

### USES ALLIGATOR AS DIRIGIBLE

**Bicyclist Pumps Air into Saurian, Ties it to Wheel and Sails Away Merrily.**

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Even an alligator may serve a useful purpose in the field of aviation. Richard Notts, a baker in Lefferts avenue, Hoffman Park, between Jamaica and Richmond Hill, has demonstrated that fact. He is the newest and the most dangerous rival of Count Zeppelin and the hero of that section of Queens Borough. Notts needed a horse and wagon yesterday morning. He mounted his wheel and started toward the home of Peter Horr, a farmer who lives in Lotts lane. Near the home of Horr he passed a pond owned by Mrs. P. M. Pette of Brooklyn, and saw in his path a militant alligator four and one-half feet long. The reptile was itching for a fight and reared itself for an encounter. Notts left his wheel so hastily several of his friends assert he fell off. Anyway, he dismounted and began looking for a weapon with which to fight the alligator. Finally his eye lighted on a large foot pump with which he pumps air into the tires of his bicycle. Seizing it, he jammed the business end of the pump into the mouth of the reptile and its teeth closed on it with a vicious snap. Notts tried to get the pump from between the reptile's jaws, and was unable to do so. Then a happy thought struck him. He began to pump away, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing the alligator swell to abnormal proportions. The alligator was infuriated to such a degree that its temper heated the air as it passed into its body. Notts pumped away as hard as he could, and in a few minutes the alligator, filled almost to bursting with hot air, floated clear of the ground and it was as much as Notts could do to prevent it sailing off with his air pump. Fortunately he had a coil of rope with him.

Holding the inflated and angry alligator with one hand, he cut the rope into four lengths. To each of the four legs of the reptile he tied one piece of rope securely. Then he tied the four loose ends to his wheel, two to the handle bars and two to the frame beneath the saddle, and pumped more hot air into the alligator. Horr looked on, and explained the reptile had been in the pond two months and that it had feasted on fifty of his chickens and frightened his ducks and pigs so they would not go near the water. Notts listened impatiently to all that and to a further suggestion that an enemy of Horr had put the alligator in the pond. Then he seated himself on the wheel, released the anchor rope and sailed off for home, using the tail of the alligator for a rudder.

When he landed in Hoffman Park with his alligator dirigible he created a sensation, which was increased when the alligator gave an expiring breath which blew leaves off a tree thirty feet away and sent the air pump and four alligator teeth through a window across the street. The fact that the alligator had died in the interest of science was a keen disappointment to Notts. He just had been figuring on establishing an alligator air line for the quick delivery of bread when the reptile's released soul started for the Florida Everglades.

### KILLED SNAKE, LANDED FISH.

**Indiana Angler Had Bass on Line and Blue Racer on Leg.**

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Charles Paul of the Paul Manufacturing Company, was fishing in a small lake near Angola and stood on the bank, because there was no boat available. Hooking a bass he found it necessary to play for advantage in shallow water to his right.

His eyes were glued to his line, and he did not see a big blue racer in his path: until the reptile whirled itself around his legs and lifted its head above his belt. Grasping the reptile by the throat with his left hand Mr. Paul braced his fish rod under his right arm, while with difficulty he reached for his knife in his pocket. Opening the blade with his teeth he cut the snake's throat, disengaged the folds of the dying reptile, and resumed his play of the bass. He drew the fish to shallow water and landed it. The fish weighed five pounds, and the snake measured 7 feet 2 inches. Companions saw both.

### BRING A MAN, GET A PRIZE.

**Pastor Uses Candy Bait to Enlist Girls' Aid.**

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Prizes are to be given to young women who bring young men to the Sunday School at Christ German Lutheran Church at Hazleton, near here.

The prizes are offered by the minister, the Rev. J. O. Schlenker, in an effort to win back the adult attendance at the Sunday school classes, which has fallen off greatly. Pastor Schlenker promises to give each young woman who brings two young men to Sunday School next Sunday a large box of candy. He does not say whether he will give prizes every Sunday.

### Raises Peach a Foot Around.

Montclair, N. J.—In sorting a bushel of peaches, taken from one tree in his garden, W. A. Hodges, of No. 132 Claremont avenue, found that not one of them was below nine and one-half inches in circumference. Most of them measured ten and one-half inches, and one was twelve inches.

There are now fifty-four playgrounds for children at the schools of Boston and twenty-eight in the parks—more than ever before.

### MOTHER STILL COODLES DOLL

**Clothed in Fresh, Clean Dress Each Sunday, with a New Ribbon in Its Hair.**

St. Louis.—Although Mrs. Catherine Adams, who looks as if she were seventeen, is the mother of a pretty baby boy, she still cares for the first real big blue eyed doll her mother gave her when she was a little girl. For the ten years she has owned the doll she has never neglected its toilet. Each Sunday finds it with a clean and bright dress, a new ribbon in its golden hair and a neat little bow about its neck.

The little girl of the neighborhood know about the big doll and often go to see it. They have never handled it, though, because it is becoming more valuable each year as an heirloom.

Little John Quincy Adams, not yet a year old, is not neglected, however, because of the mother's fondness for the doll.

The doll is about two feet high and has a wax face and natural hair. It is generally dressed in white.

"I think a great deal of the doll," Mrs. Adams said; "but of course I think a million times more of little John Quincy. It's a different kind of love I have for him."

### Aeroplane Hat the Thing Now.

Chicago.—The National Association of Retail Milliners, assembled at Fine Arts Building, launched the aeroplane as the new style of headgear, put a ban on the peach-basket hat and decreed the three-cornered hat of the



Louis XVI. days as the stunning bonnet for the coming winter months.

The new creation in millinery art resembles an airship in shape, having two long feathers on either end and a curved rim. Its dimensions are 20 by 18 inches, and, because of its light trimmings, it weighs considerably less than a pound.

### MARRIES MAN OF HER CHOICE.

**Girl Sends Distasteful Suitor After License While Wedding Goes On.**

Cincinnati.—While Philip Fisher was securing a license to marry Alice Carney, a wealthy young woman of this city, the clerk remarked that a license had been issued to Winifred Carney of the same address a few minutes before and asked if the two were sisters.

Fisher dashed out of the court house to the home of Miss Carney, where she was being married to Thos. Kilgour, and attempted to make his way to the room where the ceremony was in progress. Friends of the couple kept him on the street until after the knot had been tied, but he made a scene and finally left the house in high dudgeon.

Mrs. Kilgour to-night gave out the following statement before leaving for her honeymoon:

"I have been engaged to Mr. Kilgour for some time past and I have known Fisher but a few months. He was persistent in his suit, and finally in a joking way I told him to go ahead and get the license, but my friends and acquaintances well know that I was engaged to Tommy. I suppose Fisher took me at my word, and that is how the mixup occurred. But I am happy, and that is all I have to say."

### A NEW UNWRITTEN LAW.

**Man Acquitted of Murdering Man Who Paraded Naked Before Family.**

Grand Rapids, Mich.—That William Shultz was justified in killing Ray Edwards for parading naked before Shultz's wife and children was the verdict of the coroner's jury and Shultz was released.

Public sympathy was strongly with Shultz. William Widdcomb, a member of the board of works and owner of one of the city's biggest furniture factories, offered to be one to give any amount needful to defend Shultz and he was joined in the offer by Henry J. Heystek, C. S. Udell, Ralph Tietzert and others. Tietzert took Shultz to court in his automobile.

Shultz is a laborer and has eight children.

### LIGHTNING TANS BULL ALIVE.

**Black Hide Untouched, but All White Hair Burned Off.**

Ogdensburg, N. Y.—A Holstein bull at pasture on Thomas Winthrop's farm near here was almost tanned alive by lightning. The beast was struck by a bolt between the horns and the current passed down the broad white blaze at its nose, the white stripes on the neck, fore-shoulders and forelegs into the ground.

The black hide was untouched, but the white hide and the skin of the bull's nose were burned hairless and tanned to the appearance of leather. The bull was stunned, but will live.

### Leaves Thirty-Eight Children.

Indiana, Pa.—Thirty-eight children mourn the death of their father, John W. Miller, aged sixty-six years, who died at the country home here, where he had been an inmate for several years. Mr. Miller was married four times. One wife survives him.

### As Observed.

"Golf is a good deal like the piano," observes the grouchy old sportsman. "It's generally played by people that don't know much about it."

## Notes and Comment

Of Interest to Women Readers

### MRS. LEASE HAS TONED DOWN.

**Noted Western Woman Agitator is now Lecturing.**

Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease of Kansas, who for many years spoke of populism, spiritualism and other "isms," and who has been characterized as "the political carrier pigeon of the Sunflower State," is appearing in a brand-new role. Once high priestess of the populist party, Mrs. Lease is now appearing under the direction of the lecture bureau.

One of her lectures is entitled "America and the Americans." In giving it recently her talk was of a



Mrs. Mary Ellen Lease.

patriotic nature, and in her speech there was little to identify her as the same woman who turned the politics of Kansas upside down, who made and unmade Senators and Representatives, who caused the Supreme Court of her State to reverse its decision on the mortgage tax law.

That the United States is facing new problems and is in the midst of an era when the question as to whether this nation will continue as a republic or follow in the footsteps of so many ancient governments, that labor-saving machines have proved a menace and that the bread line is a disgrace to modern civilization were some of the things discussed by Mrs. Lease. She talked of the Star Spangled Banner, of "the boundless prairies of the West," of the "nation's great undeveloped wealth."

"Oh, I've toned down in my old age," she told a reporter after the lecture, "but I feel as strongly on reform issues as I did years ago. This, however, is a conservative age, and I find that it is not best to be too radical. Then, too, it would not be proper to discuss such things in a school room."

### Secret of Empress's Beauty.

The German Empress is said by artists to possess the finest shoulders of any woman in Europe. She gives the credit to a soap manufactured exclusively for her. This soap has a delicious refreshing odor, and the Empress believes it is beneficial to the muscles while acting as a tonic to the cuticle of the face and neck. The Empress uses peppermint as a dentrice. New-mown hay is her favorite handkerchief perfume, and once a day her rooms are sprayed with cologne. The Empress powders her hair freely, as she naturally is not pleased by the promise of being prematurely gray. The chances are she would submit her hair to the peroxide bath, but the Emperor will not permit it. Dyed hair is one of his pet aversions, although curiously enough he does not object to powder.

### Helen Keller Writing of Nature.

Helen Keller has settled in a new summer home near Brunswick, Me., and has taken up the work of writing a book on nature study. Miss Keller has been interested in nature studies for many years, and she is sure her book will hold interest for others than the blind. Although she cannot see a flower or hear the rustle of the wind in the trees, she has gained the knowledge of what they mean to those gifted with all the senses. The truth is she enters into nature in all its moods with more sympathy and understanding than ninety-nine in one hundred of those to whom darkness comes only at night. She has settled on a farm which she calls Linden Grove. Her mother is with her, and also her lifelong friends, John Macey and his wife.

### Figures on Women's Work.

Here are a few facts showing the varied activity of women: One out of every twenty greenhouses in the country is managed by a woman. Uncle Sam employs 7,670 women as post mistresses, and many of them receive salaries of \$2,000 a year. Six towns and cities in Colorado have elected women as treasurers. In the same State a woman operates a copper mine. In this city women are rapidly replacing men as ushers in theatres. Two women have applied in Chicago for licenses to run taxicabs. A woman has staked out a claim in a newly discovered silver region in Canada, and twenty women have accepted free grants of land in Manitoba, with the object of setting as farmers.

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October 17th, 1909.

(Copyright, 1909, by Rev. T. S. Lincoln, D.D.) Paul a Prisoner Before Felix. Acts xxiv.

Golden Text—Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men. Acts xxiv:16.

Verses 1-9—When a high priest, or a distinguished preacher, has fallen away and espouses a bad cause, how should he be estimated?

This man Tertullus was much in the position of a modern lawyer, can you conceive it probable or possible, that he could be a consistent Christian and yet hold a brief against Paul?

If a rich unscrupulous man has a law suit against a well-known good man, why should a Christian lawyer not accept the case for the prosecution?

Will an honest lawyer, or an advocate of any cause, use false evidence to gain or advance his cause?

What accusations did they bring against Paul, and what part of the evidence, presented to Felix by Tertullus, was true and what part untrue?

Apart from the morality of lying, labor-saving machines have proved a menace and that the bread line is a disgrace to modern civilization were some of the things discussed by Mrs. Lease.

Verses 10-21—Does a good cause ever need false evidence to strengthen its position, and if not, why not?

Read Paul's defence critically, and see if you can find any false statements and if so, say what they are.

Contrast the compliments paid to the governor by Tertullus and Paul, and state wherein Paul excels, both in truth and in skill.

What points did Paul urge in his defence to the accusations against him?

What so called heresy did Paul admit to?

What is to-day "heresy" and what is "orthodoxy"?

What is implied in "having a conscience void of offence toward God and toward men" and how can such a condition be brought about?

How does Paul show in his defence that the heresy they accuse him of, is the Jewish doctrine which they have forsaken?

Verses 22-23—Who was Lysias, the chief captain that Felix wanted to examine, and what part had he taken in this matter?

Verses 24-25—Why did Felix seem for Paul?

Is it probable that Felix was sincerely investigating the Christian religion?

Apart from the person of Christ, what are the chief things which Christianity stands for? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

What is Christ himself the embodiment of in his personal character?

What made Felix tremble when Paul urged upon him righteousness and the judgment to come?

Would Felix likely have become a Christian if he could have kept on in his sin?

Verses 26-27—What part does money generally play in preventing successful adults from becoming Christians?

When a man trembles on account of his sins, does that necessarily add anything to his credit?

What was a besetting sin of Felix and how would you size up the character of any man that wants to be bribed to do right?

Lesson for Sunday, Oct. 24th, 1909. Paul a Prisoner—Before Festus and Arrippa. Acts xxv:6-12; Chap. xxvi.

GOT HALF POUND OF FLESH.

### California Laborer Thus Collected a Debt of "Two Bits" from Fellow.

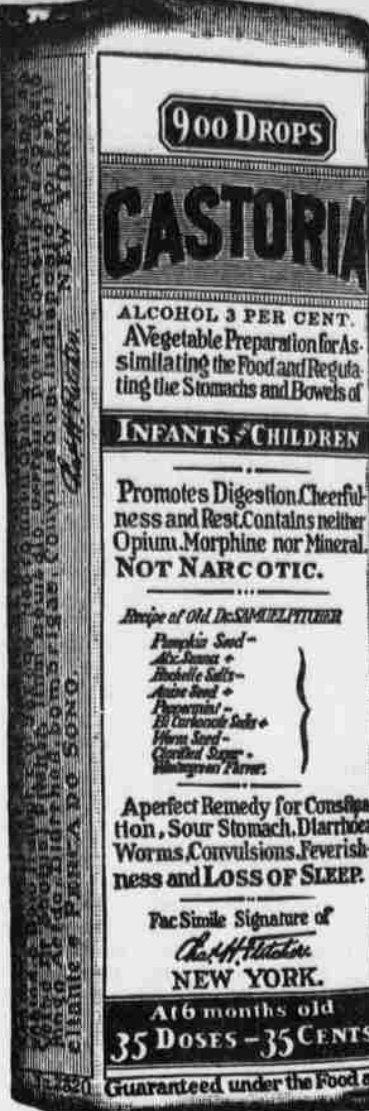
Los Angeles, Cal.—Because Ramon Santa Ana, a laborer, could not pay a debt of 25 cents to Frank Sanchez, a fellow laborer at Latin, the latter took at least half a pound of flesh from him. Santa Ana came to the receiving hospital for treatment of his left arm, from which muscle had been taken.

"I could not pay the two bits when he came for it yesterday," said Santa Ana, "and Frank pulled a big knife from his boot leg and got me. 'I'll have a pound of flesh, then,' he said, and he got a big piece—I don't think it is a pound, though. I tried to get away from him, but he was too quick for me."

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