

SELECTIONS

SEEING BLINDFOLDED.

A Woman's Strange Faculty of Reading Closed Books.

A curious case of clairvoyance is related by J. F. Hough in the Occult Review. It is that of his sister, who accidentally discovered her powers of second sight and for whom remarkable psychic gifts are claimed when under the mesmeric influence of her brother.

"If when she is blindfolded," he says, "I put a book upon her lap and, placing my hands on her shoulder, suggest silently that she should read it, she will read it as easily as an ordinary person could read with his normal sight. In this state her elocution is better than it is in her normal state. There is no question of telepathy in this case, because neither I nor any one else in the room knows what she is going to read. It is the same if I give her a new book that nobody in the house has read."

"She actually sees the print. It appears to her in letters some two or three inches long. This experiment has been tried successfully with wads of cotton wool in the subject's eyes under the bandage, with opaque paper pasted over the eyes under the bandage and with a penny held in each eye by the bandage."

"It was quite by accident that twelve months ago I found I was possessed of powers not given to an ordinary person," she laughingly said to the Liverpool correspondent of the Daily Mail. "In the course of a social party we were having a game of thought reading. My brother, who alone has mesmeric influence over me, was close to me, and suddenly while blindfolded I commenced to read from the book on my lap."

Our Liverpool correspondent placed Miss Hough through several tests during the interview. When she was tightly blindfolded she took a diary from her pocket and, opening it, placed it upon her knee. Resting the tips of his fingers on her shoulder, her brother quietly asked her to read from the diary. Rapidly and without the slightest hesitation she read a whole page of printed technical matter not to be found in an ordinary diary.

Writing she also read in the same manner, but she stumbled over short-hand characters in the diary.—London Mail.

Not an Old Year in Politics.

Those who are calling 1906 an old year in politics forget that it will not only elect 316 members of the popular branch of congress and legislatures which will choose more than a dozen United States senators, but that it will elect more than two dozen governors. In most of the twenty-eight states which choose governors this year other state officers and members of the legislature will be elected, while in some states which do not choose governors there will be, as in Missouri, canvasses for minor state officers. Most of the important states choose governors or minor officers, or both, in 1906, and as they accompany a congressional canvass a great deal of interest will naturally be aroused in them, and a large vote is certain to be polled.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Verona's Old Roman Theater.

Verona, in Italy, is now completing the excavation of its Roman theater, a work which was begun in 1834. It is built in a semicircle. It dates from the time of Augustus Caesar and was lavishly decorated with marbles from Greece, Africa and Asia. The theater was formed of huge steps of granite, above which were rows of private boxes, one of which stands in its original position in excellent preservation and with the name of the owner carved on it. Above the tiers of private boxes rose the places where the plebeians were seated and from where they looked down on to the stage or away to the water fountains on the river.

Gains From Guns.

The yearly income of Bertha Krupp, who inherited the famous iron works at Essen, Germany, is steadily increasing, it having amounted in 1905 to about \$5,000,000. Miss Krupp manages her great properties with remarkable ability. Her business is expanding, and the number of those dependent on her for employment and subsistence is now fully 300,000. To protect the works she has a small army of 900 men, armed and under strict military discipline. She also has police and a secret service.—Chicago Journal.

A Novel Fire Alarm.

The firing of maroons or small shells which explode with a loud noise to call the fire brigade in case of fire has caused complaint in Hounslow, England. During a recent call the exploding maroons, it is alleged, caused the death of an infant and the serious illness of a woman from fright. The authorities, however, have decided that the quick summoning of the fire brigade is of more importance than the complaints of the nervous, and the use of maroons is to be continued. Explosive shells are a novel fire alarm.

Two Earthquake Orders.

The inclination of the San Francisco papers of the day, each to go their competitors one better, is well demonstrated by orders issued by the Call and Chronicle respectively. French of the Chronicle on the Wednesday evening after the earthquake, "The Chronicle will meet at the Chronicle tomorrow at 7, if there is any Chronicle." "Call men will meet tomorrow at the Paramount at 1, if there is any tomorrow."—San Francisco Argonaut.

CHOICE MISCELLANY

A Monster Thermometer.

There are thermometers and thermometers, but the largest one in the world attracted hundreds of people to Jaynes & Co.'s store at the corner of Summer and South streets. It is not wholly a show thermometer, however, for it works perfectly and marks the variations in temperature just about as accurately as one of the pretty all glass indicators. From top to bottom this gigantic thermometer measures twenty feet. The mercury tube is a little more than sixteen feet in length and one and one-fourth inches in diameter. Ten tubes were broken by the makers, a Rochester (N. Y.) concern, before they succeeded in producing this one, and the task involved great difficulties. It was packed with care, and every precaution to guard against breakage was taken when it was unpacked and set up. When it was finally in place on the building the men in charge breathed a sigh of relief. The graduated scale over which the tube is conducted is the work of some of the experts sent here from Rochester, the home of thermometers of all classes.

The manufacturers of the big thermometer say they know of no other anywhere that approaches it in size with the single exception of one at the World building, New York, and that is much smaller—in fact, is only about half the size of the Summer street temperature recorder.—Boston Transcript.

England For \$125.

There is only one unforgettable vacation, a trip to England, through England and home again. Nine weeks of travel can be had for \$125, and this easy price includes the full expenses of both ocean voyages. Bicycle clothes and flannel shirts make up one proper costume. The ordinary sack suit, with long trousers, is equally serviceable. The luggage for walking will be carried in a cloth covered India rubber knapsack. This is light, portable and rain proof. If the traveler makes his way by bicycle he should nearly limit his luggage to the dimensions of a diamond frame case. The slight overflow will be made into a thin bundle strapped to the handle bars or to the frame behind the saddle. A "stripped" wheel is essential, guard and bell and brake being of the lightest. The ocean trip is made in the second cabin of one of the lines plying between New York and Glasgow. The cost is \$50 single and \$90 for the round trip. The food is not poor, and there is abundance of deck room. The time from dock to dock is ten and one-half days, so the total time on water is twenty-one days and on land six weeks.—Country Life in America.

Sad Reunion of Veterans.

The survivors of the Ninetieth Pennsylvania volunteer regiment faced the inevitable at their reunion held in Philadelphia. This regiment was nearly annihilated in the civil war. It participated in the battle of Gettysburg and fought at Mine Run, after which engagement the few members left were transferred to another regiment. There are now less than eighty of the old Ninetieth living, most of them so enfeebled that they cannot leave their homes, and they resolved not to attempt another meeting. "Boys," said Colonel Davis, their leader, "we are getting too old, and those of us that are able to get around are so scattered that we cannot get together any more. This is our last banquet. We have got to bid one another goodbye." No one will be surprised that many tears were shed at this point.—Leslie's Weekly.

The Point of Resemblance.

At the Grant family dinner recently held in New York Major General Frederick D. Grant made a little fun at his own expense. He was to speak at a large dinner in town, and the toastmaster in introducing him touched gracefully on his illustrious father and said that he closely resembled him. This had an excellent effect on the people present, and they gave Major General Grant their best attention.

"But," said he, "although I spoke as well as I could, I felt that every one was disappointed in me, and I sat down with relief that it was over."

"The toastmaster rose and smiled at me. Then, still smiling, he addressed the guests:

"Didn't I tell you he was just like his father? He can't speak worth a cent."

Nothing Doing.

The inhabitants of San Francisco have a taste for excitement. A correspondent writing from there relates this incident in point: "I happened upon one of the victims of the fire sitting near the site of his old home, his hat pulled over his eyes, leaning and looking down over the miles of ghastly ruin where in spots the fires still smoldered. The horror was hardly more than a week old. Yet presently this man fetched a deep yawn, stretching his arms abroad. 'Gee whiz!' he complained. 'I wish something would happen. This is getting tedious!'"

Traveling Volcanic Dust.

The volcanic dust thrown up by Vesuvius has been traced in nearly all the countries of Europe. The latest report comes from Holstein, where Professor Lienu during a high wind from the south on April 14 and 15 collected from his own veranda undoubted specimens of yellowish volcanic ash. Microscopic examination revealed the presence of leucite, aegite and magnetite iron. The presence of leucite and the complete absence of quartz, which lies spread over the whole of northern Germany, excludes all doubt as to the origin of the dust.

WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

"Now that there seems to be a disposition to get rid of the old and unsightly structures in this city," remarked a gentleman interested in the matter, "I will invite attention of owners who are desirous of improvement to one class of structures and of the District officials who may have this matter in charge, though I do not know whether there is a law which will govern in this specific instance."

"I refer to the wooden sheds which are built upon the rear portion of city lots and which usually abut the alleys. These sheds and outhouses, of which there are thousands in this city, are not seen, as a rule, except from our back windows. In many instances they are neglected, are dilapidated and sadly in need of repair. They are usually filled with rubbish, oftentimes the accumulation of years. It is unquestionable that a great many are unsanitary and are a menace to the health of the neighborhood."

Relic of Ancient Race.

A big footprint, relic of an ancient American race, has been received at the National museum. The specimen is a concrete cast of the first footprint yet encountered of the most highly civilized lost people once living within the present boundaries of the United States.

The cities of this people occupied southern Arizona. The foot making the imprint was apparently bare and much larger than the feet of any of the known Indian tribes or races of the country.

The specimen came from Casa Grande, on the line of the Southern Pacific, south of the Gila river, Indian reservation. At Casa Grande (Big House) remain the only well preserved ruins of this extinct civilization, different from anything else in the country and quite unrelated to the cliff dwellings and other architectural relics of northern Arizona.

Uncle Sam's Paper Bill.

One of the largest items of expense connected with the government printing office is that for paper, nearly \$1,000,000 being spent for the 10,000 tons used annually. It requires approximately 700 railroad cars to deliver this material, which is composed of nearly 100 different kinds of printing and other papers. Nearly \$40,000 a year is realized from the sale of the waste paper, consisting principally of sheets spoiled in the varied processes of manufacture. The big printery is well equipped with mechanical testers. In addition to the experts employed in the paper warehouse. The government purchases printing paper at a very reasonable figure, it is said, owing to the large quantities taken from one mill.

Useless Public Documents.

It is understood that the surplus volumes of government publications stored at the capitol and in numerous car barns and other warehouses will be given an overhauling this summer, and those of value distributed through the superintendent of public documents. There are 500 carloads of these volumes, it is said, the majority of which are out of date official reports and documents.

President Plays Tennis.

For the last month the president has played tennis almost daily, usually preferring this form of exercise in fine weather to walking or riding in the country, as he frequently does on rainy days.

The president's companions on the tennis court are usually Gifford Pinchot, the government forester; Lawrence O. Murray, assistant secretary of commerce and labor; James R. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, and sometimes the French ambassador or Herbert Knox Smith, deputy commissioner of corporations. The president always plays doubles at tennis.

Plans For Next Year.

President Roosevelt is adding to the engagements for his western tour in June of next year. Some time ago he accepted invitations to speak at the commencement exercises of colleges in Missouri, Iowa and Michigan. He has now added the State Normal College of Indiana at Terra Haute to his list, and the chances are strong that his tour will be a fairly extensive one before he gets through.

There is a prospect that the trip may become one of great significance to the country. It will fall a year before the presidential election year and before the nomination by both the great parties for the head of the ticket. There is little doubt that the president will avail himself of many opportunities that will be offered to express his opinions on the principal questions of the day and the future.

Old Japanese Armor.

Mr. Aoki, the new Japanese ambassador, called on the president a few days ago and presented to him a beautiful gift from the emperor of Japan, a piece of steel armor elaborately embellished. It will be placed in the White House because of its historic value. It formally belonged to a feudal lord named Odasawara, who was prominently identified with Japanese history 300 years ago.

Baranoff's Cuirass.

The large assortment of curios and relics in the possession of the anthropological department of the National museum has been augmented by the receipt from Sitka, Alaska, of the ancient steel cuirass of woven links which was worn by Alexander Baranoff for twenty-seven years. Baranoff was the first Russian governor of Alaska. George Kostronietinoff, who sent the relic to the museum, heard of its existence through an Indian legend that Baranoff wore such a cuirass and that he was immune from harm in battle when he wore it. He obtained it from an Indian chief in Alaska and, thinking it might be of interest to the National museum, forwarded it.

The SPORTING WORLD

The Thomas Racing Stable.

E. R. Thomas, the eastern millionaire automobilist and turfman, has a strong racing stable this year, and his entries are likely to capture several of the important stake events. The bad health of Hermis, the stake winner of seasons past, cripples the



E. R. THOMAS, MILLIONAIRE TURFMAN.

Thomas string somewhat, as the game racer is entered in all the important features.

In addition to racing horses "on the flat" Mr. Thomas is showing active interest in steepchasing and owns two or three veteran weight carriers that should do well "over the jumps."

Illinois Trotting Association.

Articles of incorporation have been drawn up of a company to be known as the Illinois Trotting association, with a capital stock of \$50,000 and with 5,000 shares at \$10 per share. The officers and incorporators are: J. A. Kincaid, president; M. L. Potts, vice president, and C. M. Williams, secretary. It is the purpose of the company to lay out a half mile track to be located on the grounds of the Illinois State Zoo and Amusement company, on North Eighth street, Springfield, Ill. It is the intention to build a steel grand stand on the grounds with a seating capacity of 6,000 and barns for 240 horses. Quarters for permanent trainers will also be installed, and the equipments will be up to the standard of all modern race courses. It is the intention of the company to offer good, clean races to the public and to give the best facilities possible. Among other things, a street car line will be built direct to the park.

The American League Race.

The race in the American league already is of the hair raising kind. Any fan so purblind that he can't recognize the thrilling interest in almost daily changes of standing among the leading teams of a well balanced organization like Ban Johnson's ought to be doomed to sit backward in the quarter stand through every game he goes to see, with a fat man on each side of him and a small boy kicking holes in his spine.

It's hard for any team in the Johnson ranks to get to the top and harder still to stay there. All the outfits are going a rapid pace except the Bostons, who either are not in their stride or have encountered exceptionally hard luck, perhaps both. Boston has lost a good many closely contested games and will have to work furiously to make a satisfactory showing, particularly when the westerners play in the east.

Attell and Herman.

If Abe Attell meets Kid Herman, as suggested, the alleged holder of the American featherweight title will probably get a genuine whipping. Herman is as clever as Attell and can hit harder in addition to having the weight. Em Attell doubtless will change his mind. He does that about three times a week.

Rube Waddell.

Rube Waddell has entirely recovered the use of his left arm, which was injured so badly last season that he was of no service to the Philadelphia Athletics toward the close of the season. His work this year has been excellent, and Connie Mack expects another great year for the southpaw.

Released by National League.

The following releases have been announced by President Pulliam; John Vowinkle, by Cincinnati at Utica, N. Y.; C. H. Munson, by Philadelphia to Jersey City; Frank R. Oberlin, by Pittsburg to Milwaukee; J. J. Jokers, by St. Louis to Springfield, Ill.

Says Passes Are Form of Graft.

Mayor George W. Guthrie of Pittsburg broke all records when he refused a season pass to Pittsburg games and declined to attend the opening game in that city. The mayor considers baseball passes a form of graft, which he bitterly opposes.

Sam Crane Opines.

Sam Crane, the New York baseball critic, rises to remark that Manager Hanson has been known to mold pennant winners out of less promising material than the Cincinnati Reds. But will the Reds make good their promise?

Get National League Contracts.

President Pulliam has promulgated the contracts of Ambrose Patnam, R. E. James and O. H. Staanga with St. Louis and Edward Karger with Pittsburg.

Her Little Hint.

The full moon flooded the porch with shafts of steel blue rays. It was late, but he showed no signs of departing. "It has been said," he remarked dreamily, "that the moon is dead." "Is that any reason," she inquired, with a yawn, "why we should sit up with the corpse?"—Judge.

Love's Labor Lost.

Fred—George put in three whole months worrying over which of two girls he would choose for his wife. Joe—Well, what was the result? Fred—When he finally got ready to propose he discovered that neither of them would have him.—Chicago News.

A little oil rubbed on the stub end of a pen will prevent it rusting in the handle.

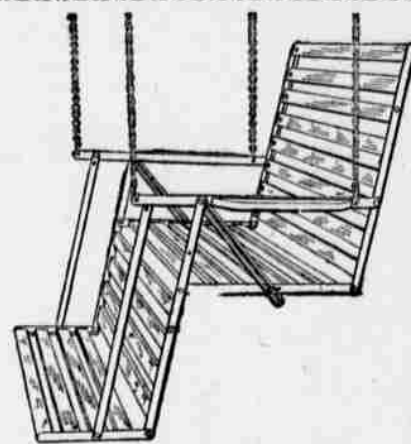
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A REASON

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