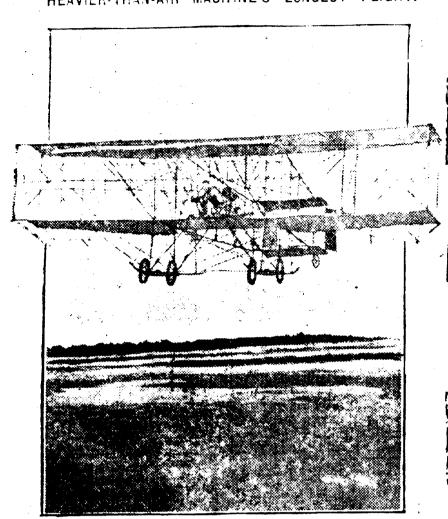
HEAVIER-THAN-AIR MACHINE'S LONGEST FLIGHT.



Henry Farman in winning the Grand Prix de la Champagne for length of flight at Rheims, France, was in the air three and one-fourth hours and traveled a distance of 118 miles. It was dark when he landed and for some time the machine was invisible to spectators; who cheered the aviator for his successful voyage when he landed. He won \$10,000 by the achievement.

# DRAINS ON FORESTS AGED AUNT WEDS NEPHEW Texas Woman of 62. Weighing 225

Yearly Output Is Twenty Billion Cubic Feet at Present.

We Are Cutting Our Timber Supply Three Times as Fast as It Grows --- Expiditation Already Had Serious Effect.

Washington - "The total yearly drain upon our forests, not counting losses from fires, storms, and insects, is some 20,000,000,000 cubic feet, 1110. mays R. S. Kellogg, assistant forester i in charge of the office of forest statistics, in a publication just issued by the forest service on "The Timber Supply of the United States."

"Our present forest area of 550,-000,000 acres may be roughly estimatconsist of 200 000,000 acres of mature forests, in which the annual growth is balanced by death and decay, of 250,000,000 acres partially cut or burned over, on which, with reasonable care, there is sufficient young growth to produce in the course of time a merchantable, but not a full crop of timber, and 100,000,000 acres ag of more severely-cut and burned-over forests, on which there is not sufficient young growth to produce an-

other crop of much value. Taken as a whole, the annual growth of our forests under these conditions does not exceed 12 cubic feet per acre, a total of less than 7,000,000,000 cubic feet. That is, we are cutting our forests three times as fast as they are growing. There is menace in the continuance of such conditions. While we might never reach absolute timber exhaustion, the unrestricted exploitation of our forests in the past has already had serious effects, and it will have much worse if it is allowed to continue un-

"checked. "White pine, for instance, which was once considered inexhaustible, has fallen off 70 per cent, in cut since 1890, and more than 45 per cent. since 1900. The cut of oak, our most valuable hardwood lumber. has drcreased 16 per cent. since 1900, and that of yellow poplar 22 per cent. The same story will be told of other woods if they are not conserved.

"The fact that timber has "been cheap and abundant has made us careless of its production and reckless in its use. We take 250 cubic feet of wood per capita annually from our forests, while Germany uses only \$7 cubic feet, and France but 25. On The other hand, Germany, who has learned her lesson, makes her state forests produce an average of 48 cubic feet of wood per acre. We have as fast-growing species as Germany, or faster, and as good or better forest soil if we protect it.

"The necessity for more farm land may eventually reduce or total forest area to 100,000,000 acres less than it is at present. It is entirely possible, however, to produce on 450,-000,000 acres as much wood as a population much greater than we have now will really need if all the forest land is brought to its highest producing capacity, and if the product is economically and completely ntilized. But to reach the necessary condition of equilibrium between timber production and consumption will take many years of vigorous effort by individual forest owners, by the states, and by the national government. None of them can solve the problem alone; all must work together."

> Sultan's Gems to Be Sold. Paris.-The jewels of Abd-el-Azis. the former sultan of Morocco, which were pledged in a government pawnship in 1907 and have not been re-He auction in a fortnight.

Pounds, Marries Relative After Many Difficulties.

Pittsfield, Mass.—Mrs. Adaline Rucks, proprietor of a hotel in Wachita Falls, Tex, and rated in Bradstreet's for \$350,000, came to Berk shire to marry her nephew. Eli Be langer of North Adams.

She finally became his wife after many difficulties had been encountered She is 62 years of age. Her new husband is her third, and is 30 years old Mrs. Belanger weighs 225--pounds. Her nephew, husband weighs about

Forty years ago she lived in North Adams, but went west and married

About a year ago her second husband died, leaving her considerable wealth, and she came to Pittsfield, where she has relatives. She met her nenhew and he went with her to Texas. A few weeks ago he returned and the other day she came on to meet him.

Mrs. Belanger, owing to her size, wears a gown made after the "Mother Hubbard", style of several years ago.

At first the couple went to Canada, but could not get married there, and then they journeyed to North Adams, where they secured a license, but could get no clergyman to wed them.

They then came to Pittsfield and tried a Catholic priest. He refused to tie the knot owing to their near relationship. Then they sought City Clerk Barker, who refused on the same grounds.

After visiting several clergymen they finally prevailed upon Rev. J. A. Hamilton, who did not know the bridegroom was Mrs. Rucks' nephew. to marry them.

Mr. and Mrs. Belanger have returned to Texas.

#### TREES WITH IRON HEARTS

Brake Beam Found in One and Chain In Another in Pennsylvania Town -Been There Long.

Darby, Pa.-With an old-(ashioned iron brake beam imbedded in its huge trunk, which is over ten feet in circumference, a maple tree on the property of G. Roberts Powell, Eighth and Main streets, is pointed out as one of the curiosities of the borough.

The brake beam, which is about six feet wide, was placed in the crotch of the tree 40 years ago by Joseph S. Powell Powell's father, when he moved to Darby. It was forgotten until the next year, when it was seen that the tree had grown around it. For 40 years it has remained there, until now it is firmly imbedded in the heart of the trunk with about a

foot of it protruding on each side. There is another arboreal curiosity in Darby of a similar kind in front of the old Bonsell property on Main street at the corner of Tenth-a tree with a section of an iron chain firmly imbedded in the trunk at a distance

of 20 feet from the ground. The chain, it is said, 60 years ago, was fixed in the tree about five feet from the ground for the purpose of hitching horses, but that as the tree grew the chain grew up with it until now it is 20 feet in the air.

Museum Show for Blind. New York - The first of its kind in the world, an exhibit for the blind at the Natural History museum in New York, will be opened in the near fu-

ture. On a long tray, or table, the specimens will be laid out, so that the sightless visitors may feel and study them. Everything will bear a label in raised letters so that the blind may read with their fingers.

It has been noted that in visiting the musem the blind have been found deemed, probably will be sold at pub- to grasp details more quickly than children who see.

### EXPERT ON TERRAPIN

#### Pennsylvania Man Raises Them in Ordinary Cistern.

Prices of Varieties Raige From \$2 to \$60 Per Dozenia Fresh Water Product in Much Demand on Account of its Fig.or.

Courtown, Pareller on a sing to a new enterprise value Whit of E. Mostan, state fish on a ssioner, recently shagested tor Pennsylvania far mets. So far as Mr. Mechan knew at that time, no shoressial attempts had been made to propagate tresh water terrapin in captivity, although in Maryland and other southern states the diamond back salt water variety is thus raised for the market.

It develops, however, that for several years there has been a terrapin pond on the famous Erdenheim farm of the late Robert N Carson in Whitemarsh township. Montgomery county, just west of Chestnut hill. The pond was started at Mr. Carson's suggestion and the attempt to raise terragin for his table proved a success.

Frank Smith, head gardener of the 400-acre farm, began the experiments five years ago under Mr Carson's direction, and he has had charge of the "birds" since then having become so well acquainted with their habits and peculiarities that he is a terrapin ex-

A cistern lined with concrete, which had been built under the greenhouses, was first utilized as a pond, and from the beginning of the experiment the terrapin thrived

In two years there were 100 terrapin in the cistern, and Mr Carson was delighted with the ease with which the delicacy was provided, fresh and finely flavored, for his household.

Then it was decided to provide larger quarters for the terrapin. The Wissahickon creek flows through Erdenheim. Less than 100 feet from the banks of the stream is a copious spring of cold water. Between the spring and the creek a pond 60 feet long and 20 feet wide was constructed, with walls of masonry 15 feet high. The pond is diamond shaped and is divided into three compartments, that in the center being the home of the terrapin, while at both ends trout is propagated. Water for the pond is supplied from the spring. and the overflow finds its way into the Wissahlckon.

Strange to say, the terrapin to-day are not nearly so numerous in the large pond as they were in the small cistern. When they were removed from their old quarters, Mr. Smith says, he scooped up a bucketful of tiny fellows. These should now be more than half grown, but few of them are to be seen in the pond. As there are no indications that any of them died, Mr. Smith suspects that they made their way into the Wissahickon at times of high water. As terrapin breed prolifically it may not be long before the Wissahickon becomes a terrapin stream.

In the middle of the pond is a small island, upon which the terrapin delight to sun themselves. There they also lay their eggs. The terrapin reaches maturity in four or five years, weighing then 2 % or three pounds. Those in the Carson pond are known as 'Junita red legs," or "green legs," being the best of the fresh water varieties. They are fed on lettuce, celery and similar green things, as well as bread.

State Fish Commissioner Mechan has been experimenting in the propagation of "green leg" terrapin in a pond near the Torresdale fish hatch ery. When he started the pond last year he surrounded it with sand, but this proved disastrous, as the terrapin dislikes sand. This summer he tried raising 'red legs" and eliminated sand. and he believes the experiment is a

As terrapin command high prices Mr. Meehan believes many a farmer could add to his income by raising them. Ordinary terrapin sell for two dollars a dozen, but the price of the finer varieties runs up to \$60 a dozen.

### MASONIC LODGE IN THE AIR

Meeting Held at an Elevation of 7,000 Feet-Being the First of Its Kind in History.

Greenfield, Mass.—Aerial lodge No. 1. A. F. & A. M., was formed the other day in the balloon "Massachusetts" at an elevation of more than 7,000 feet, this being the first meeting of the kind ever held. The lodge was conducted with all the Mansonic observances possible under the condi-

tions. At the highest point recorded by the barograph, 7,200 feet, in the midst of dense clouds, the Masonic ceremony took place. The details were recounted by the party when it reached Greenfield, after considerable difficulty in getting the huge gas bag and its numerous trappings out of a forest! where a landing was made with considerable danger to the bailonists.

Clock Foe is Dead. Denison, Tex.—Alexander Ward, 88 years old, died the other day on the Washita river, Oklahoma. Ward would never permit a watch or clock in his home.

He never entered a house where a clock was and he would not trade at a store where a clock was to be seen. He said a clock's tick reminded him that he was so much nearer the grave.

#### DUKE IS A MODEL LANDLORD

Manchester Becomes His Own Stewand and Is Esteemed as a Shrewd Buyer of Cattle

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Such an exemplaneation should please Manchester's tenos poers. For or the moment, the durai "straw speeches are being made from a hunthed political platform, con metals and present taxes a few quies have been guilty of almost incredible meanness.

Plainly, Manchester who is not rich, although his American fatherintaw has been most generouseto han, is trying to demonstrate the place of a dake in a democratic community. On his frish estate he is learning to be a practical farmer

In a sou'wester hat, oilskin coat and gaiters he has been attending for the last month or two all the autumn fairs and markets in the small towns of Connemara and buying stock for his farms. Farmers say he is no mean judge of cattle and sheep

Several farms are attached to Kyle more castle, Manchester's place in the west of Ireland, and the duke has recently developed an extraordinary interest in them. They have been managed by a steward, but now Manches ter has taken them in his own hands. He wants to make them model establishments, so that they shall be an example to the Connemara peasants in scientific methods of agriculture.

Farmers who have sold stock to the duke declare admiringly that no one can get the better of a bargain with him. They say the host of the ancient house of Montague is keen to get the "luck penny" a discount peculiar to horse and cartle dealing in Ireland.

#### SPARROW MENACE TO BIRDS

Officer of Rhode Island Experiment Station Says Pestiferous Little Things Spread Germs.

Providence, R. I. According to an article recently written by Dr. Philip B Hadley of the Rhode Island experiment station, the English sparrow has become a serious menace to pouttry raising and the artificial propagation of game birds in New England. The doctor claims that the sparrow carries the organism of coccidium which prodres an extremely fatal malady among poultry and all kinds of game

In writing upon the subject the doctor gives the following: "A new danger has come by reason of the presence of the sparrow about the poultry ...yard. In the locality of the Rhode Island experiment station over eighty per cent. of English sparrows have been found to carry the organism of coccidium, which produces a disease called coccidiosis of fowls.

"This is the extremely fatal malady which has now made turkey raising almost impossible in New England. and which is more or less fatal to pheasants, as well as to other game

"The English sparrow may therefore become a serious menace not only to poultry raising, but to the artificial propagation of native game birds as well. The English sparrow seems erenning in numbers in the country towns and occupying more ground than formerly. It continues to drive out swallows, blue birds and other species."

#### PUT LIMBURGER IN HER SHOE

Rejected Suitor Adopts Novel Method of Getting Even with Fair Cal-Ifornia Waitress.

San Francisco -- Placing limburger cheese in the shoe of the young lady who refused to accept his affections, was the manner in which William Linz, steward at the Sunset cafe, is alleged to have vented his anger on Miss Emma Schultz, a fair waitress working at the same restaurant.

Linz appeared before Justice Weller to face the charge of battery preferred against him by the young woman. When Miss Schultz took the witness stand, she was asked what the accused man had done to her.

"He tried to make me love him," she said, "and when I refused he put limburger cheese in my shoe. Then when I became angry at this nasty thing, he struck me over the face and hurt me."

Linz took the stand and testified that he had done nothing to annoy the beautiful waitress and declared emphatically that he did not strike

Fast Work on Battleships. Washington.—The Newport News Shipbuilding Company, building the battleship Delaware, has asked the navy department for a trial trip of the vessel on October 20. The ship probably will be delivered to the government some months ahead of contract time. The battleship North Dakota is in a like stage of completion at the dock of the Pore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass.

Ice Tumbiers Hygienic Ideal. Amsterdam.-Drinks served in tumblers made of ice are the invention of a Dutchman, Mr. Huizer.

Water is introduced into a mold and is then frozen. As soon as the contents of the tumbler have been drunk it can be thrown away, and thus ideal hygienic conditions are obtained. The ice tumblers only cost a twentieth of a penny to make.

## ESCAPE BY A RUSE

Convicts on Stamese Border Gain Temperary Freedom.

Prisoners, After Many Pe 5 and Dangers on Sea and Land. Selute Food by Pretending to Be Seeking" Elephants.

London . The three converses the five convets groves THE PERMIT from the Andaman and the the world remarkable story of the compage and the adventures which to loved the Ste convects-Bisson Sung under

sent nee of 15 years, a senzition cterm of seven years, and terr harmans, Nga Namg, Nga Tun, Nga Pyaand Nga Po Lu, all "liters," under the charge of two military policemenwith two rifles and 100 rounds of ane munition were sent in a forest boat to a small island in the Middle Andamans with seven days' rations for

each convict and the policemen-On reaching the island Rissan Singh, Nga Naing, Nga Pya and Nga Tun were set to work, while the two policemen with Nga Po Lu and the Bengali went up, hill in search of a "golden" bird that is highly prized in Port Blair and has a ready sale. The policemen, before leaving, took off the recaptured convicts states their bandoliers of cartridges and laid them with the rifles in the bottom of the boat which had been hauled up on the beach and made fast - Po Lu. who was the convict overseer, professed to know where birds were to be found in plenty, and led the policemen and the Bengah into dense underbrush, then gave them the slip, and made his way quickly back to the other men.

The men got the boat into the water and raising the sail started in the direction of the Burma coast. A strong wind, almost a gale, was blowing when they left the island, but the boat, which had both sail and oars, proved seaworthy, and after seven days' heavy weather they reached the Tenasserim coast only to have the boat dashed to pieces on the rocks

... They managed to save what rations were left, however, before the mishap occurred which prevented them continuing further along the coast as was intended. Nga Naing, Nga Tunand Bissan Singh were very ill dur ing the yoyage to the Burma coast Fo Lu and Nga Pya, who were well throughout, assumed command of the party and took charge of the guns and ammunition. The men went northward until the food supply gave out and one of the party returned to Ve to buy rice, where he explained the possession of government arms by saying that they were government elephant hunters.

The party received every assistance, then struck out for the Siamese border, which they reached after some weeks hard travel, privation and delays through three of the party being ill. They crossed the Stamese border, their food gave out and on the verge of starvation they recrossed the frontier to the little hamlet of Kyunchoung Amherst district, to try and get food. They went to the house of a cultivator on the outskirts of the town to whom they said they were government elephant hunters. After they had been fed at the teahouse Goung was sent for, to whom they repeated their statement. He brought them into town and gave them shelter for the night.

The headman arraged a deer shoot with the two convicts who had guns and next morning shortly after they had gone shots were heard, but believing their companions and the Goung were firing at deer the three convicts left behind thought nothing of it until some little time afterward four Burman policemen entered the hut. The three convicts then learned that Po Lu and Nga Pya had been shot and were themselves arrested. The headman appears to have been in communication with the police from the beginning.

#### SURVIVOR OF CONSTITUTION

Former Member of Frigate's Crew, 106 Years Old, Living in Philadelphia-le Hearty.

Philadelphia. - William Macabee. the only surviving member of the crew of the old frigate Constitution. the other day celebrated his one hundred and sixth birthday in the Naval home in this city. Bill, as everybody calls him, like the famous Bill Bowline, 'lies here a sheer hulk, but the darling of his crew," for the old sailor will spend the remainder of his life in a rolling chair.

Bill's leg was broken recently, but he retains a remarkable control over his faculties. Many presents have been forwarded to the Naval home for the old sailor from persons in all parts of the country.

Big Sugar Best Crop. Saginaw, Mich.—The indications are that the greatest yield of sugar beets ever harvested in Michigan is going to be pulled when the work of extracting them from the ground commences next month.

Sugar beet fields never looked so fine in the Thumb as this year, and thousands of acres are planted in that portion of the sugar district.

The acreage this year is larger than ever before, so that with the fine prospect for large beets of high sugar content it is believed that the value of the crop will, when turned into sugar, pass the \$10,000,000 mark.

#### BIGGEST SNAKE IS WHIPPED

North Carolina Farmer Tells of Battie Between Kingsnake and Rat tier-Former is Victor

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medited : The fight which took place in the road hear Mr. Randon - Lene Walwitnessed by all the members of ha family as well as himself. After the hattle had been in progress some finet the kingshake managed to to himself around the body of the rat ler about ten inches from the latter's head-

The rattler after this feat had been accomplished, made several attempts to strike his antagonist but without success. The kingsmake slowly worked its way up the body of the rat tier until suddenly it opened wide its mouth and swallowed the head of the rattletic Just as the swall-owing feat was accomplished the kingsnake squeezed its prey until, 3% Randall said its bones could be heard to crack for some distance. The king snake then united itself from the rat tier and commenced slowly swallow ing the rattler, the latter all the time

making frantic struggles to escape After several inches of the rattler's anatomy had disappeared into the kingsnake the former managed to tie its tail around a small bush, and then there was a mighty pull on the part of both reptiles, which continued until Mr Randali untied the tail of the rattler. From this time on the process of swallowing continued until at last every vestige of the big rattler disappeared into the stomach of the king-

#### SHARK WHIPS A DEVILFISH

Furious Battle to the Death of Sea Monsters Is Witnessed by Captain on Florida Coast

Tampa, Fla -- A furious battle beween a big devilfish and a shark is the talk of Fort I Soto Capt John V Hodden was standing on the quar termaster's dock, when he noticed an empty yawl boat being drawn down at its mooring by some unseen force until it was submerged. Then the entacle of a devilfish, estimated to have measured fully 14 feet and weigh a ton and a half, protruded from the water. The great fish berame entangled in the moorings of the yawl and was unable to disen-

At this juncture a 15 foot shark at tacked the devilfish, tearing its great tentacles to pieces. The shark fled at the approach of a crowd, leaving the water dark with blood, but returned and, seizing the remains of the devilfish, carried both them and the boat away at high speed. The boat was found floating later. Examination showed that the devilash had wound about 60 feet of the mooring rope about itself, the attacks of the shark cutting the rope into dozens of pieces.

Bathing is popular a short distance a devilfish seized an empty boat at Fort Dado, a mile away.

#### SHRINER'S TEMPLE AT NOME

Michigan Illustrious Potentate Assists In Piloting Novices Over "Hot Sande" of Alaska.

Saginaw, Mich.- Bearing the distinction of having taken part in the institution of a Shriners' temple at the farthest north point in Masonry, George E. Dutton, illustrious potentate of Elf Khurafeh temple, Mystic Shriners of Saginaw, has just returned home from Nome, Alaska Dutton, journeyed to this far northern point with a party of Seattle Shriners and with them conferred the degree upon a class of 59 candidates at Nome, the event being a notable one in Masonic circles. Among the souvenirs they received of the event were virgin gold scarfpins, while a key of virgin gold valued at \$1,000 was sent down to the Seattle lodge. There were 200 Eskimos in the parade celebrating the event. Dutton says it is a dull period. in Alaska and that there are many men out of employment.

#### KITE SAVES A BOY'S LIFE

Acted as a Parachute When Lad Stepped Off of a Roof in Philadelphia-Escapes Injury.

Philadelphia.-A large kite, which he was flying from the roofs of a row of houses on Hoffman street, between Sixth and Seventh streets, acted as a parachute when David Isabelowsky, seven years old, accidentally stepped over the edge, and saved him from serious injury.

The boy landed on his feet, which were badly bruised, but he was nototherwise hurt, according to the physicians at Mt. Sinal hospital. Poriceman Dupper saw the child run off the roof and rushed to the place where he struck the ground and sent him to the hospital.

Large French Wheat Crop. Paris.-Official figures give this year's French wheat crop as 125,655. 900 hectoliters, against 111,979,680 last year. A hectoliter is equal to two bushels 3.35 pecks.

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