

SIRENS AND SONS.

Sir Edward Carson, signator of Ulster, is a London lawyer. Edward Dowd has completed forty years of service as a policeman in St. Louis. Representative Carter Glass of Virginia, who framed the administration currency bill, always wears old fashioned round cuffs with large, old time buttons.

Aerial Flights.

Now that the New York court of appeals has decided that aviation is hazardous no one need go up in a flying machine in ignorance of the risk he is taking.—Philadelphia Ledger. It is quite easy to imagine that in the next twelve months some discovery or invention may be made that will make a flight overseas and around the world quite possible.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

State Lines.

West Virginia's mines employ 80,000 men. Kansas in thirty-five years has doubled its crop production. The average annual crop return is now \$210,970,838. In 1913 the metal mine output of Idaho was so much increased that the total value exceeded that of the record year, 1906, according to estimates of U. N. Gerry of the United States geological survey.

Train and Track.

In all the world there are less than three times as many miles of railroad as there are in the United States alone. A new type of electric street car has each wheel mounted independently to prevent the loss of power due to wheels carried on the ends of ordinary axes grinding on the rails at curves. According to figures gathered by the Electric Railway Journal, London has 123 miles of rapid transit routes in operation and nearly four miles under construction, while New York has 101 miles in operation and 211 under way or approved. Berlin has forty-one miles of elevated and subway service, with thirteen miles under way.

Baseball Talk.

Baseball is beginning arrogantly to elbow its way to the center of the stage.—Chicago News. The Federals have been making nothing but home runs in the winter circuit.—Baltimore American. It may be noted that the baseball "slaves" receive mighty good pay while in slavery.—Rochester Herald. If, as President Ebbets of the Dodgers asserts, organized baseball has made Brooklyn what it is in sports, it looks as if that city would be justified in bringing suit for damages.—Indianapolis News.

Current Comment.

This age is learning to do with less—from the spineless cactus of Burbank to the wireless electric light of Marconi.—Chicago Inter Ocean. Evidently there are going to be no golden opportunities for graft with Colonel Goethals as the ruler of the canal zone.—Baltimore American. Probably the movement to change the name of the war department to the army department originated with the navy, which itself expects to be the war department in all future unpleasantnesses.—New York World.

Wireless Whispers.

If wireless operators get \$25 the month, why shouldn't they be glad to die at their posts?—Philadelphia Ledger. Marconi can now light a lamp wirelessly at a distance of six miles, this being what might be termed another spark of genius.—Detroit Free Press. With the advent of the portable wireless apparatus a man will have no chance to forget to mail the letter that his wife handed him in the morning.—Chicago News.

ROUND THE WORLD

Turkish women are now taking up aeroplaning. Japan has granted the right to vote to two women. Dr. M. De Fleury of London says love is a nervous disease. The chrysanthemum is served as a salad in French households. Vienna has several women who work every day with a pick and shovel. A recent census of England and Wales shows eighty-six women plumbers. The total income from the parcel post in the year 1913 was about \$50,000,000. In the United States cities there was last year one bank to every 9,700 persons.

Wireless telephoning is now successful up to 300 miles. Marconi says that the Atlantic will be spanned very soon. Allowing for losses in slack seasons, three-quarters of the women workers in New York city receive less than \$400 a year. The Seychelles group, a British possession lying 750 miles northeast of Madagascar, consists of about thirty small islands. A new labor temple of the wood workers of Germany has recently been completed at a cost of more than \$250,000 in Berlin. Italy has now been officially informed that the cost of the war with Turkey for the possession of Tripoli was \$101,000,000.

The Chinese chrysanthemum was introduced into England as far back as 1764, but it became extinct in that country soon after. Holland has just completed its first crematorium, although a society for promoting cremation there has been in existence since 1874. It is stated on good authority that one out of every three blind children loses its sight owing to carelessness of nurses or attendants at birth. On the ground that an aeroplane is a scientific instrument necessary for its owner's livelihood a court in Hungary has decided that it cannot be seized for debt. In putting new lightning conductors on St. Paul's cathedral, London, a part of an old lightning rod installed by Benjamin Franklin 140 years ago was found.

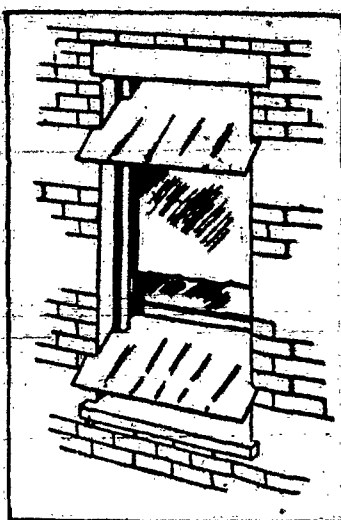
Last year the forest service distributed 118,000 basket willow cuttings—15,000 to forest schools, 20,000 to agricultural experiment stations and 81,000 to individuals. Chile is suffering from drought. The heat has been intense for that part of the world, 98 degrees in the shade. There may be neither wheat nor barley for export. Because the tonnage over the famous Forth bridge in Scotland was 99 percent heavier last year than in the year it was opened much of the structure will be rebuilt. The original anti-rabies virus first used by Pasteur in Paris in 1886 never has been lost and has been used in the preparation of all anti-rabies vaccine since that time. The Westminster Gazette vouches for figures showing that America consumes more liquor per head every year while in Europe the consumption of intoxicants is decreasing. There are over 1,000 concerns in Japan engaged in manufacturing knit shirts, socks, gloves and drawers. Factories employing large capital, labor of modern machinery do not exist. As a result of a quarrel which ended in an assault case a judge in Chicago sentenced the one who began it to take the other one and his family to the theater, with a supper afterward. During 1913 2,196 physicians died in the United States and Canada. Reckoning on a conservative estimate of 150,000 physicians, this is equivalent to an annual death rate of 14.6 per thousand.

Mexican seed rice is sent almost entirely to Texas. At first it was exported in small quantities only, but the Mexican seed prospered so well that the Texan demand for it has been on the increase. The Suez canal authorities announce that the maximum draft of water authorized has been increased by one foot, making it twenty-nine feet. Six years ago the depth was increased to twenty-eight feet. Free gold is found in many parts of Peru, but lack of roads, high prices for provisions and in some sections danger from the savages of the forest regions, as well as fevers make it difficult to take out large quantities. On the Pennsylvania railroad recently an old lady handed the conductor a ticket which had been issued Feb. 1, 1873. The ticket was accepted, but the conductor did not have time to ask the reason for its long disuse. Not many years ago Russia was a strong rival of the United States in the production of petroleum. Now the Russian empire fields only about 68 percent as much oil as California alone, and not much more than Oklahoma.

The navy department has asked the forest service to investigate guano, a Philippine wood, for possible use in decking boats and ships. Long leaf pine, sugar maple and beech are the domestic woods most used for decks. After a typewriting contest in Copenhagen the words were counted, and it was found that the speed was only sixty-seven words a minute. To account for the low record it was explained that the words were Danish. The comptroller of the city of New York recently received an ax, with a note explaining that it had been stolen from the city ten years previously, but had never been used, and was now returned because of a printer's conscience.

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Shields That Prevent Rain Entering Open Windows.



In these days, when every other person, or even more than that, is a fresh air crank, there is a demand for some system of ventilation which will let in the air and keep out the rain in case of such a visitation. The shields shown in the accompanying cut are designed to perform this mission, and it can be readily seen how it will be accomplished. The shields are designed to be made of any suitable material, but the most durable is the least obtrusive, and where the glass is made use of the sheets are generally secured permanently in place. These devices allow the window to be open at both top and bottom.

Put into a frying pan a teaspoonful of lard. Mix one medium sized onion rather fine and fry in the lard until done, but not brown; remove the onion and set aside. Break into the pan the number of eggs desired, being careful not to break the yolks. Have ready a sauce made by cooking two large tomatoes or an equal amount of canned tomatoes with a pod of chile pepper (chile powder to make as hot as desired may be substituted) and salt to taste; this must be rubbed through a sieve or mashed very smooth. Take up the eggs, put a bit of the cooked onion and a spoonful of the sauce on each egg and serve. This is fine with breakfast bacon.

If the duck is not young boil first and put one onion, one tablespoonful of vinegar, salt, sage and pepper in the water. Boil for about one hour. Make a dressing of stale bread crumbs highly seasoned with sage, salt and pepper. Moisten the stuffing with some of the liquor in which the duck was boiled and add one beaten egg. Stuff the duck, lay some slices of fat salt pork over the breast, having previously dredged with flour, salt and pepper. Roll down the liquor in which the duck was boiled and use to baste while roasting. Remove the slices of pork during the last half hour of cooking.

One and one-quarter pounds of flour, three-quarters of a pound of molasses, half pound of brown sugar, quarter of a pound of butter, one ounce of ground ginger, one teaspoonful of ground allspice, one teaspoonful of ground cloves, one teaspoonful of baking soda, two eggs and butter to mix. Stir together the butter, sugar and molasses with the milk, mix together all the dry ingredients, pour in the molasses, etc., and add the eggs well beaten. Mix well, pour into a greased tin and bake in a slow oven about one and one-half hours.

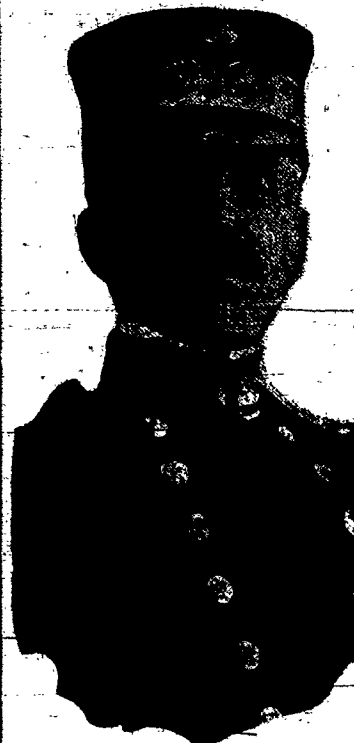
Chicken and Macaroni. Boil a chicken until very tender, take out all the bones and mince fine. Boil a half pound of macaroni until tender, first breaking it up in pieces one inch long. Butter a deep pudding dish, put on the bottom a layer of the cooked macaroni, then a layer of the minced chicken, bits of butter, pepper and salt, then some of the chicken liquor; over this put another layer of macaroni, and so on until the dish is full. Pour a cup of cream over the whole and bake half an hour. Serve from the dish in which it was baked.

Mix into one tablespoonful, heaping of butter one teaspoonful of flour. Season with salt and pepper and a dash of nutmeg if liked. Put this into a cupful of fresh milk and stir and simmer for fifteen minutes; then add a teaspoonful of thick or very rich milk. Hard boil five eggs, halve them, arrange on a dish with ends upward and pour the sauce over them. Decorate with tiny squares of toast around the margin of the dish.

Boil one dozen eggs for twenty-five minutes, put in cold water and take off the shells. Slice the eggs and put them in a pudding dish with alternate layers of breadcrumbs, having a layer of fine crumbs on top. Season each layer with a little pepper and salt, and before putting on the top layer of crumbs pour over it a pint of sweet cream. Bake brown and serve hot.

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PERSONS

George Barnett, New Head of the Marine Corps.



Major General George Barnett, the new commandant of the United States marine corps, has been connected with that branch of Uncle Sam's military establishment for over thirty years. He succeeds Major General W. P. Hiddle, who is to be retired. The United States marine corps is an independent branch of the military service of the United States, serving generally under the direction of the secretary of the navy. The corps may be detached by order of the president for service with the army, and on various occasions parts of the corps have so served. The authorized strength of the corps is 840 officers and 9,921 enlisted men. The officers comprise 1 major general, 11 colonels, 107 captains, 96 first lieutenants and 97 second lieutenants. Commissioned officers are appointed from graduates of the Naval academy, from worthy noncommissioned officers and from civil life. Among the duties of the corps are those of garrisoning the Panama canal zone and furnishing garrisons for navy yards and naval stations; also to serve on board all battleships and armored cruisers of the navy, and such other vessels as may be directed in detachments of not less than 5 percent of the strength of the enlisted men of the navy on said vessels. The new head of the corps is a native of Wisconsin and in his fifty-fifth year. He was educated at the United States Naval academy, from which he was graduated in 1883. He was at once assigned to the marine corps and has since seen service in all parts of the world.

The speedy vindication of Senator Thomas Pryor Gore of Oklahoma from an atrocious charge made against him by a woman was a source of gratification to the blind statesman's many friends in Washington and the state he represents. It was stated by Senator Gore that the charges were made to injure him politically and prevent his reelection to the senate. He is a candidate to succeed himself before the state Democratic primary, which takes place next fall. Senator Gore is a native of Mississippi, in his forty-fourth year, and is

totally blind. When he was eight years old a thrown stick struck him in the left eye, rendering it sightless. Three years later his right eye was destroyed by an arrow. Despite his infirmity, he attended school and made rapid progress. In 1892 he was graduated from the law department of Cumberland university, Lebanon, Tenn., and after several years spent in Texas settled in Oklahoma in 1901. He served one term in the territorial senate and in 1907 was elected United States senator for the new state. He drew the short term, expiring in 1909, and was re-elected for a full term. His present term expires in March, 1915.



My first a titled gentleman (The origin's obscure), Or 'tis a way of numbering A total to secure. To second is but human. We do it o'er and o'er, And when we fit our best, it seems We do it all the more. Across my first and second Much money daily passes. My final is desired, By all the pretty ladies. Yet final is a sad disease. With sudden, dread attack, Don't give me coin that's tall, for I'll surely give it back. Answer—Oven, etc., etc.

FOR THE CHILDREN

What Should His Wife Wear?

A new game to sharpen the wit is prepared in this way, says the Philadelphia Record. Cut pictures of men out of catalogues and advertisements or from anything that will furnish suitable material. Paste these on cards or photo mounts about 4 by 4 inches in size. These are numbered and passed around to the guests one by one. Each member of the party is given a pencil and paper and told to guess and write after each number in what material the wife of that man he numbered should be dressed. When all the cards have been passed and each player has written her guesses the papers are collected and prizes given to those having the most correct answers. The hostess' list, with which the answers are compared, is as follows: Hunter's wife..... Duck. Musician's wife..... Organ. Author's wife..... Book. Baseball player's wife..... Bat. Dairyman's wife..... Cheese. Woodchopper's wife..... Corduroy or crash. Tailor's wife..... Long cloth. Banker's wife..... Cashmere. Statesman's wife..... Sateen or abateen. Fat man's wife..... Broadcloth. Shepherd's wife..... Shepherd's plaid. Tennis player's wife..... Net or lawn. Candy man's wife..... Taffeta. Masarina's wife..... China silk. Sportsman's wife..... Outing flannel. Baldheaded man's wife..... Mohair.

Some Useful Treats. From the Brazilian plantain is obtained the street broom material exported to every part of the world where streets are kept clean. In the breadfruit the natives obtain an excellent article of food. The tree is large, attaining a height of fifty or sixty feet, and in the Pacific the fruit is used as we use breadfruit, in fact, being the baker of the bakers. If a tree produces bread, so called, we should not be surprised to find one that gives milk, and such a one was discovered by Baron Von Humboldt in South America. It was called the pain de vac by the natives, or "cow tree," and when the bark was peeled, the sap that looked and tasted like milk ran out in a clear stream, forming a delicious and nutritious food. The tree is a variety of evergreen very common in the higher regions of Venezuela, and the milk not only looks like that of the cow, but tastes like it, and the discovery was considered valuable that attempts have been made to transplant it, though without success.

The Daisy. The Latin name of the daisy comes from a word meaning "pretty," and all will agree that it is well named. Our English word daisy is really "day's eye," and that is what it was called many hundred years ago. Like the dandelion, each of its flowers is made up of a number of little ones, the tiny golden "disk flowers" in the center and the long white "ray flowers" around them. Daisies growing on the prairies from Kentucky to Texas have violet or purple rays. To this same big family or "order" belong the asters, robins' plantain, goldenrod, dahila, bonaset and many other common but beautiful wild flowers that all know so well. If you look at the flowers in the yellow center of a daisy through a microscope you will find that each is shaped like a ball and has pointed teeth on its edge.

Conundrums. Why is an engraver fearless of drowning? Because he is accustomed to die sinking. Why do so many of the Chinese travel on foot? Because there is only one coach in China (coach-in-China). Why is the letter Y like a young gentleman? Because it makes no pay. Why is a key like a hospital? Because it has wards in it. Why is a drawn tooth like a thing forgotten? Because it is out of the head. Why do pianos bear the noblest characters? Because they are grand, upright and square. Why is a large kingdom like a brown study? Because it's a roomy nation (rumination). Why is a jailer like a musician? Because he fingers the keys.

Robbing the Crabs. In some of the islands of the Malay archipelago and neighboring countries the coconut husk is obtained in a curious manner. An enormous crab is found there that lives on the fruit, climbing the trees and tearing them off, either hauling them down or breaking them by tearing off the husk and then beating them against the rocks with its huge claws. The husk that the crab takes from the fruit they carry to their holes at the foot of the trees and make a bed of it and, knowing this, the Malays visit and rob the crabs once or twice a year, using the husk to weave into mats.

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THE UNSIGNED TELEGRAM

Proved a Telegram True to One, Lost to Another.

"Telegram for you, sir." The usher handed me a telegram which I opened and read: "Alice is very ill. Come at once." At the bottom, instead of a name, were the words "No signature." I was too distressed to realize reasons as to why the telegram had been unsigned. Alice was a girl I loved, but from whom I had received no encouragement. Indeed, no individual so far as love was concerned had ever appeared to me that I had never highlighted her name to my own knowledge. The first shock over I began to think: Why was I sent for? The subject of the message was not known to any one to be more to me than an acquaintance. Who had taken it upon himself or herself to send for me? Had the sender wished to conceal his or her identity by not signing the message? There might be a different reason. One near to a person in a critical condition is naturally much wrought upon, and in this case the omission might have resulted from agitation.

What should I do? If I remained away after having been summoned, consequences might be disastrous. Might not Alice herself have given me her heart, I not suspecting it, and directed that the message be sent, but without a signature? This supposition I dismissed at once, but it had its effect. If I should go and my commission had not been authorized, it would be very embarrassing. I took a train at once and, upon the cars, examined the telegram and the envelope carefully. I saw nothing new on either except that my name and number had not been given. I must have been sent by some one who did not know my address, and I must have been hurried at the telegraph office from a directory—a common method in such cases. It occurred to me that I had better on arrival say nothing about the telegram, leaving the sending to come out from the family.

After an all night ride I reached my destination. Thinking it would be better for me not to go to the house too early, I waited till 11 o'clock. Then, while I had purchased some provisions, my attention at the door was attracted by a trained nurse. I asked her, "I am the condition of the patient." Her reply was "Better." Handling her severely, I asked her to give me the name of Miss Bond with my card and say that I had come immediately upon knowledge of her illness and should, with my family, be there in a few days. I took a seat in the drawing room while the nurse went upstairs. When she returned she said: "Miss Bond sends her heartfelt thanks for the flowers and is deeply impressed by your kindly interest in coming. She is simply indisposed. Her mother is quite ill, and I am attending upon Mrs. Bond. Miss Bond will be down soon." I replied that I was much gratified to learn that Miss Bond was not seriously ill, as I had been informed.

In half an hour Alice came in looking somewhat pale, but by no means ill. I saw at once a pleased expression on her face, which she seemed to be trying to control. "If there was not a love light in her eye and a smiling token in her smile, that I was a sane interpreter. Like a flash it occurred to me that there had been some error in the telegram, but equally quick I discerned that it had been a blessing in disguise. "How good of you to come!" she said, giving my hand a soft pressure. "I never dreamed you took so much interest in me." "But you know now." "How in the world did you learn that I was not well?" "There was a mistake. I was informed that you were quite ill." "Who informed you?" "Never mind that now. It is enough that I am here and find you in the danger." "But—but why did you come away?" "I have no doubt that to you it seems strange. When I received the telegram, intelligence I thought you might be dying."

"How sweet of you! But would you have gone so far had you supposed the name of another of your girl friends?" "I would not." "There was a pause, and I feared that she would get back to that telegram. It had served a purpose I did not wish it to undo, so I said: "This day began the most miserable of my life. It is now the happiest." "Why?" The word was spoken so softly that I could hardly hear it. A direct reply would have been: "Because of a telegram I received that was either sent by some unauthorized person or was intended for another." Instead of this I said: "Because I love you." I would not tell her about the message, not even during our engagement. Indeed, I have not told her since our marriage. When I returned on the train I read of a supreme court decision against a giant industrial concern issued at the very hour and minute of my telegram. A long while afterward by sheer luck I met a lawyer who was in the courtroom when the decision was read and who sent that telegram as a cipher-order to one of my name as a 5,000 share of the stock of the concern. My writing the message cost the sender \$20,000. It gave me all the life's treasure.