

STAMPS WORTH A MILLION

Largest Collection Ever on Display to Be Seen at the Chicago Art Institute of Chicago.

Chicago—A million dollars worth of rare postage stamps were placed on exhibition at the Art Institute the other day, the collection being the largest ever shown in the world.

Chicago's exhibit is not international but the collection is more valuable than the one displayed at the last international exhibit at Birmingham, England.

The doors of the Art Institute were opened to the public following the reception to the guests in Pullerton Hall.

"I am sure the world has never seen so rare a collection as we are placing on exhibition," said Henry M. Lott, director of the exhibit.

The value of the single stamps range from 50 cents to priceless treasures. One of the most valuable is the stamp the King of England bought for \$5,200, which later passed into the hands of an American.

The entire collection has been insured at practically the face value of \$1,000,000. The exhibit will close Sunday afternoon.

RIVAL OF RADIUM IS FOUND

Cheaper Substance Believed to Possess All Its Wonderful Properties Is Uncovered in England.

Birmingham, Eng.—Radium, welcomed only a few years ago as without parallel in the realms of scientific discovery, has a rival.

"Happily," he declared, "in treatment of malignant growth by electron bombardment we are no longer restricted to the use of but one radioactive substance."

"The recent work of Dr. Hahn has shown that some of the derivatives of thorium—especially mesothorium—are even more active than radium. We may hope that in a short time we may be in possession of a radio-active substance which is not only cheaper, but also much more plentiful than its rival."

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GLOBE RACER LOSES PANTS

Frenchman on Journey Around World on Forty-Day Limit Has Distressing Mishap in Gotham.

New York.—The world-girdling tour of Andre Jager-Schmidt met a setback the other day. The young French journalist lost his trousers.

The man who is trying to circle the globe in 40 days sent his trousers to be pressed early in the day. Jager-Schmidt traveled light. This was his only pair and he had neglected to instruct the boy regarding their importance.

Jager-Schmidt whirled into the focus of half a dozen viewing picture machines and up the gang plink of the liner Olympic ten minutes before the sailing time, confident that he will win his race.

Auto Tire Hurts Stone. Montclair, N. J.—Workmen are replacing a \$150 plate glass window in the front of a store here. It was broken by a stone dashed from the roadway by the wheel of a passing automobile.

HARD WORK IN PHILIPPINES

Captain of Customs Cutter Talks of Trials and Perils in Fighting Moro Smugglers.

Manila.—The manner in which the Moros carry on smuggling in the southern zone is systematic according to Capt. Goddus of the customs cutter Skua.

"When everything is clear the smugglers make a dive for the little group of islands that dot the sea between there and Zamboanga, and almost always escape me even when I can sight them," said the captain.

"There is at least \$500,000 worth of textiles being smuggled from Iorneo into the southern islands every year that with a good fast boat I am sure could be almost all stopped. If it were not for my 1-pounder on the foredeck, I'd never land anything. As it is, when we make a haul it is most always Chinese, as they can dump all their merchandise and drugs into the ocean before we can reach them.

"Oh, yes, it is dangerous work. They will get me some day," and at this he pulled out from underneath his bunk a heavy club and disclosed a 38-caliber pistol and a shotgun.

Capt. Goddus has been skipper of the cutter Skua for the past eight years, three of which have been at Jolo, and two at Palawan.

Vienna, Austria.—A few months ago Fraulein Trombecka, who is the daughter of a Russian engineer, arrived at Przemsl, a garrison town in Austrian Poland, describing herself as a teacher at the hotel where she was staying.

The new teacher's great beauty and vivacity soon made a great impression on the dull garrison town, and the fact that Fraulein Trombecka moved into a luxuriously furnished flat met with but little comment.

A young lieutenant, however, became suspicious at her great interest in military affairs, and although he was in love with her decided to keep watch. One afternoon he called at her flat and on hearing that she was out told the maid that he would wait a while.

A thorough search in Fraulein Trombecka's room led to his discovery of a whole mass of incriminating evidence. In the folds of linen and in the lining of her dresses he found plans of fortresses, road maps of the neighborhood, and military plans.

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Some idea of the smallness of this quantity," he said, "may be gathered from the fact that an atmosphere of one mach unit per litre contains one part of emanation in 500,000,000,000 parts of air."

OIL ON ROAD KILLS FLIES

Expert of Massachusetts Town Says Tarvia Destroys Eggs and Larvae of Little Insects.

Lenox, Mass.—A Lenox entomologist asserts that the absence of flies along oiled highways is due to the destruction of the eggs and larvae by the application of tarvia and the by-products of oils which are being used to prevent dust.

The Lenox experimenter says that tarvia has practically killed the breeding places of the stable fly and that there are fewer house flies.

Germany on Tour. Berlin.—The Union of Merchants and Industrialists, the leading commercial association of Berlin, is planning to visit the United States.

MUST NOT TAKE ANY RISKS

Lincoln Beachey's Story Shows That It Is Safe in Aviation as in Love.

Lincoln Beachey, after his flight over Niagara Falls in a biplane was congratulated on his daring by a reporter.

"But I wasn't daring," the aviator said. "I put my time only to such pursuits as I knew I could withstand. In flying as in love, we must run no risks."

"The other girl laughed, blushed and assented. The dangerous plot was carried out. Then, the next day, the girl in love visited the pretty one and said anxiously:

"Well, did you ask him?" "No, dear."

"No, why not?" "I didn't get a chance. He asked me first."

MIRACLE IN THE MELONS

Where Do Those in Oklahoma Get the Water in a Season of Drought?

Bishop Quarle of the Methodist Episcopal church spoke at a camp-meeting, and referred to miracles about which people talk so much. He said down in Oklahoma they have not had a good ground-soaking for two years, nor have they had any dew on the ground for many a long morning.

How much do you philosophize on this miracle? Not at all. You just eat the miracle, make it part of your joy, and thank the good Lord that this is still an age of miracles.

The "telharmonium," invented by Dr. Thaddeus Cahill, furnishes what is called "electric music," not merely as a transmitter and imitator, but as direct producer of musical tones.

City folk visiting country neighbors where guinea fowl are kept have often wondered at the cry of those pretentious creatures. Probably no other member of the feathered tribes emits a cry as exasperating to human listeners as that of the guinea fowl.

It has its uses. Guinea fowl are the policemen of the poultry yard. They serve as guards to give other fowl warning of the approach of danger, whether it be in the form of thieves, dogs, hawks or crows.

Her education in youth was not much attended to, and she happily missed all the train of female accomplishments which passeth by the name of accomplishments. She was tumbled early, by accident or Providence, into a spacious closet of good old English reading, without much selection or prohibition, and browsed at will upon their fair and wholesome pasturage.

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ONLY WOMAN JAILER

Veritable Amazon Has Unique Position in Rhone Valley.

Record of Madame Jenny Porchet During Husband's Illness for Three Years, Makes Her Choice for Place.

Berlin—Woman's rights indeed! What more could the most ardent suffragette desire than to control the liberties of scores of men? That is the privilege of Mme. Jenny Porchet, aged 51, the only official woman jailer in the world.

Her prison lies in the pretty town of Aigue, with a population of 1,000, in the valley of Rhone. It forms part of an imposing range of castellated buildings, the most conspicuous in that region.

Thirty years ago Mme. Porchet married the chief warden of the Aigue prison. When her husband became seriously ill she acted in his place without the local authorities being aware of the fact.

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WOULD PUZZLE ANY SOLOMON

Pennsylvania Judge Finally Decides What Goes Must Be Cooked and Divided Between Two Women.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—A dispute over the ownership of a goose was settled the other day by Ald. John F. Donohue, who is famous locally for his common sense adjustments of lawsuits.

Mrs. Alice Krueger of Shickabiny charged Mrs. Louis Pellius with the theft of a goose. Each woman claimed the goose had belonged to her ever since it was hatched, and the evidence on both sides was of equal weight.

"Well," said the alderman, after puzzling over the case, "there is but one way to settle it. Each of you women will go home, will get your flock and each bring one here. Then you will place the geese on opposite sides of the courtroom and the goose in the middle and let her choose to which flock she belongs."

"Of course," he added, "there is the danger of her being a flirt." The women objected to this plan because it involved an outlay in railroad fare of more than the value of the goose.

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TIRED OF "TRIAL" MARRIAGE

Colorful Man Fell Into the Trap and Had Had Nothing But Tribulation.

"Tanby," said "Tinky," gratefully said a ramshackle-looking colored citizen who had percolated into the office of prominent attorney of Polkville, Arkansas.

"Well, then, why did you marry if you didn't want to?" "Who?—me? Eh—kaze I latter, sah? Hatter do it, dat's why. Dar wa'n't no way 'round it 'twix de law."

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FATTENER OF SPRING POETS

Farmer Took Them Lean and Mourning and Taught Them Life Is Worth Living.

"That fellow, settlin' on the fence yonder," said the local historian of rural life, "has plowed more spring poets than any farmer in the settlement."

"Plowed them?" "Yes, learn 'em how to plow—how to run a straight furrow and manage a Georgia mule. Plowed 'em, an' fattened 'em, and made 'em kind of life's worth livin'."

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MORTALITY IN FRENCH ARMY

Government Must Take the Physically Weak Because of Remarkable Decrease in Birth Rate.

London.—The Paris correspondent of the latest dispatches the subject of mortality and illness in the French Army. He says it is true that in the last ten years mortality in the French Army has been regularly diminishing.

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WHERE CHILDREN ARE MINERS

Cripple Creek Youngsters Overhauling Dumps and Making Money—Shipped Three Cars.

Cripple Creek, Colo.—Even the children are making money leasing in this camp. One can go to the dumps at the Christmas mine, on Bull Hill and find two youngsters carefully sorting the ore, shipping and making good profits.

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