

LIFE PRESERVER UNDER COAT

Inventor Gives Test of His New Device in the Hudson River.

A new style of life preserver, designed for expert and amateur swimmers as well as for all manner of vessels, was tried out in the Hudson river off One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street the other day. The device was worn by its inventor, Nathan Martino, of 704 Ninth avenue. It consists of a rubber belt, with two sacks, or inflated balloons, just in front of the shoulders. Mr. Martino demonstrated that the life preserver can be worn when deflated underneath a bathing suit or any ordinary clothing, and inflated within a second's time by means of the tubes, which hang over the shoulder. If a swimmer is suddenly afflicted with cramps he could reach for the tubes, put them in his mouth and inflate the bags before he could sink. This is what Mr. Martino said, and he demonstrated it by plunging into the Hudson river, where the water is 20 feet deep, inflated the device and floated about without effort. Two hundred bathers watched the demonstration.

The new life preserver is made of India rubber. The one used by Mr. Martino is the only one ever made, and cost ten dollars. Mr. Martino said that duplicates could be made for half that sum. He made the assertion that it will support a person weighing 300 pounds, and has the advantage over the ordinary cork life preserver that any one on board ship or swimming can wear one deflated, without its figuring as any addition to the ordinary clothing. Mr. Martino, who says he weighs 210 pounds and looks every pound of it, floated about in the waters of the Hudson without effort.

FEW HUMMING BIRDS LEFT

Commercial Uses Have Nearly Extirminated the Tiniest of Feathered Creatures.

Our continent has a monopoly of humming birds, the gems of the feathered creation. Of these there are said to be as many as four hundred species, most of which confine themselves to the tropical regions.

Only eighteen varieties live farther north than Mexico. It is generally thought that humming birds live upon honey. This, however, is a mistake. They do obtain and devour honey, it is true, but most of their food consists of the small insects which inhabit certain flowers.

Humming birds are so small that when they are captured for commercial purposes it is impossible to use even the smallest shot for fear of injuring their skins. They are therefore stunned with a drop of water from a blowgun or syringe and fall into a net, when they are quickly poisoned.

Humming birds vary in size from those half as large as a sparrow to those about the size of a bee. Their flight is so swift that they can be well seen only when poised above a flower. The little creatures bid fair to be exterminated on account of the senseless and cruel fashion of using them as trimming for women's hats.—Ave Maria.

Pompellan Venus Is Unearthed.

One of the latest and most interesting things uncovered during the new excavations at Pompeii under the direction of Professor Spinazzola, is a fresco which is regarded as the best which has yet been found. It is very beautiful, and in a perfect state of preservation. It was one of the ornaments of the facade of a house situated in the main public thoroughfare, of which the roof was in an almost intact condition. It represents the Pompellan Venus standing erect, crowned with a diadem, in the midst of flying Cupids, on a chariot drawn by four Indian elephants. Seen from the front, the representation of these animals is strikingly realistic. The archaeological value of the fresco is extremely great, for the colors are very fresh and harmonious.

No Maltese Cats in Malta.

James Oliver Laing, American consul at Malta, informs the state department that many Americans have asked him to give names of breeders of pure blood Maltese terriers and cats. He says there are a few so-called Maltese terriers in Malta and they are not of pure blood. The puppies which the street hawkers offer for sale to tourists are more or less mongrel, with a strain of the old breed. Maltese cats do not exist in Malta, at least not one of the color called Maltese in the United States, has been seen there.

Modern Morals.

"This latter-day or new morality is too lax for me."

The speaker was Jerome S. Mo-Wade, the Duluth millionaire. He continued:

"This new morality, which seems in its tolerance rather to encourage than to oppose wickedness, reminds me of a lad in my Sunday school class.

"Now, Tommy," I said to this lad one Sunday afternoon, "now, Tommy, what must be done before our sins can be forgiven?"

"We must sin," Tommy replied.

Low Wages for Rescuers.

The appalling number of suicides in St. Petersburg has created a new occupation for the workless. Many watchers assemble every day on the banks of the Neva and the canals on the lookout for attempted suicides. For each rescue the "hero" receives \$2.50 from the prefecture of police. In one week one man made \$7.50 in this way.

OBEYING A DESPOT'S WHIMS

Emperor Paul of Russia Was Violent and Eccentric to the Verge of Insanity.

Endless are the stories which are told of Emperor Paul's (1797-1801) violence and eccentricities, writes A. J. C. Hare in "Studies in Russia." One of his fancies was that everyone he met, wherever he met them, must get out of their carriages and sledges, stand in the mud or on the ice and make him a bow. This was, of course, considered the greatest bore possible. One day there was a poor dancing master who was going to give some lessons, and he had nothing but a pair of very thin pumps on. He was dreadfully afraid of encountering the emperor, for it was the depth of winter, and the ground was covered with snow and ice; and he thought if he did his feet would certainly be frostbitten. As he went along he saw to his horror that the emperor was coming; there was no way of turning aside; he must meet him. He determined at once that the only way was to pretend not to see the emperor, and to turn the other way. Paul was not to be outwitted. He stopped at once and sent one of his escort to see why the dancing master had not obeyed his orders. The poor man pleaded not having seen the emperor, and implored not to be forced to get out, on account of his thin shoes. The emperor would not hear of it. "Let him walk round and round my sledge," he said, "and see if that will amuse him; and since he is too blind to see me, tell him that I desire for the future that he will always, at all times, wear green shades over his eyes."

CLUB WHERE SILENCE REIGNS

London (Eng.) Institute Should Have a Quieting Effect on Tired Nerves.

A club in which the human voice is rarely heard has just been opened in London. As the name, the National Deaf club, would imply, the members are deaf or are deaf mutes. Conversation is carried on by oral or manual signs. Even the solitary water-chief never offers an audible comment on the weather.

There are no bells in the club, the assumption being that if they were to ring nobody would notice them. Under the door-plate a button resembling an electric bell-push certainly does exist, but when pressed there is no responsive purring in the club two floors above the level of the street; instead a red light is automatically switched on, and the members know that someone is at the door. Similarly when the services of the waiter are invoked, it is a red light in his sanctum which is the agent.

Six years ago the National Deaf club was started in a cafe. So rapid has been its growth that recently larger premises were acquired, and these were opened by the president, whose deafness has not prevented him from conducting a very successful business. Another remarkable member, who is a deaf mute, is responsible for the railway system of Smyrna, and commands an army of workmen of various nationalities by means of signs.

The club numbers 120 men and 60 women, and included in its appointments is a billiard table where disappointed exclamations are never heard.

Taking Their Time.

"It seems to me," said the man who looked at his watch frequently, "that these pay-as-you-enter cars stop longer to let off passengers than the old-fashioned cars do. Am I right?"

"You are," said the conductor, "and the reason is that people who wish to leave press the button and then sit still till the car stops, and we have to wait till they walk the whole length of the car. Under the old system they couldn't be so independent. Before they could catch the eye of the conductor most passengers not only had to stand up, but to walk half way back to the door, so by the time the car stopped they were right there ready to step off. The new way may be more convenient, but it eats up time."

Wise Girl.

Their boat was drifting idly, the sun shone above, soothing the soul, and the sea was serene; while she—she was sitting snugly not on the same side of the ship. Then he proposed. From the opposite side of the craft she gazed at him calmly. Then she spoke:

"As a matter of common sense, realizing that we are in this boat, on water which is more than fifty feet deep, and that if you were to act as you should act if I accepted you we would be capsized, I will decline your proposal at the moment; but, George, row as fast as you can to the shore, and ask me again!"

Broad Hint.

Two gentlemen who were playing cards at a club recently were very much annoyed by other members who stood behind their chairs and interested themselves in the game. Finally one of the players asked a spectator to play the hand for him until he returned.

The spectator took the cards, whereupon the first player left the room. Pretty soon the second player followed the example of the first. The two substitutes played for some time, when one of them asked the waiter where the two original players were. "They are playing cards in the next room, sir," was the waiter's reply.

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Plain Facts About Tuberculosis

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As long as you keep your body in good physical condition and do not associate too intimately with careless consumptives, you are not likely to contract this disease. But overwork, drink and dissipation, impure air, unsanitary houses, poor and insufficient food, irregular hours, by undermining your health, will allow the germs of consumption to multiply and kill you with their poisons.

If you think you have the disease, don't take patent medicines. There is no medicine that will cure tuberculosis except plenty of open air, good food, rest and regular hours.

The most evident symptoms of tuberculosis are: cough lasting a month or longer, loss of weight, afternoon temperature, night sweats, spitting of blood, streaks of blood in the sputum, a run-down feeling.

Tuberculosis is not inherited. Observe clean, healthy habits of life, and you will have every chance of escaping this disease.

Fire at Wyalusing

A vacant dwelling in Wyalusing was destroyed by fire Friday morning of last week about 6 o'clock. The origin of the blaze is unknown. The house was the property of L. E. Wiggins. It had not been occupied for some time.

NOTICE

I hereby give notice that my wife, Rachel Smith, has left my bed and board on her own account and that I will not pay any bills contracted by her.

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Pennsylvania Inventors

The following patents were just issued to Pennsylvania inventors reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers.

Dwight W. Bennett, Somerton, expansion bolt, (sold); Domenick Cinalli, New Orleans, combination chair and couch; Albert R. Cline, Phila., railway rail, (sold); Frank Culotta, Ingram, bottle stopper; Engar A. Custer, Hazleton, casting steel, (sold); Edward G. Dieffenbach, Erie, pipe wrench, (sold); William H. Eisenhower, Reading, reversing mechanism; Thomas M. Freeble, Clearfield, Switchlocking mechanism, (sold); Harry R. Geer, Johnstown, rolling mill coupling spindle, John R. Grundy, Easton, making set screws, (sold); Charles Horn, Millbourne, plug switch, (sold); Rudolph M. Hunter, Phila., mist producing nozzle, (sold); Howard K. King, Phila., brick pressing machine, (sold).

Roosevelt Accepts Results With Content And Congratulates Wilson

Oyster Bay, Nov. 5.—Shortly before midnight tonight Colonel Roosevelt made the following statement:

"The American people by a great plurality have decided in favor of Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party. Like all good citizens I accept the result with entire good humor and contentment. As for the Progressive cause I can only repeat that I have already so many times said: The fate for the leader for the time being is of little consequence, but the cause itself must in the end triumph, for its triumph is essential to the well-being of the American people.

(Signed) "Theodore Roosevelt." About the same time he issued his statement, Colonel Roosevelt sent the following telegram to Governor Wilson:

"The American people by a great plurality have conferred upon you the highest honor in their gift. I congratulate you thereon.

"Theodore Roosevelt."

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Read down		Flag stations where time is marked "F"												Read up		
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5:25	4:19	12:50	10:20	7:46	Pennsdale.....	6:20	7:30	9:40	12:25	3:55	5:00					
5:28	4:22	12:53	10:23	7:49	Chippewa.....	6:17	7:27	9:37	12:23	3:52	4:57					
5:35	4:28	1:00	10:30	7:55	Hughesville.....	6:10	7:20	9:30	12:15	3:45	4:50					
4:34		1:07		8:00	Picture Rocks.....											
4:39		1:13		8:05	Essick.....											
4:41		1:15		8:10	Glen Mawr.....											
4:52		1:28		8:19	Strawbridge.....											
		1:32			Beech Glen.....											
4:58		1:34		8:24	Muncy Valley.....											
5:05		1:40		8:30	Sonestown.....											
5:20				8:45	Nordmont.....											
5:36				9:05	Mokoma.....											
5:38				9:08	Laporte.....											
5:50				9:23	Kindale.....											
6:58				9:35	Bernice Jc.....											
6:02				9:40	Satterfield.....											
7:24				10:55	Towanda.....											

S. D. TOWNSEND, Gen. Manager, Hughesville. H. A. KNIPE, General Supt.

Roll Call.

Bernice and Mildred	Absent
Sonestown	Absent
Muncy Valley	Present
Ricketts	Absent
Nordmont	Present
Forksville	Absent
Hillsgrove	Absent
Eagles Mere	Absent

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HORSE FELL INTO A TREE

Awaiting Aid, the Animal Tightly Clutched the Trunk With His Rear Hoofs.

Visitors to Ferry Bar were much surprised the other morning to see a horse up among the branches of a tree. The animal had gotten in its uncomfortable position by falling ten feet from a bank that overstepped the tree. The tree probably saved the horse's life.

The accident occurred while the horse was grazing in a pasture in the rear of the Baltimore Motor club at Ferry Bar. John McMahon, 877 West Fayette street, was at work on a motor boat when he was startled by a convulsive rustling in the tree nearby. Looking up he was startled to see four hoofs jutting through the leaves and swinging madly back and forth. A moment later the hoofs became still and the horse wrapped the rear ones around the tree, clutching desperately to prevent a further fall.

A call was sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and an ambulance was hurried to the scene. Blocks and tackle were fastened to a tree stump on top of the hill and leather belts were wrapped about the horse. When the work of hitching the belts was completed it was found that the animal could not be rescued until several of the limbs of the tree were cut off. This took considerable time, during which the horse rested and watched the work of the score or more of men who were trying to release him. With the removal of the last limb the horse was slowly drawn to the top of the bank from which he had fallen. A close examination revealed that outside of a few scratches he was uninjured.—Baltimore American.

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NEW SPELLING IN ENGLAND

Board of Reformers Are Planning to Deliver Lectures Throughout the Country.

A campaign in favor of spelling reform is to be conducted in London and the provinces in the autumn and winter.

Mr. William Archer, under the auspices of the Simplified Spelling society, is to conduct a lecturing tour on his return from the east, and lectures will also be delivered by many other well-known men throughout the country.

The lecturers will advocate the reform of what they regard as the present "chaotic spelling," which they declare is so remote from pronunciation that it is no guide to the English language at all, and tends to degrade our speech.

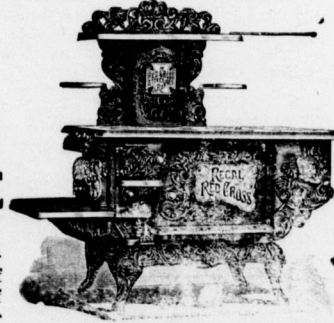
The society desires to fix a standard of pronunciation of the English language throughout the empire.

It has been stated that the English people over seas, particularly in Australia and South Africa, are devoting so seriously from the general standard of speech prevailing in the mother country that the time might come when visitors from these parts of the empire might fail to make themselves understood in London.

Mr. Tate, director of education in Melbourne, has suggested several spelling reforms to which effect has been given in the official papers issued by his department. Discussions have taken place and the council of public education in Melbourne is addressing a letter to the president of the board of education in London urging upon him, in the interest of education, the necessity of a general adoption of a simplified reform spelling.—London Daily Graphic.

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