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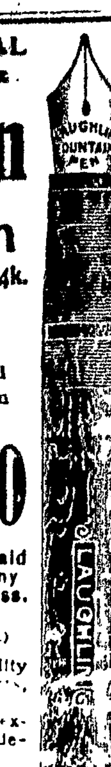

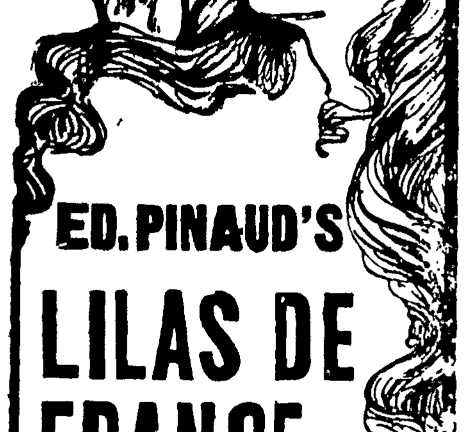

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The Space Writers' Delight Is to Fittingly Portray for the Masses the Dramatic and Scenic Wonders of a Lurid Blaze.—Better Than the Real Fire.

In London the midnight fire is still a conflagration, and the fine writer attends properly to its poetry and romance. Here are some of the results as gathered from a full page of appreciative rhetoric in the Spectator:

"To a looker on crowd and fire were curiously correlated. Human force seemed to inept before the relentless flame, and here was this human force standing idle yet convincing one, nevertheless of its possession of some great reserve; power like that of the fire. The mob, too, in the scarlet light, appeared strangely impersonal, self-contained, human.

"There was little or no noise, except for an occasional jest or exclamation of wonder, and once an involuntary murmur of awe at a violent sheet of flame rising apparently from some oily matter which had been touched.

"The hoarse noise of the burning, the agitated puffing of the steam pumps and a continuous shuffle of feet were the only sounds; the living persons most interested, for all the emotion shown, might have been in a trance. Even the incursions of the police seemed foreign and out of place, ill in keeping with the composed picture."

We learn that "five or six stories ~~the hoses had to be hoisted~~ up to reach the fire." The firemen on nearby roofs "stood out like ombres chinoises against the red glow. Flames floated and flowed beyond them like the 'banners yellow, glorious, golden,' in Poe's enchanted palace.

"The tiny figures ran to and fro meaninglessly, and one wondered dimly why their efforts should be made at all. The contrast in color between the firelight and the places in darkness exercised a kind of hypnotic power, and whatever appeared in the radius of light took on a look of most grotesque naturalness.

"The moon, when not utterly obscured, flickered doubtfully through a halo which was now bronze-colored, now pale yellow, now a bright blue.

"The glow fell impartially on hovel and factory, on the advertisement of the latest musical comedy or lurid melodrama, and on posters in strange Hebrew characters."

The blaze did a good deal of damage to the London & Northwestern railway company, but it is worth some loss to see a real fire through the ideal eyes of the Spectator man.—New York World.

A Seven Wife Religion.

A Doukhobor named Vazoff who was disappointed with the doings of his fanatical sect in Canada, and returned to Russia, has just been arrested and sent to prison, wires the Moscow correspondent of the London Express. Vazoff aspired to be the Joseph Smith of Russian Mormonism. Having quarrelled with the Canadian Doukhobors, he returned surreptitiously to his native country, boasting that he would found a sect ten times as numerous as theirs. Arriving at Odessa he tramped inland, announcing to the peasants a new revelation, according to which all true Christians were in future to have seven wives, "as was the case with good Canadians." The villagers of Ilovo passed a resolution accepting Vazoff's doctrines, but when the mayor, his two sons, and seven of the eight rich peasants put the tenets of the new religion into practice there was a loud outcry, and the young men of the district raided the mayor's house and nearly killed his sons. Vazoff fled, but was pursued to a neighboring village, where he was captured while haranguing the moujiks on the virtues of polygamy.—Exchange.

Making up a Horse's Toilet.

A beauty hospital for horses has been established on the continent. Here horses have their coats electrically massaged, their hoofs manicured, and their teeth filled and whitened; and here they learn to stand properly and to move in all the fashionable gaits. Probably the most interesting and novel operation to witness is the electrical massaging of a horse's coat. This has the same effect on the coat of a horse as on the scalp of a man; it makes the hair thick and fine and glossy, and, where the skin has been rubbed bare, it brings on a new growth.—Exchange.

Wedding Anniversaries.

Wedding anniversaries are as follows: First, cotton; second, paper; third, leather; fifth, wooden; seventh, woolen; tenth, tin; twelfth, silk and fine linen; fifteenth, crystal; twentieth, china; twenty-fifth, silver; thirtieth, pearl; fortieth, ruby, fiftieth, golden; seventy-fifth, diamond.

Turtle Marked 60 Years Ago.

George S. Gillette, of Milford, Conn., and his son captured a turtle and, making a close examination, found on its shell D. N. C. 1844. These are the initials of David N. Clark of the same town, an energetic old gentleman now in his 83d year.

United States a Hop Country.

The United States now produces more hops than any other country. Of the world's crop of 1,760,000 hundred weight, the United States furnishes 462,000 hundred weight.

LIVING WITH A TARANTULA.

For Six Months the Big Spider Terrorized and Eluded a Family.

An ugly, venomous tarantula from the tropics was dispatched at the home of William Zink, at Hudson and Willow streets, Gloucester city, yesterday, after it had terrorized the family for a period of six months. Zink was a former fruit dealer, and one day a half year ago while he was handling a bunch of bananas the huge spider hopped out and escaped. Zink and members of his family searched for the insect for some time but without avail, and then concluded that it had gone out into the wide world. Not long after that, however, the tarantula was discovered in the house, and again chase was given it but once more it escaped by hiding.

At intervals ever since then the tarantula had been seen at various places through the dwelling, but in every instance it managed to elude its pursuers, who began to have creepy feelings every time they saw anything move in a shadowy place. It got to be a reign of terror in the house, but no one seemed able to find the thing that menaced them.

Just as he and his wife were about to retire on Saturday night Zink once more caught sight of the tarantula as it clung to a picture frame in his bedroom.

"Ha!" cried Zink. "I have you at last you pesky varmint!" and he made a heroic effort to do the thing to death.

The huge insect seemed to wink at him as it dodged behind the picture frame and mysteriously disappeared like a ghost or some other horrid creation of the fancy. Sure that he was on the trail of the insect Zink got up early yesterday morning, determined to rid ~~the house~~ of the creature. He searched in every possible crevice and cranny, but at last, after two hours of unceasing scrutiny, he came upon the spider crouched in a little crevice in the wall where it may have hidden all these months. Zink killed it and proudly exhibits the hairy body at his home. It measures over five inches across its legs.—Philadelphia Record.

Arapahoe Songs.

Among the Indian tribes the Arapahoes are pre-eminent for their native songs. Some of their songs are religious; a few of them are inconsistent with our Christian ideas, but others are much mixed with superstition and false religion. The ghost dance religion of recent years was the occasion of developing many of these songs. The translation of some of these songs made by the Hinton Record, is here given.

> Our Father, our Father,
> He is the one
> That makes the sky
> Red and blue.

The thought is simple, yet entirely consistent with Christian ideas. In it God is recognized as the giver and maker of all. The words are sung to a peculiar native air.

Another song is

> Go straight, go straight,
> Our Father tells us,
> Because he has pity on us.

Another is this:

> My Father have pity on me,
> My Father have pity on me,
> I am crying for thirst,
> I am crying for thirst,
> My food is all gone
> My food is all gone.

The greater number of their songs, however, have the error of the ghost dance religion. The crow is the sacred bird of the ghost dance and is counted as a messenger from the spirit world. Many of the songs refer to the crow:

> The earth, the crow,
> The earth, the crow,
> The crow brought it back with him,
> The crow brought it back with him,
> The crow has called me,
> The crow has called me,
> When the crow has called for me,
> When the crow has called for me,
> I heard him.
> I heard him.

—Kansas City Journal.

Altitudes Attained by Balloons.

Mr. James Glaisher in 1862 reached an altitude by balloon of 8,838 meters; Tressandier in 1875 attained to 8,600 meters, and Balsan in 1900 to 8,558 meters. On June 24 last M. Berson, along with Dr. von Schrotter, physiologist, of Vienna, in the balloon "Prusse," reached a height of 8,759 meters, and found there a temperature of 37 to 38 degrees centigrade below zero. The ascent was made at 9.15 a. m. from Jungfernheide, and the descent, after a voyage of eleven hours, at Uthausen. M. Berson, in company with Dr. Suring, did better still on July 31, 1901, when in the same balloon he ascended to a height of 10,800 meters. Both he and the doctor fainted through the cold and rarefaction of the air. In 1894 Berson, in the "Phenil," attained to 9,155 meters. Such high ascents are now possible owing to the use of oxygen for breathing, but still they are dangerous.—London Globe.

Unwelcome Women Students.

The decrease in the number of women students in German universities from 1,271 last Sept. to 850 this year shows that the crusade against women in these institutions is continuing. It is said that the object in making the conditions of entrance so hard is to rule out insufficiently prepared women from Russia, notably Jewesses.

A LARIAT EXPERT.

Miss Mulhall is Also Unexcelled in Handling the Broncho.

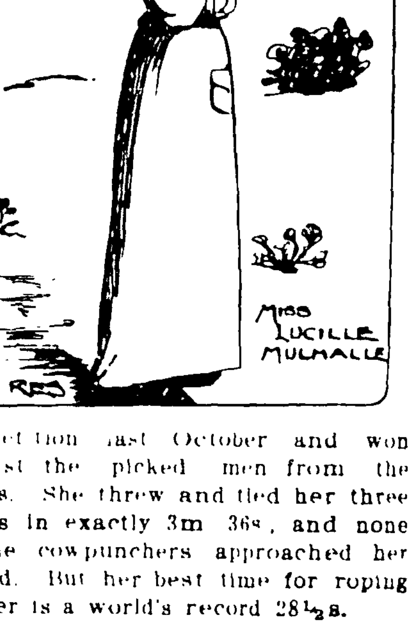
Miss Lucille Mulhall, known throughout the west as "Bossie" Mulhall, is champion of the world with lariet and broncho, and last fall well proved her claim to the title.

She is the daughter of Col. Zach Mulhall, is a friend of and is admired by President Roosevelt, is fond of the strenuous life, can shoot with the skill of a frontiersman, can lasso and tie a steer with the celerity and dexterity of the most expert cow puncher, rides astride and boldly, and knows not the meaning of fear.

She is the richest, prettiest, most stylish, best dressed and most popular girl—for she is only 18—on the cattle ranges of the west. Her friends love her for her work with the rope. Her acquaintances like her best in the ballroom, and she dances as well as she throws her lariat. She is a good pianist and loves Mendelssohn and Beethoven, reads and quotes Browning and Byron, knows Homer and Virgil, discusses physics and astronomy, can prepare a dinner fit for the gods and can bring down a prairie wolf at 500 yards, as is shown by the skin which the President prizes so highly.

Miss Mulhall met President Roosevelt at the first reunion of the Rough Riders. He wished to see some untamed bronchos subdued, and Miss Mulhall volunteered to do the trick. She did it in most approved style, and since then she has been a friend of the Roosevelt family and has visited at the White House.

The southwest has an annual contest at roping steers, and the most expert lariat men from all the territories gather then to show their skill and corral the $1,000 prize for championship work. Miss Mulhall entered the



competition last October and won against the picked men from the plains. She threw and tied her three steers in exactly 3m 36s, and none of the cowpunchers approached her record. But her best time for roping a steer is a world's record 28½s.

Keeping Hair Curly.

Hair that is very oily is difficult to keep in curl by any method. It must first be rendered soft and dry by thorough shampooing, then it may be waved or curled successfully.

The repulsive stringy appearance of oily hair can only be overcome by frequent shampooing, about once in two weeks is usually sufficient, if combs and brushes are kept clean by weekly washings.

A little pure bay rum, two parts to one part of water, rubbed into the scalp and used to moisten the hair will assist in keeping it dry and in a healthy condition.

When using the curling or waving tongs test before applying them to the hair. If paper is quickly scorched the iron is too hot; a test of two seconds without discoloring the paper shows the iron is about right. Never neglect to wipe away any smoke which may have accumulated on the iron while heating. It is there even though you cannot see it.

A curling fluid, said to be very efficacious in keeping the hair in curl, is made as follows: To one point of hot water add one-half ounce of refined borax and one drachm of gum arabic. When the ingredients are dissolved add two tablespoonfuls of spirits of camphor. Strain through fine muslin and bottle for use. Moisten the hair with the fluid and roll up each lock on kid paper curlers and leave until perfectly dry.

Satin Skin of the Japanese.

How the dainty, almond-eyed Japanese maiden manages to keep her satin skin and youthful contour on the kind of food she eats must be a mystery to the beefsteak and potato, bread and butter eating girl of the occident. A cup of tea, accompanied by two little green plums, pickled in vinegar, then rolled in sugar, is the traditional Japanese breakfast. Dinner is prepared by a number of queer appetizers in the form of stuffed prawn, seaweed with sauce, hashed sparrow and salt sweetmeats. Dinner itself consists of plain boiled rice, mixed with a little fish sauce. But what a lot of rice the sweet Japanese girl can consume!

Broken Glassware Repaired.

If you happen to break a glass or valuable glass ornament it can be effectually and easily mended in the following way. Melt a little isinglass in spirits of wine, add a small quantity of water; warm the mixture gently over a moderate fire. When mixed by thoroughly melting it will form a perfectly transparent glue, which will unite glass so nicely and firmly that the joint will be scarcely noticed by the most critical eye.

REV. FATHER SEARLE

THE NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE PAULIST FATHERS.

This Gifted Missionary Priest Is a Convert and Is One of the Greatest Astronomers and Mathematicians of the Western World.

Rev. Father George M. Searle, who has just been elected superior general of that remarkable organization of militant Christians officially named the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle, but far better known as the Paulist Fathers, is one of the greatest astronomers and mathematicians of the western world. This gifted man has had a remarkable religious career, having been successively a member of the Church of England, the Unitarian church, the American Protestant Episcopal church and the Roman Catholic Church. He comes of old New England stock, his first known ancestor being Robert Searle, who lived in Dorchester in 1662. Other ancestors were Thomas Dudley, first lieutenant governor of Massachusetts, and Mrs. Ann Hutchinson, famous in colonial history. His grandmother was a sister of the grandfather of President Eliot of Harvard university.

But Father Searle was born in London on June 27, 1839, during the temporary residence of his father there, and was baptized into the Church of England. His parents returned to this country a year later, and both died when George was about three years old, and the lad was brought up by his elder brother and sister in the Unitarian faith.

He was graduated from Harvard in the class of '57, having as a classmate former Secretary of the Navy John D. Long, and the next year went to the Dudley observatory at Albany, where he discovered the asteroid Pandora on Sept. 11, 1858, at the age of nineteen years. About this time he returned to his early faith, becoming a member of the Protestant Episcopal church. In 1859 he became a calculator for the United States coast survey and continued at this work until 1862, when he took the position of assistant professor of mathematics at the United States Naval academy, then at Newport, which he held for two years.

In 1862 Father Searle was received into the Roman Catholic Church, and in 1865 he went to Europe, where he studied theology for a year. Returning to this country in 1866, he became assistant in the Cambridge observatory, where he remained for two years, resigning to study with the Paulist Fathers in 1868. He was ordained a priest on March 25, 1871.

Father Searle's first work with the order was as a professor of theology in the Paulist scholasticate, which was maintained by the fathers in West Fifty-ninth street, New York until it was incorporated with the Catholic university when the latter institution was opened in Washington in 1888. When the scholasticate went to Washington, Father Searle became professor of mathematics in the university and established the astronomical observatory of that institution. He remained in Washington for five years and then returned to the Paulist headquarters and became first assistant to the late Father Deshon, the superior general. Though of late years Father Searle has devoted himself to the religious duties of his profession, in former times he was a contributor to the Astronomical Journal and the author of a treatise on geometry. He invented and patented a naval range finder which is in use in the navy and invented various photographic appliances.

With his profundity of intellect Father Searle combines the simplicity of a child. He is guileless, direct and never anything else but absolutely sincere. When he is not absorbed in his mission work mathematics usually immediately claim his attention. Known as one of the best calculators in the country, he receives problems to solve from many sources, and when a new comet is discovered it is more than likely that its elements will be sent to him, so that he may make the intricate calculations necessary in order to mark out its orbit. This work naturally requires great powers of concentration, and thus it is that he is blind to much of what is happening around him. He is more than six feet tall and is of robust build. And as he talks with the simple directness of a child, and, moreover, lisps, the effect is striking in the extreme.

One of the best jokes that are told at the expense of Father Searle relates to the first "sermon" he preached after entering the priesthood. Because of his fame and prominence a great number of persons had assembled in the church to hear him speak. He entered the pulpit and in the most matter of fact way said something like the following:

"My dear friends, I had prepared a sermon to read to you. I am sure it was an excellent sermon, for I read it to some of the fathers and they praised it highly. I gave deep thought to the subject I meant to discuss, but unfortunately I have mislaid my papers. I am very sorry, for I know you would have enjoyed it. Instead of the sermon I shall read the Gospel."

And he did.

It wasn't until he felt in his pocket that night that he found his manuscript.

French Pilgrims.

A number of the leading nobles of France, headed by the Marquis de Turenne, have organized a pilgrimage of aristocrats to Rome to protest against France's anti-Vatican attitude. The intention of the promoters is to present to the Pope a document signed by many of the leaders of the French people, pledging the support of a majority of Frenchmen to any action the Pope may take.

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