

An Adventurous American

Why Edward Delano, an American with no special sympathy with either side in the pan-European war, left a luxurious home to take part in it seems a mystery. And when we consider that he entered the aviation service to face the dangers of the land far up in the air, a position trying enough by itself without adding to the fact that one is liable to be dropped, not from a break of machinery, but a shot fired for the purpose, his action is hard to understand.

Boys and Girls. The difference is apparent early: A boy has as much fun in stoning a cat as a girl has in hunting for violets.

Every boy is old enough to be well come to sit in the neighbor girl's parlor many years before his sister thinks he is old enough to sit in the parlor at home. A girl is never so young that she will reveal to guests at a party that the spoons are borrowed; a boy child never grows so old that he falls to give the boy a dollar and he will wear it.

Little Sammy Dresser

"Well, I like that," exclaimed Sam Dresser as he opened and read a letter left by the postman on his morning round. The letter referred to was addressed to Samuel E. Dresser. Sam had no middle name. It notified him that his uncle, William Dresser, had died and left a son, Samuel, six years old. William Dresser had provided in his will that this boy, having no mother, should go to live with his cousin, Samuel E. Dresser, who was to be his guardian.

AVOID HOT ROOMS. Your Health Will Be Better and Your Work More Effective.

The right temperature for the office living room or workroom, that degree of heat that will keep one comfortable, healthful and at the same time will enable him to do the greatest amount of work with the greatest ease is discussed in a bulletin from the North Carolina state board of health. It says: "Seventy degrees of heat, which most people think they are keeping when in reality the thermometer reads anywhere from 72 to 78, is for all practical purposes too hot. It is enervating and unhealthful. It predisposes to fatigue, colds, grippe and especially to pneumonia, for the reason that too much heat lowers bodily resistance."

HOW SHE GOT HIM

"I wish," said Mrs. Perkins to her friend Mrs. Oglethorpe, "that Harry would take a wife. He needs something to settle him, and that is the only thing that will do it." "He won't listen to it." "What is his objection?" "Why, you know, Harry inherited all his grandfather's estate, nearly a million, and he has been a target for marriagable girls ever since they have simply disusted him."

Military Marshals. Like many other French words relating to war and hunting, "marchal" in its older form "mareschal" is of purely Teutonic derivation in both its parts, and the word has had a curious history.

The marshals do not owe their name to Mars, though they are his votaries. In the olden times they were about the humblest men in an army—horse servants, or groom. Then they advanced to the dignity of being horseholders, and those highly respected artisans are still "mareschals" in France, though "ferants" has to be added to make their calling clear. And, while "marchal de France" is a magnificent title, there are also "marchals des logis," who are in cavalry regiments only what "sergeants" are in infantry regiments—Exchange.

The Famous Moslem Kaaba.

It is a curious fact that the Kaaba, which is one of the great shrines of the pilgrims who go to Mecca and Medina, antedates Mohammed as an institution and consequently is of pagan origin.

Lofty Himalaya.

Himalaya, in south central Asia, is the most elevated and stupendous mountain system on the globe. It is not, as sometimes represented, a single chain, but a system, consisting of several parallel and converging ranges, with a vast number of rugged, snow peaks, separated by great elevated valleys and plateaus.

First Horse Omnibus.

The first horse omnibus was seen in the neighborhood of Nantes, in 1825, and ran to the Hotel de la Ville, a building which a M. Baudry had set up in the outskirts of that town.

No Immediate Benefits.

Things looked black for the dramatist. For the fourth time in one season a play had been withdrawn after a week's run.

Talleyrand.

Talleyrand's conservatism was summed up by a witty compatriot, Paul de Courrier, who on one occasion declared that if Talleyrand had been President at the creation he would have exclaimed: "Good gracious! Chaos will be destroyed!"

When It's True.

"There's no sentiment in business," he said coldly. "Not when you want to give somebody a little the worst of it," the other fellow replied.—Detroit Free Press.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Use of Mineral Oil. Dr. Le Taunour contributes to the Paris Medical some practical points in the use of mineral oil in constipation. The oil, he says, is in no way digested or even modified by the juices of the stomach and intestines. It acts as a lubricant and nothing else, though it tends to heal abrasions of the intestinal wall caused by rough particles of food.

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