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## UNCLE SAM'S WONDERS

All Executive Departments Send Treasures to the World's Fair.

Display Installed in the Largest Governmental Exposition Building Ever Constructed—Precious Documents—Relics of Famous Statesmen and Soldiers. Working Postal Exhibit.

The United States Government building at the World's Fair occupies an elevated site just south of the main picture of the Exposition. The great central dome of the Government building is visible from the very center of the Fair, looking across the picturesque sunken garden that lies between the Palaces of Mines and Metallurgy and Liberal Arts.

The hill slope in front of the Government building is terraced with broad stairways almost completely covering the slope. The building is 800 feet long by 250 feet wide and is the largest structure ever provided at an exposition by the federal government. It is distinguished from all the other large buildings at the Exposition by the steel truss construction, the entire roof being supported by steel arches, forming a splendid domed ceiling.

In this building are installed the exhibits of all the executive departments of the government. The building is a vast storehouse of an endless variety of treasures dear to the heart of every true American. Precious documents are to be seen here, and the autographs of our great men of the past are on display. Relics of famous statesmen and soldiers, carefully preserved through generations, are exhibited. Each governmental department has installed an exhibit showing its official character and mode of operation.

Entering the Government building from the eastern end, the visitor sees at his left a railroad postoffice car. This is not a mere coach standing idle,



LOUISIANA PURCHASE MONUMENT, WORLD'S FAIR.

but is one of the most improved mail cars. In which men attached to the United States railway mail service are actively engaged in "throwing" the mails. Here you will see the postal clerks at work, just as they work while speeding along a railroad track.

A curious collection of old time relics from the postoffice museum at Washington illustrates as no verbal description can do the crude beginnings of the postal system.

One of these relics is an old fashioned stagecoach that once carried United States mails through a portion of the Louisiana purchase territory. President Roosevelt, who once inspected it, examined with a rough rider's interest the bullet holes which stage robbers and mountain brigands shot through its stiff leathery curtains. General Sherman and Sheridan and President Garfield rode in this old coach during the strenuous days of frontier life.

Among the collection of documents showing the primitive postal methods in vogue in the early days is to be seen the old book of accounts kept by the first postmaster general, Benjamin Franklin, all written by hand. There is a rare collection of stamps, including ancient Filipino, Porto Rican and Cuban stamps. The postoffice department's exhibit occupies 12,400 square feet.

Across the aisle, at the right, is the exhibit of the new Department of Commerce and Labor, occupying 1,900 square feet. This exhibit shows what the new executive department stands for and what it is accomplishing. Mr. Carroll D. Wright, United States Commissioner of Labor, had charge of the preparation of the exhibit. Charts arranged by him, showing the rapid growth of the nation in agriculture, arts, manufacture, population, etc., are of special interest to sociologists and all students of the labor problem. The Census Bureau exhibit is made in this section. It shows the tabulating machines used in compiling the census reports. The Lighthouse Board, also operating under this department, shows the great revolving lances in light-houses, with other interesting appliances.

The space in the projecting northwest corner of the building is devoted to the Library of Congress. The edifice which houses this library at Washington is held by many architects to be the most beautiful building in the

## What Shall We Have for Dessert?

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## KEEPING CUT FLOWERS FRESH.

Properly Washed and Fed the Blossoms May Last a Month.

"Cut flowers when properly treated," said a Sixth avenue florist, "can be made to look fresh for three or four weeks.

"Every night take them out of the vases and thoroughly rinse the stalks under a faucet, removing with the fingers any decomposed matter. Then put them to bed for the night in a basin of strong soapuds, but be careful not to allow any water to touch the blossoms. The soapuds supply a certain amount of nourishment. In the morning rinse the stalks under the water again, and, as each blossom is arranged for the day in the vase of fresh water, snip off a tiny portion of the stalk with a pair of scissors. Always carefully trim away any faded part.

"Food for the day is supplied by sulphate of ammonia, a few drops of which should be added to the water put into some dark, cool place—a pantry—as it is not good either for the flowers or the household that they should remain all the time in the living rooms.

"To revive cut flowers put them into warm salt water, to which has been added a few drops of sulphate of ammonia.

"Cut flowers are constantly sent by express and through the mails, but seldom in such a fashion as to preserve their bloom and freshness. To effect this, pack them in a light wood or box lined with cotton or wadding, laying over this a sheet of tissue paper. Then lay the flowers, not on top of each other, but in rows, side by side, the blossoms of each row on the stems of their neighbors. Pack closely, otherwise the flowers will be displaced and injured in the journey. Before packing they should stand in water for several hours in order to absorb moisture enough to keep them from withering. It is not good to sprinkle them too heavily after they are in the box, for without air this is likely to produce mildew."—New York Mail and Express.

### A Sailor's Story—By Himself.

An old sea captain, who wooed and won his wife in a very brief courtship, is wont to describe with deep-chested chuckles the plight from which he rescued her at their first meeting. It was in the early days of the ermine, and the girl, dressed in her best, had come down to the wharf to meet her father, also a captain, whose vessel had been sighted at the mouth of the harbor. The wind was strong, and she soon found herself in difficulties, says Tit-Bits.

"First I ever saw o' my wife," says the captain, "she was a gal—a fine, able, saucy-looking craft, all sail set an' scudding before the wind straight for the end o' Timmin's Wharf, lettin' off distress signals as she went. Her canvas was more'n she could stand up under, an' she knew it; but she couldn't take in sail, an' every sheet and stay held, an' there she druv—straight for the end o' the wharf an' fifteen feet o' water. She was in distress, an' I tell you she let folks know it! You'd oughter heard her. Foghorns an' minute guns are whistles to a howling hurricane side o' the yells she kep' lettin' off all the way; but she couldn't help herself, and there she druv.

"'Ahoy!' said I. 'Something wrong, my gal, ain't there?' Seems to me you don't mind your hullum, and with that I put out my arms straight an' she blew into 'em, gasping out, 'Stop me!' An' stop her I did, with the loose ends of her rigging whipping round my ears, and her fingers clinched in my collar, she was that skeered.

"'E-easy,' says I, 'e-easy, now, and don't you worry, miss. Here you be brung to 'longside o' Bill Farnaby, safe in port an' all's well. Only next time you're out when it's blowing half a gale, jest you take a reef in them t'ggs, grapple to a fence post, or keep a mile away from the ocean.'

"'Thank you,' says she, droppin' my collar an' turnin' pink, 'I will, Capt. Farnaby; but this time there wasn't any fence post.'

"'There was a man, an' that does as well,' says I.

"'An' I think maybe it does, Capt. Farnaby,' says she; 'if he's kind enough not to mind bein' choked.'

"'What's a little choking?' says I. 'Choke away! And next month we was married.'

### Mr. Bailey's Singing Hen.

J. M. Bailey of this city is the proud possessor of a very remarkable hen that can sing and dance as good as any person. Mr. Bailey says the fowl learned the art when she was raising her first brood of chickens. He used to feed the chickens from a pan and make the mother stand back. She would make such a fuss when he treated her this way that he would be compelled to notice her. She kept on this way, and every time the chicks were to be fed she would immediately begin to sing in her own language in order to attract his attention and get her share of food. He has her trained so now that the sight of a good morsel of food will make her sing for quite a while.—Danville (Ky.) Advocate.

### New Submarines for France.

France has just ordered the construction of six submarines of a new type—that devised by Naval Engineer Mangas. They will be the largest yet built, as when submerged they will have a displacement of 450 tons. The contract calls for twelve knots an hour under water.

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### A Farmyard Chorus.

We decided among ourselves to introduce Hawkins to another of our national institutions, and accordingly we arranged one of those farmyard choruses.

"Now, then," we exclaimed, beaming around at the company, "we'll have a farmyard chorus. Each of us will make a noise like some farmyard animal. Some will cluck, some will squeal. Now I'll whisper to each of you what part you are to take, and at a given signal you'll all make as much noise as you can."

"That's old," commented Billy, "we stepped heavily on Billy's foot and he limped to the sofa to nurse himself.

We then went to each of the company.

"Crow like a rooster," we whispered to Hawkins.

Then we stood importantly in the middle of the room and gave the signal.

But no one peeped! On the sofa Billy chuckled.

"I say, George," remarked Hawkins, "I beg your pardon, but I've clean forgotten what it is you asked me to do."

"Crow!" we testily replied, scowling at the chuckling William.

"Stupid of me to forget it," murmured Hawkins. He arose from his chair and flapped his arms seriously.

"Cock-a-doodle-doo!" he cried with spirit.

Oh, these Englishmen! These Englishmen! Sometimes we think it is born in them. Other times we think it is acquired.

Unreasonable.

During a municipal election in a town in the west of Scotland a young lady who was canvassing on behalf of one of the candidates called at a house the door of which was opened by the good wife.

"I have called to solicit your vote on behalf of Mr. —," said the young lady.

"But it's not me that's got the vote; it's ma man," replied the woman.

"Yes," said the young lady, "but I thought you might perhaps use your influence with him."

"Me influence him?" said the good wife. "I hiv nae influence w' him. Only this mornin' I askt him to wash the floor afore he went out, and he wadna dae it."—Tit-Bits.

### Changed.

"They say her parents are common." "Not at all. But I understand they were so before they got their money." —Illustrated Bits.



It Worried Him.

We gazed upon the beauties of the Venetian scene with bated breath.

"Behold!" cried our guide. "Behold the winking lights upon the restless water! And hark! Sh! 'Tis the ringing voice of the merry gondolier!"

"That may be," cried the man from Kansas. "You probably know your business and it's not for me to contradict you. But I just want to tell you all right here and now that I haven't had a good feed of corn since I left home, and I'm beginning to miss it, too, by Gorry!"

### He Was Warned.

"They say," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that Mr. Faddlethwaite, who used to belong to our church, has become an agnostic."

"Is that so? Josiah used to take his lunch at the same place he did downtown, and he says he often warned him that he'd get it if he didn't give up eatin' so fast."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Brain and Brain.

Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you burn your bread by your pickaxe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—French Medical Review.

### Feminine Way.

He—Look at that woman on the other side of the street waving her hands about her head. Is she petting physical culture?

She—Mercy, no! She's describing her new hat to another woman in a no-nonsense Journal.

### Succinct.

"Where will I get a marriage license?" asked a young man in the City Hall.

"You might try the Bureau of Encumbrances," replied the man with the bald head, as he passed on.—Yeakers Statesman.

### Discovered.

Church—Who was the author of "The Mistakes of Moses?" Gotham—His typewriter, I suppose. —Yeakers Statesman.

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