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to Amazing Tales.

Each man around the store had told

his tale of the thardest rain he ever

kins was an easy winner with his

"it began with big drops kinder

of the great harvest rain in '93.

maw fall out of the sky."

of New England, one can not enter a train without exhibiting a ticket and having it punched at the gates. An Atlanta man to aid a woman with a good deal of hand baggage bought a ticket to the nearest station beyond at the price named it was stamped "redeemable i' not used." The purchaser before leaving the station presented it for redemption, but this was refused. He then went to the local court, which decided in his favor. The railroad company then appealed to a higher court, on the ground that in his purchase of the ticket he simply pretended to enter into a contract and his purpose was to defraud.

Again the purchaser obtained a judgment and the case is now before the aupreme court of Georgia. The principle of the plaintiff is that the railroad had no right to question his motives when he presented the ticket for redemption and that of the railroad company is that the existence of the gate system is at issue.

Highly important decisions have been based on issues involving very small money considerations. The supreme court of the United States last winter gave a good deal of time and research to a cause carried before it on appeal involving only \$24. A rathroad was, in this case, the defendant, It owed one of its employes, a train hand, this sum, which was attached and collected by one of his creditors. The employe contended that the money was still due him and carried the case up to the highest tribunal

in the land. Our own famous Chief Justice Shaw wrote one of his most luminous expositions of legal principles in deciding a case which turned on the ownership of a buil calf it is related that the bar snickered at the frequent repetition of the phrase "the said buil calf," and the chief justice rebuked the laughing lawyer by saying "Gen tlemen, you do not reflect what a built calf may be to a very poor family."

Robert Browning went to law over the value of one bottle of wine, on the great principle that he would not be swindled for half a crown if he could help it. The "kicker" is often the subject of ridicule, but kickers have helped the world along at times. Given a great scenic environment and the "kicker" becomes a historical personage of the first class. John Hampden would never have "felt" the amount of "ship money" assessed on his estate.

ASPARAGUS IS IN THE VAN.

Precedes the Other Fresh Vegetables That Spring Affords.

Asparagus is the precursor of the season of fresh vegetables, and there is probably no other vegetable the flavor of which is so highly esteemed as is that of tend in asparagus. Chemical analysis offers no explanation of its pleasant flavor, but assigns to it a decidedly high nutritious value. Asparagus, however, furnishes one of those interesting examples of a food which, though containing more water in its composition than does milk, is nevertheless a solid substance. Thus the head of the asparagus contains slightly more than 93 per cent. of water, which is only I per cent. less than that contained in the lettuce, but 5 per cent more than is present in milk. The solid constituents, however, are particularly rich in nitrogenous substances, which amount to 30 per cent. of the dried

vegetable. Among these may be reckoned & purin body, to which has been ascribed the harmful influence of asparagus on some persons with a gouty tendency. When asparagus is consumed in large quantities the output of uric acid is very distinctly increased. The same effect is obtained after drinking copiously of beer. which also contains purin bodies, aithough they are entirely absent in wines, and, of course, in spirits. Sweetbread may be objectionable on similar grounds. There is no reason for thinking, however, that when asparagus is eaten in reasonable quantitles it causes an undestrable disturbance of the bodily functions. On the contrary, it is very digestible and is easily tolerated, even by invalida.

Breathing Sodium Peroxide.

At last man has learned to live without air. Sodium peroxide, one of the newer products of electrolysis, is a compound of sodium with oxygen that decomposes in the presence of damp carbonic acid. The value of this substance may be gathered from the fact that a man can live in an airtight box as long as any sodium peroxide remains unconverted. It is suggested that, by means of sodium peroxide, submarine boats will be able to remain under water for considerably longer periods than hitherto has been possible. Just how long will be a matter of calculation, the factors in the calculation being the amount of oxygen converted into carbonic acid by one man in one hour, the number of men present, and the weight of peroxide that can be carried. Used in mines, it should enable a miner to live with his head literally in a bag of india rubber containing this peroxide, whereby he can tide over a period TAME WILD BEASTS.

WONDERFUL INSTANCES FROM ISLANDS WHERE LIFE IS

They Are in No Danger and Seem to Realize It and Show No Fear of Man at All.

That wild animals become extremely tanc is well known. The wild quall of southern California will enter gardens and nest there and in the protected season I have seen a flock stand in a country road, a jaunty mule between them, and my horse not 20 feet away. moving only when I moved and then with reluctance, says a writer in the

Scientific American. Several years ago some residents on one of the channel islands of southern California introduced a number of black-tailed deer, which were protected to such an extent that in time they discovered that they were privilegest characters and assumed nearly the absolute contempt for human beings held by the sacred bulls of India that crowd men and women from the road. They persisted in entering gardense day and night, destroying the plants, and finally to locate them the dwellers on the island had bells fastened to them. One buck made his home near the town of Cabrillo and walked about the place and over the hills with the freedom of a dog. When a boat landed off the pter the buck ran down to greet the newcomers and share their Runch and became a welcome guest at barbecues and lobster and clam bakes.

Nearly all animal life is protected at this island. I have counted half a hundred bald eagles in an eleven mile run. have seen them take a large fish from the water within easy gunshot and they build their nests on pinnacles that are not difficult of approach. The sea birds are equally tame. Gulls gather in flocks a few feet from those who feed them. In the winter flocks of cormorasts swim into the bays and are so tame that they merely divide when a boat passes and fishermen often find that the cormorants take off bait almost as fast as they can but it on. Gulls dash at bait and I have seen a long-winged bird resembling the petrel follow my line under wa er at a cast, using its wings to fly along and take the bait and at times scores of

sea birds are seen inshore feeding opon small shrimps, paying no attention to observers photographing them. The most remarkable illustration of tameness to be seen here is that of the sea lions. For ages the animals have

held possession of a mass of rocks on the shore of the islands. A few years ago many were killed by vandals but laws were passed and for a number of years the sea tions have been protect. ed and the rookery has increased in size until a splir has recently occurred and another settlement has been established halfway up the island It has been the custom for years for

the refuse into the bay and the sea lions formed the habit of coming down to the bay at this time to dine thereupon. At first only one or two came; now a hand of two large bulls and several females make their headquarters at the bay to spend most of their time there, constituting a valuable sanitary corps, as they eat every fragment of fish, the gulls joining in the feast. When not feeding the sea hone pass the time lying within a few feet of the beach, sleeping or playing, the femalou and young leaping from the water and going through various tricks of inter est to the looker-on.

But a few feet away from the sea lions are the leat stands of the lishermen and boatmen and boats are moving out and over the sea lions constantly, yet they are apparently oblivious to the men, who never molest them. This has had a peculiar result. The enormous animals have become 30 tame that they almost allow the men to touch them and readily come out upon the shore to feed from their hands. It so happened that I was upon the sands when no sea lions were in sight, and upon asking a boatman where they were he bogan to whistle as though calling for a dog and to call. "Here, Ben!" repeating the call several times, whereupon out from among the anchored boats appeared not only Ben but two large bull seen lions, which must have weighed half

Wanted a Hearing.

"Are you the editor that takes in the society news?" inquired the caller. an undersized man, with the timid,

appealing look on his face. "Yes, sir," replied the young man at the desk. "I can take in any kind

of news. What have you?" "Why, it's this way," said the caller, lowering his voice. "My wife gave a

swell party last night and I'm willing to have this report of the affair put ta your paper." "We don't charge anything for pub-

fishing society affairs," observed the young man at the desk, taking the proffered manuscript and looking it

"That's all right," was the reply. You don't understand I wrote this ap myself and I put in a line two that says: "Mr. Halfstick assisted his distinguished wife in receiving the guesta. That's the way I want it to go and I don't care if it costs a sovereign a line. I want my friends to know, by George. that I still belong to the family!"-

London Tit-Bits.

prove it .-- Buffalo News.

Happy Moral. A Syracuse man has been arrested for catching a 36-pound fish out of season. Still there's some advantage in this-he has the court records to

what comes most readily to his hand, for he dare not excite suspicion by purthasing an expensive installation. For the most part the bombs that have come into the authorities' hands have been ridiculously crude; but that flung at the King and Queen of Spain seems to have been more elaborate, for the

WED WITHOUT KNOWING IT.

Couple Thought Ceremony Was Part of Procedure in Getting License.

Nashua, la.—The fact that Judge Budahl, deputy county clerk, is also empowered to solemnize marriages, coupled with his willingness to assist the young couples who come to him for licenses to wed, caused a peculiar predicament when he performed the ceremony so quickly and smoothly that the young couple, George Meyer and Rosaline Schulz, from near New

the fact that they were man and wife. The couple went to the courthouse to procure a license, which they received from Judge Budahl. He then asked if they wished to be married iso. They replied affirmatively, and in their innocence, thinking it was part of the procedure necessary to obrain a license, at the judge's request stood up, clasped hands and took their

Albin, never felt the binding of the

linot and were supremely ignorant of

When their friends wished to see their license, they brought forth a certificate of their marriage. This created great consternation, as invitations were out for a big wedding at the Elizen church. There was mounting in hot haste and another license procured, and the marriage took place us originally planned.

WARDROBE OF KING EDWARD

Costs About \$6,000 Annually, According to His Tailor.

London.-The king's tailor has been giving some details of the wardrobe submarine cable 3,000 miles in length of Edward VII. His majesty buys about a hundred pairs of trousers every year, and pays from \$10.50 to \$13 a pair for them. He orders about a dozen dress suits annually at \$80 each, and for his sack suits he pays

> Twelve or 15 frock coats and 15 overcoats are also included in the King's yearly renewal of his wardrobe. The king has at least 100 naval and military uniforms, which represent a large sum in value; but, apart from the cost of these, his tailoring

From the necessity imposed on roy alty King Edward has acquired the celerity of a quick-change artist in passes through these cones, which are dressing. He can change from one suit into another with marvelous ra

> His taste, which, when younger was inclined to somewhat loud pat terns, is now all in favor of simplic ity. A plain navy blue serge is his

> > Cheated and Lost Bride.

Coatesville, Pa.—The accusation of

broken up a happy international mat-For over 50 years Dr. D'Unger has rimonial alliance, and the bridegroom where he was born in 1825, being now Anskoitz, came from Russia on purerrors he is really 20 years younger. ocean passage with that end in view and engaged a house in which they were to have made their home. The Paris. Three gigantic wedding par- marriage license was secured and the

Money Value of Politeness. servitors seems to be one of hostility toward the public, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Manifest indisposition to answer perfectly proper questions is shown. Such defects of character are almost certain to bar the way to advancement in any calling. Superior ability may bring a high degree of success without any grace or snavity of do not possess exceptional talents and must rise by energy, integrity and a pleasing personality. This last-named quality more than any other explains

Nature's Sherlock Holmes. archeologists. At Castle Park, Colchester, England, as elsewhere, the that the brown bands formed the

Giving Up Completely. first experience in ocean travel. Mike Queenstown and leaned over the rail in his endeavor to lighten the cargo. He knew he would die. Pat stood beside him with vain words of

am a doomed man. Tell Biddy and the children I thought of them to the

I to do with the remains?" "Never mind." said Mike, as be trembled with a paroxysm of pain and felt the soles of his feet start upward. drift ice at any considerable distance. Easy Money. A superb automobile drew up beside the curb, and Senator Blank

"Jove! What did it cost you?" "Two votes."

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L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

The anarchist's tools are of the most rudimentary kind. He has to take case was of polished steel.

SUBMARINE TELEPHONE INVENT-ED BY A CHICAGOAN. Scientific Puzzle Said to Have Been Solved at Last-Long Experimenting and Investigation

Finally Successful. Chicago.-In another year the people of Chicago will be able to carry on conversation with the citizens of London or Paris should the sanguine expertations of Dr. Robert D'Unger, inventor of a submarine telephone cable. be realized. The invention for which D'Unger has secured a patent if anciessful promises to create an era in scientific advance equal to the discovery of wireless telegraphy and of equal benefit to humanity. A company has been incorporated in New Jersey and in North Dakota with a capital of \$36,000,000 to carry out the project under the title of the Electric Loop Cable company and steps will be taken at cince to raise the necessary capital to

mmmence the laying of the cable from New York to London. For 28 years electrical scientists of the world have, devoted their attention to the solving of the problem of submarine telephony, but one insurmount able obstacle always baffled them. The undulating waves of the human votes are only capable of impelling suffirmed electrical force to carry them a few hundred miles. To project them farther the only device hitherto known was the electro magnet, and to lay a equipped at frequent itnervals with electro magnets was a practical impos

siblitt. Seventeen years ago the French governnent tried some expensive experiments in the establishment of a sub- \$32. marine telephone between Marseilles and Algiers, but it proved a complete fallure.

"Dr. D'Unger believes he has solved the difficulty by means of a dual curunt. The 3,000 miles of cable is divided into distances of 300 miles, separa'ed by induction colls. The first bill amounts to from \$5,000 to \$6,000 current flows through electric cover annually. ings surrounding iron cones, magnecizing the cones. The second current impelled by the human voice auroquatically transformed into electro magnets. The result is a succession pidity. of complete 300-mile currents by which the sound waves may be carried unimpaired in force any distance.

Experiments have been carried out by Dr. D'Unger with a model of his majesty's favorite cloth. apparatus, sending the current through a specially constructed box representing a resistance of 50,000 miles. These experiments have proved a complete cheating at a game of cards has guecess he asserts.

devoted his life to the investigation of elect. Joseph Snuofsky, a workman eie vical prenomena. He has prac- in one of the local iron mills, has sold fixed medicine in Chicago for 28 years, the furniture, etc., he had bought for retiring from his profession some his bride-to-be and left town. years ago. He is a native of Maryland, sweetheart, pretty 22-year-old Mary 81 years old but in appearance and pose to wed Joseph, and he paid her

5.200 Attend Three Weddings.

tion, at which 5,200 people were presidendling was to have occurred next ent were held together in a field at Sunday. But last night the lovers Morlaix (Brittany) the other day. The played "a friendly game of cards," guests ate up 15 oxen, 20 cows, 90 and Mary, alleging that Joseph had calves, 2,000 fowls, and 1,000 rabbits, cheated, said she did not want him Brezd was supplied from carts drawn | for a husband. So all their relations by horses in the spaces between the were declared off, and the pretty lass tables. Afterward 2,000 beggars were from Russia has no engagement even to tie her to the Land of Liberty. tegs ed on what was left.

GETS SOME CURIOUS LETTERS

Miss Beatrice Harraden is the recipient of many curious letters from unknown correspondents, a large proportion of whom are men. Shortly after the appearance of the German edition of "Shipe That Pass in the Night" she received a letter from a German officer thanking her for the pleasure and stimulus he had derived from reading the book and assuring her that he "prayed for her every night." He further described himself somewhat minutely. As recorded in the Grand Magazine, he was 46 years of age, and belonged to a Prussian cavalry regiment. It then appears to have occurred to the gentleman that he was writing to a single lady with

is not an offer of marriage!" Men may humble themselves in the dust to lady novelists, but not so the American woman, especially when she chances to be a writer herself. She counts it her due "to be even" at all risks. Soon after the publication of "The Fowler" Miss Harraden received a letter from a lady in the States whose name she had never

whom he had no personal acquaint-

ance, and, seized by the spirit of cau-

tion, he added the postscript: "This

before heard. The lady had, however, written & book and made the magnificent offer to send Miss Harraden a free copy on condition that the latter would send in return a copy of "The Fowler." There was to be no suggestion of favor in the matter. The great unknown magnanimously added, "though I am aware that my book is larger and costs more than yours, I am prepared to waive the difference in size and price!"

FLY KITES HIGH IN AIR

By Using Steel Wire Wonderful Re-

sults Have Been Attained. The plan of using steel wire for modern kites, initiated by Douglas Archibald, of England, 23 years ago, has produced recently some wonderful results at the Lindenberg Aeronautical observatory in Germany, where recently a kite was sent up four With a series of six kites in tandem, having a total area of 323 square feet and employing nine miles of wire, a height of 6,430 meters, or about four miles, was attained." according to the London Times. "According to the automatic recording instrument sent up with the kites, at the highest point the temperature was 13 degrees Fahrenheit, that on the ground being 40.8 Fahrenheit, while the velocity of the wind was 56 miles an hour, as against about 18 miles in the lower strata. This performance shows what great advances have been made in the art of using kites for meteorological observations in the upper air, for in Mr. Archibali's early experiments the kites arose only some 1.500 feet, and a few years ago it seemed as if two to two and a half miles would prove the limit to which they could be elevated." Much progress has been made in recent years in the design as well as the firing of kites, with the result that with meteorologists they are good rivals of

balloons for lofty observations. The attitude of too many public manner, but the majority of employes the rise of certain persons to high estate. Very ordinary men have smiled their way to honors and fortune. A cheerful, friendly person may pass for

something much better than he really

is, so great is the value which the

world sets upon seed nature. The sun has revealed an interesting scientific discovery which will delight great heat of the last few weeks has considerably modified the natural greenness of the grass. But in one place there were noticed parallel and transverse bands of grass which were much browner than the surrounding verdure. Closer examination showed ground plan of a spacious Roman villa. The shallow soil over the ruined walls of the villa had been dried more thor oughly than the deeper soil on either side of them, and thus the sun had made a tracing of the villa for the edification of scientists.

Two Irishmen were having their became very sick just after leaving comfort.

"It's no use, Pat," said Mike, "I "Shure,' 'said Pat, "and what am

"Never mind, there ain't going to be

scatterin' like," he said. "Then it got determined shall be settled for all time, says the Hoston Transcript.

to a shower, and I just thought I'd crawl under the canvas on the reaper till it was over-knowed the team would stand. But, gir, when the lightning took to hittin' right at that binder I concluded to get out from there. I had a gallon-and-a-half bucket on my arm and I lit out for the mule shed. When I was about half way there the thing began to get heavy. I looked down, and if the blamed

Tom Lim-

thing wasn't full of water I'm a-" The lank individual who had been

leaning against a barrel broke in: "Well, now, I reckon that must 'a' been the day I'm thinkin' about. What made me know it was rainin' some was seein' a flock of wild ducks go over. Gents, them ducks had folded their wings and was just naturally paddlin'."

For the space of two minutes not a sound was heard save the purring of the cat asleep on the counter. Then, silently, with bowed heads, the crowd dispersed.-Woman's Home Compan-

PICKS UP GOLD FISHHOOKS.

Miner Discovers Treasures Probably Buried by the Incas' Subjects.

E. J. Smith, of Tucson, Ariz., has four gold fishbooks that he unearthed in South American places, says Forest and Stream. He was mining in a river bed near the city of Cali, in the state of Cauca, United States of Colombia, in 1866, when he pulled up a small tree by the roots and there in the sand lay an even baker's dozen of regularly shaped gold fishhooks of the ordinary size. They are not bent in the

Limerick fashion. Without doubt they are the work of prehistoric Indians governed by the Incas. When Mr. Smith returned to San Francisco he gave some away, lost others and now has only four left. He has been repeatedly asked to put his price on these, but he refused an offer of \$20 for one. It was such trifles as these that excited the avarice of Pizarro.

Use for Sugar. "If you want to see an oddity." an undertaker said, "go to a cemetery and note how, in the erection of oldfashioned tombs, they lower into piace the marble slabs.

"These slabs are not lowered by means of a derrick. They are lowered by hand. The work is so delicate, you see, and it is so necessary not to chip the edges of the stones, that only hand

work answers. "You wonder, I suppose, how the men avoid pinching or crushing fingers as they lower a great slab of marble on to its base. Well, they accomplish this by lowering the stone upon lumps of sugar arranged in orderly lines, and then they gradually dissolve the sugar by squirting water over it."

Use Guns to Plant Beeds. "It is sometimes necessary." said a fandscape gardener, "to use artillery

in my business. "Artillery in gardening? Absurd" "Not at all. You see, we often want to plant certain kinds of trees or vines or mosses upon inaccessible peaks. In such cases we load a number of canisters with seed and fire them from a big gun at the place where they are to grow. The canisters strike the rocky height, the seeds fly here and there, some light on fruitful soil and in due season the gray cliff turns

green. "Soldiers with their guns destroy life, whereas we landscape gardeners with ours create it."

Wife Real Head of Factory. Many years ago an American boy, nephew of a buyer for a large New York house, was sent to France to complete his technical education in one of the famous silk mills of Lyons. In course of time he married the proprietor's daughter. Later, when the head of the establishment died, the American and his wife succeeded to the business, but he always acknowledged that "Marie" was the real manager. "I can sell the goods," he said. "but my wife runs the factory and she does it so much better than I could that I never have an idea of taking up that end of the work my-

Hunt Seals with "Blinds." The Alaskan Indians hunt seals on the same principle that we bant ducks; that is to say, by means of a "blind" boat, only instead of trying to make their boat look like a hummock of salt marsh grass they disguise it so that the seals will mistake it for a piece of floating ice. In addition to filling the canoe with the white canvas screen they cover the whole craft with the canvas and clothe themselves in white as well. So cleverly is this all done that it is difficult even for a man to distinguish them from the

turned toward it.

"Is that your automobile, Blank?" said Senator Dash, much impressed. "Yes," replied the other. "Isn't # a heauty? Ninety-horse power."

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