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SCIENCE & MECHANICS

Less than seven per cent. of the power used in manufacturing plants in the United States is electric.

A patent has recently been granted on a new and rather startling system of embalming the bodies of the dead, by surrounding them completely by a covering of glass, thus excluding the air and preserving the subject as in life indefinitely.

In connection with the bill before Parliament for the compulsory use of the metric system of weights and measures in Great Britain, it is of interest to learn that the decimal system originated in England. In a letter dated November 14, 1783, James Watt laid down a plan which was in all respects the system adopted by the French philosophers several years later, which they suggested to the King of England as a system that might be adopted by international agreements.

Mariners have been unable to determine latitude and longitude when the horizon was hidden, even though sun, moon and stars might be shining. Commander Campbell Herporth, C. B., has now made it easy to obtain the altitude of any heavenly body without seeing the natural horizon. He attaches to the sextant an artificial horizon, which consists essentially of a contact maker operated by a plummet and so adjusted that the circuit will be closed and a bell rung when a tilt in the horizon glass is in alignment with the observer's eye and the sensible horizon.

Right From the Shoulder.
The Chicago papers have a good deal of fun at the expense of the country newspapers. What's the matter of 'em? Are they jealous because we live out here where we can get fresh air and fresh eggs and enjoy life as it was meant to be?
These poor warped artists (not the one that word) fiddle around like a lot of school girls and lit upon some of the funniest things you ever heard. Why, every now and then somebody laughs at them.

The writers laugh and think it's a good joke when some of the country newspapers say: "Hiram Higbee has sold his Holstein cow to Ex. Maxwell." But, of course, it is the thing when they say: "Alicia Van Poedenstein has just returned from the Continent with a \$3000 bill tendered from the Epson-Squirrels kennels."
Oh, that's great. That loll pup would bring about twenty cents in the dog pound, and Hiram Higbee's cow could sell for at least \$40 in the dark.

Because "Ozzie Benton was over to Union Centre to see his best girl" they throw a shoe. But if "Harold Worst-Impulsiver Peck, the society leader, was in Milwaukee last Sunday to visit Miss Gerlie Crabber" they drop all over their thirty-cent "dickie" and have three pictures of Gerlie and Harold on the front page.

It's all right for them to set the standard, sure, Mike.
But it's time they get out of their rut and changed the subject.—Marengo (Ill.) Republican.

Katayama Studied at Iowa College.
Japan's distinguished sociologist, Sen Jiro Katayama, laid the foundation for his great labors in behalf of humanity in Iowa and imbibed the first principles of his altruistic social views at the feet of Professor Parker at Iowa College. When the young Japanese left Iowa College as a graduate with the class of '92, his friends and associates expected much of him, for he had shown himself the possessor of an unusual mind and of a notable aggressiveness and optimism.

Sen Joseph Katayama is now at the head of the most noted social settlement in Japan, Kingsley Hall, Tokio, which he founded; and he is recognized as one of the leading sociological workers of the world.

This noted Japanese has had an interesting career that reads much like a romance. He was born of a peasant family in Japan and his education was obtained through his efforts, against almost overwhelming odds.—Philadelphia Press.

Small Coins Newer and Brighter.
"Have you noticed the improved quality of the coins now in circulation?" asked the trolley car conductor as he pulled a handful of bright pennies, nickels and dimes from his pocket for inspection.
"It's due to an effort on the part of the Government to put better money into circulation by recalling the worn and shabby pieces from which the impression of the die has become effaced. I've noticed for the past two years a steady improvement in this respect. All the banking institutions now throw aside the coins that show decided traces of wear, and the Treasury Department redeems these with new ones. In England a soiled bank note is always new and crisp, being recalled before it becomes worn. It's getting to be that way in this country with our small coins."—Philadelphia Record.

Properties of Asbestos.
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ASIA'S FOUR-FOOTED FREIGHTERS.

Ships of the Desert Still Carry Merchandise in Caravans.
It will not be long before railroads will have pushed well into Asia Minor, and then the centre of Asia will begin to wake up, but to-day it is still impossible to ship goods into Turkestan or Persia or Arabia by any means other than the caravan, just as goods were shipped in the days of King Solomon.

If anything, the roads are a little worse now than they were then, and a caravan bound from Teheran or Bagdad to the interior may be months and even years on the way.

This fact has made it necessary for many an American merchant to study queer things about story-book land in order to know just how his goods must be packed and shipped out of America, so that they will be in the proper condition for loading on camel and mule back in the desert towns, whence they start on their strange voyages.

An American shipper of goods for export into Far Eastern countries must know just how much a camel can carry and over what kind of a road it will have to travel; for in many places the roads are over mountain sides that are so narrow that the size of the package is of the utmost importance.

Thus, shippers in the United States who do business with the Orient, have had to learn that the merchandise must be packed in tin or zinc-lined cases, because it is sure to be subjected to fierce storms in shelterless trails. They have had to learn that a camel load is two packages of 200 pounds each. Mules, according to the caravan drivers' tables, can carry two packages, one on each side, each weighing 100 pounds.

These packages must not be longer than four feet, wider than two feet or deeper than one and a half feet. Packages of this size can just scrape through some of the dizzy defiles leading into wild Asia.

At Ispahan about 300 mule and camel loads of merchandise are received or shipped every month during the trading season.—Savannah News.

Contents of Eggs.

From the remotest ages the egg has been looked upon as the symbol of creation, or new birth. According to the Persians, the world was hatched from an egg at the season of the year which corresponds to the vernal equinox. Hence the Persians still exchange gifts of colored eggs at the new year festival, which they celebrate at this date. Among the Jews the egg entered into all the mysterious ceremonies called apocalyptic, and occupied a prominent position on the household table during the paschal season. Christianity invested the paschal egg with a new significance—namely, that of the resurrection of Christ, and it was colored red in allusion to His blood shed for sinners on the cross.

A curious custom in mediaeval churches for priests and choristers to join in a game of ball at Easter tide took its rise from the Easter egg, which was thrown from one to the other of the choristers in the nave of the church while an anthem was being sung. As a missed egg meant a smashed egg, the more durable handball was substituted.

But the smashing of eggs continued as a form of outdoor sport. Survivals are to be found among all Teutonic and Anglo-Saxon people. A popular game in England and Germany consists in hitting one egg against another, the egg that survives uncracked winning for its owner the weaker antagonist, until an entire basket of eggs may have changed ownership. Another game is to trundle eggs down a hill or slope, those which reach the bottom uncracked being similarly victorious over the others.

Factory and School in One.

One of the curiosities of current literature is the increasing number of monthly magazines published by big industrial concerns in this country and in Europe. The cost of production and the work of editing these little periodicals is borne by the firms, their sole purpose being to form what sociologists call "a point of contact" between the employer and employed. The text, which is often illustrated with good half-tones, concerns everything that relates to the social side of the employees' daily life as employees, and there are departments given over to "helpful hints" that answer inquiries of all sorts. The magazine issued by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company is printed in Italian and German, as well as in English. The Cadbury, the cocoa manufacturers of England, had a contest for amateur photographers recently, fine reproductions of the prize winning pictures being reproduced in the last number of the magazine. The contest was limited to the employees of the works, and the results were extremely good.—New York Press.

When Smith Died.

A little cross-firing was going on between the Texas and Arkansas lawmakers the other day, when Senator Cuberson said:
"Arkansas is a suburb of Texas, and there are some powerful good people there, but about the most shiftless family I ever heard of lived in that State."
"The family belonged to the numerous Smiths. Old Daddy Smith was very sick, and a neighbor called to see about his condition. He found no one at home except a daughter-in-law, who informed him that the rest of the family had gone to see their daddy buried. The neighbor was a religious man and inquired of the daughter-in-law if the old gentleman had made any preparations for eternity.
"No," replied the woman; 'nothin' more than to give the two least boys a hoss piece. He knew they'd never own one of they had to work for it.'"
—Washington Times.

Grain Corners and Joseph's Dream.

Sir William Willcock, an irrigation expert, explaining Joseph's famous forecast of the famine in Egypt by the theory that in some way, while in prison, got on to the fact that the King of Upper Egypt was bent on getting possession of Hajar, a fortified island at the head of the dike by which the reservoir of Lake Moeris was controlled. Lower Egypt was dependent upon the waters of Lake Moeris for irrigation, and it was easy to see that if the rival King at Thebes got Hajar crops would be had in Northern Egypt, which was then ruled by the invading Hyksos. Joseph's advice to the Hyksos King—based, perhaps, on inside information from Theban prisoners incarcerated with him—was to the effect that the immense feet being constructed by the Thebans might capture Hajar, in which case it would be possible to have accumulated supplies of grain to tide over the coming period of scarcity. The King saw the force of Joseph's businesslike suggestion and gave him charge of the entire enterprise of acquiring and warehousing the crops.

Joseph's predictions were verified by the event, according to Sir William. Hajar was taken by the Thebans, a protracted famine ensued and the King's corner in grain was a great success, as the people had to pay any price the Pharaoh demanded. But after a time the Hyksos King recaptured control of Lake Moeris, whereupon the land, which had long remained fallow, was again irrigated and produced enormous crops. Such is the explanation given by the British savant of Joseph's wonderful dream and promotion. It is not explained, however, how Joseph knew just how many years the famine would last. If the story is correct, the first corner in grain will have to be dated back some thousands of years.

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Costly Sets of Dickens.

At a cost of \$130,000 a set, ten sets of the works of Charles Dickens, in 120 volumes, are being printed by a local publishing house. When completed about eight years from now, they will be sent to J. Pierpont Morgan, the Duke of Westminster, and eight other men of wealth. The books will be printed on rare parchment, such as is said not to have been used for 400 years, and will be illuminated by French and Italian artists.—N. Y. Times.

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Mr. Beecher and the Medium.
While in England Henry Ward Beecher was entertained by a gentleman who believed in spiritualism and was himself a medium. One day he asked if Beecher would like to talk with the spirit of his father, Dr. Lyman Beecher. Mr. Beecher replied that it would please him immensely. After the seance was over he was asked how it had impressed him, at which, with the twinkle in his eye, Beecher responded: "All I have to say is that if I deteriorate as fast for the first ten years after I am dead as my father has, I shall be a star-naked fool!"

WOMEN BREAK DOWN.

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