

GERMANY IS LAGGING

Technical Methods and Appliances Inferior Says Edison.

American Inventor Is Most Impressed by Country's Wonderful Expansion, Especially in Northern Part of the Empire.

Washington, Oct. 26.—That Germany was not as far ahead in technical methods and appliances as she is generally supposed to be, is the opinion of Thomas Alva Edison, who has just returned from a long and arduous tour through the empire.

What has impressed me most in Germany, said the American inventor, is the fact that the technical methods and appliances of the Germans are far inferior to ours. The lack of up-to-date machinery in many instances is conspicuous.

It is twenty-three years since I was last in Berlin, continued Mr. Edison, and I can hardly recognize the place. It has been called the Chicago of Europe, and certainly it is growing with Chicago speed.

I have reason to be interested in the city, for the greatest of the electrical works in Berlin was practically started by me, and once bore my name.

How about the development of European flying machines, Mr. Edison? There are plenty of people now who can fly, but too few scientists are interesting themselves in the subject.

The attention paid here to Mr. Edison by the press and public constitutes a unique testimonial to the high esteem in which Germans hold him as one of the greatest of living Americans.

JOAQUIN MILLER AS A COOK

Also How West's Famous Poet Collected His Pay Therefor When His Employer Welched on Him.

Fort Jones, Cal.—How Joaquin Miller, the west's famous poet, made his entrance into Siskiyou county many years ago is related by J. M. Basset in his booklet entitled "Early Days in Siskiyou," now attracting interested comment.

"While I was prospecting my claims," writes Basset, "I lived in the same cabin with a man named Hearst. One day a boyish looking individual came down the trail riding one horse and leading another.

"After the meat he inquired if any one there wanted a man. Hearst answered that he needed a cook. The young man said he wasn't much in that line, but that he could make coffee and bread and bake beans.

"The new cook was Joaquin Miller. He dropped easily into the duties of chief cook and bottle washer of that cabin for weeks, but Hearst refused to pay him. Miller's ire arose, and he sold a team of Hearst's horses, pocketed a part of the money and a row ensued that ended with the poet packing his effects and leaving, his gun by his side."

MAKE CHEAP LUMBER PAPER

Manufacturers Can Turn Out Fiber Board, Largely From Waste Materials, Conservationists Say.

Kansas City, Mo.—So nearly perfect is artificial lumber made from paper there is no longer cause for great worry over forest conservation, said J. B. White, chairman of the executive committee of the National Conservation congress, here the other night.

A superior quality of artificial lumber can be manufactured cheaper than natural lumber can be grown," he said. "Taking 57 percent waste paper, 22 per cent straw, 5 per cent lute and 16 per cent wood fiber, a ton of fiber board, one-fourth inch thick, or 1,100 feet of inch lumber can be produced."

Find Rat With Plague. Seattle, Wash.—Of 75,000 rats killed by the Seattle health department in the last fifteen months, only one was infected with bubonic plague. This rat was captured recently down town.

ANOTHER LONDON RELIC LOST

Apothecaries' Hall, Quaint Old Building, to Be Supplanted by a More Modern Structure.

London.—Old London, which is disappearing rapidly before the march of improvement, is about to lose one of its most interesting buildings, the Apothecaries' company having announced that it is about to let on building lease the greater part of its land in Water Lane, just round the corner from Printing House square, where the London Times is published.

The Apothecaries' hall was first built in 1627 on the site of Lady Howard of Edlington's town house. This building was destroyed in the great fire of London and the present hall was erected in 1670. It doesn't amount to much architecturally, but it is packed full of fine carvings, splendid old furniture and interesting relics of the development of medicine.

The Apothecaries company is one of the great London companies, whose members elect the alderman and the lord mayor. It is the only one that has retained control of the trade whose name it bears. Originally the apothecaries belonged to the Grocers' company, but in 1617 they obtained a separate charter from King James I. on the ground that "the ignorance and rashness of promiscuous empirics and unskilled men may be restrained, whereby many diseases arise to the rude and credulous people."

Even in those days the prescribing druggist was a problem, and in 1687 the College of Physicians denounced the Apothecaries company for selling advice as well as medicine. The company retaliated by setting up a medical school, and in 1721 the house of lords confirmed the right of its members to prescribe as well as to sell drugs. Many a father of medicine in the American colonies undoubtedly learned his profession in this school.

BEAUTY BILLS ARE MODEST

London Specialist Says \$1,425 is Small Sum to Spend for Toilet Accessories—Men Pay, Well.

London.—Foreign visitors to England are sometimes heard to remark upon the bloom of the Englishwoman's cheeks, and to inquire if it is derived so entirely from an open air life as it is frequently said to be.

The beauty specialists of London are able to throw some light on the subject. They say the London woman may be as beautiful as she may wish for \$500 a year, but that \$2,500 to \$5,000 may be spent for more luxurious treatment and more expensive accessories.

The revived interest in this subject is due to a Chicago woman, who is quoted as having said that her bill of \$1,875 a year for beauty culture is a modest expenditure.

"The average Englishwoman spends considerably less on making herself beautiful than the American, French or Viennese," said a London street beauty specialist, who has clients from both sides of the Atlantic, "because she uses more hygienic means and dispenses with artificial helps, such as rouges, chin straps, face masks and other devices to develop her figure by unnatural means. I think the \$450 which the Chicago woman says she pays for face powders is an impossible sum to spend on powder—over here, at any rate. The Englishwoman's greatest expenditure is in obtaining water softeners.

"Many of my clients spend \$1.50 a day on water softeners, and I have men customers who spend as much as \$2.50 a day in this way."

A year's beauty bill of a reasonable amount spent by wealthy women in London is about as follows:

Table listing beauty expenses: Water softeners \$50, Perfumes \$25, Powders, creams and face lotions \$15, Mouth washes and tooth powders \$5, Manicure and polish of the nails \$20, Electrolysis \$20, Face cleaning, one treatment weekly \$10, Total \$145.

The above figures, however, do not include operations; and, according to a fashionable west end hairdresser, wealthy Englishwomen often spend from \$250 to \$500 a year on their hair and hair dressing.

Geese Find Gold.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Thirty gold nuggets, some as large as peas, were taken from the claws of six geese raised by Mrs. Israel Altshuler. When neighbors heard of the find a small gold rush was started. They began working pans in the vicinity. In washing out the sand near the house they found several small nuggets. The gold probably was washed down from the mountains years ago.

Dog Swallows Hatpin.

St. Louis.—Mrs. Pauline Neasleina has a dog with prize-winning digestive organs. Her Boston terrier Fudge survived carrying a ten inch hatpin in his interior for ten days. A veterinarian then removed the offending fastener from the dog's anatomy. Fudge is 20 inches long.

Grasshoppers Are Aid.

Louisville, Ky.—Kentucky's turkey crop will be bounteous this fall, according to reports from points in the state. The drought, while severe on ordinary crops, gave the young turkey the condition it likes best. Grasshoppers were plentiful.

SPELL HOLDING WIFE

Woman's Heart is Breaking Because Friends Forsake Her.

Mrs. Charlie Song Endures Seven Years of Torture, but Cannot Break Oriental's Charm—Was His Sunday School Teacher.

New York.—A contrast of religion and ethics, vice of the utmost common place and the mystic was the story told by Mrs. Charlie Song, who had been seized in Newark, N. J., in a federal raid on Chin se opium smugglers in her room in the Newark Chinatown the other afternoon.

Mrs. Song is an American woman and graduated to her present position as wife of a Chinese from being his preacher in a Sunday school.

"Seven years of hell" is the way she characterizes her sojourn among the yellow men. She says her life there has been one long fight against slavery for herself, yet she has been unable to leave because of some subtle spell that her association with them has cast over her. She is not an opium user nor a drinker, she says, and in spite of her troubles she has kept her religious enthusiasm. At first she was afraid to admit a reporter to her room, as she was afraid of the vengeance of the Chinese whose secrets she holds and who may be implicated at the hearing. She probably will be called as a witness.

"I was a country girl," she said, "I married and moved to Newark. My husband and my two children died, and for two years I was very lonely. I had always been religious and interested in missionary work, so to bury my trouble I began to teach a class in the Chinese Sunday school of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal church, Charlie Song being among my pupils.

"On New Year's in 1905, he asked me to go to New York with him and see the time celebrated among his own people. Other teachers went on such excursions with their pupils, so I saw nothing wrong in it.

"I refused to have any wine, because I had never drunk any, but he told me the rice wine was harmless. I drank two tiny cups. I could scarcely see the table, the wine went to my head so. Then he said, 'I love you. I will never let you go away now. You marry me. We go to China, be missionaries together.'"

"We went to the home of Rev. George Dowkatt at 20 Madison avenue, and he married us. Then we went right home, I to my home and Charlie to his. Next day, when I realized what I had done, it seemed to me that I would die with shame. That has been my hell ever since—to be ashamed, to be cut out from my people, to have everybody think I am an outcast, something unspeakable, the wife of a Chinaman.

"Finally we went to living together. The first few months he was a wonderful lover. Then he changed.

"I have been praying and praying this last year that some way would open for me to get away. I have tried to leave, but there is something, a sort of hypnotism that draws a woman back. A Chinaman never loses his influence over a woman when he has once had it. You have no idea how many white women are here in Newark living with Chinese. Some are girls in their early teens."

TAKES A COFFIN WITH HER

Elderly Woman Has Casket Made From Tree Under Which Her Sweetheart Was Assassinated.

Bristol, Tenn.—The agent at Paw Paw, a little station on the Big Sandy and Cumberland railroad, in Virginia, confessed that he was startled when an elderly woman with a sad expression stepped up to the ticket window and called for a ticket to a little town in Tennessee, and to the demand for a ticket she added: "And please tell me what it will cost me to express my coffin to the same place."

The woman was Eliza Dodson, who for 15 years has carried about the country this coffin.

In the days of her youth she loved a young mountaineer in Buchanan county, Virginia, and he was devoted to her. But this young man had a mountaineer rival. One evening while the young lady was planning her wedding with her fiance, under a trying tree, the rival shot the young man from ambush, and he fell, dying in her arms. For many years Miss Dodson brooded over the sad fate of her lover. Finally she had the tree cut down and a coffin made for herself. "I will be content," said the elderly little woman, "if only when I come to die I am given assurance that my body will be buried in this coffin, for it represents all in this world that is dear to me."

Diver Makes Record.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Ford Traville, a professional diver at Avalon, Catalina Island, has made what is claimed to be a world's record for diving. Clad in a common bathing suit, Traville dragged a half-inch rope down 55 feet below the surface and made it fast to an anchor lying on the bottom. Traville was down two minutes.

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TO TEST EARS OF CHILDREN

Pennsylvania Health Officers Will Examine All Pupils Who Seek to Enter Public Schools.

Harrisburg, Pa.—State Health Commissioner Dixon is preparing to make the medical inspection of school children authorized by the new school code. The inspections will be made in 25,000 school districts, which means that 2,500,000 children will receive the direct benefits of this important work. The inspectors will also make a thorough investigation of the sanitary conditions existing at the schools.

The medical inspectors will be instructed to note the age and sex of the pupil, the condition of sight, hearing, respiration, skin, teeth, cervical glands, contagious diseases, pulmonary tuberculosis and deformities. Each eye will be tested separately, using Snellen's chart at 20 feet. The presence of biophthalmia, conjunctivitis, tritis or trachoma or an adhesion of the cornea will be reported.

Each ear will likewise be tested separately for accuracy of hearing by whispering also at 20 feet, the distance at which the whisper is heard being used as the numerator and the distance at which it should be heard given as the denominator of the fraction. Ineffective teeth and nasal breathing will be noted.

Indications of present or recent contagious disease are found, note will be made of the fact and the exclusion of the child and its brothers and sisters at once ordered. Under no circumstances will the medical inspector advise as to the selection of a physician or communicate with the family of a pupil personally with regard to the results of the examination, all reports to the family being made directly from the department.

Upon receiving the reports at the central bureau in Harrisburg the chief medical inspector and his assistants will go over them very carefully and letters will be written to the parents of children in whom physical defects have been found, calling attention to these defects and suggesting that the child be taken to the family physician for a more detailed examination and treatment.

ELECTRIC HOTEL FOR PARIS

No Waiters, Only Dummies to Serve Meals—Electricity Used to Perform All Domestic Service.

Paris.—An electric hotel is to be erected in Paris very shortly. In which the domestic service will be performed by electricity. The guest requiring breakfast or his morning's mail, for instance, just calls for it from bed or chair—no telephone is required, his voice being transmitted by reasoners to the central office—and whatever is asked for is delivered at once without the agency of waiters.

In the dining rooms the waiters will be replaced by mechanical devices which will act, declares the inventor, with far greater promptness and skill than the more human attendant can be expected to show. The air of the hotel will be heated in winter and summer will be chilled by electricity, down to freezing point if required. A winter garden attached to the hotel will be filled all the year round with giant flowers and plants artificially raised by electric intensive culture. Brilliant moonlight and sunlight effects will be produced when the sun and moon are out of sight.

MURDER MYSTERY IN TRUNK

Telegram From Pittsburg Gives Chicago Police Anxiety Until German's Baggage Is Explored.

Chicago.—"Hold trunk with check No. 167,889; may be a trunk murder mystery."

This message was received the other day by Policemag Andrew Naylor at the Union depot from the Pennsylvania railroad police in Pittsburg. When the next passenger train entered the station Policemag Naylor jumped into the baggage car and seized the trunk.

"There's a body in that trunk, sure," said the policeman.

The trunk was taken to the baggage room and then its owner was found. He was Herman Grundheimer, a new arrival from Berlin.

"Ich will mein koffer," said the foreigner.

"Never mind that kind of talk; you are my prisoner," said Naylor.

In the presence of a score of railroad officials and policemen the trunk was broken open. The officers began to unroll a white oilcloth found therein.

"Get ready with your iron brackets," said Naylor.

When the spectators were about to succumb to the fumes emanating from the trunk the oilcloth was unrolled and 50 bricks of limburger cheese were exposed.

Grundheimer was permitted to continue his journey to St. Paul.

"BUYS" A BIG HOTEL

Man Pays Out \$48,680 for Chicago Auditorium.

George J. Lawton, Tax Sale Bidder, Plans Test Case to Get Possession—Value of Hotel is Placed at \$4,000,000.

Chicago.—Who owns the Auditorium Hotel? George J. Lawton, who owns the Auditorium theater? George J. Lawton, who owns the Auditorium office building? George J. Lawton?

Who is George J. Lawton? Mr. Lawton, briefly, is a gentleman who stays awake when other persons go to sleep. Owing to his careful cultivation for many years of this faculty, Mr. Lawton at a sheriff's sale the other day bought in the Auditorium Hotel, office building and theater, valued at about \$1,000,000, for \$18,680. This was \$2,680 more than the tidy little bids of \$16,000, which the owners of the property had forgotten to pay.

Under the usual translation of the Illinois law they can get back the property by paying Mr. Lawton a bonus of \$2,500, but Mr. Lawton says quite frankly and emphatically that he is not anxious for the bonus. He would rather have the building.

"I am going to make a test case and see if I can get possession of this property," said Mr. Lawton. "I can get a deed, and as soon as I get that I'm going to try to get a title. If I can get that, I will begin legal proceedings to oust the present owners. It will take two years to fight it out, but I think it's worth trying."

The figures of assessors figure the value of the property as follows:

Table showing property values: Value of land \$2,254,235, Value of improvements 1,699,000, Total value \$3,953,235.

When the owners of the property failed to pay the taxes on May 1 the penalty of one per cent a month was added to the amount. Six weeks elapsed and County Treasurer O'Connell advertised the property for sale.

About the middle of July he obtained a judgment of the county court against owners of the property because they still neglected to pay the taxes and the penalty. The other morning the property was placed on sale at public auction. Thomas G. Cahlan, one of Mr. O'Connell's assistants, received the bids. Mr. Lawton, who is a professional "bidder-in," made the highest offer. He handed over a check for \$48,680, and came into the possession of a frontage of 156 feet on Michigan avenue, 360 on Congress street and 160 on Wabash avenue.

The original owners of the land, Mr. Lawton says, were the Studebakers of South Bend, Ind.; Ambrose Cramer of Lake Forest and the Peck estate of Chicago.

A ninety-nine year lease was secured by the company which built the hotel, theater and office building.

Failure of the owners of the building to pay the taxes, Mr. Lawton says, means that they forfeit their lease and therefore he has obtained possession of all the property by paying the taxes.

"WANDERLUST" LATE IN LIFE

Man Wedded Forty-Seven Years Develops Divorce Disposition and Seeks Roving From Wife.

Kansas City, Mo.—A roving disposition which did not develop until 47 years after he was married, but which then caused David C. Rinehart to make three long, profitless journeys from home, the last with the announcement that he never would return, was the reason given the other day by Mrs. Ida Rinehart for bringing divorce proceedings in the Wyandotte county district court.

The Rineharts were married Christmas day, 1863. They own several houses in Kansas City, Kan., besides the one in which they lived, 1936 North Fifth street. Mrs. Rinehart alleges that the "wanderlust" first seized her husband in April, 1910, when he went to Canada without saying good-bye or telling where he was going. Three times, she says, he returned and said he would "settle down" again, but each time he broke the resolution. Last Fourth of July, she states, he called her on the telephone to go to the Union station. There, she declared, he bade her good-bye and said he was going into the far northwest and never would return. She has not heard from him since. He is a carpenter and seldom had been from home until a year ago.

Lighter Hats, More Brains

Smaller Headgear Increases Woman's Mentality, Declares Dr. George W. Galvin of Boston.

Boston.—That the undeniable improvement in the mentality of the up-to-date woman is due to the decrease in weight of her stylish headgear is the conclusion that Dr. George W. Galvin, founder of the Emergency hospital, has reached after scientific investigation.

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"Many are doing much more than the mere routine of housework. And should they desire to know the reason of this they need but think on the decrease in the size, and consequently in the weight, of their hats and they have the answer to their question.

"I consider it a significant fact that most college girls wear no hats at all and only caps when the weather demands a covering for the head."

Hen Vindicates Her Owner.

Athol, Mass.—Townpeople challenge the statement of Albert Ellis, worth, a prominent citizen, that Mary Hooker, his prize buff Orpington, laid two eggs every day. Ellisworth appeared at the Athol fair and placed the hen on some straw at the foot of the judges. She laid two eggs, one of them double-yolked, chirped a triumphant cackle and disdainfully strode away.

Hundreds of visitors to the fair applauded the Orpington vindication of her owner.

WALDORF VISION IN PAJAMAS

Girl Tiptoeed to Mail Chute and Then Curious Folk Emerged From Elevators—Maid Rescues Her.

New York.—Ten pink toes and one pair of baby blue pajamas caused a mild sensation early in the morning in the Waldorf-Astoria. And it all happened because the owner of the ten pink toes was anxious to keep the promise she had made to write to mamma every night. The tiptoeed into the deserted corridor of the twentieth floor to drop the letter in the mail chute. She left her key in the room and, of course, the door locked behind her.

In her bewilderment she dared not go on lest strange faces should peer forth to stare at the ten pink toes, peeping out beneath the bewitching costume of blue. But it was unnecessary to give an alarm. Just at that critical moment, persons began to emerge from the elevators at either end of the corridor. In an effort to avoid being observed by one group she ran into another.

Finally it occurred to the young woman she would either have to seek refuge upon the roof or gain entrance to her room. Then she remembered the floor clerk was a woman, but as she turned the corridor leading to the desk she held another woman, who had stopped for his key and to leave an early morning call.

She found a hiding place on the stairway until the path to the desk was clear. She explained about the letter to mamma and how the door had locked when she ventured into the hallway to reach the mail chute. A maid was called and with a pass key she opened the door.

At the breakfast hour persons lying on the same floor were talking of the vision in blue. One man, who wears glasses and is near sighted, reported to the information clerk that he had met a ghost in the hallway. Another man, who is not near sighted, described the woman in blue as "far more beautiful than Miss Pauline Class in her pink pajamas."

The hotel management declined to give the name of the young woman, or even to admit that such an incident had taken place in the early hours of the morning.

SHOVE PROVES TO

Man Is Pushed to Street on Platform of Streetcar—He Grabs \$50 Bill.

Chicago.—Chance working in a tomato claim adjuster's office a man who gave his name as Kingsley, Coldwater, Tex., the other night from a St. Paul car.

Kingsley had been arguing with a man on the rear platform. Just as the car reached Thirtieth street the man, by way of emphasizing a point, knocked his opponent into the street. Kingsley rolled along for a few yards in a vain effort to keep up the suddenly withdrawn motion of the car.

Then, with much difficulty, he arose. He was dusting his hands with a piece of paper which he had picked up when a policeman arrived, and asked him if he was hurt.

"I'm wounded," he answered. "Say, that guy might have killed me. He's a thug, a big, barn faced, lop eared, swivel-eyed."

Kingsley suddenly paused and began examining the piece of paper with which he had been dusting his hands. His eyes opened to an extraordinary width. He turned the paper over two or three times.

"I'll take it all back," he said presently. "That guy was an ace with blue and pink wings. I'll bet the music plays every time he goes by a church, and that he wouldn't hit a mosquito if it lit in his hands."

The paper was a \$50 bill.

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