

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PERSONS

Congressman Manahan Wants Light on Grain Exchanges.



Representative James Manahan of Minnesota, who thinks congress should investigate the grain exchanges of the middle west...

Great Britain's Troubles. As a result of the temper in Great Britain over the home rule for Ireland...

Under the federal scheme there would be separate parliaments for Wales, Scotland and England...



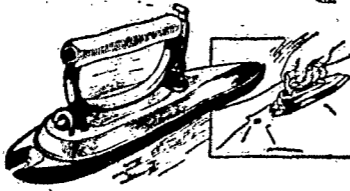
COLONEL JOHN E. B. SEELY

which would approximate in powers the state legislatures in the United States. They would have complete powers of local taxation and local finance...

Colonel John E. B. Seely, whose concessions to the army caused his downfall as a cabinet minister, had been secretary of state for war since 1912...

HINTS FOR THE BUSY HOUSEWIFE

Novel Flatiron Smooths Around Buttons.



The modern song of the shirt is punctuated by missing buttons. The late hurried laundresses says Poplar McManis...

Kitchen Kinks. Kettles may be kept clean by boiling potato peels in them.

To remove paint from window glass cut it well with hot steam pipe.

To remove tea stains from china ware use salt and vinegar.

It is said a coconut can be opened more easily if it is placed in the oven for a few minutes.

To cut fresh bread heat the blade of the knife in hot water. It prevents breaking and crumbling.

Turpentine is said to be good for cleaning copper articles, as it will prevent their turning black.

To clean bamboo furniture use brush dipped in warm water and salt. The salt prevents the bamboo turning color.

Grease on Carpets. An excellent paste for extracting grease from carpets is made by mixing fuller's earth with a little ammonia.

The mixture should be quite thick and should be applied with a brush over night, then brush it off with a stiff brush.

Sometimes it is necessary to put on a second supply. If the dyes of the carpet are delicate and there is danger of discoloration the ammonia may be omitted.

Should the tone of the carpet seem to dull after the grease is out the color may be freshened by sweeping the carpet with moist salt.

Homemade Perfum. Lavender Water—Put into a bottle and well shake one-eighth of a pint of spirits of wine, one-eighth ounce of oil of lavender, quarter of a drachm essence of ambergris.

Eau de Cologne. Half an ounce each of lemon and bergamot, one-sixteenth of an ounce of oil of orange peel, quarter of a dram of oil of rosemary, twenty drops of neroli, five drops essence of musk or ambergris. Reduce this amount of ingredients in half a pint of rectified spirits of wine.

Cleaning Slightly Soiled Gloves. Take a teaspoonful of powdered French chalk. Put the gloves on the hands and rub the chalk into the palm of one glove and rub the hands and fingers together as if washing your hands. Take off the gloves without shaking them and lay them aside for a night. Then put them on and clap the hands or wipe the gloves with a clean cloth. Fuller's earth will act nearly as well.

Poor Man's Pudding. One cupful of rice, well picked and washed; one-half cupful of sugar, two quarts of milk, one teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth of a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Bake slowly for three or four hours, keeping covered as much as possible until the last fifteen minutes, then lift the cover to brown the top. It should be creamy and not dry when done.

Plain Corn Bread. Take one pint of sweet milk and into it stir a pint cupful of cornmeal, an egg, a pinch of salt and a teaspoonful of baking powder. Grease the pan well and bake fifteen minutes in a hot oven. To make good corn bread it should not be over three-quarters of an inch thick in the pan.

To Renovate Cloth. Every one has experienced the annoyance of having a suit wear smooth and shiny in spots, but every one does not know how to restore the material to its original condition. The remedy is simple. Sponge the spots with strong indigo bluing water; then press under a cloth while damp.

Frying Hints. For uncooked articles, fritters, doughnuts, etc., the fat should be hot enough to brown a bit of bread in forty seconds.

For cooked articles, fritters, croquettes, etc., the fat should be hot enough to brown bread in twenty seconds.

Brass Cleanser. An ounce of alum put in a pint of boiling water and allowed to cool and bottle for use at any time will remove all stains and tarnish from brass and will not injure the skin on the hands or the metal itself. It only requires to be rubbed on the surface and wiped off.

FOR THE CHILDREN

Barrels For Beds.

Three city boys went to their uncle's farm last summer so that they might work through vacation and yet have a change from city tasks. They passed much of the time doing the regular farm work with the men—mowing, gardening, raking hay and storing it in the barn, thrashing, milking all the useful things that one can find to do on a farm.

The boys had only one small tent, not quite large enough for three, but they had brought along three large barrels and these they used for sleeping rooms, each one curling up comfortably in the blanket inside. They left one head on each barrel and slept with their feet at the closed end. As the nights were cool, the protection from the wind was needed, and with loughs and branches they made a guard to keep too much wind from blowing on their heads. Two of the barrels were placed on poles laid on the ground and one on stumps to keep the dampness of the ground away. As a cozy warm bed, yet with plenty of air, the barrel couch proved a great success.

Game of Musicians. If you have never played at having a musicale without real instruments you have missed a lot of fun. It may be played by both girls and boys, as it is just as much fun for one as for the other. Group your "musicians" together and tell each one of a certain instrument he is to play. Each fellow goes through the motions of a musician—playing a violin, a cornet, a flute or whatever his special instrument might be.

The time is made by every one humming the same tune which the leader is humming. The leader constantly changes his motions from one instrument to another, and if he changes to the violin the violinists must stop and beat time with the baton as though they were the leaders. The real leader must change from one instrument to the other rapidly, and the unfortunate musician who fails to pretend that he is the leader the moment the real leader takes up the playing of the orchestra. This is continued until only one fellow is left in the orchestra.

A "Burglar" Game. A game called the burglars is described by the English Boy Scout Headquarters Gazette as follows: The patrol, standing outside the village inn, see a suspicious person, and two scouts are told off and shadow him. They find that he meets another man at the end of the lane which leads from the green to the common, and that both then retire into a gravel pit to talk, after looking around to see if they are observed. The scouts creep up and listen to their conversation. They overhear plans for the removal of some booty, the proceeds of a burglary, from a temporary hiding place to a more secure one, the places being described in the course of the conversation.

One scout goes back to fetch up the patrol, the other remains to keep a further watch upon the burglars and to lead tracks to guide the patrol when the burglars move off. The scouts must follow the burglars till they find the booty and then capture them. The "plunder" must be hidden beforehand by one of the burglars.

Flying Fish. There are two kinds of flying fish, one being akin to the mackerel family, and the other bearing much resemblance to the herring; these latter being much more numerous than the first mentioned.

The pectoral fins of both species are greatly prolonged and enlarged, and it is these that are used for flight. Both species are found only in tropical and subtropical seas. Flying fish do not seem to leave the water in pursuit of insects as some have supposed, nor are they able to move their fins so as to direct their flight. They dart out of the water when pursued by enemies or when alarmed by an approaching vessel.

Their flight, though short, is very rapid, and it is worthy of note that they are much more frequently observed in rough weather than when there is a tranquil sea. During a breeze they frequently fall on board passing vessels.

Memory. A very simple game, but one that is little trouble and affords much amusement, is that sometimes called "memory." Place a number of small things on a table, such as books, pictures, trinkets, etc., and allow the company to walk about the table for two minutes.

Then cover the table and give them paper and pencil and request them to make a list of the things seen. The one who has the longest list receives a prize. It is surprising how difficult it is to remember the things seen.

Charade. [Partly phonetic] "I've learned to count clear up to ONE," Said Baby Bobby Bright.

"It was my TWO that taught me to 'When she was here last night.'"

"I could not eat my jelly cake," For on the frosting white I saw ONE TWO run all around. It put me in a fright."

Yet house without WHOLE are dear And guests do not invite. Answer.—Ten, avants-tenants.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

Stallings Predicts Good Place For His Team.



Photo by American Press Association.

George Stallings, entering his second season as manager of the Boston Braves, predicts a first division berth for his team. Stallings has done wonders with the club since he took charge, lifting it from a hopeless cellar champion to a piece contender. The acquisition of Johnny Evers has aided Stallings a great deal, as the Trojan has been made field captain and is brimming over with enthusiasm.

Matty as a Calumnier. When Christie Mathewson decides to quit the national pastime he ought to start a school in which to teach the art of whitewashing, for "Big Six" could get recommendations from almost every major league team he ever faced that he is an adept in the use of the brush. The old master now has calculated all the clubs in the fast set that he has pitched against except the Red Sox and the Yankees and possesses a record of having fitted eighty jackets of white on the objecting opposition. Seventy-six of those goose egg affairs that Matty owns were pitched in the National League and four in series for the world's title against the Athletics.

Mathewson's greatest activities in the shutout line were displayed in 1905 and 1908, when he pitched twelve goose egg games in each of those seasons. Walter Johnson had a dozen whitewashes to his credit last season, and so had Ed Walsh of the White Sox in 1908, John Wesley Coombs of the White Elephants beating thirteen sets of ciphers.

Bat Nelson's Poss. "Suspicion is a terrible thing," said Jimmy Britt, former champion, to Hugh Fullerton. "One gets so he is afraid to trust any one. I remember just before I was going to fight Bat Nelson for the championship a newspaper wanted us to pose in fighting positions for photographs. We both consented. When we came to pose I was watching Bat and he was eyeing me both of us were suspicious. Bat refused to pose at all unless I got in one position and let him assume another. My suspicions were aroused. We wrangled ten minutes. Finally I consented, but was ready to pump him full of right hands if he made a crooked move. Nothing happened, and for years I wondered what the matter was. Then a short time ago I met Bat, and we had a long talk. I asked him about it."

"You sure had me guessing," I remarked. "Why did you insist on that position?"

"Well," said Bat, "I didn't want this worst cultivated ear to show in the picture."

Seek Royal Trophies. The tentative program for the International horse show, to be held in London beginning June 4, indicates that the coming exhibition will be conducted upon more elaborate lines than in the past. Close to \$70,000 will be offered in prize money, cups and plate.

The trophies include the King George V and King Edward VII. cups, two of the most valued horse show prizes in the list. Both France and Russia have now two legs each on the King Edward cup, and rivalry for this prize is extremely keen since a third victory by either country will give permanent possession of the trophy.

Entries are assured from all parts of the world: The United States and Canada will be represented as well as Australia, Argentina and continental Europe. The coaching Marathon, which has been won several times by American entrants, will again be a feature of the exhibition.

ROUND THE WORLD

The population of Bohemia is about 7,000,000.

Berlin, Germany, decides police dogs are a failure.

New York will give art lectures this year in many public schools.

Many forgeries of "antiques" have been discovered in Damascus.

American dental school certificates are not accepted in South Africa.

The population of Ireland has been about halved in seventy-five years.

Aug. 24 is the centenary of the burning of the capitol in Washington by the British.

There are many whorles in California which crush more than 10,000 tons of grapes every year.

After eight years' work Japan's largest drydock, having room for 35,000 ton vessels, has been completed.

Russia expects to produce 24,000,000 long tons of bituminous and 6300,000 long tons of anthracite this year.

The greenhouse attached to a hotel in Yellowstone park has been built over a hot spring to benefit by its heat.

Two French engineers have invented a grappling apparatus which in tests has successfully raised sunken submarines.

Liverpool experiments in sterilizing milk by a high tension electric current are said to have yielded wonderful results.

Including policemen, pressmen, bakers, postal employees and market people, at least 120,000 people work all night in London.

A scientific expedition has left Berlin for the purpose of studying the climate of the African desert and its influence on human beings.

Germany is the greatest beer drinking country in the world. Of 51,000 brewers in the world, 25,000 are found in Germany alone.

New finger rings have a hinge fastening, insuring a close fit, not always possible when a ring has to be slipped on over the knuckles.

Speeds up to fifty miles an hour over the desert of Sahara have been made by a French army automobile driven by a aerial propeller.

The coal mined in the United States last year would load a train of cars long enough to reach four and one half times around the earth.

More than \$5,000,000 worth of macaroni, vermicelli and similar preparations were imported to the United States in 1913, mostly from Italy.

A Spanish family of seven persons has 164 fingers, one member having twenty-three, another twenty-one and the other five twelve on each hand.

French scientists have found a new source of vegetable ivory in the albumen of the fruit of a small palm growing prolifically in the French Sudan.

It is reported that the sea of Galilee produces sardines of a superior flavor, and there is a plan to establish a canning factory on the shore of the lake.

For the use of bankers automatic scales have been invented that indicate on a dial the value of a quantity of money weighed as well as its weight.

There are 1,237 British gas companies in England and Wales, 200 in Scotland, 110 in Ireland, 101 in Australia and seventy-two in other British possessions.

Tuscia's tobacco acreage was appreciably reduced last year owing to the increasing value of land and labor and the low prices brought by the tobacco when produced.

Steam otter trawlers on the Newfoundland banks have proved so phenomenally successful that much fear is entertained lest many varieties of fish be destroyed.

German furniture makers impart beautiful colors to several native woods by burying them, when freshly cut, for several months in earth mixed with lime and other materials.

Cattlemen say there are over 300,000,000 acres of land in this country which could be used to increase the supply of beef if they could get leases of from five to ten years.

An appropriation of \$500,000 has been passed by the house of representatives to help the department of agriculture to fight hog cholera, which during 1913 killed 6,000,000 pigs.

It is estimated that in South Africa the capital invested in the printing trades amounts to \$20,000,000. There are 3,200 white men employed in the industry, or twenty white men to one native.

During the last fiscal year 1,197,992 aliens entered the United States. This was a larger number than in any fiscal year since 1907. During the year 3,461 aliens were sent back who were here in violation of law.

Thanks to its rat destroying ship, the Bratton, Philadelphia is now one of the world's best guarded ports against plague. Use is made of an apparatus which exhausts all the oxygen and thus destroys the rat.

It has been estimated by the national board of fire underwriters that four-fifths of the annual fire losses in the United States could be saved if firemen could reach fires in one-half of the time now required.

Paris is rubbing its eyes over the discovery that the French ministry of the interior is still lighted by oil lamps, of which there are 400 in use. It is the sole duty of one employee to keep them filled and the wicks trimmed.

Blindness is more common in men than in women of Great Britain, the proportion, according to the last census returns, being one in every 1,316 males and one in every 1,424 females. As regards deafness, however, the position is reversed.

Fate of Four Conquerors.

Alexander, after looking down from the dizzy heights of his ambition upon a conquered world and weeping that there were no more to conquer, died of intoxication in a scene of debauchery, as some suppose, by poison mingled in his wine.

Hannibal, whose name carried terror to the heart of Rome itself, after having crossed the Alps and put to flight the armies of the mistress of the world, was driven from his country and died at last of poison administered by his own hands in a foreign land, unlamented and unwept.

Caesar, the conqueror of 800 cities and his temples bound with chaplets dipped in the blood of a million of his foes, was miserably assassinated by those he considered his nearest friends.

Bonaparte, whose mandate kings and emperors obeyed, after filling the earth with the terror of his name, closed his days in lonely banishment upon a barren rock in the midst of the Atlantic ocean.

An Indian Ghost Story.

Several years ago I had a studio in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and the walls of my reception rooms and office were hung with large photographs of Indians. One day I was visited by six men of the Navajo tribe who, after much smoking and visiting, made known the real cause of their call. Directly over my desk was a framed portrait of one of the old medicine men of their tribe, who had just died. Believing that a part of his soul was imprisoned in the portrait—else how could it look so like him?—they asked me if I would not destroy it, so that his spirit might be released and at peace. I immediately took the print from the frame and tore it into bits while the men looked on with silent approval. After thanking me they each shook my hand in turn and fled quietly out of the room. They did not suspect that there might still be in existence other copies of the picture or a negative.—Karl Moon in Leslie's.

The Stone of Infamy.

In many Italian cities there formerly existed what was called "pietra d'infamia," or a stone of infamy for the punishment of bankrupts. In Venice one stands near the church of St. Mark, and in Verona and Florence they are near the old markets. In a day in carnival week the old time custom was to have all traders who had become bankrupt in the preceding twelve months led to the stone, and one by one each stood on its center to hear the reading of a report of his business failure and to endure the reproaches heaped on him by his creditors. At the end of a certain time each bankrupt was partially undressed, and three officers took hold of his shoulders and three others of his knees and, raising him as high as they could, bumped him on the stone deliberately twelve times "in honor of the twelve apostles," the creditors—crowing like cocks—while the bumping proceeded.

Not a Pair.

Those who love to study human nature often derive as much pleasure from watching the people who visit picture galleries as they receive from the pictures themselves. Two young women were looking at a picture in one of the art galleries entitled "His Only Pair." The artist has depicted a poor boy sitting up in bed while his hard working mother mends his only pair of trousers. The boy, although obliged to remain in bed while the repairs are in progress, is contentedly eating an orange.

One of the visitors evinced a special interest in the picture and gazed long and earnestly at it. Then, turning to her companion, remarked: "His Only Pair." I don't call that a pair at all. It's an orange that he is eating."—Detroit Free Press.

Funerals in Peru.

According to social usage, women in Peru cannot attend funerals, and they do not appear at weddings unless they are very intimate friends. When a funeral procession passes through the streets the coffin is carried upon the shoulders of the pallbearers, who are followed by one or six horses drawn by two, four or six horses, according to the means of the mourners and their desire for display. All the male members of the family and friends of the deceased follow on foot, with a line of empty carriages behind them. As long as they are in the presence of the dead it is considered a proper and necessary evidence of respect to walk. After the body has been committed to the grave those who attend the funeral are brought home in the carriages.

Never Again.

A man, who had been sick, told a friend that he was being treated by a certain physician. "Don't you know," said the friend, "that that doctor allows all his patients to die on his hands?" "Well, if he lets me die on his hands, I'll never patronize him again!" replied the other indignantly.—Indianapolis News.

In One Lesson.

He—Your sister said she couldn't dance. She—Well, can she? Yes—I made her. We hadn't been on the floor a minute when I stepped on her foot. You just ought to have seen her."—Yonkers Statesman.

Pretty Snappy.

Brown—I am very conservative regarding my amusements. Green—I haven't much money, either.—Woman's Home Companion.

The gain which is made at the expense of character should be set down as loss.—Publius Syrus.