.

And if you chance to be at your desk in some downtown skyscraper, the lightning cannot reach you.

You have the assurance for this from R. M. Spruck, an engineer of the new switchgear plant of the General Electric company at Philadelphia, in charge of the high voltage testing of circuit breakers, where arcs of artificial lightning are played over apparatus to make sure there are no defects and that it will withstand conditions when put into service out in the open in natural lightning areas.

Not Mere Guesswork.

"Shooting a million volts into circuit breakers to thoroughly test them before leaving the factory is not mere

guesswork. The fundamentals are based on studies made in the company's laboratories, field observations, and the classic work of the late Doctor Steinmetz," Mr. Spruck said.

If you reside on the top of a hill with no trees about you are in a comparatively perilous position. But if you live in the average city home, with houses of equal height about you, lightning is likely to single you out about once every thousand years. As for the residents in the house perched upon the hill, the chance is one in several million that they will be struck by the bolt that comes once every hundred years.

The bolt might tear up the roof, or even set it afire, but likely would get no closer to you. It would encounter the electric house wiring and would be carried impotent to the ground. Or it would hop on to the plumbing system and docilely speed off into the earth.

Keep Away From Walls.

The safest place in your house is anywhere except where these lightning conductors are centered. Most

plumbing and heating pipes run up and down in the middle of the house. Keep away from the walls in which they run. Do not stand between two metal objects, such as a heating radiator and the plumbing pipes. There is nothing wrong with the superstition that the bed is a safe place.

In the modern steel office building lightning can't even get the roof. Most roofs of such buildings are metal and are purposely brought in contact with the residents in the house work, and this circuit absorbs and carries off any lightning that may chance to shoot down.

Perhaps the question of the efficacy of lightning rods has never been fully settled in the public mind. Lightning rods are now to be seen chiefly in the country. There is a lightning rod on nearly every house in the cities, though it may not be visible to the eye. Every plumbing system has an air vent—a pipe—that runs upward to, if not through the roof. It serves exactly as does the lightning rod which pricks the air on the farmer's house.

Leave the Green Isle for America



Thousands of young Irish boys and girls are leaving Ireland every week with the enlargement of the American immigration quota. In one week 1,700 enthusiastic emigrants, such as are shown here, departed from Queenstown. This picture was taken as a shipload of emigrants sailed.



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Political

The expression "on the fence" comes to us from an ancient Latin phrase, which translated literally would read "sitting astride with one leg on each side." It had its introduction into English from two lines of a well-known poem by Lowell.

COULD NOT GET OUT OF BED

Lydia E. Finkham's Vegetable Compound Strengthened Her



Elkhart, Ind.—"I had a tired feeling and was unable to get out of bed without the help of my husband. We heard of the Vegetable Compound and decided to try it. I am still taking it and it sure is a help to me. I can do my work without resting before I am through. I know that if women will give the Vegetable Compound a trial they can overcome those tired and worn-out feelings. I cannot express the happiness I have received and how completely it has made over my home."—Mrs. D. H. SIMON, 1326 Laurel St., Elkhart, Indiana.

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On the Other Side of the World

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I HAVE always thought that things would be very different on the other side of the world—different customs, a different language, different peoples. The South Sea Islands have always spelled mystery and magic to me and dusky forms waving strange weapons in the air. India and the Malay peninsula I was sure was another world.

My cousin Tracy, who is a banker with nothing to do on occasion but to sail the seas and to stop at strange and unfamiliar parts has been going around the world recently, an experience which is new neither to him nor to his much traveled wife. He sends me a bundle of newspapers from Singapore. Of course you all know what and where Singapore is. I do, since I asked Nancy, and she, to be certain, looked it up in the Atlas. It is an English possession, I believe, where the papers advertise "snappy bathing costumes" at from nine to fifteen dollars each—dollars, mind you; good American dollars, not pounds, shillings, and pence.

They marry and murder in Singapore the same as we do in this civilized and enlightened country. They advertise motor cars and whisky (without an e) for Mr. Volstead's in-

AUSTRALIAN MERMAID



The photograph shows Edna Davey, who will represent Australia in the women's 400 meters race at Amsterdam this summer. Her best time for 440 yards is 6 minutes 3 4/5 seconds. And her beauty will certainly help the judges in picking winners.

fluence has not traveled so far. They have moving pictures, and just at the time when Tracy was there, Andy and Min and Chester Gump were holding the boards. Think of little Chester doing his stuff in Singapore! It seems inconceivable to me. They have political outrages there, and men are

History in Wampum

Albany, N. Y.—Four almost priceless belts of Indian wampum recently added to the collection in the New York state museum make it one of the finest groups of these "historical documents" in the world.

The belts were left to the museum by the will of Anna Treadwell Thatcher, whose husband, John Boyd Thatcher, purchased them in 1863 for \$500.

The four new belts in the collection are known as the Hiawatha belt, the Washington Covenant belt, the Wampum to Mark the First Sight of Pale-

shot in a manner very similar to the way in which our own unscrupulous politicians are done away with.

They seem to have the same motor cars, the same lubricating oils, the same rubber tires, the same varieties of ice cream and typewriters in Singapore as in Kankakee, Ill. It rather surprised me. There are military training schools and pacifists, and tennis clubs, and football associations, and all sorts of sports and sportsmen in Singapore as there are in our own cities. The other side of the world does not seem so different from the side with which we are acquainted as one might suppose.

They dance after dinner at the fashionable hotels, they use safety razors

and eat Quaker oats, and take patent medicines for rheumatism, and use alarm clocks to rouse the lethargic from their morning sleep, and they sit through plays which depict the antics of college students the same as we do in our own undergraduate-filled towns.

In fact the thing which impresses me as I read the Singapore Free Press is that on the other side of the world things go on much as they do in these middle western American towns of ours. People play the same games, eat and drink the same food, with only slight modifications, and in the main follow the same daily routine and think the same thoughts.

The Hiawatha belt is believed to be the original record of the formation of the Iroquois league. The exact age of the belt is unknown, but it is believed to have been made in the middle of the Sixteenth century.

The Washington Covenant belt was the one most highly prized by the wampum keepers of the Onondaga nation. It derives its name from its use during the Presidency of George Washington as a covenant of peace between the thirteen original states

which he represented and the six nations of the Iroquois, the great Indian federation.

The third belt was made by the Iroquois to commemorate the "sight of the first palefaces," but it is not known whether this reference is to Spaniards, French or Dutch.

The Champlain belt is virtually a duplicate of the Gen. Eli S. Parker belt, also a part of the collection. It commemorates the excursion of Samuel Champlain into the country of the Iroquois in 1609.

DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

Millions of Insects

There are between five and ten million species of insects in the world. Many of these are very necessary to us. Some help in destroying the harmful insects, others give us valuable medicine, and others still more useful carry the pollen from plant to plant, enabling them to bear their fruit and flowers.

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SUCH IS LIFE —No Hurry Whatever—By Charles Sughroe



German Amber Town

Palmnicken, Germany.—With frost out of the ground, quarrying for amber has started again at the great Prussian amber mining works here, which is the only plant of its kind in the world.

Palmnicken lives on amber. The

whole village of 800 people is employed in the plant.

Amber, "Prussian gold," was traded at this little spot on the Baltic coast with the ancient Phoenicians. Fishermen dredged for it in earlier days, but more recently it has been dug out

of the blue clay with machinery.

Great hoppers bring up cars of clay from an area a square mile in extent. The clay is washed for amber in much the same way as auriferous earth is washed for gold. Each season about 3,000,000 cubic meters of soil are moved.

Amber is found in clusters. The pieces are picked out and washed with sand in great revolving drums. An army of girls sits at a running band and picks out six recognized standard qualities.

Every year the "crop" runs to about 125,000 pounds but only one-third of this is suitable for beads and ornaments. The rest is ground to powder to make "pressed" amber, or melted down to make varnish and copolymers. Amber oil and acid are by-products obtained by distillation.

Pieces of seven or eight pounds weight are not rare, but the biggest single lump ever found here weighed about fifteen pounds.

In the laboratory, pieces of amber of all shades and sizes are kept—bright amber, pale-yellow amber, plain and with flies, bugs or tiny leaves imbedded in them, dating from the tertiary period when coniferous forests flourished here in a subtropical climate.

The most valuable amber bears the quaint name of "sauerkraut" because it is of a pale-yellow tinge and has markings suggesting strands of cut cabbage.

Government Is Asked to Alter Girls' Dress

Rome.—Bare arms, low necks and short skirts would be taboo for Italian high school and college girls if Minister of Education Fedele took the action asked in a letter now before him.

The body known as "the national committee for the correctness of the mode" has petitioned him requesting that all those whose costume "does not conform to that modesty which is dictated by civilized Christian usage and sentiment" be barred from the institutions under his control. The school supervisors in several large provincial cities have already publicly admonished girl students for "immodest dress," but with little effect.

German Waiters Again Will Work in England

Berlin.—German waiters are to work in English hotels and restaurants again for the first time since the war. Four German waiters have left Germany for England and others soon will follow them.

According to German estimates, more than 40 per cent of all employees in English hotels and restaurants before the war were Germans.

The Neue Berliner Zeitung states that the first group of German waiters to resume work in England and who have just departed, have been engaged for a period of five years at wages between \$30 and \$35 a week—far more than they could earn in Germany.

IN BLACK TAFFETA



Myrna Loy proves her talent for designing by this simple yet beautiful dinner frock of black pussy-willow taffeta with overdress of black dotted lace, showing the uneven hemline. Two large bows at the hips of taffeta and lace add a touch of smartness to the gown, and a colored flower at the shoulder completes the effect. A large black satin and tulle hat is most appropriate with this dress.

Just What They Are Looking For

