

NOT THE WORK OF "GHOSTS"

Simply Simple Explanation for Seizure That Tumbled House Was Haunted.

Residents of Jacksonville, Fla., do not have to go to sea to get seiskick. Near this city there is said to be a "haunted" house that thousands have visited in the last few weeks and all have had the feeling of seiskickness on stepping into the little shack. It is on the beach, at Neptune, which is a continuation of Pablo beach.

During a recent storm the front supporting pillars of the house gave way so that the small structure tilted over at an angle of about 25 degrees at one corner. A negro was sent to remove the furniture and came back ashy with fright, saying the place was haunted. He declared that he became violently ill the moment he entered the house, and was thrown to the floor. The owner of the shack investigated and found that he, too, had been in the house only a few minutes before he became sick. Since news of the "haunted house" has spread many have visited it; some have reported receiving electrical shocks in addition to the seiskickness. One enterprising man leased the shack and began to charge admission, and was making money until the police arrested him for doing business without a license.

Finally a party of newspaper men visited the house and stayed for the night. Their opinion was that the seiskickness was not caused by ghosts, but by the angle at which the house is tilted and by the further fact that as they looked out of the house they saw the rolling waves of the Atlantic ocean.

ALL INTERESTED IN MARKET

Traders in Wall Street by No Means the Only Persons Affected by Fluctuations.

When Wall street has a good day the taxicab drivers who stand in Broad street get the benefit of it. For it is a "killing" nature for anyone who has made a "killing" to take a cab uptown instead of the subway. In fact, the business of the taxi-cab stands in as good a barometer of Wall street as anything except perhaps the number of luncheons served at the Stock Exchange luncheon club.

The chef of the luncheon club "feels" the market as quickly as any one not actively engaged in finance. As a matter of fact, he has to keep his eye on the ticker, for a slinky market means one-half as many luncheons as a firm one. On "good days" more than 500 luncheons are served in the club's restaurant. When everything is on the "slide" less than a third of the club's 500 members come up for their midday meal.

And the day's market is reflected in what the brokers order. If there is a healthy advance in steel, casserole dishes are more in demand than corn-beef hash. A sharp decline, however, means coffee and a sandwich for many anxious traders—not only in the club but throughout the district.

Simply Haven't the Time.

During the flu epidemic at Camp Bowie base hospital many of the doctors worked twenty hours a day, according to the American Legion Weekly. One rookie medic had a 75-bed ward thrust upon him the first day of his army career. He struggled valiantly with his professional work, but failed to realize that he was now a soldier. He forgot the sacred morning reports. He forgot to make out the sacred mess regulations. He exasperated everybody. Finally the colonel called him to the carpet and demanded: "Why in the blindest-blank-blank don't you read your army regulations?" The young doctor looked at him in sleepy-eyed surprise. "Army regulations?" he ejaculated. "Good Lord, colonel, I haven't even had time to read the newspaper!"

British Plan to Harness Winds.

A plan to harness the winds and make them produce electricity for rural districts has been presented to the British ministry of agriculture. The scheme involves the erection on hillsides of low buildings from the sides of which will project huge wings. These wings will be spun by the wind mechanically just above the ground. Proponents of the plan assert that the electricity generated in this way at a minimum government officials are testing the scheme, and if it proves feasible, it is planned to build several of the generating stations in out-of-the-way districts.

Natal Grass Grown in the South.

Natal grass, native of South Africa and now grown extensively in Australia, has been found an excellent hay crop for the sandy lands of southern Florida and along the Gulf coast to southern Texas. In this region, on the proper soil, the plant reseeds itself and will continue producing a good yield without reseeding, even though the same land is also used for the production of a winter crop, such as oats or truck.

Spread of Irrigation Work.

Irrigation progress has been made in the United States since the first decade of this century, according to the annual report of the bureau of reclamation, United States Department of the Interior. In 1920 the area irrigated in the United States amounted to 18,000,000 acres, an increase of 1,000,000 acres from 1919. The report also shows that 1,000,000 acres of land were irrigated in 1920, a 10 per cent increase over 1919.

THE HANDY WRAP

Mantel of French Type for Afternoon or Evening.

Winsome Garment is Made of Two Different Materials in Two Different Colors.

A Paris novelty which is having an immense success—especially on the Riviera—is the handsome mantle which can be worn in the afternoon or evening with equal success, notes a Paris fashion writer in the Boston Globe.

Of course such a decorative garment would not be suitable for street wear but it would be just the right thing for a smart restaurant tea, wedding or any other such function. And then for theater or casino it is ideal. It is the sort of wrap that would please American women because it is as practical as it is attractive. Nowadays society women have such a habit of running one entertainment into another, or playing bridge or dancing until it is just the moment for dinner or theater that a generally useful wrap is a real treasure.

The most important point connected with the mantle mentioned is the fact that it is not only made of two different materials but in two different colors. The top is comparatively light, the hem very dark. This idea is car-



Superb Wrap of Black Panné, Black and Gold Lame and Siberian Wolf.

ried out in silver lame, on white satin and soubert black velvet, the fur in this case being very dark sable.

Many of the newest evening dresses exploit the same idea; the corsage and hip draperies quite light, while the rest of the dress is black or dark moon light blue.

The latest evening wraps all fall in straight lines even though some of the models are really very full. The designer arranges the draperies of evening gowns as well as wraps in a most artistic fashion. Materials are simple as crepe de chine, and so they are easily destroying that long line.

SLEEVES PART OF THE WRAP

Arm Coverings in Newer Garment Are Just an Elongated Portion; Embroidery is Used.

Many of the sleeves of the newer wraps will be found to be just elongated portions of those wraps. They are not at all obviously set in as sleeves, but they seem to appear quite suddenly from unexpected angles, and upon their construction depends very much of the simplicity of the gown, for when the arms are held closely to the figure the draping assumes one series of lines, which is altogether one thing and, again, when the arms fall loosely at the sides, that draping becomes totally different. So it becomes apparent that some very clever and artistic designers for no quite simple strip of material, do all those lovely drapings unless some very intelligent words on the subject of art had been said in its ear somewhere in private just as it started life.

Some of the shorter wraps are showing very handsome sleeves, and among these are the embroidered ones, being in themselves whole masses of color. But these are narrower than they were in the spring, though they do not, in any way, attempt to fit the arm. The last concession they will make is to follow the line of that arm more or less faithfully.

The fact is that many of the short wraps, while they are not exactly capes, have their side portions held in so that they become mere suggestions of sleeves. But on the other hand they do succeed in giving the effect of a wide and full sleeve rather than of a portion of the wrap pressed into service.

Side Panels. Some of the side panels have become so elongated that they touch the floor. Lace panels are being featured on evening and dinner gowns.

A Tailored Frock. Touches of coral color are used with striking results on a tailored frock of beige tricotine.

FICTION WRITERS TO BLAME

Girl With Experience in Disillusioned Concerning Qualities of the "Strong, Silent Man."

"Deliver me," said the girl with experience, "from any more of these strong, silent men. They make very good fiction heroes, but personally I prefer a man whose chief claim to strength does not lie in his breaking all records for silence. I like a man who knows the value of a pause or a moment in which no one says anything, but in which unutterable things are felt.

"A man who shatters a line like that, or doesn't even know when it comes along, is, as we say, 'impossible.' If there's anything worse than a female chatterbox, it's a male chatterbox, but that's no reason why a man can't answer 'Yes' when you say, 'Isn't it a lovely day?' without thinking that he is violating a secret.

"Writers are to blame, I believe, for building up the fictionally perfect, but realistically terrible, type of man, whose stock in trade is an ungracious smile. Consequently, every man who is shy, bashful or stupid feels that he has an excellent alibi. A girl who is not versed in the ways of men, but who reads his story books backward and forward, is led to believe that the man who listens alike to her prattling, her small talk and her profoundest remarks with a mere quirk to the left side of his mouth, is a fiction hero come to life. After a season or two, depending on her perspicacity, she knows, alas, that he is generally just a very dull man. Of course, if he is dull, it's much better that he should be dumb as well. The only pity is that he appears, at first, to be what he decidedly is not."

TAKE THEIR PLEASURE NOW

Young Chicago Couple Evidently Believes in Verses, "Gather Ye Roses While Ye May."

The woman knows a couple who've just gone abroad. The husband is a young writer who earns a very moderate income and the wife is an artist who receives small returns.

"We're just going to enjoy ourselves for six weeks or two months," they told the woman. "You see we had a little saved up and we were going to struggle to save more by great economy and self-denial. And then we talked to one of our neighbors. He said to be as poor as we are, once, and by stinting and scrimping and wise investment he is a well-to-do man now."

"We asked him why he didn't travel and he said he had always wanted to, and yet, while he was young, he felt he should be saving for the future. And now that he has saved it, he just can't go out and spend it. He took a little trip this summer, but came back in a week—the confidence he had in the money which had been accumulated by small amounts go out in big ones.

"So we made up our minds that we'd travel when we could enjoy it, and not wait for the days when our enthusiasm and our nerve at money-spending would be gone."—Chicago Journal.

Records Patient's Rest.

Recording continuously the slightest movements of a patient in bed, and thereby determining the hours of complete and untroubled rest he has had, is an idea recently introduced. This result is obtained by first placing a sheet of rubber beneath one of the bed posts and attaching special apparatus to the post. The apparatus consists, briefly, of a lever, one end of which is fastened to the bed post, the other having a recording pen affixed to it. Underneath the pen is located a clock-work drum containing a chart divided into 24 hours, so that a continuous curve of the sleeper's movements is kept and may be consulted if it is desired to ascertain how he has rested, or to convince a patient that he has or derated his hours of rest.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Motortruck Used by Loggers.

Nothing is more characteristic of logging as it was done from 1800 to 1900 than the sight of a huge truck, piled high with logs, and hauled through the muck and over the corduroy of the woods trails by four, six, or even more hasty horses. If there is one place in the world where a truck might be expected to fail, it is here. But with the right kind of equipment it seems just as easy to get the logs out by gas as by horse, and indeed, no argument over the proposition that if it can be done at all by gas, it can be done more cheaply so.—Scientific American.

Municipal Camps Grow in Favor.

Counties such as Gila county, Ariz., and Fresno and Mariposa counties, Cal., and cities such as Denver, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Butte, now have programs of county or municipal development which provide for maintaining county or municipal camps and camp grounds within the national forests. This growing use means for the national forests new opportunities of service of immeasurable public value.

Giant Tree Many Centuries Old.

A giant pineaceous timber tree indigenous to New Zealand, locally called Kauri, has been discovered in the northern forest. It has a trunk 22 feet in diameter and 66 feet in girth, and it rises 75 feet clear of branches. The tree contains 100,000 superficial feet of timber and is estimated to be 2,000 years old.

WRONG IDEAS ABOUT ALASKA

Winters There Are Mild, Thermometer in Region of Juneau Barely Reaching Zero.

I met a family in Juneau, Alaska, that had formerly resided in Cleveland. I asked the lady of the house if it wasn't somewhat difficult to stand the rigors of the northern climate, writes Sherman Rogers in the Outlook. She laughed outright.

"Well," she answered, "we endured Cleveland winters, and Juneau is certainly a paradise compared with Cleveland, either in winter or summer. We have been north eight years in all; spent five winters here, and three back home; the five years we have lived here during the winter months the thermometer has never reached zero. Do you imagine it takes a rigorous person to stand such a climate?"

This was followed by peals of laughter and further remarks about the silly ideas of people in the States regarding the climate of Alaska.

Southeastern Alaska has an Oregon-Washington climate, due to the Japanese current, which has the same effect from Ketchikan to Cape Spencer as it has on Puget sound, resulting in very mild winters and extremely delightful summers. Very seldom, in the last 20 years, has the thermometer reached zero in this entire section.

The interior of Alaska, made famous by exaggerating novelists, has a climate closely duplicating Minnesota in the winter, and Maine or Oregon in summer.

GREAT WRITERS' YOUNG DAYS

Tales Told of Two Authors Who Have Risen to Eminence in Literary World.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling was in the habit of selling his old schoolbooks to a dame who kept a curiosity shop at Blueford. In recent years many people have visited the shop, hoping to pick up a volume with an early composition of the great man scrawled in the margin. They have been disgusted to hear that the old dame rubbed out everything of the kind.

"No," she said, on one occasion, "Master Kipling was always fair to me, and he may have written things not so good as those he has sold since I wasn't going to have them poking fun at him." Which shows the popularity Mr. Kipling enjoyed in his school days.

Another great writer, Sir James Barrie, has a good story to tell of his young days. It was at the time of his first success, and an old townswoman of Kirriemuir, Barrie's native place, was asked what she thought of it.

"Well," she replied, cautiously, "it's a good thing the laddie can make something at his writing; he could never have made a leavin' at the mills!"

Knew Just Where He Was.

Whimsical Walker, the famous clown, has followed the prevailing fashion and written his recollections, which naturally abound with theatrical shop talk. Among his reminiscences of Drury lane—the street, not the theater—is the following: "I was on speaking terms with an undertaker there and he once invited me into his shop and brought out a bottle. I sat myself down on something covered with black cloth and we hoboed together in friendly fashion. The undertaker was an enthusiastic theatergoer. He knew a host of 'stars' by sight and had acquaintance with a few of the lesser lights. We talked theatrical 'shop,' and I happened to ask the undertaker if he knew what had become of a certain actor whom I mentioned by name. 'Yes,' said the man, composedly, 'you're sitting on him now!'"

Lead World in Corn Production.

Approximately 80 per cent of the corn entering into world trade comes from Argentina and the United States, according to information compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1921 shipments from the United States exceeded those from Argentina by 21,000,000 bushels, but prior to that year Argentina was usually the larger shipper, a large exports from that country before the war (1909-1913) having been between one-third and one-half of all corn entering into world trade and about two and one-half times the quantity exported by the United States.

Fine Art of Pussfooting.

"I'd like to adopt a political career," said the ambitious young man, "but I'm no orator and I don't believe I'd ever learn how to make a good speech."

"You don't need to, son," replied the veteran campaigner. "Some of the smoothest political strategy this country has ever witnessed was put over in a whisper."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Increased Output of Lorraine Mines.

Statistics just published show that the mines of the Lorraine basin exported during the first six months of the present year 4,328,475 tons of mineral ore, valued at \$1,800,000, as against 2,868,428 tons, valued at \$1,100,000, for the corresponding period of last year.—London Times.

Forgot Her Feet.

Sarah had an unwelcome visitor and one day she told me to tell him she was not in. She hid behind some curtains in the adjoining room. After I repeated my much-practiced oration he turned to me and said: "Next time Sarah goes out, tell her to take her feet along."—Exchange.

DANGER LURKS IN LEAVES

"Nothing is worse than leaves to make a car skid," remarked a Torch Lake, Mich., suburbanite. "For a quarter of a mile to day I drove over a bed of leaves and it was with difficulty that I kept the machine from going into the ditch. Passing another car at any speed is a dangerous practice if the road is covered with leaves."

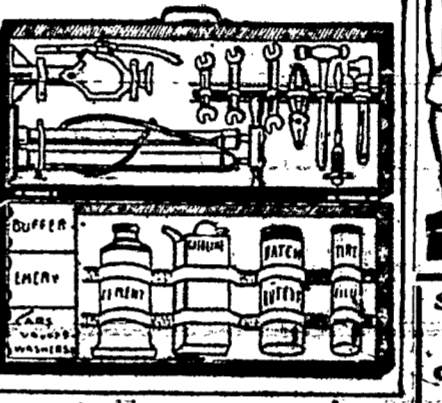
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