

the city for Hongkong, where they plan to investigate the alleged ghosts of Sung Huang hill, in Kowloon, the place where the last emperor of the Sung dynasty is said to have hidden himself from his pursuing enemies.

The three nonbelievers are H. Richmond Curley, J. B. Borman, and Alexander V. McDonough. They claim that their curiosity has been aroused by the persistent reports from Hong kong of the strange carryings-on of the "ghosts of Sung Huang hill."

"Ghosts don't exist and we propose to prove it to the satisfaction of all persons in Hongkong and Kowloon who think otherwise," Curley, spokesman for the trio, declared.

Stories Accepted.

Chinese residents of Shanghai who formerly lived in Kowloon take much stock in the ghost stories of Sung Huang hill. In all seriousness they will tell of strange moans and groans in the dead of night; of wild cries of tortured men and women, and of white robed forms flitting mysterious-

 Iy about the place.
 followed them blindly. A bewildered servant was with her. The servant relates that his mistress followed the

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following story of the haunted hill, which, he says, he personally witnessed In 1924 three children disappeared looked. while playing in the vicinity of the

place. A group of Chinese determined gone. to investigate. Their leader was a water. powerfully built, fearless Cantonese named Lo Hai-ching.

Lo Disappeared. Lo led the party to within 35 feet of the place. He was about 10 feet in advance of the others when there came a piercing scream from the rear. All heads turned. They could see no one. Turning back, to their consternation they could find no trace of

Lo. He had disappeared completely. The party fled in all directions. Two days later Lo's headless body was found in the bay. The mystery never has been solved.

The latest story from the haunted hill has it that a prominent Chinese woman was lured to the hill by a young man and an old man. A charm seemed to have enveloped her and she

where the men disappeared. The woman then exclaimed to her servant that there was something strange behind them. The servant There was nothing. He turned back and his mistress was Her body was found in the

BIRTHDAYS By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK Dean of Men, University of

Illinois. • H OW old is Mrs. Brown?" some

one asked me a short time ago. We have known the Browns a long -40 years or more-and Mrs. Brown was middle-aged then. I had to answer that I didn't know. Age and birthdays are subjects which Mrs. Brown does not refer to. Even her children are uncertain as to just when she was born. She is eighty-five if she is a day. She is ninety very likely, but she doesn't look it and she is giving nothing away. She quit having birthdays forty or fifty years ago. There are no milestones of progress in her journey of life. She goes right along without regard to time or dis-tance. If anyone should be rude enough to ask her how old she is, 1 am sure she would evade the question or ignore it. It is her own business

and she doesn't care to have people know about it. Now Mrs. Groves takes quite an-

***** Dad Claims Boy, 5, Is

Youngest Auto Driver Columbus, Ind .- Donald Ford, five, son of Mr .and Mrs. Walter Ford, is one of the youngest auto drivers in Indiana, his father claims. Before he reached his fifth birthday last February the boy was able to start the engine of his father's car, but lacked length to manipulate the clutch and brake pedals.

will fit the tiny driver, and now knows his stop-and-go signs, his father says.

ferring to some occurrence of her childhood. "I must have been five or six years old then—five I guess it was." Then she goes on with her story leaving one to make the easy mathematical calculation which determines her present age. She dotes upon birthdays and

never lets her friends forget when hers is approaching so that there may be cakes and candles and remembrances of various sorts. She invites in her friends and sits in state while receiving congratulations on her health and her youthful appearance and the fact that she does not look anything near her age. She recounts all that has happened to her during the past year. A birthday to her means progress-progress in making friends, in experience, in mental development. It brings her nearer to the end of life which to her is an adventure full of interest and possibili-

ties. Little Jean is to have a birthday soon, she was telling me today. "Do you know how old I'll be?" she

asked. "Four," I ventured. "Five," she corrected me proudly. "Do you know how many days it is

still?" she inquired eagerly. I could only guess. "Do you know what day of the week

it is?" she went on. I ventured to suggest Friday and luckily was corect. She was eager for the time to come

when she could announce that she was a year older than she had ever been before. She was going to school the next year. Birthdays for little

Jean meant new experiences, new friends, new adventures. There was the mystery of gifts which she was sure she would receive. There was the eagerness for independence, for greater freedom, for growth, for added esponsibility. It was a great thing

to have a birthday. Hope and ambiion welled in her little heart. Would that each birthday brought to each of us the same enthusiasm.

he same ambition ! (C), 1928. Western Newspaper Union.)



Happiness m a y resemble either a mountain or a molehill. It depends on

Icebergs are broken off pieces of great glaciers in the Far North and are sometimes carried far to the south where they cross regular steamship routes Occasionally an arctic animal conveyed from native haunts, is found upon them. Athough only one-ninth floats above water some have been seen with as much as 300 feet showing. (C). 1928. Western Newspaper Union.)

PLAYTHING OF FATE



Miss Isobel Stone.

From the Pennsylvania state executive mansion to a sunken barge, is the sad story of the Misses Isobel and Peggy Stone, daughters of the late Gov. William M. A. Stone of Pennsylania. From a fortune of millions, from art and opera and sculpture, from the best drawing rooms in the nation, to a dingy derelict barge anchored in the muddy waters of Sherman creek, near 41 Dyckman street. New York. When Governor Stone died, it was said he left'a large estate. When settlement of the estate was made, the girls were given only \$3,000. They are still fighting for the mys-teriously vanished millions, but they have little hope. Isobel appeared in several Broadway productions before her present poverty was known to herself. Now that she needs a job, it is not forthcoming. However, she manages to support herself and sister,

Orleans from construction of a canal

linking the Mississippi river with

Lake Pontchartrain. Giving much of

his personal fortune and lending his

slaves for the work, Baron Caron-

delet was the dynamic force behind

the movement for the canal, although

a yellow fever scourge prevented the

consummation of his plan. Canal

thoroughfares of the world,

street, now ranked as one of the fa-

marks the site of the nobleman's un-

"Fishes" for Thief and Catches Him New York .- Mrs. Harriet J. Briggs recently "fished" for the thief who had stolen a letter containing a money order for \$100 from under her door and, WELL-BRED HENS

PROVE CHEAPEST

Hens with good breeding often produce two dollars worth of eggs in a year more than hens with poor breeding, aside from their increased value as breeders, according to experiments on the Cornell poultry farm at the college of agriculture at Ithaca, N. Y. This means that if a poultryman can get low-bred chicks for nothing he could afford to pay one dollar a chick for high-line birds, and still make \$1 more a year on each bird than from the low-line birds.

Poultrymen at Cornell point to these facts as evidence that a baby chick costing ten cents may be dear, while a chick costing fifty cents may be a good investment, if the higher priced chick comes from consistent high-producing stock. Trap nesting, pedigree hatching, and progeny testing must be used to obtain consistent high rec-

ords. The records of the hens range from 175 to 302 eggs. Seventy-five per cent

Paterson, N. J .- Three young banof the pedigreed flock laid more than dits who raided the Club Plantation, 200 eggs in one year. The males are from hens with pedigrees of 225 eggs a roadhouse near here recently, terrorizing half a dozen patrons and to 302 eggs. One pen of 35 pullets on beating Lawrence Lazzio, the propri- the experiment farm averaged 86 eggs etor, caught a Tartar in the person of a bird during the four winter months Mrs. Lazzio. As a result the three to March 1, or about 22 eggs a bird and the wife of one of them are in a month. These eggs were produced during the season of high prices,

jail After one of the men had knocked which is not true of birds that do her husband unconscious with a re- not have good breeding, the departvolver butt Mrs. Lazzlo kicked the ment says. The number of birds that pistol from his hand, grabbed it from have laid 200 eggs has increased from the floor, and sent a bullet crashing 38 in 1921 to 179 in 1927. into his leg.

The other two men fled, speeding Cheap but Ideal Floor away in an automobile. Mrs. Lazzio

jumped into her own roadster and Favored for Henhouse pursued them into Paterson. She A cheap but ideal floor can be put trailed them to the Spruce hotel, and in a chicken house by filling in about called a policeman as they entered the eight inches of cinders, gravel, or lobby. crushed rock and covering it with

The patrolman arrested the pair and about two inches of rich cement. The chained them together. As he turned porous material under the cement will away to telephone for a patrol wagon break up the soil capillarity and tend they broke their bonds, knocked him to keep the floor dry. The filling to the floor and ran from the hotel. should be tamped until it forms a Robinson dashed after them, firing solid base for the concrete. as he ran. He recaptured one of the Hollow tile forms a more satisfacmen after a seven-block chase, and tory base for the concrete and only another patrolman who heard the firone-half an inch of cement is needed ing caught the other man. to cover it. Tile is more expensive

IN CAFE HOLDUP

Robbers Slug Owner, Then

Wife Goes Into Action.

As the desperadoes were being than the other filler, however, and booked they broke away again and made a dash for freedom. They were sometimes much harder to get. It should be laid in a layer of sand so quickly clubbed into submission. They the surface of the tile can be made gave their names as John Caille and as smooth as possible before the ce-Charles Griffen, both of Paterson. Poment covering is put on. lice said they were released from jail A slope of four inches in twenty under bond the day before in confeet from the back to the front of the nection with the robbery of a Paterhouse will tend to keep the litter

son clothing store. evenly distributed over the floor. This While Griffin and Caille were being slope will practically eliminate the tioned, police brought in Hugh disagreeable task of scratching the McCann and his wife, Jean. McCann litter out from under the dropping who had a slight bullet wound in his boards of the ordinary house. There was identified by Mrs. Lazzio as is no better time of the year to put the third of the bandits. His wife, a floor in the chicken house than just according to Mrs. Lazzio, was in the before the pullets are put into their roadhouse when the robbers held it winter quarters. up. All three of the men and Mrs. McCann, she said, were frequent patrons of the place.

Profit on Goslings Is Made During Holidays Traded Wives With Pal.

The best profit on market goslings Says Husband in Jail (young geese) is made on those mar-New York .- An alleged contem- keted at Christmas and New Years, ge of wives collapsed in as a general rule. Turkeys

HOW TO USI



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hardly a day passes without Donald taking a spin. And he

The father has rebuilt an old car in such a manner that it

Muskegon, Mich. The letter contained a vote of thanks from the business men of Muskegon to the Post Office department for establishing an air mail route from Chicago to Muskegon. The letter measured 81/2 by 6 feet and required \$11.50 postage. Mr. New is standing beside it.

General Harry S. New in Washington from the chamber of commerce of

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Murder in City of New York "Unusual"

Albany .-- Murder in New York | the body into the crim state, in the view of Senator John the state. Knight, chairman of the subcommis-

sion on statistics of the Baumes crime mission, "is a relatively unusual crime."

This view, expressed by Knight in a report of his commission, was taken after two years of investigating by

SPOILS OF VICTORY



Lloyd Hahn, America's premier miler as he appeared at his home, Falls City, near Omaha, before his depar ture for the Olympic games at Amster dam. Hahn is shown with some of the trophies he has collected as his wictory emblems in the past few years. obtained an injunction.

"To be exact," said the report, "murder constitutes about one-half of 1 per cent of the felonies prosecuted in New York state. The great gist of crimes that constitute 99 per cent of the work of the criminal courts pass

almost without notice, a few sensational cases capture interest and to a great degree determine the popular conception of justice."

"The general problem of making the United States less lawless," was seen as "bound up in what is done in these prosaic prosecutions, rather than in the Leopold-Loeb, Hall-Mills and Snyder-Gray cases in the generation," the report said.

Figures covering the crime record in New York city include 308 cases of murder and manslaughter in 1925; 289 in 1926 and 278 in 1927.

The assault and robbery cases reported were 1,483 for 1925; 1,173 for 1926, and 951 for 1927. Relative to burglary cases, the subcommission's figures show that while there were 4,103 in 1925, the number diminished in 1926 to 3,373 and climbed again to 3,380 in 1927.

The Baumes laws provide life senences for those convicted of four felonies.

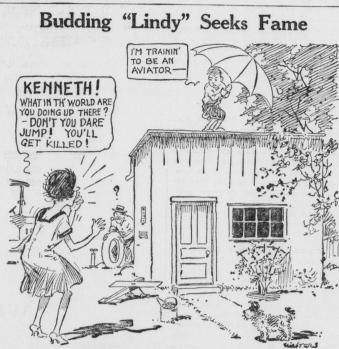
Takes Out Squeak

New York .- There's such & thing as being altogether too sarcastic about unsatisfactory new shoes. A furni ture merchant put his in his show win dow with placards telling what he thought about them. The shoe dealer

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French Noble Honored

New Orleans, La.-Wherever cotton | dollars. Midway in these six blocks | from Louisiana to serve as viceroy. s traded the world over business men is the cotton exchange, at Carondelet and Gravier streets. From this buildare alert to daily development in a New Orleans street which bears the ing Secretary Henry G. Hester sends name of a French nobleman famous out his reports which affect the maras a public benefactor. Carondelet street, where the New ket wherever the staple is known. The French nobleman for whom the Orleans Cotton exchange is located, street is named was christened Franextends fifty-one squares from Canal cisco Luiz Hestor de Carondelet, street to Robert, west end. The first Seigneur d' Haine St. Pierre de Nostles. Born in Flanders in 1747, he came to Louisiana in 1791 for a sixsix blocks from Canal to Poydras street encompass the city's financial district, where the daily turnover year stay. During this time he served runs into hundreds of thousands of as governor. Then he went to Peru



the distance you are Peggy, who is a sculptress, by singing from it.

Brooklyn Federal court recently when call at Thanksgiving. It will not do. however, to neglect the young geese Emmett Haffa, an automobile mechanic, pleaded not guilty to a charge of and unless they are kept growing at violating the Mann act and was held top speed they will not be large in \$5,000 bail for a hearing. enough to be most profitable when Haffa was arrested by deputy fed- they are wanted for the holiday tables. Sometimes we read that these eral marshals at his place of employ-His prospective "exchange young geese will obtain all the food wife," Mrs. Ouida G. Weatherly, six- they need in the fields and that they teen, mother of a fifteen-month-old will live and grow if they have nothchild by the husband she left at Fort | ing but grass and whatever, else they Baron Carondelet recognized the Landerdale, Fla., swore out a comcan find among nature's stores. advantages that would accrue to New plaint against Haffa.

Give Clean Water

Must Have Feed

The Purdue university poultry de-

artment summarizes the general

eatment of the farm hen as follows:

"Hens won't live on hopes and pros-

ects. They must have feed, and

plenty of it. The hen does not get

nough to eat in summer. The fields.

said that she met Haffa last December Clean and fresh water is as necesin Sumter, S. C., and she had come to sary to the success of egg production Brooklyn and lived with him for a as is a correctly balanced ration. The while, until she discovered that she man who goes to a lot of trouble with wished to return to her husband, his feeding but is just indifferent with Frank Orin Weatherly, garage prohis watering, may expect trouble. Water is one of the chief constituents of "Your honor," Haffa, told Federal

an egg and it is required by the hen ssioner Epstein, "I am no white just as much as a human being reslaver. I treated her as honorably as quires water to drink. It should be any man ever did any woman, margiven several times each day, especialried or not. We came here to get ly in summer. married. I left my wife with her hus-

For his many benefactions Louisiband down there. They were to get ana welcomed him as governor. New divorces there and marry, and then Orleans paid him tribute with Caronwe were going to be married.'

Male Gossip Gets 90 Days Jail for Kissing Story

Mrs. Weatherly, a comely brunette,

Camden, N. J.-The habit of gossip-ing will cost Charles Bubeck ninety days in jail.

arnyards and feed lots will furnish Miss Helen Kirchdasener, nineteen the hen little else but grains and rears old, testified before Police Judge green food. These alone and in their Bertman that Bubeck told acquaintpresent insufficient quantities will not ances he had seen her "kissing a be sufficient to produce good egg prostrange man" in the parlor of her home. She added that his gossip had duction.'

almost caused an estrangement be-Culling Nonproducers tween her sister, Anna and Anna's sweetheart. Bubeck said he saw the An easy and efficient method of girl and a man, but wasn't sure they ulling the nonproducers out of the

kissed. new hatch of pullets can be accom-"What business was it of yours plished in the following manner, if whether they were kissing or not?" each hatch has been housed separatethe judge demanded. "You're just like ly: Keep the first 75 per cent of the an old woman. I'll give you ninety pullets that come into production and days in jail as a lesson against fur- sell the other one-fourth, or those that ther carrying of tales." are last to start producing. By fol-Bubeck formerly was a German lowing this practice, few nonproducsoldier. A bullet from an American ers will be carried through the winter

rifle was removed from his thigh at on high-priced feed, taking up room Cooper hospital last Armistice day. needed for layers.

the blouse-legged ro toms of the legs may bound if preferred, i the inch-wide facing material. In the illu ish of the legs mat sleeves, while a bind is used to hold in th neck that give extra the chest. A big a makes a decoration of ish heart. This ron with a fold in the between the legs. terns of either type : may be adapted to tures of this garmen an applique animal m

Sacking Live P for Ro

any available large I

Paper sacks can advantage in selling rect to the consumer roadside market. Ti fowl and tear a hole the sack about the dollar.

Place the bird in t head sticking through then take a second s opening to the sack

The legs stick out cannot kick or flop. under the arm of th risk of soiling the G no danger of finding tom of the car. This ing the birds is also try is sold live weigh

Keep Di

To keep dirt out have to sweep or wa way of saving effort Much dirt is blown cially in summer wh doors are open, and i keeper's interest to s about the home are sprinkled, either by t by individual residen ed States Department When dust cannot b can sometimes be sto and windows.

delet street, Baroness Carondelet street, now Baronne street, and Canal street, named for his work. ****** Judge Marries 5,000 Couples in 25 Years Fresno, Calif.-George Washngton Smith, who has been a justice of the peace here since 1903, has just set what he be-

dertaking.

lieves to be a record as a "marrying justice" in officiating at his 5,000th wedding. Smith began his career as a marrying justice January 18, 1903, and has kept a record of the ceremonies. His records show that the greatest number

of marriages performed in one year was 394, and that 49 was the most in any single month, while the record day brought eight couples to his office.

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