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The searchlight is one of the most important items in the electrical equipment of modern ships, and much interest attaches to the present appearance of a new type of high power lens mirror projector, made especially for marine equipment. This little light is intended for the smaller class of yachts, of 100 feet or under, and is not too large for the smallest boat that can float a dynamo to supply the current. The lens is nine inches in diameter, the total height fifteen inches and the weight forty pounds. It throws a clear, round, solid beam and will show up a buoy about half a mile away on a dark night.

Within the last few years America has made great strides in the manufacture of searchlights. In the same works where the miniature projector just described was designed, searchlights of seventy-two inches diameter are now being constructed for naval and commercial service. The firm, instead of relying, as was formerly the custom, on foreign lensmakers, has a fine lensmaking plant of its own, where not only the lenses are ground and polished, but the special glass required is prepared in a large sweating furnace heated with crude oil vaporized by heated compressed air.

The prepared glass is placed in fire-clay moulds of the shape of the rough lens and the heat is gradually increased until the glass "sweats" down between the halves of the mold and the surplus oozes out from the sides. The mold is then placed in an oven and buried in red-hot sand and the temperature is gradually reduced over a period of two weeks. The glass, when cold, has become thoroughly annealed and will stand the severe heating and chilling to which it is exposed in the searchlights without risk of breakage.

Lowering "Old Glory."

Now when the sunset gun is fired at a United States military post, "Old Glory" comes down amid most impressive ceremonies, and not as formerly, when loosened halyards allowed the flag to descend with a run, to fall on the ground and be bundled up in a manner that bore no marks of the respect due to the emblem of our nation. The old and unseemly mode of procedure has been entirely changed, thanks to a patriotic sentiment that demanded that all ceremonies having to do with the Stars and Stripes be performed decently and in order. It was in response to that sentiment that the Army Board on Drill Regulations adopted an entirely new and most effective system and one that was suggested and urged by Captain W. R. Hamilton, of the Seventh United States artillery.

Immediately before the time of lowering the flag, the force at the post "fall in" ready for roll call at the foot of the staff, where every man can see the Stars and Stripes as they are illumined by the parting rays of the sun. Then comes the measured roll call, followed by the buglers sounding a "retreat." When the last note of the bugle is heard the gun is fired, and all the men are brought to "attention." If they are armed, arms are presented, and visitors and bystanders always remove their hats.

Then the band, which stands on the parapet, immediately below the flag, plays "The Star Spangled Banner." When the playing begins the flag starts down, not hurriedly, but deliberately, and in rhythm with the music. As the moving air fans its bright folds, that are given an impulse by the measured motions of the halyards, they wave in time to the music, and perfect the harmony of sound, action and sentiment.

When the last bar of patriotic music is completed and the final inch of the halyards payed out, the flag is not allowed to touch the ground. A sergeant and his detail stand ready to receive it, and four men appointed for the purpose take it in their outstretched arms and fold it carefully. Then it is carried to the guard house, placed in a box especially provided for it, and kept under careful guard until the morning.

Zola as a Joker.

"Figaro," of Paris, says that Zola once tried to play a joke on a waiter, and succeeded to a certain extent. The attendants in the Parisian restaurants are noted for their ability to give an answer to any question that is asked. Zola ordered a "sphinx a la marmosa." "I am sorry to say they are off, Monsieur," answered the waiter. "What?" demanded the author, "no more sphinx?" The servant edged up to him confidentially and whispered, "We have some, Monsieur, but I don't care to serve them to you, as they are not quite fresh."

A JOKE ON THE POLICEMAN.

How a French Policeman Got Reinforcements to Capture a Supposed Thief.

Mlle. Jeanne Granier, the well known French actress, once met with an amusing adventure. It happened at Marseilles. In one of the little pieces she plays by herself she has for accessory the lay figure of a man, skillfully articulated and dressed in a travelling suit, with which she dances. The figure during her voyage was enveloped in a tight fitting covering.

On reaching Marseilles it was left in the luggage room with other things. The curiosity of two railway employees being aroused at the sight of it, they took off the covering and resolved to play a joke on their comrades. They placed the figure in an arm chair at the desk of the cashier and shut the door. When the employes on night service came they opened the door and were surprised to see a man sitting down before the cash box. They immediately closed and locked the door and ran for assistance.

A policeman arrived, revolver in hand, believing, like the employes, that he had to deal with a dangerous thief. He called on the figure to surrender and follow him to the station. As it did not obey the summons, the policemen shut the door and went in search of reinforcements to surround the place, and thereby to prevent the culprit from escaping. The door was again opened, the armed force entered, and it was not until they had suddenly pounced on the poor lay robber that they discovered the joke.

\$250,000 for One Word.

What would you think if you could make \$250,000 by speaking a single word? Hon. William M. Everts, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, once received the enormous fee of \$250,000 for a legal opinion he expressed in just one word of three letters.

A great corporation desired a legal opinion on a matter involving millions of dollars, for upon it practically depended that corporation's very existence. They decided to refer the question, which was wholly one of the correct interpretation of law, to William M. Everts, and to be guided wholly by his opinion. Their lawyer stated their case to the Senator, and asked him the important question. Everts' reputation and success are wholly due, not as a cross-examiner or conductor of cases, but simply to his remarkable knowledge of law and his power, which seems almost like intuition, of determining just how the Supreme Court will decide any question of law.

When the attorney for the great corporation put his question, so vitally important to that corporation's existence, Everts sat buried in thought for a minute, and then answered in one word, "Yes." His bill for the one word was \$250,000, and the corporation paid it without a murmur. Everts' answer proved to be correct.

Lobsters Cause a Panic.

The wife of a Pittsburg real estate agent had expressed a desire for lobster. Not the common canned stuff, but live lobster, the real thing. The vendor of town lots remembered this and before starting for home bought two of the finest, wide-spreading crustaceans that ever came out of the Atlantic. To insure their arrival in good condition he had them put up in a large market basket half-filled with ice and covered them with a piece of paper. As soon as he got on a 5th avenue car the trouble began. Those lobsters grew tired of their seclusion and began to get in touch with their surroundings. The car was crowded and their owner had to stand.

Suddenly a sharp-faced pinster startled the car with screams of "Help! Pickpockets! Police!" at the same time clutching the real-estate man's arm. "Conductor, have this man arrested!" she exclaimed.

Everybody looked at the supposed culprit and then those nearest the pair burst into laughter. One of the lobsters was still tugging at the lady's dress.

Items Worth Perusing.

In India the rhododendron grows to a height of thirty feet. Marigolds and camomiles in North Africa reach a height of four or five feet.

An ignorant man who "stands upon his dignity," is like the fellow who tried to elevate himself by standing upon a piece of brown paper.

With an apparatus called the myophone a French scientist claims to have proved that the nerves may live hours after the death of the body.

"No," said the bank cashier, "I didn't need the money. I wasn't speculating. I had no necessity for stealing it. But, hang it, I didn't want to be called eccentric."

A farmer at Chrichel, England, is eccentric in a high degree. All the animals on his farm, horses, cows, pigs, and fowls, are white, and he will have no others.

Ceylon's Singing Shells.

A remarkable phenomenon connected with the Batticaloa lake is that of the singing shells, which on a quiet night it is most pleasant to hear. Arrangements were made the other night for his excellency the governor to hear the novelty, and after dinner Sir West Ridgeway was taken on the lake. The night was a lovely one, and very still, and the singing of the shells was heard to advantage.

Diamonds All Colors But Violet.

Diamonds may be black as well as white, and some are blue, red, brown, yellow, green, pink and orange, but there is no violet diamond, although, in addition to amethyst, there are sapphires, rubies and garnets of that color.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., at close of business, July 11, 1898.

RESOURCES:
Loans and Discounts \$ 128,801 69
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation 12,500 00
Premium on United States Bonds 1,000 00
Stock Securities 15,500 00
Furniture 1,200 00
Due from Banks Approved reserve A/c 33,286 07
Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer 962 50
Special and Legal Tender Notes 12,839 23
\$ 205,889 49

LIABILITIES:
Capital \$ 50,000 00
Surplus 10,000 00
Undivided Profits 2,267 00
Due National Banks 4,675 90
Circulation 10,629 00
Dividends Unpaid 207 00
Deposits 132,844 65
\$ 205,889 49

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan as:
I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July 1898.
JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:
ALPHONSO W. WALSH, } Directors
JNO. D. REESER, }
F. B. POMEROY. }
Administrator's Notice.
Estate of Mary McCarty, late of Elkland township, deceased.

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, Administrator in the estate of Mary McCarty late of Elkland township, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement.

Downs, Atty. JOSEPH PARDOE, Admrs. THOS. McCARTY

Special Notice!

\$2700.00 worth of Clothing, Shoes, Pants, Ladies' Skirts, Capes, Corsets, and Shirt-waists and everything in Men's Furnishing Goods.

Will close out the entire stock at nearly 50c on the dollar. This will be the greatest sale Laporte ever heard of. Every body should take advantage of the bargains I will offer. We will surely give you prices that you will surely be astonished. It will pay you to buy not only for present but for future use. I will be glad to give the Lowest Price to every body. It will be a special favor that every body should come and examine my stock even if you don't expect to buy.

Highest price paid for Ginseng.
JOE COOPER, LaPorte, Pa. Below I. O. O. F. Hall.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 50c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown, for rubbers, blankets, carpets, clothing and dressgoods at December low prices. Highest prices paid for butter and eggs.

Excellent wheat flour from \$1.10 to \$1.25 at A. T. Armstrong, Sonestown, Pa.

Farm for Sale
The undersigned - on account of failing health will sell his valuable farm situated on Muncy Creek about nine miles north of Hughesville, Pa. part of the purchase money can remain in property.
JACOB BUCKS, Strawbridge, Lyeoming Co.

Notice of Dissolution.
The partnership heretofore existing between M. E. Reeder and E. F. Ives, doing business under the firm name of Reeder & Ives, has been dissolved this 14th day of July, by mutual consent. All debts of said firm to be presented to M. E. Reeder for payment, and all parties owing said firm to make payment to same.
M. E. REEDER. E. F. IVES.

See the cash bargains J. W. Buck is offering this week. Inspect Bucks shoe stock before purchasing elsewhere.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, JOHN HOWARD HARRIS, President. College, leading to degrees in Art, Philosophy and Science. Academy, a preparatory school for young men and boys. Institute, a refined boarding school for young ladies. School of Music, with graduating courses. For catalogue, address the Register, W. C. GRETZINGER, Lewisburg, Pa.

FOR SALE.

I offer the following properties: 70 acres, hemlock timber, near Ringdale; 373 acres, virgin timber, Elk Run, North Mountain, close to railroad; 326 acres, coal lands, at Bernice, adjoining present workings; 8 lots (one entire section) at Eagles Mere, each lot 75 feet front on Pennsylvania Ave., with "Bradford" privileges and title; 1 lot 75 ft. front on LaPorte Ave.; several choice lots in LaPorte Boro.; also several warrants of stripped lands in LaPorte, Colley and Fox townships suitable for farming or grazing purposes.

H. T. Downs, Atty-at-Law, LaPorte, Pa.

Everybody Says So.
Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

SORES.

"Running sores appeared on my leg and spread over the entire lower portion of the limb. I got no help from medicine till I tried yours. I was cured by one bottle of

Ayer's Sarsaparilla."
ISAAC ACKER, Cowans, Va.

A Horrible Railroad Accident

is a daily chronic in our papers; also the death of some dear friend, who had died with Consumption, whereas, if he or she had taken Otto's Cure for Throat and Lung diseases in time, life would have been rendered happier and perhaps saved. Heed the warning! If you have a cough or any affection of the Throat and Lungs call on T. J. Keeler, Laporte; W. L. Hoffman, Hills Grove; B. S. Lancaster, Forksville; C. B. Jennings, Agt. Estella; Jno. W. Buck, Sonestown, and get a trial package free. Large size 50c and 25c.

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Watches, Jewellery, Silverware, Etc.

Bicycle repairing. Bicycle sundries. Fishing tackle, at lowest possible Price.

Good News.

No other Medicine was ever given such a test as Otto's Cure. Thousands of bottles of this great German remedy are being distributed FREE OF CHARGE, to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia and all Throat and Lung diseases, giving the people proof that Otto's Cure will cure them. For sale only by T. J. Keeler, Laporte; W. L. Hoffman, Hills Grove; B. S. Lancaster, Forksville; C. B. Jennings, Estella; Jno. W. Buck, Sonestown. Samples free. Large bottles 50c and 25c.

New lot of timothy and clover seeds and onion sets at John W. Bucks, Sonestown.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Heavy Cannonading on HIGH PRICES at PLACE'S New Grocery LAPONTE, PA.

We step forward, not backward. We are opening up new ways for the public to attain just as good bargains in

General Merchandise

at Laporte as in Williamsport or elsewhere. We are planning each week to that end. This week it is

Soap, 12 bars for 25c Three cans of corn for Six pounds of oat meal

Business at the store is getting busier each week. The newness of the goods and the littleness of price tends to turn the stream of trade our way. A call will convince you that you can do the best at

E. L. PLACE'S NEW GROCERY.

Spring and Summer

Every corner of the store is bright, with the newest things for Women's wear and Men's wear and Children's wear.

We are glad to have you come in and see the new life of the old store and look at its excellent line of goods.

Spring Weight Underware

for Men, Women and Children.

In conjunction with the inviting varieties, all prices will be found more than ordinarily small.

Grocery Department

A new and fresh supply of Groceries have just arrived.

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W.L. Hoffman's

HILLSGROVE Three Big Stores-- MUNCY VALLEY, PROCTOR, PA.

An Explosion of Values. PRICES BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Two or three reasons for this--liberal supply, better qualities, less in price than found elsewhere.

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They are the kind women want, and our prices will cause lively selling.

CORSETS Selling at Corset Prices.

No other line in these stores has such decided growth as that of Corsets. Augmented sales each month demonstrates the superiority of brands.

General Merchandise.

There is to be found a general line of seasonable goods constantly on hand.

Remember the Place. JENNINGS BROS.

We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.

MANUFACTURERS OF Gang Sawn and Trimmed Lumber. LOPEZ, PA.

SPECIALTIES Hemlock Novelty or German Siding, Hemlock Ceiling 7-8 or 3-8 stick, Hemlock Flooring any width desired, Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long, Hardwood Flooring both Beech, Birch or Maple, The same woods in 3-8 ceiling. CORRESPONDENCY SOLICITED.

Buy Good Goods! And you will be surprised how cheap they are in the end.

We have just unpacked such a stock of coats and capes to which we are pleased to call your special attention. We do not pretend to handle the cheapest coats in the market, but we do say we have the BEST and neatest fitting garments made. Our coats and capes are made to order, and in the latest styles with prices to suit everybody.

IN DRESS GOODS WE WERE NEVER BETTER PREPARED TO PLEASE YOU THAN AT THE PRESENT, AS WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THAT LINE EVER DISPLAYED IN THE COUNTY.

Ladies and Misses, Boys and Men, you need not go half frozen 'this winter for we have plenty of underwear for you all, both in cotton or wool, red or gray and the prices are very low, so low that when you see the goods you will be astonished that we are able to give you such bargains.

One word in regard to foot wear:

Our shoe department was never more complete and if you will favor us with your attention for a few minutes when in town we will convince you that we have the most carefully selected line of fine and heavy boots and shoes ever brought before the public. Our crockery we have just received some very pretty designs in Decorated Dinner Sets to which we invite your attention. The buying of country produce has always been a special feature of our Business, and we still continue in paying the highest cash prices for Butter Eggs and Wool.

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