Odd and Curious Nezvs

Fooled The Doctor

Fifty-seven years ago two doctors told Levi Fisher, of Shiremanstown Dauphin county, afflicted with pneumonia and black typhoid fever, that he did not have much longer to live. Today Fisher is 85 years old and still vigorously saws wood as his daily chore. The two doctors are dead. The trouble with people today. says Fisher, is that they are too lazy. Life is too easy for them. Eventually, said Fisher, the world will be populated with only lazy

'Inside Out' Baby

A baby born at Mercy Hospital, Scranton, with its abdominal organs outside its body died Saturday after physicians made a vain attempt to save its life by performing a replacement operation. The child was born with its stomach. liver and intestines all outside of the body. The organs were replaced and the body wall repaired. Shock from the operation was described by the hospital as the cause of death.

Wins \$1,000 Robbed

For the first time in her life, Mildred Keeper, 30, of Cleveland won something—, \$1,000 keeno prize at the Arrow Clug. However, it didn't do her any good, for two men followed her out of the club with her companion, forced their car off the highway, and, at the point of a gun, took from her the roll of five, ten and twenty dollar

Cal., celebrates the birthdays of her burg. the same day. Daughter No. 1 was daughter No. 2 was born on August

Misplaces Gems

While looking through magazines at a Chicago railroad station newsstand, Mrs. J. Allen Smith, of Harrison, N. Y., laid down a pink cardboard box and then forgot it. Clerks at the newsstand later received a wire to try and locate the box which contained jewelry valued at 100,000. They found it among the magazines on the counter.

Swears Off

while cutting up corn for his hogs, E. A. Robbins, of Poplar Bluffs, Md. removed the bandage and started chopping again. He chopped off Victim Suffered From Failing more damage than the larger one. his thumb, hurled the axe into a corner of the barn, and swore off chopping corn.

Wed Seven Times

Rosanner Speights, 66, married Thursday stood in front of a mir- and the Merrimac carried a crew of like a slanting house roof, above was uttered. Okla. He was her seventh husband and she was his fourth wife. Ex- as she plunged a butcher knife into died in 1897, will always be rememplaining her many marriages, the her throat. kept taking 'em, and I did, too."

Six Babies in 2 Years

Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan Merryman, of Phoenix, Ariz., are the parents of another set of twins, making the third set born to them, within the past two years. There are five other children in the family besides the twins

Forgetful

John Dites of Cumberland, Md. was badly cut on the arm when he stuck it out of the window of his automobile to signal for a turn. He forgot to roll down the window

After 35 Years

of Holtsville, Calif., recently saw his mother, Mrs. Salonia Bernshouse. for the first time in 35 years. The mother is 99 years old.

The thirst for knowledge is not nearly as powerful as the quest for

anything that interfers with profits. anted by the wasps.

NO WAR HORSES AVAILABLE Pennsylvania has no war horses station at Spartansburg, S. C., said for sale. State officials said after that even in those days. "I don't borrow the money as a large sum of

Dr. William Brob, of the State not go in for horse-breeding suffi-Agriculture Department, said the inquiry expressed interest in animals mais it can use, let alone export any. between three and eight years old. lation is down to about 288,000. suitable "for cavalry, siege gun and

other" military use. World War was at an army remount to 1892.

ciently to supply all the farm ani-Shortly after the Civil War, there were 462,000 horses in the state, But Brob, whose job during the reaching a peak of 600,000 from 1890

Former Osceola Residents Believed Oldest Twins In Central Penna.

Central Pennsylvania, Mrs. Sally rone since their birth. They are Hunter and Mrs. Elvira Schoop, for-the last of their immediate family of undetermined origin swept the mer Osceola Mills residents, last Martin Copelin, their brother, of creasoned ties which wallen the birthday in Tyrone where they are year.

birthday and hold a birthday party.

and were born in Tyrone. They three sons living,

Believed to be the oldest twins in have lived in Osceola Mills and Ty-Wednesday celebrated their 78th Osceola Mills died in May of this Centre County side of the Moshan-

The sisters have been lifelong members of the Presbyterian many years past have made it a custom to get together on their birthday and hold should be shoul Both Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. York Fair and came up with these Schoop are widows. Mrs. Hunter statistics: 44,750 hamburgers rep-The twins are daughters of Rich- has three daughters and two sons resenting 18 to 20 steers butchered, ard and Hannah (Wertz) Copelin still living while Mrs. Schoop has ground up, cooked and served on

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BELIEVE DRUG WAS GIVEN YOUNG GIRL IN BOTTLED DRINK

Lock Haven Student of Immaculate Conception High School Becomes Violently III With Symptoms Resembling Marihuana

go to school. Walking down Sus-

Arbor, a small confectionery store

just off the Teachers College camp-

us. After making a small pur-

chase and when she had come out

onto the porch, she noticed a young

man who looked to her like some-

one she had known in South Re-

The stranger smilingly inquired

'Are you going to school here now?"

Miss English answered in the affir-

mative. The stranger was holding

in his hands two bottles, containing

straws, and saying that a compan-

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success or failure of England and

France in the war now being waged

in Europe will be decided by the

primitive human-propelled boats

manned by galley slaves to the mod-

ern battle ship, evolution has shown

a startling continuity of progress.

Even today, sea-fighting is not con-

fined to ships alone. The submarine

strikes from below and the aerial

implement many times can inflict

Clearfield Man

Dies By Own Hand

Dead in Yard Office of

N. Y. Central

Railroad where he had been employ-

was found. No shot was heard.

money was found on his person

Morrisdale Driver Injured

when the body was examined.

Clearfield County Coroner E. E. injuring him fatally.

lying on the floor, a gunshot wound heart attack.

evidently no reason for Schenck to of training

to take his life for some time. No the scene, where she fell dead.

motive for the suicide was disclosed. Deputy Coroner John A. Conway

telephone 20 minutes before his body ment of Interior, Bureau of Mines,

Schenck, Dr. Erhard stated, had burg, who is said to be the only girl

been to the Eagle's home in Clear- in Centre county to receive this hon-

field Monday morning before going or. The examinations for the cer-

to work and had borrowed \$2 while tificates were held in Houtzdale,

Schenck's lifeless body was found said over exertion caused a fatal

ombers from above. The smaller

equipment of sea fighting. From the the rebel Merrimac.

Admiral John L. Worden, who smoke stack.

Miss Marian English, a 17-year- posed bottle of soft drink which had old Renovo girl who has been living been given her a few minutes earlwith her grandmother, Mrs. Mary ier. She was removed to the Private A. Carroll in Lock Haven, while tak- Hospital suffering from sensations ing a post-graduate course at the similar to having been drugged, Immaculate Conception High school, which has given rise to the theory had an unusual and distressing ex- that she may have been the victim perience last Tuesday afternoon of an attempted drugging with Marwhich for a time threatened to be- ihuana. Working on this belief, Lock come serious

Miss English became suddenly and been conducting an inexhaustible riolently ill after drinking a sup- investigation.

Lewisburg Train Kills 'Cyclist

William Markle, of Mifflinburg, Suffers Fractured Skull in Collision

William Markle, aged about 45 years, who lived alone near Forrest Hill, Union county, was instantly killed last Thursday mornng at 7:05 o'clock, when the motor-3 Children, 1 Birthday cycle on which he was riding to The stork has arranged it so that work struck the westbound Pennwhen Mrs. Jean Besert, of Chico, sylvania Railroad train at Mifflin-

three daughters she can do it all on His skull was crushed when the motorcycle toppled over on him born on August 26, five years ago; with considerable force, after striking the train. He was traveling 26, two years ago, and daughter No. north, and it is believed that he 3 was born on August 26 of this saw the train but thought he had time to cross. Marks on the road indicate that the motorcycle slid a considerable distance.

Members of the train crew were unaware of the accident, and did not learn of it until they had reached Coburn, Centre County. An attempt is being made to locate any relatives he may have have been settled by the fighting known as the "Yankee Cheese Box."

When within a short distance of with dismounted guns and strewn saved what yet remained of the Unterpretation of the saved with mangled limbs and gory bodies. the farm of Charles Kerstetter, taken place in the methods and ion fleet from total destruction by fammed the Cumberland and crush-

north of Mifflinburg, where he ex-

pected to husk corn, when the ac-

Three weeks after chopping off Woman Takes the index finger of his left hand Her Own Life

Eyesight and Poor

An elderly Houtzdale woman. After a month's courtship, Mrs. whose eyesight was failing, last tor was manned by Union sallors ter line, which shaped her much death sentence of the Cumberland burning the capitol of the nation. Ulysses Grant Eisney, 70, at Tulsa, ror at her home there to make sure Confederates. her suicide attempt was successful

> The suicide victim was Mrs. Jeannette Swidersky, 74, who had been in poor health for some time. She had stated for some time that she "going away."

Her body was found lying on the floor by Kasmer Swidersky, her husband, who had gone shopping a Cleo Schenck, 59, is Found Nanty-Glo Resident Overcome Slippery Highway Results in Snow Shoe Girl Awarded Medshort time before his wife took her

Dr. E. E. Erhard, Clearfield county coroner, said the woman had cut her throat so deeply that she had severed her whole windpipe. Dr. Erhard stated she had died of strangulation caused by the rush of blood down her throat

A maid had been taking care of Mrs. Swidersky but had resigned her position the night before the sul-

Surviving are her husband, five Albert L. Bernshouse, an engineer | sons and three daughters.

Wasps Not Welcome

The thousands of wasps who annually make their winter home on in his forehead, by F. B. Wilcox, the Mt. Penn Pagoda, at Reading, track supervisor. The gun was lying will have to look elsewhere this year. near his side. The City Park Department is blocking with cement all crannies in the had talked with an outside party by certificates from the U. S. Depart-

Business, generally, is against pagoda's many roofs usually ten-

disclosure that an "industrial re- think we ever got a horse from the search" group in New York has been East." inquiring about the state's stock of E. L. Gasteiger. department statistician, said Pennsylvania does

William Hubler, of Morrisdale, R. D., suffered lacerations of the scalp when the car he was driving ran into a train on the Front street crossat Philipsburg, Wednesday. According to reports Hubler, who the was driving a car owned by his On sale at all newsstands. brother, Richard Hubler, struck the second car of a seven car train as the train was backing up. The car was badly damaged. No one else was injured in the car. Hub-

> Miniature Monte Carlo Burns Mente Carlo, burned to the ground last Wednesday night when a fire

non Creek rendezvous,

ler was treated at the Philipsburg

Joe Bury counted \$4,475 receipts from hamburgers he sold at the



\$1.79 MILK PRICE

A FAMOUS NAVAL ENCOUNTER

More Formidable Adversary

tween the two ironclads, which oc- the Union garrison which was

Woman Dies As 2 Cars Upset On

The automobile struck Alex Karl- ding on the slippery roads.

E. M. Harmon, administrator of New York City. the Federal-State orders regulating This price is 10 cents per hunplants in the 201-210 mile zone from

It has been predicted that the How Small Ship Fashioned Like 'Cheese Box' Defeated Its

bered as the hero of the battle be- 1862, for Newport News to destroy towards the sister ship Congress,

By Horror of Ac-

offices of the New York Central ment caused the death of a woman, into the bank and upset after skid-

inchak, 53, of Nanty-Glo, a miner.

Girl Receives Diploma

is Miss Nina Pomeroy, of Philips-

there. Dr. Erhard said there was August 28, following three months trated features in the October 29th.

Spying As a Business

revealing how a new system of spy-

ing has superseded the old-fashion

romantic characters who dealt in

secret codes and dramatics. Don't

miss this feature in the October

29th issue of The American Weekly.

the big magazine distributed with

An informative illustrated article

cide, stated Schenck had threatened neski, 48, of Nanty-Glo, rushed to then turned over.

Man Is Killed

grounds and many decisive issues seat of battle with the Monitor, the U. S. Navy.

pound pivot guns.

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ed in her side with a mortal gash,

gun frigate of 4000 tons burden. She shell into the crowded Cumberland were allowed to escape to the shore.

She was sunk in the bay at the moved to pull down the Stars and of destruction to the Union fleet.

This monster started on March 8, and flushed with victory now put er was there any doubt of the iron

Mountain Road

Two Accidents Saturday

Morning

Oliver Harris, of Madera, travel-

No one was injured in the acri-

New Mysteries of the Sky

about awe-inspiring heavenly phen-

omena in words that anyone can

understand. One of many illus-

issue of The American Weekly, the

big magazine distributed with the

Baltimore Sunday American, On

Train Dogs as Messengers

sale at all newsstands.

Explaining the latest discoveries

to bring his car to a stop.

estimated at \$325.

burning of Norfolk by the Union Stripes, nor an eye turned toward As the day closed

NEW EXECUTIONER FOR ROCKVIEW GETS 9 DAYS TO STUDY JOB

Warden Ashe Declines to Reveal Identity of Elliott's Successor, Who Was Chosen From Over 70 Applicants

The job you'd think nobody would 24, when Elliott was ailing, Francell want at Rorkview Prison-killing substituted and pulled the switch on men and women legally-has been Arthur Perry, a Negro wife-killer. filled, according to announcement. Robert Elliott, who died last Tuesby prison officials on Saturday that day at his home in New York, held Pennsylvania's new executioner had the position of official executioner in

ceed the late Robert Elliott, but mately \$45,000. stated he had been picked from more than 70 applicants.

The new executioner is described as a "conscientious Pennsylvania electrician who feels he is doing his duty." It is said his name will not be made public until he sends three criminals to their death October 23. His "wages" will average \$150 per

Thus was Elliott's place filled in the handling of milk in the New dredweight lower than the price for two of the States where he served. York metropolitan marketing area, August milk, and the reduction is Another electrician was named New this week announced a uniform accounted for primarily by two fac- York executioner last Thursday. He price of \$1.79 per hundredweight for tors, Mr. Harmon explained. The is Joseph Francell, 42-year-old 3.5 per cent butterfat content milk most important of these is that with World War veteran, of Cairo, N. Y., received from producers during the much larger deliveries from produc- who will throw the switch of the ion had left him, he offered her one month of September at handlers' ers only 57 per cent of the total Sing Sing electric chair. Francell is

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Contest Winner

al For Best Temperance

Barbara Hall

awarded three gold medals.

\$2400 Job Open in County

rectorships in eight counties were

made public Saturday by the De-

partment of Public Assistance.

Counties in which the vacancies ex-

ist and the salaries include Schuyl-

Examinations to fill executive di-

shell from the rebels.

mouth to mouth, but not a muscle work, awaited to resume her work

an hour destroyed the Cumberland, delphia and New York, for no long-

been chosen-and then been granted four States. In the 12 years of his nine days in which to study the job career he had turned the death house switch to end the lives of Warden Stanley P. Ashe, of Rock- more than 300 convicted murderers. view prison, declined to reveal the At the rate of \$150 for each person identity of the man chosen to suc- put to death, Elliott earned approxi-Three Hurt In

> Rear-End Crash Accident Occurs When Motorist Slows Down For On-

> > coming Traffic

A three-car, rear end collision Sunday afternoon, eight miles east of State College on route 622, injured Leo Johnson, Harrisburg: Lucille Rothrock, Lewistown, and Agnes Thompson, also of Lewistown. According to state motor police of Pleasant Gap detail, the accident occurred when a car driven by G. A. Gimberling, Lewistown, slowed down NOT SO MANY? for oncoming traffic, the two cars

Gimberling machine. and became helpless as she was raked from end to end by shot and The Merrimac poured redhot shell Down through the ages nations curred in Hampton Roads, March guarded by the ships Cumberland into the defenseless ship. The car-

have used the water as battle 9, 1862. His appearance upon the and Congress, two of the finest in nage was indescribable, as in a moment the decks were crowded Coulter, McVeytown, suffered bruises of the hands and arms Soon the rebel monster succeeded

The Merrimac was formerly a and as she retraced her path she in firing the Congress. The officers United States ship, rated as a forty- fired a fearful volley of shot and were taken prisoners while the crew Mill Hall Man Is was 281 feet long and 52 feet wide which flooded the decks with the Thus ended the day of March 8, Stricken At Work with 800 horsepower engines, and crimeon blood of the Union sailors. 1862, and with the St. Lawrence and armed with twenty-four 9-inch shell "Our ship is sinking," were the Minnesota still aground and fast the

guns, fourteen 8-inch, and two 100- saispered words that passed from Merrimac satisfied with the day's Attack; Falls From Ladder history records the memorable bat- forces to prevent capture by the reb- the life boats. Soon the Cumberland heart beat in despair. Consternation

tle between the Monitor and the els. The ship was subsequently rais- was settling in the water and the was pictured in every face. There Merrimac, two as unequal fighting ed by the rebels and plated with last gunner pulled the trigger of his was nothing to prevent the Merriships as could be found. The Monis railroad iron two feet under the wa- gun as he was knee deep, and the mac from going to the Potomac and More than all, fears were expressed physicians who examined him to low, but it can't be far wrong. which nothing appeared but the The Merrimac thus in less than for the safety of Baltimore, Philaacute dilation of the heart,

Mr. Bitner, a member of the pipefitting crew, had been at work on a ladder, with several fellow work. Charles A. Lindbergh, is going tinheart attack. His foot caught in a suspended, with the head about two men in the room could run to his pean truth-twisters, dead, a few minutes later. Dr. W. J. Shoemaker, Clinton county coroner,

Milesburg Baptist church, Septem- fall. ber 28th, resulting in Miss Barbara Born and reared in Mill Hall, Mr. Pushed off the road by an uniden- Hall being declared the winner. Five Bitner had resided there all of his tified truck which failed to stop, a contestants from Snow Shoe Loyal life. He had been a member of the Erhard, of Curwensville, following a Erhard, of Curwensville, following a been struck, Mrs. Catherine Les- of Bellefonte, ran into the bank and rection of Mrs. H. W. Rabert, took years and was also affiliated with part in the contest. The contestants, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, in addition to Miss Hall, were Arholding the post of financial secreing down the mountain soon after drie Harnish, Edward Casher, Eiltary in the lodge at the time of his Anderson, skidded and upset when een Shive and Jack Stetler. Three death. he noticed the wreck and attempted residents of State College acted as

He is survived by two sons and a daughter, Charles, of Philadel-Priscilla Robinson gave a reading phia; Harris, of Lock Haven, and Among the sixty-six residents of dent. Damage to the two cars were on the life and work of Frances Wil-Miss Dolly Bitner, at home, Tomorrow," and Mr. Summers, of of Jersey Shore; Grover, of Mill President! Wingate, gave a talk on temperance. Hall, and Mrs. Harry Best, of Lock The Snow Shoe group has been Haven.

Funeral services were conducted the more recent local mysteries are Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Rev. W. M. Long, and burial made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

Special Game Protecter. Peter J. Filkosky, Scranton, has been assigned to the Philipsburg district as special game protector kill. \$3600; Washington, \$3600; Nor- for the Clearfield-Centre county no place is there any opening large territory. His headquarters are in enough for a tadpole to get through Philipsburg. Game Protector Fil- let alone a sucker. Then too, how the kosky succeeds Elmer Turner, forsuch breeds as shepherds, Airedales, Applications must be on file with the mer game protector for the area, Baltimore Sunday American, terriers and boxers were ordered to department before midnight of No- who was recently transferred to St. Mary's Elk county.

Random Items

Paul Beaver, instructor at the Bellefonte High School, has been definitely in an agricultural frame of mind since Saturday morning when he harvested his crop of sweet potatoes in the garden at the rear of his home on East Linn Street. The potatoes, unusually large in size and uniform in shape, would be strong contenders for a blue ribbon in any fair. Recalling own miserable crops, we asked Mr. Beaver how he does it it. "I just set out the plants and let them grow," he replied modestly, giving the lion's share of the credit to

YOU ALWAYS CAN TELL:

When you see young coupled strolling the streets at night looking interestedly at displays of ranges and electric refrigerators. you can just about make up your mind that they are only a step or two away from the marriage license office. Just the other evening a young couples, semi-official attached to the Court House staff, was seen browsing over a range-refrigerator combination in a local elec-

ATTORNEYS PUBLISH FEES:

Philadelphia attorneys acting under the guidance of the National Bar Association are expermienting with a plan whereby fees for al legal services are fixed, and a client knows beforehand just how much legal services are going to cost. That seems to be an excellent idea You don't have to guess at the cost of a new home, an automobile, a necktie, basket of groceries or any thing else you buy. Why should you have to guess at what your attorney is going to charge you for

The other day we asked an atfollowing immediately behind it, col- tache in the County Commissioners lided with each other, causing them office how many persons would be to crash into the rear end of the required to run the county's magnificent poor home. We've been The second car was operated by around long enough to know that Leo Johnson, who suffered shock, we wouldn't get any definite anneck and back injuries. A passenger swer, but it was an interesting questhe Johnson machine. Lucille tion anyhow. The closest we could Rothrock, suffered injuries to the get to a reply was the statement back and left side and bruises of the "Not so many!" And this department suspects that no one will Agnes Thompson, a passenger in know how many will be employed at the third car driven by Elwood the poor home until after the November election. Bear in mind that the only persons eligible to be guests at the home will be those who through physical or mental infirmity are not able to take care of themselves. That means none of the guests will be able to help with the work at the home. Just for the fun of the thing we're going Fullmer Bitner Suffers Heart make a prediction that at least 25 persons, all told, will be required to run the county home. Our guess as to the employes is as follows: 1 janitor; 1 caretaker; 2 laundry workers; 4 orderlies; 6 registered Fullmer Elias Bitner. 62, of Mill nurses; 4 charwomen; 1 physician Hall, died while at work at the Lock 1 dietitian, 1 cook, 1 kitchen assist-Haven paper mill last Wednesday ant; 1 matron and 2 office clerks Death was ascribed by This may be a trifle high or a trifle

NORTH TO CANADA: Our good front-page friend, Col.

men not far away, when he fell, ap- horn in a big way. This time he parently having suffered the fatal sets on page 1 of most of the nation's newspapers with suggestion rung of the ladder, so that his body that Canada forswear allegiance did not strike the floor, but hung to Great Britain and become an American republic. With very feet from the floor, until the other little twisting on the part of Eurorescue. He was taken to the time could be assailed by them as anroom, nearby, where Dr. J. L. Lub- other Hitler, another Stakn, or recht examined him and found him another Mussolini. They could easily say: "The United States champion of the under-dog; so just Using a shotgun Cleo H. Schenck, An automobile killed a man on a 59, of Clearfield, took his life there street in Nanty-Glo, Cambria county of the Snow Shoe W. C. Shoemaker, Clinton County coroller, so pure, so chaste, is now preparing on the Port Matilda T. U. held a Frances Willard Cenarate and that death was due to his phy-Monday morning in one of the yard ty, Saturday night and the excite- mountain road when two cars ran tenary gold medal contest at the sical attack which caused him to Britain could go a step further and add: "While Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini are engaged in harassing us at home, the United States picks this time, above all, to threaten one of the greatest arms of our empire!" Lindbergh's idea is not a new one, and has been vaguely in the minds of many U. S. citizens for some time. But for the subject to be broached at this time by one in Lindbergh's semi-official capacity seem to be only a little less unfriendly than Russia's "negotiations" with the Baltic states. lard. Bobby Hall spoke on "Men of by two brothers and a sister, Ernest, we'd have voted for Lindbergh for

> Strange things happen and among two which have attendants at Bellefonte's new sewage plant in a quandary. One morning several weeks ago attendants were amazed to find a 9-inch sucker swimming about in the sewage in the large Imhof tank The sanitary sewer line is imbedded in the bed of Spring Creek, but at fish survived a trip through the rotary pump which forces sewage from the level of the creek into the (Continued on Page 6)

'KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES' - It Might Be an Echo, Eddie

report them, starting today.





Dogs capable of being trained as thumberland, \$3600; Centre, \$2400;

vember 4.

field messengers will be "drafted" Columbia, \$2400; Cumberland, \$2400;

into the German army. Owners of Huntingdon, \$2100; and Pike. \$1860.

