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Her Claims to Patronage.

When Mrs. Lombard offered to recommend Miss Simpson to her friends as a dressmaker she was honest in her wish to help the little woman, but her efforts bore more evidence of honesty than of tact.

"I wish you would try Dora Simpson," she said earnestly to three of her friends who were calling upon her one day. "She's such a good little body and so unfortunate! Her old customers have dropped off one by one till there's scarcely a person in the neighborhood who employs her now."

"As I often say to my husband," continued Mrs. Lombard, with haste, as she saw signs of inquiry on the faces of her friends, "suppose she doesn't fit very well. That doesn't alter the fact that she has an invalid brother to support and that she tried everything else, from stenography to cooking, and only took up sewing as a last resort and still hates every stitch she takes and always has. Now, do try her, some of you. She's been with me for the last four days making a jacket for my Jim. Dora is just as patient about it as can be, though we've had it all to pieces three times."—Youth's Companion.

The First Man Dressmaker.

The first male celebrity who made his mark as a dressmaker was Rhombert, the son of a Bavarian peasant from the neighborhood of Munich. One day in the month of May, 1730, a beautiful equipage was seen driving about Paris with an escutcheon in the shape of a corset and an open pair of scissors in the middle painted on the panel of each door. That was Rhombert's coat of arms, and it told its own tale. He was a genius in his way and owed his success chiefly to his skill in disguising slight deformities and bringing out the most attractive charms of his fair customers. He rapidly made a fortune and left his heirs an annual income of 50,000 francs. Under the first empire and the restoration Leroy supplied the dresses of the ladies of the court and the higher nobility from his splendid mansion in the Rue Richelieu. An effusive encomium was written upon him by Anger, a member of the academy.

Fulminate of Mercury.

A peculiarity of fulminate of mercury is that it produces a shock to which all other substances are sensitive, and its supreme value as an explosive rests in this fact and in the known liability of all explosives to be detonated by more or less distant explosions. There is a current of sympathetic influence in these terrible chemical compositions that is as strange as it is dangerous. What is required to produce explosion is the rapid generation of great heat along with large quantities of oxygen. In gunpowder, for instance, the nitrate of potash (saltpeter), which is the chief ingredient, is practically imprisoned oxygen, and when it is decomposed along with charcoal an immense heat is developed, which causes the gases to expand suddenly; hence explosion.

They Needed the Money.

A freight steamer once came into Mariopol, a port on the sea of Azov, which had among its cargo 100 pieces of machinery numbered "M." from 1 to 100. When the pieces were unloaded it was found that No. 87 was missing, but two pieces numbered 88 showed that there had been an error, the final tally being correct. But the custom officials did not take this view of the matter, the port being in need of funds, so they fined the ship 500 rubles for being short of cargo as per manifest—namely, No. 87—and 1,000 rubles for smuggling, having two pieces numbered 88 when the manifest called for but one.—Caroline Lockhart in Lippincott's Magazine.

The Philosophy of Thunder.

Thunder is caused by the lightning spark eating the air in its path, causing an expansion and compression all around it, followed by a sudden rush of air into the partial vacuum thus produced. If the spark is straight and short the clap will be short and sharp; if its path be a long and crooked one a succession of sounds, one after the other, with a characteristic rattle, will be heard, followed by the echoes from other clouds. The echoes have a rolling and rumbling sound.

The Tendon Achilles.

Anatomists fancifully call the big tendon of the heel "tendon Achilles," after the Greek hero. The mythological story goes that his mother, Thetis, holding him by the heel, dipped him in the river Styx to make him invulnerable. Put Paris inflicted a wound that proved fatal on the heel that had not been immersed.

A Dangerous Practice.

A—Is dying the hair as dangerous as the doctors would make it appear? B.—Certainly! You take my word for it. Only last spring an uncle of mine dyed his hair, and in three weeks he was married to a widow with four children.—Fliegende Blätter.

Overdid It.

"So sorry not to have heard your lecture last night," said the loquacious lady. "I know I missed a treat. Everybody says it was good."
"How did they find out?" asked Mr. Frodoat. "The lecture, you know, was postponed."

Making Bread With Sea Water.

At one time sea water was used in some English seaside places when making bread. Even now villages along the coast line of France utilize it. Fresh rain or spring water is only used for the leaven, pure sea water being exclusively employed for the making and mixing of the dough. By this method no mineral or table salt requires to be added, the natural salt water giving the bread the necessary degree of salinity. But, though sea water does admirably for breadmaking, when applied to other culinary purposes the result is a disagreeable failure. The wheaten bread produced by it, however, is excellent and of great hygienic value. The chloride of magnesium, which imparts the acid taste to sea water, is decomposed in the heating and therefore does not convey its original disagreeable taste to the bread, while the common salt, of course, permanently retains all its characteristic saline properties. The mineral substances left in the baked bread are considered to be of the nature of very mild regulating medicines.—London Mail.

The Tailor Bird.

The brilliantly plumed birds of the tropical forests are exposed to many dangers, and if they were not gifted with peculiar yet useful instincts they would fall ready victims to their enemies. Chattering monkeys and big snakes steal and eat their eggs, while their offspring are preyed upon by foes on every side. But it takes a sly monkey or snake to get ahead of the tailor bird, a small East Indian singing bird. She hides her nest so skillfully that her enemies cannot find it, no matter how hard they try. This she does by using her long, slender bill as a needle. With the tough fiber of a parasitic plant abundant in the tropics, as a thread she sews a dead leaf taken from the end of a slender and hanging branch, and between these leaves she builds her nests, where neither monkey nor snake can approach, because the branch will not bear its weight.

A Miniature Island Ocean.

One of the queerest sheets of water in New England or within the limits of the United States, or the world for that matter, is the celebrated "Snow's ocean" in the state of Maine. When calm it is to all appearances an ordinary pond of no great dimensions, but observations and investigations made more than a century ago prove that the little body of water is a veritable ocean. It is located in Orrington, near Bangor, and its peculiarity is that, although situated among some high hills some distance from ocean or river, it has tides which rise and fall as regularly as do those of the great Atlantic. Many so-called scientific examinations of this miniature ocean's bed and surrounding banks have been made, but so far no tenable explanation of the phenomenon has ever been given to the public.

Labor in Old Times.

Twelve hours in winter and fourteen in summer was a fair average day's work, but in Lyons in 1571 the printers worked from 2 o'clock in the morning till 8 or 9 in the evening. In other trades the working hours were often from 4 in the morning till 9 at night or from 5 to 10. Workers in the same meter generally lived together in the same street, but the maitre artisan had his own maison. The ground floor was his shop or workshop; above was his bedroom, which was also the sitting and eating room; a small room adjoining accommodated his children, and above was a garret where various commodities were stored.—Brisson's "Work and Workers."

Capsicum.

The capsicum plant, from which the different varieties of pepper are produced, is indigenous to the tropical regions of Europe, Asia, Africa and America. It grows wild almost as well as under cultivation in all these countries, and in each is used by the natives as a seasoning for food. Its extensive employment has suggested to medical theorists the thought that it must be considered as a natural tonic for the stomach in tropical countries.

Mermaids.

All the world over there are legends about mermaids. The Chinese tell stories not unlike others about the sea woman of their southern seas. Mankind is taught on the most excellent evidence that a mermaid was captured at Bangor, on the shores of the Belfast lough, in the sixth century, while another caught at Edam in 1403 was carried to Haarlem and kept there for many years.

Wanted All That Was in It.

Father (whose wife has presented him with twins)—Tommy, you may stay home from school today and tomorrow tell the teacher that you have two new brothers. Tommy—Wouldn't it be better to say that I have only one new brother? Then I can stay home a day next week for the other one.—Fliegende Blätter.

The pursuit of health, like the morphia habit or drunkenness, grows on people till it really becomes a vice. Continuous thought and anxiety about one's health is extremely bad for the constitution and undermines it quicker than port wine.—London Queen.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE Y. P. S. C. E. UNION OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

Will be Held in the First Presbyterian Church at Punxsutawney Tuesday and Wednesday, June 19th and 20th, 1906.

Following Program has been Arranged.

Tuesday Afternoon.

- 2:00. Devotional Exercises.
- 2:30. Address—"The Real Object of the C. E. Society"..... REV. J. V. BELL, DuBois
- 2:40. Address—"The Real Object of the C. E. Convention"..... REV. W. P. SIKES, Ridgway
- 2:50. Paper—"Twenty-five Years of C. E. Work"..... MISS MARGARET BUTLER, Reynoldsville
- 3:05. Address—"Points that must especially be emphasized in C. E. Work to insure progress in next twenty-five years"..... REV. J. H. COOPER, Johnsonburg
- 3:20. Two minute report from each society as to its present condition and the work accomplished last year.
- 3:40. Question Period. State the difficulties you meet in your work and you may get helpful suggestions in solving them. REV. R. G. BANNEN, D. D., the State President, will have charge of the hour.
- 4:00. Address by REV. JAMES WATTE, of Chining-Chow, China, who is visiting his former home at Reynoldsville on his first furlough.

Tuesday Evening.

- 7:45. Praise Service.
- 8:15. Address by State President R. G. BANNEN, D. D., on subject—"What Christian Endeavor stands for."
- 9:00. Social and acquaintance hour.

Wednesday Morning.

- 8:45. Devotional.
- 9:00. A Bible reading on 12th chapter of Romans..... REV. F. P. BRITT, D. D., Corsica
- 9:30. THE OFFICERS—
 - (1) "The Characteristics of a Good President"..... MISS ADDA HENNING, Punxsutawney
 - (2) "How the President can Promote the Interests of the Society"..... MISS MARIE AMES, Ridgway
 - (3) "How the Treasurer and Secretaries can Promote the Interests of the Society"..... REV. J. M. VAN HORN, Sugar Hill
- 10:00. THE COMMITTEES—
 - (1) "How many should each Society have? And what principles should guide in the selection of them?"..... REV. G. B. EVANS, Big Run
 - (2) "How can we get the best Service out of the Committees?"..... CHARLES CORBETT, Falls Creek
 - (3) How can the Committees and the Pastor be Mutually Helpful?..... F. E. LOVE, DuBois
- 10:30. THE LEADER—
 - (1) "What preparation should the Leader make for prayer service?"..... REV. S. T. HINES, Punxsutawney
 - (2) "How can the Leader get all the Members to take part in the service?"..... MRS. J. B. STEWART, Brookville
 - (3) "Should the Leader always take the regular Topic?"..... PROF. J. F. COSRAD, Lindsey
- 11:00. Reports of Treasurer and Secretary.
- 11:30. Any other business. General discussion.

Wednesday Afternoon.

- 1:30. Devotional.
- 1:45. A Bible Reading on the 15th Psalm..... REV. G. H. HILL, Rockdale Mills
- 2:15. THE ENDEAVORER—
 - (1) In his Home..... MISS ELIZABETH BAUMANN, Reynoldsville
 - (2) In his Business Place..... REV. SAMUEL DAVIS, Winslow
 - (3) In his Community..... REV. W. HESSE, D. D., Brookville
 - (4) In his Church..... REV. R. MORRISON, Penfield
 - (5) In his "Quiet Hour"..... MRS. R. L. IRVING, Punxsutawney
- 3:05. Address—"Our Indebtedness to the Past"..... REV. C. A. CLARK, Punxsutawney
- 3:25. Address—"Our Obligations to the Future"..... REV. J. S. BLANEY, Wilcox
- 3:45. Address—"The Memorial Fund"..... REV. R. L. IRVING, Punxsutawney
- 4:00. Report of Executive Committee.

Wednesday Evening.

- 7:45. Praise Service.
- 8:15. Address—"The New Crusade"..... REV. D. C. MACLEOD, D. D., Washington, D. C.

Postmaster Robbed.

G. W. Fouts, Postmaster at Riverton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter which says: "For 20 years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters; which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sure cure for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements. A wonderful Tonic. At Stoke & Feicht Drug Co.'s store, Reynoldsville and Sykesville. 50 cents.

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White Goods.

Indications are that this will be the greatest season yet for white goods. Why not select what you want now from our large stock. All styles, all prices. Bing-Stoke Co.

Woman's Brain.

Because woman has a smaller brain mass than man it does not by any means follow that she has an inferior or smaller intellect. I smile the quiet Socratic smile when I hear men declare that women have not equal intelligence with men. It is a position that no man can seriously maintain.—Dr. Emil Reich.

The Clever Girl.

Daughter—"I don't want to marry just yet. I'd rather stay at school." Mother—"You must remember, dear, men do not wish clever wives. Daughter—"But all men are not like papa."

Taming a Rat.

A trapped rat may easily be tamed by allowing no water but that offered in a spoon, for the creature soon learns to recognize the hand which supplies this all important necessity.

Pinched It.

"I hear that old Skinfint has got religion."
"Has he? He must have run across a chance to cheat somebody else out of it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Crowds Going to the Circus.

Intense interest has been aroused in this community by the announcement that Ringling Brothers' immense circus is to exhibit in DuBois Monday, June 4. Several big excursions will go from this vicinity and local people will be well represented at the big show. Those who go from here should make every effort to arrive in time to see the magnificent new free street parade, which is given in the morning preceding the opening performance. Three miles of parade glories are divided into thirty sections and each section is a show in itself—a parade such as the world has never seen before. In this wonderful display are shown 100 beautiful dens, lairs and cages of rare wild animals, a herd of forty big and little elephants, 650 horses, and 1250 people. One section of the procession is devoted to magnificent and costly floats, representing Germany, Russia, England, France, India, Persia, Scotland, the United States, and other countries. The performance that follows, and which includes the superb spectacular production of The Field of the Cloth of Gold, is the most magnificent display of arenic wonders ever presented by any amusement enterprise in America. The menagerie is filled to overflowing with rare beasts and birds, including the only baby elephant bred and successfully raised in the United States, the only rhinoceros in captivity and the last living pair of giraffes.

Tokio Toe.

Ladies' and men's shoes; patent leather, gun metal, calf and viciskid in the new Tokio toe. \$2.00 to \$3.50. Bing-Stoke Co.

Contractor and Builder.

H. A. Swab, contractor and builder of Reynoldsville, will give estimates on short notice. He sells sea green and black slate for roofing.

Suits.

For men, boys' and children in the newest cuts and fabrics at our always saving price. Bing-Stoke Co.

"For Rent" and "For Sale" cards can be secured at THE STAR office.

Official--Reynoldsville.

(No. 107.)

AN ORDINANCE providing for the grading, curbing and paving of that part of Jackson street in said borough which lies between the West side of Fifth street where the said Fifth street crosses said Jackson street on the West and the West side of Seventh street where said Seventh street crosses said Jackson street on the East abutting on the present paved street.

WHEREAS, a large number of persons owning real property abutting upon that part of Jackson street in the borough of Reynoldsville which lies between the West side of Fifth street where the said Fifth street crosses said Jackson street on the West and the West side of Seventh street where said Seventh street crosses said Jackson street on the East, which is now laid out and opened in said borough, have presented to the town council of the said borough a petition of two-thirds of the owners of property, representing not less than two-thirds in number of feet of the properties fronting or abutting on that part of Jackson street aforesaid proposed to be graded, paved, curbed, etc., requesting that the borough by an ordinance require that part of said Jackson street as above designated to be graded, curbed and paved with brick or other suitable material, and that the council assess and collect in the manner required by law, two-thirds of the costs and expenses of the said grading, curbing, paving, etc., from the owners of the real estate bounding or abutting thereon, by an equal assessment on the feet front, bounding or abutting as aforesaid, which said petition has been verified by the affidavit of two of the petitioners.

Now, therefore, be it ordained and enacted by the town council of the borough of Reynoldsville, Pa., and it is hereby ordained and enacted by authority of the same:

Sec. 1. That the above mentioned proposition of property owners be and the same is hereby accepted.

Sec. 2. That that part of Jackson street which is designated above shall, during the present year, be graded, curbed and paved with paying brick in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by John C. Hirst, Esq., approved by the town council, are hereto attached and made a part of this ordinance; that two-thirds of the costs and expenses of the said grading, curbing and paving are to be collected from the owners of the real estate bounding or abutting thereon, by an equal assessment on the feet front bounding or abutting as aforesaid, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relating thereto and regulating the same, and the remainder of such costs shall be borne by the borough of Reynoldsville. J. Van Reed is hereby designated by the council of the said borough, to be in charge of said work, representing the borough as to the faithful performance of the contract on the part of the contractor, grading, curbing and paving said part of Jackson street, with power on behalf of the borough to employ a competent engineer, when, in the judgment of the said J. Van Reed one is necessary in the matter of the said grading, curbing and paving. Said J. Van Reed is also designated by the council to estimate said equal assessment.

Sec. 3. The President and Secretary of Council are hereby directed to advertise in one or more newspapers published in the borough of Reynoldsville, and by hand bills, for bids or proposals for the grading, curbing and paving of said part of Jackson street in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, and the plans and specifications hereto attached. All bids to be for the completed work, including all materials, and to be accompanied with samples of the brick proposed to be used by the bidder. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sec. 4. The bids to be made shall be for completed work by the square yard, measurements to be from the inside of both curbs. Said bids shall be sealed and be filed with the President of council not later than 8:00 o'clock p. m. on the 16th day of July A. D. 1906.

Sec. 5. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract in writing to perform the said work and furnish the materials therefor, in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance, and the plans and specifications hereto attached. The said contract shall provide for the commencement of the work on or before the 15th day of October, A. D. 1906. The successful bidder will also be required to file with Secretary of Council, within forty-eight hours after the acceptance of his bid, the bond of a reliable Trust Company to be approved by the council, in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned: (1) for the faithful performance of the work within the time above mentioned and in accordance with the plans and specifications, and (2) for the payment to the borough of Reynoldsville of any and all sums which may be recovered against it by reason or on account of any carelessness or negligence on the part of said contractor or any of his agents, servants or employees, together with all fees, costs and expenses incurred by said borough in defense of any and all suits or actions brought against it on account or by reason of such carelessness or negligence.

Sec. 6. The successful bidder will also be required to furnish, within five days from date of the acceptance of his bid, a written agreement on part of the manufacturer of the brick to be used in said paving to be equal in all respects to the samples submitted to the council and warranting that said brick will, if laid in accordance with

the plans and specifications, withstand all the ordinary and usual exigencies of travel upon said street for a period of five years from date of the completion of the work. The said agreement shall also contain a stipulation to the effect that said manufacturer will replace, at any time during said period of five years, upon notice by the council, all brick which shall not withstand the ordinary and usual travel on said street or which may disintegrate or break up on account of heat, cold, moisture or defective or improper material in or work upon the brick themselves.

Sec. 7. If the successful bidder shall fail, neglect or refuse to sign the contract, file the bond and agreement mentioned in sections 5 and 6 in this ordinance, his bid shall be rejected and the council shall be at liberty to either advertise for new bids or accept a bid on file made by the person who shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance, which the council may consider most advantageous to the borough.

Sec. 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed and enacted finally by the council at a regular meeting held at the council chamber, on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1906, at 11:30 o'clock p. m.

J. B. NEALE
Pres. of Council.
L. J. MCENTIRE,
Clerk of Council.
May 21st A. D. 1906, the foregoing ordinance is submitted to me, read and approved.
L. L. GOURLEY,
Chief Burgess.



It Costs More to Prepare the Surface

than to do the repainting itself, if the original paint was not Pure White Lead and Pure Linseed Oil. This is the only paint which is elastic enough and tough enough, in spite of climatic changes, to wear smoothly and evenly right down to the surface, leaving it free and uniform, all ready for the painter to begin his work when repainting is finally necessary.

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