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THE LEGISLATURE

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EQUALITY WILL RE-

MAIN AN ISSUE

If the corrupt practices act is not to be voted upon at this session of Congress the Gallinger amendment to that measure will likewise fail of action. But both the bill and the amendment will be in evidence when the new Congress convenes; and it is possible that the Gallinger amendment will have a life of its own apart from any bill. The subject of Southern representation in Congress and in the electoral college is the most important question of political interest in this country today. It has been made acute by the results of the recent election, wherein swollen and illegitimate electoral vote has been secured for the Democratic party in defiance of the Constitution. Such conditions cannot endure or be endured. The Gallinger amendment points the way to cure them.

SOMERSET COUNTY

In Somerset county there were 23 fatal accidents in the industrial establishments during the past year. Of this number agreements or awards have been filed showing compensation approximating \$45,000, representing 18 compensable cases.

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During the past week we have received several letters, asking for free advertising, which we have consigned to the usual receptacle. A concern in Brooklyn is more generous however. It is a Railway Educational Association and proposes that we advertise this business in our names and they will divide the tuition with us on all students we secure for them. We are selling space, not other people's goods. But to clap the climax the State Department of Labor and Commerce, sends us some copy for which they ask free insertion, and as it was overweight we had to pay the overdue postage. Think of the gall of that, will you. The waste baskets get that stuff sure.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Condensed Statement
CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK
 OF MEYERSDALE, PA.

At Close of Business December 27, 1917

RESOURCES	
Loans and Investments.....	\$771,422.91
U. S. Bonds.....	70,000.00
Banking House.....	29,500.00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents.....	220,205.37
Cash.....	52,808.69
Total.....	\$1,143,436.97
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock.....	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus.....	100,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	36,415.34
Circulation.....	65,000.00
Deposits.....	877,021.63
Total.....	\$1,143,436.97

In Citizens National Bank

"The Man With The Clock With The Million"

THE COMMON EVERY-DAY PIN

(By Sam'l G. Dixon M. D.)
 The pin is born with millions of brothers and sisters, who leave home to travel all parts of the world. On their journey they come in contact with us human beings and it might be interesting to take up, what sometimes happen when they do so.

Suppose a pin found its way into the laundry of a shirt manufacturer. We would be likely to hear of it, first in the mouth of one of those folding the shirt and preparing it for shipment. This pin, as well as others might perhaps be making its first intimate acquaintance with the germs that produce sore throat. The shirt gets to the consumer who starts to make it ready for use. For the second time, the poor pin finds that human mouth again, its abiding place. Possibly this time, it gets into an ulcerated mouth, thence it gets into the pin cushion or some other receptacle.

The persons who handle these, cannot recognize disease germs by the naked eye, and therefore the pin with its cargo of germs is ready for new service. This time, perhaps, by a dressmaker, if she has the bad habit already alluded to, she fills her mouth with these pins while she cuts with her pattern and fits various pieces together. This time for variation, the pin may have found lodgment in a healthy mouth. Nevertheless it is not a pleasant fault, when you know the pin's history thus far, to think of anyone making such use of them.

Many a Mother who uses pins in fastening a child's dress together, does the same thing. By this time, in the pin's life history, it is quite well armed with spores of germs and really is accountable for much harm along its path of travel. And now as it is getting old and about ready to close its life, a little child may be stricken with tonsillitis or diphtheria or even scarlet fever, because some of these diseases are easily communicable from throats so recently affected by the disease that the danger is recognized. The presence of the germs that have been deferred to the pin, is a real danger, as the physician or the laboratory worker knows he can plant them in food stuffs that will make them grow and multiply in great numbers, colonies can be seen by the naked eye and they can be injected into other living beings and produce disease.

The habit of putting pins into the mouth would not continue for a moment if everyone knew this. The Moral of this little story is, never hold pins in the mouth as they spread disease, even fatal disease.

Spanish Meat Balls.

Spanish meat balls are as palatable as they are rare and made thus: One can of tomatoes, one onion chopped fine, garlic or cayenne to taste. This forms the "Spanish." One and a half pounds of hamburger steak. Soak half a loaf of stale bread, drain off all water. Take one egg, pepper and salt to taste, mix together, roll into balls the size of an egg and cook in the "Spanish" three-quarters of an hour.

Posset.

The proper meaning of the word "posset," frequently used in Lancashire, England, is a drink taken before going to bed. Originally it was milk curdled with wine and comes from the Latin *posca*, meaning a drink made with vinegar and water.

Highly Necessary.

"Why is the official spelling of government with a big G?" "Because they could hardly begin government without a capital."—Baltimore American.

SAVED HIS OWN FACE.

Why He Balked at Being a Witness on the Side of Truth.

Colonel E. M. House—"Silent" House, as he is often called—told at a dinner in Washington a significant parable:

"They who expect the men in authority to do a great deal for them—they who expect the impossible—should remember the grizzly bear story. A famous grizzly bear hunter gave a dinner, and one of the guests told of a bear hunt that he had once shared in with his host. It had been a remarkable hunt. The bear had been killed under almost incredible difficulties. Although his auditors looked skeptical the narrator did not spare them any of those difficulties. He counted on the host, you see, for corroboration.

"Then, when he had finished his strange but perfectly true tale, he said: 'There, that's the story, and gentlemen, our host will corroborate every word I say.'

"No, George," he said, "I don't remember anything of the sort at all."

"Baldern!"

"Maddened by this tableau, the guest at the end of the dinner took his host aside and hissed:

"Why didn't you back me up in that bear story? You know every word of it was true."

"Yes," said the famous hunter—yes, it was all true, but I saw that everybody round the table thought you were lying. If, then, I had supported you the only result would have been that they would have set me down for a liar too."—Washington Star.

Looming Mirages.

In what are called "looming mirages" distant objects show an apparent extravagant increase in height without alteration of breadth. Distant pinnacles of ice are thus magnified into immense towers or tall, jagged mountains, and a ship thus reflected from far out at sea may appear to be twelve or fifteen times as tall as it is long. Rocks and trees are also shown in abnormal shapes and positions while houses, animals and human beings appear in like exaggerated shapes. Before the sandy plains of our southwestern states and territories were converted into verdant fields by the ingenuity and tireless energy of man mirages were very common in those regions, the Indians regarding the phenomenon as being the work of evil spirits.

A Russian National Dish.

One of the national dishes of Russia is known as the pashka. It is a sort of cake that stands one and a half feet high and is always put on a tall base. It is usually surmounted by a sugar cross and is placed in the center of the table when the Russians hold their great feast at Easter when the fast is broken. It takes about sixty eggs to make the pashka, but none but natives can succeed in producing the rare taste.

Comprehensive.

"I understand you have bought a set of Shakespeare's works." "Yes," replied Mr. Dubwaite loftily. "A complete set." "And a glossary, too, I presume?" "Oh, yes, yes! In fact, everything Shakespeare wrote."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Higher Authority.

Wills—The Highfliers are going to give up their big house this year. Mrs. Wills—You must be mistaken. I was talking with Mrs. Highflier only yesterday. Wills—Well, I was talking with the mortgagee only this morning.—Puck.

Trouble on the Road.

First Centipede—What's the matter? Second Centipede—I need a traffic cop; my feet want to go different ways.—New York Sun.

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