

SNAPSHOTS AT NOTABLE PERSONS

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Benjamin F. Bush, president and chairman of the boards of the Missouri Pacific and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway companies...

Noted Suffragist Worker.

Mrs. Thomas Taylor Cotnam, a "southern woman of the real south," as she calls herself...



Mrs. Thomas Taylor Cotnam, she has been prominently identified with club work and the woman movement...

POPULAR MECHANICS

Steering Gear Lost Motion.

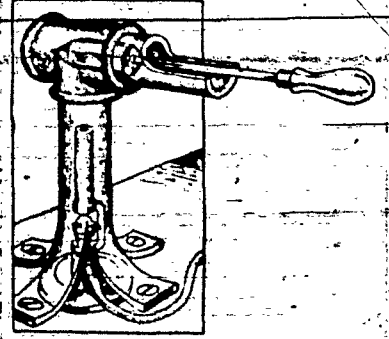
In most cars when the steering gear becomes worn and loose it can be adjusted, as follows: Jack up the car front so that the wheels can be turned easily until you feel looseness in the steering gear...

Removing Carbon With Oxygen.

In using oxygen to remove carbon deposits from the cylinders of gas engines there are certain important things that should be remembered...

Bench Soldering Iron Heater.

The handy man at home can provide himself with a soldering iron holder which has been appointed sole receiver of both properties...



Copper in Ketchikan.

The copper deposits of the Ketchikan district, southeastern Alaska, were known to the Russians before the acquisition of the territory by the United States...

To Blacken Brass.

Brass having surfaces that require a dead black can be treated as follows with good results: Heat the brass over a fire that is clear, such as charcoal, and do not allow the sparks to come in contact with it...

A Stone Bruise.

When the tire has hit a stone with considerable force, especially if the tire is not fully inflated, the inner surface of the tire will show injury to the fabric when the rubber on the tread has no mark of the injury...

Vibrator Screws.

If the screws that hold the small brass brackets to the vibrator box become worn so that they do not hold or do not use longer screws...

Installing Shafting.

When putting up a line or jackshaft be sure to make a liberal allowance for expansion and contraction.

Queer Mr. Gunter

By E. A. MITCHEL

Mr. Gunter was an original. He never did anything in a way any one else would do it. He had about him a grim humor that few persons understood. If he did one favor he accompanied it with a slap; if he gave a slap he accompanied it with a favor...

Well, the time came as it usually does with girls—when she got a lover. She went into the country for the summer and came back engaged. On her return she said to her father...

"My dear, am you much like you?" "I shall doubtless do as you would if it suitably pleased. I am sorry to have a daughter with so many of my own imperfections and all my sorry have so many of my daughter's imperfections."

"That Miss Clara was unweary was evident. Nevertheless she said no more. The same evening Mr. Auchenbach called, asked for Mr. Gunter and was in the study by the gentleman's study."

"I trust," he replied, "that Clara will have your hearty consent, for I am sure that if she does not have it her happiness will be greatly marred."

"Just you wait till you're married. I perceive that you are ignorant of the wiles of these creatures. They are honey till they get you in their coils and nitric acid after the knot is tied."

"But—Clara it can't be possible that she should like me?" "Kittenish you should say. It's that kittenish way she has with her that I am speaking of. She'll tie you with a rope of flowers and gag you with a ripe peach. Then she'll proceed to tie your pockets. On this account I think it essential that you should provide the family pocketbook with ample funds. I will at least take away the necessity for her to rob you by providing her with what she will need. Besides, I feel under obligations to you for taking on yourself a yoke that has always been mine. If you will name your income it will enable me to know what sum will be necessary to keep you from being ruined."

"When my aunt dies I shall inherit from her about \$12,000." "She won't die. Old women who are no use to themselves and whose property is needed by younger persons never die. Besides, the sum you expect will not be."

"But my salary is \$2,000." "What's \$2,000 for a girl like Clara? No. I see that I shall have to stand in the breach. I have \$50,000 in first mortgage 6 per cent bonds that I will give my daughter, and if she gets up in the middle of the night and goes for your pocketbook the more fool you for leaving it where she can get at it."

"Isn't your father a bit queer?" asked Mr. Auchenbach. "Queer? No. Why do you think him queer?" "Why he told me that you were—"

"Oh, yes, I heard it all. Papa needs to be understood. So do I." The young man looked bewildered.

SHORT AND SHARP.

It is surprising how little it takes to discourage a hopeful person.

When a man can borrow money with his collateral he's the collateral.

Here's the whole world rushing to the door when the American dollar is in circulation.

Kindly watch your small change. A quarter of ten, five and two are in circulation.

Some men who insist on standing on their feet ought to be tired enough to sit down.

Half the battle is in doing things at the right time. The other half is in knowing when to quit.

A device for raising submarines has been invented. Poor submarine, it lifts them; itself it cannot lift.

One of the worst things that can happen to a young man is to become afflicted with chronic vacation.

The Portuguese colony of Angola has revolted and installed a new governor. Perhaps it has just heard of the doings at home.

A New York judge has decided that a tomato is a fruit, which seems to put this year's crop of fruit-cake in some jeopardy.

With sterling exchange so cheap, you can save money on any purchases you have to make in London, but you may not get the goods.

No doubt life would be one grand, sweet song if we could only endure our own troubles as easily as we can endure the troubles of others.

Pert Personal.

Senior Carranza will do well to remember that a coat also wears whiskers. Detroit Free Press.

Such a beautiful day, my dear woods, but her art! That, at least, is paltering with life. Albany Knickerbocker Press.

Hall Caine writes plays and Demex Hall Caine acts them. It isn't every family that has this happy father and son. Fifty-fifty arrangement—Boston Globe.

Villa wants a determined man to govern Mexico and is ready to help find him. His modesty is as famous as his military exploits. Boston Globe.

American President Yuan Shih Kai of China ought to take a look at Europe's outfit of worried monarchs before setting himself up in the emperor business. Chicago News.

Flippant Flings.

At the first hint of the buckwheat season the same old cry is heard of "Batter up!"—Washington Post.

To get the real news we suppose it would be necessary to become acquainted with the censor's wife. Toledo Blade.

Haiti's newest president is reported to be enthusiastic about his job. He may even go so far as to lose his head over it. Boston Record.

A new calendar to divide the year into thirteen months is advocated by British and American bishops. First of all let us sing together the dirty "What you got to do when de rent comes round." Detroit Journal.

The Royal Box.

Queen Mary of England is keen for Chinese art and has fitted up one of her private rooms entirely in the Chinese style.

The Duchess of Connaught, wife of the governor general of Canada, is a Hohenzollern princess and a cousin of the Kaiser.

Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria and king of Hungary, eighty-five years old, has reigned for almost sixty-seven years. Not for thirty centuries, since the great Ramesses reigned in the land of the Pharaohs, also for sixty-seven years, has there been a sovereign who has been so long in actual possession of a throne.

Train and Track.

Six miles an hour was the rate at which the first locomotive, constructed by George Stephenson, traveled.

The newest third rail patent is alive only at the point of contact with the shoe. Accidents are thereby prevented.

The register in the street car may be shelled. An electrical device has just been patented by which the passengers entering a car are recorded automatically.

England's smallest railway station is situated on the branch line between Liskeard and Looe, in Cornwall, and consists of a tiny shanty six feet square.

Tales of Cities.

Boston now claims a population of 725,823.

Fifty years ago Florence was the capital of Italy.

St. Louis may annex all its suburbs and the entire county in which it is situated.

Indianapolis is urged to build a subway to end traffic congestion in its central district.

Strasbourg, the capital of Alsace, was annexed by Germany in 870, taken by France in 1681 and recaptured by Germany in 1870.

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