

# The Scrap Book

## LETTERS HAD FADED GLASS

Builder of House Had Amusing Proof of Fact Which Is Not Generally Known.

An amusing incident is related in the Scientific American to prove that plate glass fades under exposure to sunlight. The glass originally is slightly green and after some years of use becomes pure white. The incident is briefly as follows:

In making some changes in the front of a haberdashers store a five-foot piece of plate glass was removed and taken away by the glazier. In course of time this sheet was installed in the front window of a new residence. The family had scarcely moved in when they began to receive telephone messages suggesting that the neighborhood was scarcely appropriate for a shirt factory. They were mystified until they discovered that when the sunlight struck their window at a certain angle the words "John Doe—Shirts Made to Order," shone out upon the glass.

The explanation was that when the glass formed the haberdasher's window it had borne these words in white enameled letters, and the letters had protected the underlying glass from the rays of the sun, consequently it had not faded as the rest of the glass had done.

## POSTS MARK BOUNDARY LINE

Are Set at Intervals Along Strips of Country's Northern and Southern Extremities.

The Mexican and Canadian border lines of the United States are not lines at all, but rather a series of posts. The posts along the Mexican border are carefully caged, perhaps to prevent anyone from moving the border.



Canadian and Mexican Boundaries.

The accompanying illustration shows an American performing the feat of standing in two countries at one time.

On the Canadian border the posts are unguarded except for a flagpole on either side, each of which flies the flag of its country.

One of the interesting features of national borders is that a fleeing criminal is out of the hands of the police once he has taken a step across. Though the police may be able actually to touch him, they cannot legally do so.—New York World.

## Civilian Aviation.

According to the presidential proclamation of February 28, 1918, before undertaking to run civilian aircraft, including airplanes, seaplanes and balloons, all persons must obtain a license from the joint army and navy board of aeronautic cognizance, building D, Sixth and B streets, Washington, D. C. During the parade of the 27th division in New York city, says the Scientific American, a flying boat, piloted by an unlicensed civilian, flew up and down Fifth avenue above the parade at a dangerously low altitude, estimated to be between three hundred and five hundred feet. If his engine had failed, the pilot could not have reached a landing place, but would have been forced to come down in the crowd on the avenue. The board cautions airplane operators against repeating the performance and warns them that if they are to fly a civilian machine they must get a license.—Youth's Companion.

## Bees Raid Jam Factory.

While Norris S. Dalley was removing honey from the hives at his apiaries on his farm in Penn Yan, a village a few miles from Syracuse, N. Y., he discovered that the sweet was pink in color. Upon investigation he found that instead of honey, it was raspberry jam. The bees had carried the jam from a preserving plant about a mile from the Dalley farm. The seeds were absent from the jam. Swarms of bees and hordes have invaded the plant several times this summer, driving the operators out of the factory and carrying the jam from the uncovered jars.—Christian Science Monitor.

## Complete.

Maria—I had no idea your new house was finished.

Paris—Oh, yes. Not only finished but all my friends have had time to see how much better it might have been.—Transcript.

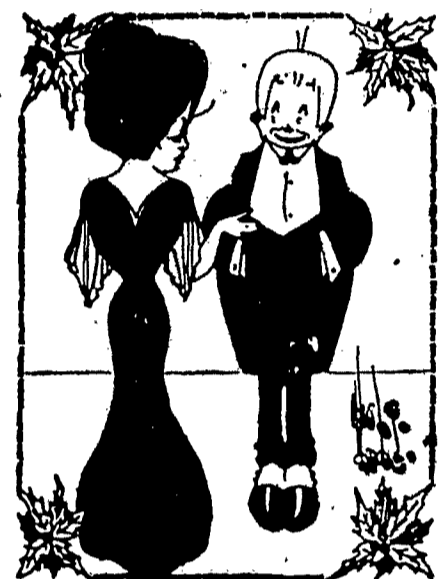
## NEW YORK'S FIRST SETTLERS

Relics in Museum at Albany Seem to Indicate That They Were of Eskimo Origin.

Eskimos were the first settlers of New York, according to the evidence offered by a collection of about 12,000 relics recently presented to the state museum in Albany by Mrs. F. F. Thompson of Canandaigua, the daughter of Myron H. Clark, who was governor of New York in 1855 and 1856.

To those who can interpret this collection it tells a story of absorbing interest, going back into the dim past and throwing light on the first human inhabitants of New York state, so far as scientists are able to judge, says a writer in the St. Louis Republic. In it are many of the implements used by this people, who, the average person will be surprised to learn, came from the frozen fastnesses of the far North thousands of years ago, when it would seem almost impossible for men to migrate such a distance. It numbers also relics of the American aborigines of this section before the advent of the white man and during the colonial period that are of exceptional historical value.

## BOISTEROUS DEMONSTRATION



"The Socialists looked for a moment as if they might win in Paris." "No," said Miss Cayenne; "they never looked that way. They only sounded like it."

## SUSPICIOUS OF VIRGIN GOLD.

With about thirty ounces of virgin gold in their possession a French-Canadian, his wife and two small children, who appeared in a Toronto store, excited the suspicion of a detective. It turned out that the Frenchman and his wife had been employed in the northwest Ontario gold country, the wife as a cook, and it was her earnings in gold dust that the pair were disposing of for currency. The gold dust was in a couple of shaving-soap tins and an old tobacco pouch, and at \$20 an ounce was worth about \$600. The bargain for the purchase and sale of the dust was completed in the detective headquarters.

## ANTICLIMAX.

"I never hear your boy talking about his experiences in France." "I'm afraid I've discouraged him," said Mr. Glipping.

"Indeed?" "Yes. Sam introduced me one day to a gentleman in civilian attire. As I don't hear any too well, I didn't understand what he said about the gentleman, but after I had expatiated at length on Sam's important work in France, although he himself was only a private, I discovered that the person I was talking to had formerly been the colonel of Sam's regiment."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

## ODD THOROUGHFARE.

Every day but one in the year anybody may use the little street that connects Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth streets, New York, on the west side of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel. One day every year the street is closed, because the street is the property of Vincent Astor, and if it were left open for a full year it would become a public thoroughfare.

## FISH IN STORAGE.

Last year the cold storage plants of this country reported approximately a total of 10,000,000 pounds of frozen fish in their warehouses or one-tenth of a pound per capita for our population.

## SLOW TO THINK.

First Citizen—You can't stop a man from thinking.

Second Ditto—No, but the difficulty is to start him.—London Answers.

## One Hundred Seventy-Seventh Semi-Annual Statement

of the condition of

# The Rochester Savings Bank

January 1, 1920

Assets	Liabilities
Bonds and mortgages .....	Due Depositors .....
Land Contracts .....	Interest accrued on deposits .....
Loans on Collateral .....	Liberty Loan Deposits .....
United States Bonds .....	Interest accrued on Liberty Loan deposits .....
State Bonds, Market Value .....	Reserve for Taxes .....
(Par value, \$450,984.70)	Surplus, Market Value .....
County Bonds, Market Value .....	
(Par value, \$238,000.)	
City Bonds, Market Value .....	
(Par value, \$3,753,500)	
Village and Town Bonds, Market Value .....	
(Par value, \$165,643.65)	
School District Bonds, Market Value .....	
(Par value, \$56,542.08)	
Railroad Mortgage Bonds, Market Value .....	
(Par value, \$7,240,000.)	
Banking House and Lot .....	
Real Estate .....	
Interest due and accrued .....	
Other Assets .....	
Cash on hand and in banks .....	
<b>\$37,011,355.48</b>	<b>\$37,011,355.48</b>

Number of accounts ..... 72,122  
 Number of Liberty Loan accounts .. 22,749  
 Number of School Savings accounts 16,135

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## Many Neglect to Leave Will.

One of the larger trust companies in New York, Bruce Barton writes in Collier's, recently made an examination of the records of the surrogate's court in New York county and discovered that the average number of wills offered there for probate hardly exceeds 2,500 a year. Assuming that the population of the county is 2,000,000 and that the death rate is 5 per cent, this would mean that less than 3 per cent of the men and women who die in the community where wealth is popularly supposed to be the subject of universal concern make any provision whatever for the distribution of their property, or its safeguarding after their death. That this represents a general situation throughout the country is indicated by the estimate of a recent investigator, who states that "more than 97 per cent of Americans die without making a will."

## Making the Great Seal.

The affixing of a "wafer great seal" to the treaty of peace is a somewhat less laborious work than the making of the seal, which is a considerable business. The wax is not put upon the paper as with more humble seals, but in the form of a large disk, with an impression on either side. It is kept in a wafer case attached to the document by a tag imbedded in the wax. The seal itself consists of two heavy silver plates, in one of which is cut the impression for the front of the device, in the other that for the back, and new plates cost—on cost in pre-war times—\$700. When a seal is required a mass of wax is softened in warm water, cooled in cold, placed between the two plates, and impressed.—London Daily Express.

## Destroying "Nun" Moths.

A most remarkable contrivance is used in Germany to capture wholesale the "nun moths" that devastate the forests. It is provided with two powerful searchlights that draw the moths from miles away (the apparatus being placed on top of a building), and they are further attracted by a pair of arc lamps on either side of a suction ventilator. An electric

## Discovery of Asphalt.

Asphalt, with which so many roads are paved, was found by accident. For a century in Switzerland natural rock asphalt was used to extract the rich stores of bitumen it contained. It was noticed that pieces which fell from the wagons and were crushed by the wheels formed a marvelously fine road and this led to its adoption as a road material.

## Listening to "Fish Stories."

Norwegian fishermen are using a species of submarine telephone to aid them in their work. A microphone is lowered from a fishing boat and connected by a wire to a telephone in the boat. The fisherman listens at the instrument and when the fish hold a meeting the listening device records the disturbance.—Scientific American.

## Peruvian Rain Tree.

It is estimated that one of the Peruvian rain trees will on the average yield nine gallons of water each day. In a field of an area of one kilometer square, that is, 5,250 feet each way, can be grown 10,000 trees separated from each other by twenty-five meters. This plantation produces daily 395,000 liters of water.

## Of Indian Origin.

The powerful political organization "Tammany" was named after the Indian chief "Tamamond" of the Delaware tribe, who was famous for his virtues and wisdom. The Tammany society was founded in New York city May 12, 1782, and became identified with the Republican, now the Democratic party.

## Novel Foot Rest.

A satisfactory foot rest or accelerator extension may be made from an ordinary strap hinge. One-half of the hinge is fastened to the floor boards while the other rests on the accelerator. All that is necessary to operate the accelerator is a slight pressure on any part of the free half of the hinge. There's always a slip between the sidewalk and the ship.

## What the Flowers Tell.

Wild rose, loyalty; carnation, admiration; violet, modest strength; Easter lily, purity; lily of the valley, sweetness and modesty; rose, happy love; daisy, gentleness; water lily, influence; poppy, contentment; cosmos, hope; chrysanthemum, friendship; helly, triumph.

## Beyond Feeling.

Shirley's grandmother had been seriously ill for several days so I inquired of the tiny miss: "How is grandma feeling this morning?" With a solemn expression Shirley answered: "She isn't feelin' this mornin', she's dead."—Exchange.

## Stride of Ostrich.

Two feet is the usual stride of an ostrich, but when the bird is alarmed and begins to run it changes its mingling stride for 14-foot steps, which carry it over the ground at a rate of 22 miles an hour.

## Daily Thought.

Not what has happened to myself today, but what has happened to others through me—that should be my thought.—Frederick Deering Blake.

## In Hawaii Also.

We even had one nut here who proposed to run the lava from Kilauea down a spout to the sea and build the breakwater.—Hilo Tribune.

## How Do They Know?

The total weight of all persons in the world is estimated at 106,000,000 tons.

## Hot Stuff.

Water in the gulf stream sometimes reaches almost to boiling point.

## Philosophy of a blockhead.

"If you would look spruce you must never pine."