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A Story of Fires.

Figures collected by the International Society of State and Municipal Building Commissioners and Inspectors show that every week, on an average, fires in the United States burn up three theatres, three public halls, twelve churches, ten schools, two hospitals, two asylums, two "colleges," six apartment houses, three department stores, two jails, twenty-six hotels—the fires at seashore resorts this summer will raise the hotel average—140 "flat" houses, and 1,600 single dwelling houses. Such a record of waste is bad, but it is not surprising in a land of wooden buildings. Moreover, many of the buildings destroyed would have been torn down if they had not burned. A countryman who suffered from a slight fire said he had lost two houses and three barns if he counted the dog houses, the chicken house, and the cow shed. In such lists as the foregoing a house is a house, be it ever so worthless, and a "college" may call itself so even if it occupies but three rooms and does most of its business by mail.—The Youth's Companion.

The Kaiser's Rhinoceros.

The Emperor Menelik's present to the Kaiser of a rhinoceros and a lion is a gift with much precedent to support it. Shortly after her accession to the throne Queen Victoria received from the Sultan of Morocco a lioness, a leopard, a pair of ostriches, and a pair of gazelles, duly deposited in Regent's Park. Apart, moreover, from their personal gifts to each other, the sovereigns of many countries have contributed from time to time to the public and private collections in Great Britain. To the menagerie which formerly stood on the site of the National Gallery the Duke of York presented a wildcat from Bangalore, the King of Ashantee a leopard, and William IV, an emu. To the gardens at Regent's Park the English royal family has always been an abundant contributor, in addition to the rulers for the time being of Russia, Italy, Portugal, Egypt, and other countries.—Dundee Advertiser.

Hour Glasses for Pulpits.

The twenty minute sermon is a purely modern invention, as is proved by the number of pulpit hour glasses that are still to be found in many old churches. In the register of St. Catherine's, Aldgate, the following entry, dated 1564, occurs: "Paid for an hour glass that hanged by the pulpit, where the preacher doth make a sermon, that he may know how the hour passeth away, one shilling."

A modern pulpit glass—probably the only one of its kind—is to be found in the Chapel Royal, Savoy. It is an eighteen minute glass, and was placed in the chapel on its restoration in 1867.—Westminster Gazette.

England and India.

Nothing is more depressing to those who really care for India than the ignorance and indifference of English people concerning the major part of their fellow-subjects. When it is remembered that more than 75% of the King's subjects are Hindus, and that in India and Burma, out of every 29 people, 21 are Hindus, 5 Christian, native or European, it seems hardly necessary to insist upon the importance of knowing something at least about Hindu life and ideas; yet few there be that realize it.—London Athenaeum.

Successful Woman Farmer.

Mrs. Ida Webster of Pratt County, Kan., has harvested 8,000 bushels of wheat and 3,000 bushels of corn from her 800-acre farm this fall. The place was cultivated under her personal supervision, and 12 men work for her all the year around, with many more in harvest time. Her husband died 12 years ago and left her the place and its mortgage. Since then she has paid off the mortgage and is now supposed to be worth \$50,000.

Disliked by the Old.

To elderly people London is no longer a pleasant place of residence. The streets have become a labyrinth of horror and difficulty, a region of hideous sounds and foul smells. With motor buses toppling over on the sidewalk and private motors knocking down lamp-posts and impinging on the shelters the unfortunate citizen knows not whether to wend his trembling steps.

Masculine Women.

Women are growing more like men in appearance. They are taller, stronger, have wider shoulders, bigger hands and feet, and are gradually losing the charm of a petite and graceful individuality. I notice, too, that their voices are deeper and stronger, the tone of woman's chatter is less shrill and more virile.—The Graphic.

Recovered Tons of Bullets.

Recently four tons and a half of bullets were dug out of a hill behind a rifle range at Yarmouth, England, the accumulation of two years' shooting by the local volunteers. They sold for \$122.50 a ton.

Bleached Sugar.

There is no such thing as pure white sugar. All white sugar whether granulated, powdered, or in loaves, has been bleached by a chemical process.

An Outsider.

Sultor—Your daughter, sir—well, er—that is—she told me to come to you—she says you—'Pater—Quite so—I understand. Let's see, are you Mr. Brown or Mr. Wibbles? Sultor—'Why, I'm Mr. Hotchkiss.—Cleveland Leader.

Her Odd Way.

Giles—My wife is a queer woman. Miles—Indeed! Giles—Yes. Why, when she has occasion to drive a tack she uses a hammer instead of a hairbrush.—Chicago News.

Sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things.—Tennyson.

A Banker's Generosity.

One day Humboldt was dining with Mendelssohn, the banker, and, an unusual thing for him, was very silent. His host, remarking it, observed to Humboldt that he was sure he must be ill.

"No," said Humboldt, "but I am in great trouble. Only ten minutes before leaving my apartment to come here I received from my landlord a note informing me that he had sold the house in which I reside and that I must move. The very thought drives me to despair. I really cannot bear to move again."

Mendelssohn gradually led Humboldt into conversation, during which he found time to write a note and receive an answer to it. He then took Humboldt aside and said: "By this note I learn that I am now the owner of the house in which you reside. The condition, however, upon which I have become its possessor is that you continue to occupy your apartment in it as long as you live."

Wanted a Bargain.

One day a small Cincinnati boy came to a halt before a sign over a desk in the office of the express company. It gave the rate for money orders, and after studying it for a few minutes he walked up to the cashier and said boldly:

"I want a money order."
"How large a one, my boy?" the clerk inquired benignantly.

"Well, let's see," pondered the little fellow. "The rate for a ten dollar order is 8 cents, isn't it?"

"Yes; that's right."
"Well, I want a drum and pair of roller skates and a new straw hat and some candy. Ten dollars will be enough."

Then he fished through his pockets and triumphantly placed a nickel and three coppers before the astonished clerk. It took ten minutes to convince the youngster that nothing less than \$10.08 could buy a money order for \$10.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Didn't Give Him a Chance.

"Say, ma," piped up little Johnny after the minister had finished his call and taken his departure, "when Mr. Meeker was here every time you stopped talkin' a minute he would start in to say somethin' an' git as fur every time as 'I dare say,' an' then you would start goin' ag'in an' talk a lot more, an' that is the way it kept on right along, an' the only thing he said all the time he was here was 'I dare say.' 'I dare say,' every few minutes."

"Well, what of it? I am not to blame for Mr. Meeker's paucity of ideas, am I?" demanded Johnny's mother, somewhat impatiently.

"I dunno 'bout that," said Johnny doubtfully, as if not exactly sure what was meant by paucity of ideas, "but anyhow, ma, you orter give him a chanst. When he started in with 'I dare say,' why didn't you keep quiet just once, ma, an' let him go ahead an' say what he was goin' to an' have it over with?"—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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