

IN THE WORLD OF SPORT



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The passing of the Federal League and the consequent redistribution of players materially change the aspect of the pennant races in the National and American leagues for the coming season.

Quimet Not to Play in Fourways. Francis Quimet, national open golf champion in 1913 and national amateur champion in 1914, has announced his intention of retiring from all tournament play for the coming season.

Bill Donovan's Probable Lineup. Gilhooly, Magee and probably High will make up the front-outfield of Bill Donovan's Yankees, with Pipp on first.

Judge Landis' Opinion. In dismissing the suit of the Federal League against organized baseball, based on alleged violation of the federal anti-trust law, Judge Kennesaw M. Landis of the United States circuit court said:

Haughton's Record. If Percy Haughton could maintain the same average with the Braves that he has made with Harvard he would soon dominate the National League.

Rube Oldring Comes Back. Rube Oldring, who announced last fall that he had retired from baseball, has signed a contract with Connie Mack to cover left field for the Athletics next season.

Roush to Play With Giants. Eddie Roush, star last year in the outfield for the Newark Federals, will play right field for the Giants in the coming season.

Tommy Leach to Manager. Tommy Leach, a former National League ball player, has signed a contract to manage the Rochester team of the International League, according to a statement made by President Chapin.

SCIENCE—INDUSTRY.

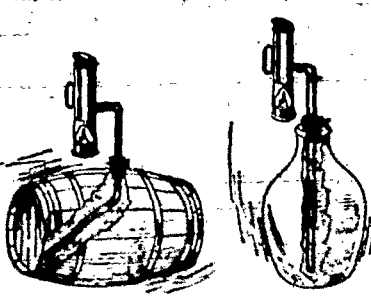
Great Prehistoric Lake.

The large prehistoric lake which flooded a number of the valleys of northwestern Nevada at a very recent geological date but has now passed away was named Lake Lahontan in honor of Baron La Fontaine, one of the early explorers of the headwaters of the Mississippi.

Criminal Waste of Gas. American natural gas is already fast in its decline. Criminal, insanely criminal is the only characterization of the former waste of this resource.

Heater For Stored Liquids.

A simple heating apparatus has been brought out in France for heating liquids that are stored in barrels for other containers and are likely to freeze or become too stiff from the cold to flow readily.



Liquid in barrel is heated by circulation of hot water through channels.

Effects of Alkali on Drain Tile. As the result of a series of experiments conducted by the United States bureau of standards it has been found that the alkaline soils found in some sections of the west are destructive to cement drain tiles unless the tiles are of the best material and have been mixed with the greatest care.

Automobile Notes.

Never chance a single ball in a bearing. Remove them all. Clean the mica in your hood by dampening it carefully with vinegar and then rinsing off with clean cold water.

Soft Iron Wire For Belt Laces.

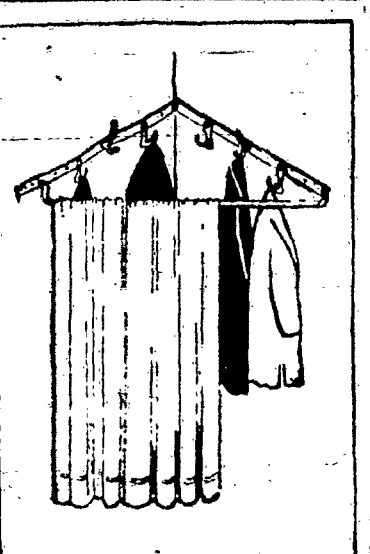
Ordinary stoneware ware, or any soft iron wire about eighteen or twenty gauge, makes good belt lacing.

Soil Washed Into Ocean.

An average of thirty tons of soil and loess per acre is washed into the ocean every year from every square mile of the United States, according to the geological survey.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOUSEWIVES

Portable Wardrobe Rack That Fits Into Corner.



A portable rack has just been patented by which any corner of a room may be made to answer the purpose of a wardrobe. A pair of metal bars are hinged together at one end and supplied along their length with hooks suitable for holding garments.

Bean Chowder. Wash and soak overnight a pint of dried navy, lima or kidney beans. In the morning drain cover generously with cold water and cook till nearly tender.

Jellied Apples.

Twelve apples, one lemon, one and one-half pounds sugar, one ounce gelatin. Pare and core apples. Cook in water enough to cover them until they can be pierced with a straw.

Mending Gloves.

When mending a rip in a kid glove buttonhole neatly over each side of the rip, putting the needle through the holes made by the original stitching and making one or two stitches over both edges at each end of the rip.

Care of Gloves.

When putting gloves on always begin by buttoning the second button, then when buttoned to the top you can easily fasten the first button without tearing the kid.

Lamb Souffle.

Cook one tablespoonful of butter with one of flour Add three-fourths of a cupful of rich milk or stock. When boiling add one cupful of finely minced chicken or mutton with one-half cupful of soft breadcrumbs and three beaten yolks.

Coffee Cake.

One cupful sugar, one half cupful butter and half mixed, one egg, one cupful milk, two and one-half cupfuls flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-half cupful currants. Pour into a large flat bread pan and sprinkle with sugar and ground cinnamon. Bake twenty minutes. Serve hot with butter and coffee.

Cleaning Glass Bottles.

To clean glass bottles that have held oil place ashes in a hand lumen in cold water; heat the water gradually until it boils. After boiling for an hour let the bottles remain in the water until cold, afterward washing in soap suds and rinsing in clear water.

Cakemaking Hint.

Sugar for cakes should always be sifted. Never melt the butter; creaming butter melts air and makes the cakes light; eggs should always be beaten, not stirred.

MYSTERY OF THE GULF OF MEXICO

Legend of the Last Voyage of a Pirate Ship.

The pirates that infested the gulf of Mexico during the early years of the Spanish occupation of Central America disappeared gradually, reappeared occasionally and vanished, the last showing up during the early part of the nineteenth century.

"What is that black hawk out there?" said the man at the wheel to the captain, "and how does she find an anchorage in such deep water?"

"She's not anchored," said the captain. "She's lying to."

"No, she's moving. Her yards are squared toward us, but she has altered her course, and I can see her sails. How can those few patches of canvas move so large a vessel, I wonder?"

"All the better for us," replied the captain. "A hulk of a merchantman with such rags will be easily overhauled. Head to the north."

Whether the merchantman espied the pirate and proposed to get away from her or no, she turned and moved in the same direction as the latter. Notwithstanding her meager show of canvas, she did not seem to lose much interval.

"How does she keep that pace?" inquired the captain of one of his principal men who came up to ask about the stranger.

"She's a queer one," replied the other man. "The captain called the crew on deck and ordered them to prepare for action. The guns were run out, ammunition was brought up, and a reserve supply of cutlasses was dumped at the foot of the mainmast. Then the grapple-irons were fixed in place, and the crew stood ready."

"Presently it began to be apparent to the pirates that they were gaining on the vessel. Notwithstanding that she was under the same sail as before, she was scarcely moving. Then of a sudden her sails were furled, but, wonderful to relate, she resumed her former speed. The captain, the wheelman and half a dozen of the crew who had come up to ask questions about the singular craft all looked at one another in astonishment.

"That's no real ship!" exclaimed one with blanched cheeks. "She is a phantom."

"Shut up!" cried the captain. "She's a ship, a real ship, and we'll be aboard of her within an hour. The first man who talks about a phantom will feel the edge of my cutlass."

This quieted the crew temporarily, though several crossed themselves. Their captain was no more enlightened than themselves, though made of sterner stuff. The breeze freshened, and it was apparent to the pirates that with the difference of sail area they must soon catch the stranger unless, indeed, she were a veritable phantom. Nevertheless at 2 o'clock in the morning, when the moon had passed the horizon, the pirate was as far astern as ever. The mysterious vessel moved on like a jack-o'-lantern, and the pirates began to believe that she was under the protection of a dark mist that hung over her. Several times this mist disappeared, and the pursuers always noticed that at such times the stranger's pace was either abated or she ceased to move entirely. After one of these changes of gait the pirates found themselves sailing half a mile behind her, and on parallel lines a quarter of a mile apart.

"Send a shot," said the captain. The gunners got a gun ready on the fore-castle, but there seemed to be some delay. The captain went forward and found the men shivering beside the gun.

"What's the matter?" he thundered. "Maybe she's under the protection of the blessed saints!" whimpered one of the men. "It would be impious to fire. Look, there's something white in the water amidships! She moves again. Santa Maria! The sea monsters are bearing her forward!"

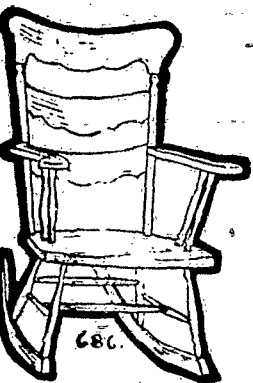
Every man fell on his knees. Suddenly the vessel, notwithstanding the direction of the wind, sheered around and stood on a course that would take her directly across the pirate's bow. The captain still kept on his feet in the midst of his kneeling men and watched her with open mouth and staring eyes. On went his vessel and on went the stranger, passing his course an eighth of a mile ahead. Presently his fighting nature overcame his superstition and, seizing an iron that was heating in a brazier, he applied it to the vent of the gun. The sailors covered their eyes with their hands as the gun boomed. When they looked again the vessel had passed their course and at the moment there was a dash and the boat of Trochet flared through a square opening in her side, whirling on the figure of Satan, who was thrusting a huge poker into the place from whence the light was emitted. Not only the crew, but the captain, fell on their faces on the deck, not daring to look up. When they did the devil's packet, as they called the vessel, was skipping away from them, pouring a black cloud from a huge chimney amidships.

The pirates steered for land, deserted their vessel and forever abandoned their nefarious calling.

The devil's packet was the first steamer ever seen in the gulf of Mexico.

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