

Mapping the United States.

Beginning nearly forty years ago to construct accurate topographic and geologic maps of both the known and the unexplored regions of the United States, the United States geological survey has steadily progressed with this part of its work until topographic maps of 40 per cent of the country are now published, besides maps for large areas in Alaska and Hawaii.

During the last thirty years over \$15,000,000 has been spent by the geological survey in geologic and topographic surveys in the United States.

Seeing Distances.

About 200 miles in every direction is the distance a man can see when standing on a clear day on the peak of the highest mountain—say at a height of 28,608 feet, or a little over five miles above the level of the sea.

Caustic Criticism.

A young New York man, a member of one of the first families as far as wealth is concerned, had been in the habit of writing poems, which, unable to dispose of, he managed to get printed in certain publications by paying therefor at advertising rates.

A Left Handed Compliment.

"Ma," said little Harry, "I'll tell you what you ought to do."

Nonsinkable Safer For Ships.

Nonsinkable safes so placed that they will rise to the surface as soon as a ship sinks are the invention of Mepotti Nanni.

A Housewarming.

"I want a dress to put on around the house," said the lady in the department store.

Sure Cure.

"Patient—What would you recommend for consumption? Doctor—Well, as a last resort you might try insomnia."

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT. Helping Digestion. Many persons dread to eat what is ordinarily considered a good dinner for fear of the resulting after-effects.

What Makes a Good Road.

Everybody agrees that the surface of a road must be oval in its contour, says Farm and Fireside, but not all understand that this oval ought to be as flat as the character of the road material and the lay of the land will permit.

Pocahontas and Mrs. Wilson.

It was on the 21st of March, old style, in 1617, that Pocahontas, lovely and most celebrated of all Indian women, died in England, on the eve of her projected return to her native land.

Da Vinci's 'The Last Supper.'

During the last years of the fifteenth century Leonardo da Vinci executed for the Duke of Milan his masterpiece of painting, 'The Last Supper.'

The Gaucherie of Soldiers.

Soldiers when marching at night through open country invariably gravitate toward the left, not to the right.

Her Recommendation.

A woman prominent as a social worker was in the city to engage a new girl the other day. She visited an employment agency which makes a specialty of finding places for country housemaids and was much pleased with one from the country.

Fanfoot Lizards.

Lizards are abundant in Palestine, Arabia and Egypt. Among these is the fanfoot lizard (Ptyodactylus zekki).

Women's Aim.

A bullet shot upward from the earth goes up to apheulion with a retarding or decreasing motion, but a bullet fired by a woman at a burglar will turn a street corner and hit an innocent pedestrian in the leg nine times out of ten.

The Uplift.

"She's a help to her mother?" asked one woman.

One of These Crazy Questions.

"Well, great guns, Jenesol! I see you're wearing glasses. What for?"

To some men opposition is

tunity—like the wind against the boy's kite, rises.

Transplanting Palm Trees.

It is almost impossible for even a lettuce slip to be removed from the spot where it has taken root without a consequent drooping and period of suspended growth.

The secret of the success of transplanting such trees lies in the preliminary work. This is begun fully six months before the time for the moving of the tree.

Japan's Narrow Railways.

When the railways of Japan were first planned the narrow gauge of three feet six inches was selected for them, because it was cheapest to build and equip and was thought best suited to the country's narrow highways and steep grades.

Too Busy.

When a thing that really ought to be done presents itself, take it and work it out somehow without hurry or nervousness, even though your hands are already full.

What's In a Name?

His grandfather is in the employ of Uncle Sam, engaged in passing back and forth mail for dependent humanity.

Ancient Fishermen.

A codfishery about Newfoundland was conducted by Normans and Bretons as early as 1504, and there is a tradition among the fishermen of the bay of Biscay that one of their number had been fishing in the western Atlantic.

Pelicans' Pouches.

The pelican is commendably regular in his habits. The parent birds catch fish and after eating their fill deposit the others in their pouches under their bills and carry them to their young.

Getting Experience.

"Is your boy Josh doing well?" "Of course," replied Farmer Coratol.

Being the Opportunity.

Grabshaw—If you insist on this new gown I'll have to get it on credit, Mr. Grabshaw.

Some Steak.

Bill—How do you like your steak? "I touched him a little white egg."

Difference of Opinion.

It was not best that we should all think alike. It is difference of opinion that makes horse races possible.

Spoiling Old Friendships.

So far as men are concerned, the warmest friendship is that which exists between two fellows whose wives have never met.

Spanish Irishmen.

A recent writer draws attention to the connection which has long existed between Ireland and Spain.

Cancer Not Hereditary.

That cancer is not inherited in man seems to be proved by statistics collected by Arthur Hunter and presented to the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

Corn and Water.

To those engaged in the handling of grain the natural shrinkage of shelled corn while in storage and in transit is a matter of prime importance and often a source of dispute because of shortage reported at time of receipt at warehouse and a further loss at date of final sale.

Says the Sun Didn't Stand Still.

Joshua's command to the sun and moon to "stand still" only meant that they should be "eclipsed," according to Dr. Thomas Dick Wilson, professor of Hebrew at Princeton Theological seminary.

Hopless Case.

Hubel—I am sure he must have loved her very dearly. Maudie—I should say so.

Business Courtesy.

Little Willie—Say, pa, what is business courtesy? Pa—There are two kinds of business courtesy, my son.

She Takes the Ring.

Tom—I know a girl who accepts rings from men she doesn't love. Jessie—I don't believe it! How could she? Tom—Why, she can't help it—she's a telephone girl!

Her Strong Chin.

Dawson—The facial features plainly indicate character and disposition. In selecting your wife were you governed by her chin? Spooler—No, but I have been ever since we were married.

It is easy to decide without thinking; it is easy to think and not decide; but it is hard to think fairly and decide courageously.

Some Tightwads.

"Tightwad" has crept into colloquial slang. It is even included in the dictionary, and its meaning is obvious and well known.

Air a Part of the Earth.

"A balloon is sent up at New York City on an absolutely calm day, remains in the air for one hour, drifting in the moderate currents of the upper air, and descends a few miles from the place from which it was sent up.

Their Upper and Lower Worlds.

Shamanism is a name applied to the religion of certain peoples among Finns, Hungarians, Turks, Mongolians and Tunguses, but chiefly those of northwestern Asia.

Learn to Think on Your Feet.

It does not matter whether one wants to be a public speaker or not, a person should have some complete control of himself, should be so self-reliant and self-possessed that he can get up in any audience, no matter how large or formidable, and express his thoughts clearly and distinctly.

Worrying Happiness.

The bishop of Manchester, speaking at a meeting at Church House, Westminster, said the secret of happiness was to have a sufficient multitude of worries.

Bachab Trees.

The thickest tree trunk is said to be that of Adzomoma digitata, called the bachab tree, a native of Africa.

A Soft Job.

First Hobo—I have at last thought of a job I think I would like. Second Hobo—And what is it? First Hobo—Lansman in a wireless telegraph company.—New York Times.

His Discovery.

She—Do you believe in phrenology? He—No. As an experiment I once went and had my head read, and I found there was nothing in it.—Exchange.

Hunger is sharper than the sword.

Donament and Fletcher.

War Films.

War films, says the Boston Transcript, have proved to be very useful in modern warfare. Used only as an experiment at first, they have been of such practical value that the return of the cinematograph operator from his aerial reconnaissance is always impatiently awaited at headquarters.

The moving picture man who volunteers for this work undertakes a very difficult and daring feat. He must be a master of his profession, have nerves of steel and be willing to take great risks.

War films show the experienced observer a great deal that is going on behind the enemy's lines. The trenches are clearly visible. It is even possible to discern the men digging trenches or placing big guns in position.

Changing All the Time.

Often the change in the use or manner of use of some household item makes a widespread change in the sale of a lot of hardware items.

So in the same manner the present fashion of hanging pictures from moldings has about put picture nails out of business, but largely increased the sale of molding or picture hooks.

Value of Skimmilk. The department of agriculture has discovered that about 17,000,000 gallons of skimmilk are annually wasted in this country.

The language of Hawaii is very simple. To one who hears it for the first time comes the conviction that the aborigines expressed their sentiments in primitive vowel sounds, to which some consonants have been added.

Jam For Breakfast.

People who like to eat pastry or other irregular dishes for breakfast should be consoled to learn that no less a man than Herbert Spencer ate strawberry jam at his morning meal.

Comparison.

"Sometimes I think a street car is better than an automobile," remarked Mr. Chugtins.

Grammar and Greed.

Mrs. Peavish says that if she could have another chance she would rather marry a man who splits his infinitives than one who hates to break a dime.—Galveston News.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT. Catarrh. Take a common pitcher or any old narrow vessel holding a quart or more. Heat it thoroughly and fill three-quarters full of steam-heating water. Add instant...