

## Push Boats a French Marine Novelty.

The pushing boat is the latest suggestion in improved means of water transportation. This novel project, the invention of an official of the French mercantile marine, is designed to take the place of a tug and also of the motor portion of a self-propelling barge. It consists of a powerful motor boat, built on the same lines as the barge or cargo boat and shaped in the fore part like a wedge. The cargo boats are to be built with a corresponding stern portion of V shape, into which the stern of the motor boat will roughly fit. When in that position the two—cargo boat and motor boat—have the appearance of one boat, and they move as one. When the cargo boat has been laid alongside the wharf to load or discharge the motor boat backs out and picks up another cargo boat, one motor boat being, it is said, sufficient to keep three cargo boats at work. Hence, like a sailing in a relatively low cost of maintenance as compared to boats provided with their own propelling engines.

These "pushers" are to be regarded not as independent boats but as detachable portions of the cargo boats, in which portions the motive power is located. Though seagoing qualities are claimed for these boats, their place would seem to be on the inland waterways.

**Bean That Is a Cow.**

Cultivation of the soy bean has developed in China to such an extent that it now represents the principal agricultural industry of that country. Immense areas of the great plains of Southern Manchuria are devoted to this crop. The world's demand for soy beans is steadily increasing, and China's export of them bids fair soon to surpass in value that of its silk output. There are more than 1000 varieties of soy beans, from which an experiment station at Kung-chung, in Southern Manchuria, has chosen one as the best of all. It is nearly spherical, yellow in color and of the biggest of a small size. A yield of 22 per cent of oil is obtained from it. The soy bean yields milk and butter (or products equivalent for table use), as well as a great variety of other edibles, including a famous sauce. Taken all in all, the five-ounce bean is one of our most versatile vegetables.

**Test Your Breathing.**

How long can you hold your breath? Two French doctors have been making experiments, and they have discovered that the period during which a normal person can hold his breath is not more than from forty to forty-five seconds in a state of rest and a little longer when being down.

The most important result of these experiments is the discovery that the capacity of holding the breath is affected by diseases of the air passages or heart. In the case of chronic bronchitis the patient is rarely able to hold his breath for more than twenty seconds; while in cases of lung disease this time is reduced to fifteen seconds.

**British Forestry and Forestry.**

Great Britain, having been aroused during the war to the need of adequate timber supplies within the Empire, is determined not to permit things to drop back into the old rut. First she called an Empire forestry conference, at which Canada was represented, and took stock of the situation; next, she entered upon a definite planting programme in the British Isles, calling upon Canada, through the Dominion Forestry Branch, to secure about a ton and a half of tree seed per annum for this purpose; and lastly, to keep up the work and give people information on this most important subject, she has established an Empire Forestry Association with headquarters in London, which will link up the work of Dominion associations, like the Canadian Forestry Association, and, as Lord Lovat expressed it, "pool the resources of their knowledge." It is expected that conventions will be held in different parts of the Empire and that Canada will be one of the first Dominions to be thus honored.

**New Forests for Old.**

Field work on the Potawawa forest experiment station and the other stations carried on by the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior ceased about the middle of December, and the officers have returned to Ottawa to make a record of the work of the field season. Just as the farm experiment stations have aided agriculture by discovering new methods of growing plants and indicating the best varieties, so the forest experiment stations are assisting forestry and lumbering by studying and putting on record the best methods of harvesting the timber crop and also of handling cut-over or burned-over areas in order to get a new crop started containing the best species of trees. The forest is Canada's second most important natural resource and whatever assistance in the development and utilization of this great resource is of importance to every Canadian.

Fog in a city is composed of particles too small for chemical analysis, but none the less harmful to the lungs of those breathing them in.

An English firm is building a giant monoplane for transatlantic flight. It is to have a speed of 130 miles an hour, a wing spread of 400 feet and a carrying capacity of 150 passengers. Its proposed time table is London to New York from one noon to the next.

## KEEP LITTLE ONES WELL IN WINTER

Winter is a dangerous season for the little ones. The days are so changeable—one day bright, the next cold and stormy, that the mother is afraid to take the children out for the fresh air and exercise they need so much. In consequence they are often cooped up in overheated, badly ventilated rooms and are soon seized with colds or grippe. What is needed to keep the little ones well is Baby's Own Tablets. They will regulate the stomach and bowels and drive out colds, and by their use the baby will be able to get over the winter season in perfect safety. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cts. a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

**Pat's Answer.**

A motorist who was touring in Ireland one day met a native who was driving a donkey and cart. Thinking he would have a little fun at his expense, he began:

"What is the difference, Pat, between your turnout and mine?"

The native looked at the questioner a minute or so, and then replied:

"Not a great deal. The donkey's in the shafts in the one, and on the seat in the other."

The motorist asked no more comments.

**MONEY ORDERS.**

Send a Dominion Express Money Order. Five Dollars costs three cents.

**Sure of It.**

Mrs. Jones was entertaining some of her son's little friends. "While," she said, addressing a six-year-old, who was enjoying a plate of cold beef, "are you sure you can cut your own meat?"

The child, who was making desperate efforts with his knife and fork, replied:

"Yes, thanks. I've often had it as tough as this at home."

Minard's Liniment for Distemper.

## Surnames and Their Origin

**ARBuckle**

Variations—Bucklen, Bucksmith. Racial Origin—English. Source—An occupation.

Theoretically, it would be possible to build up a good argument connecting the family name of Arbuckle with the contrivance known as a buckle, and assume that the first Arbuckles, or Bucklers, were makers of these contrivances.

A study of those historical lists in which so many of the names of the middle ages have been preserved (both those which already had become hereditary and those which were still merely descriptive) shows that this view would be in error.

True, one who made or sold buckles might naturally have been called a "buckler." But for the most part he wasn't. The records show that it was the maker of "bucklers" who was called first a "buckler," shortened later into "buckler" or "bocker." "Buckler" is a word almost obsolete to-day. It meant a shield.

It has been shown in preceding articles how just the "ar" of "arrow" is contained in the name of Arsmith. The same is the case in Arbuckle. The "ar-buckler" made a certain type of shield designed to ward off arrows, and in the course of time the name has become shortened from "Arbuckler" to "Arbuckle" "Bucksmith" was "buckler-smith."

## Clever Rescue of Workman Marooned 150 Feet in Air.

While repairing, single-handed, the top of a smokestack, 125 ft. above the ground, the workman lay drop of the line which was his only means of returning to the roof, and thence to the ground. There was no possibility of conveying a line to that height with any appliance in the plant, and so appeal was made for help from the fire department which has a line-throwing gun in appearance exactly like a military rifle, for use in such an emergency. Several futile attempts were made to fire the line within reach of the marooned workman, and finally this method of rescue had to be abandoned. Fortunately, as the stack had not been in use, it was cold, and finally a fellow workman climbed from the level of the roof up the first 30 ft. of the inside of the stack, to which a 3-in. steel ring, on the top of the asbestos, the rescuer stood, with his legs astride the stack. In the meantime some long, light wooden templates, as used in all structural work, were obtained and passed up to him. He pushed upward, and the line, secured to the top of one of these templates, to the top of which a line was made fast, and to the bottom of that scattering he attached, with the aid of the holes, another, and so on, crawling after scattering, until the top one came within reach of the stranded workman. This did not happen until the poor fellow had spent four hours in his perilous position, 150 ft. above ground, in the frosty December atmosphere. Once he grasped the end of the line, it was a matter of only a few minutes before he had hauled it to the top of the stack, and slid down to safety.

**Johnny Spills the Beans.**

Johnny was entertaining his sister's caller and said, "Helen told me yesterday you were a born politician."

"Indeed," said the young man, pleased as he could be. "Why does she think that?"

"That's just what me wanted to know, and Helen said it because you can do so much talking without committing yourself."

## \$25.00 FOR A LETTER

CAN YOU WRITE ONE?

Thirteen Prizes to be Awarded in a Letter Writing Competition.

Some years ago the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., offered a series of prizes to residents of the Province of Ontario for the best letters describing the benefits derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, either in the case of the writer of the letter, or some member of the writer's family. Hundreds of letters were submitted in this competition, and yet there must have been thousands of other users of the pills who did not avail themselves of the opportunity to win a prize. To all these another letter writing competition is offered. There are thousands who have experienced great benefit from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, whose cases have never been reported. These will furnish the material for the letters to be written in this contest. There is no demand upon the imagination; every letter must deal with facts and facts only.

**The Prizes.**

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., of Brockville, Ont., will award a prize of \$25.00 for the best letter received on or before the 15th day of February, 1922, from residents of the Province of Ontario on the subject: "Why I Recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." A prize of \$10.00 will be awarded for the second best letter received; a prize of \$5.00 for the third best letter and ten prizes of \$2.00 each for the next best ten letters.

**The Conditions.**

If you are describing the benefits you have derived in your own case, or that of some other member of your family, the symptoms of the illness should be fully described, and the letter signed with the full name and correct post office address of the person sending it in. If the case relates to some person other than the writer of the letter, it must also be signed by the person whose case is described, as a guarantee of the truth of the statements made.

The writer of each letter must give the name and date of the paper in which he or she saw this announcement.

Five writing will not win a prize unless you have a good case to describe. The strength of the recommendation and not the style of the letter will be the basis of the award.

It is understood that The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. shall have the right to publish any letter entered in this contest, if they desire to do so, whether it wins a prize or not.

This contest will close on February 15, 1922, and the prizes will be awarded as soon as possible thereafter. Do not delay. Write your letter now. Observe the above conditions carefully or your letter may be thrown out.

Address all letters as follows:

The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Letter Contest Department.

## Gigantic Armored Mammal of Past Ages.

Surely the strangest mammal that ever lived was the "glyptodon," which carried its house with it, being encased in a mighty shell somewhat resembling that of a turtle but far more massive. The carapace, furthermore, was almost dome-shaped, and all parts of the creature's body, including even the tail, were heavily armored.

This remarkable animal seems to have been exclusively American, and until recently none of its fossil remains has been discovered north of the Rio Grande, barring a few fragments of bones. A big one was dug up recently, however, not far from Tucson, Ariz., by Dr. Gileley, a paleontologist of the United States National Museum. It is a complete skeleton, representing a specimen which in life must have weighed about half a ton.

The glyptodon was so sluggish that a mile a month must have been just about its best racing speed. It fed on herbage, presumably, and possessing no weapon of defense, it would have been easy prey for carnivorous enemies if its armor had not afforded adequate protection. When attacked it had only to withdraw its head, which was covered by a heavy bony sheath, and to retract its legs beneath the shell, in order to become invulnerable. The assailant might as well tackle a boulder.

The specimen found in Arizona probably lived not less than 1,000,000 years ago. Its tribes (contemporary with the megatherium or giant sloth) has no descendants to-day, but is represented in a way by the modern armadillo, which is likewise an armored mammal and one of the curiosities of nature.

**Might Have Been Worse.**

An Irishman named Pat (uncommon name, that) was making a wood pig-stye, when he missed a nail and hit his thumb, breaking it.

After having it wrapped up he met one of his friends, who naturally asked him what he had been doing.

"Sure," said Pat, "I hit me thumb with a hammer. It's bad now, but I'd had no thumb left at all if I'd been striking with both hands."

Health is a jewel, the most wonderful beautifier known to man. Guard it, wear it, love it, because without it, life itself is the dreariest, cruellest gift you own.

## BITS OF HUMOR FROM HERE & THERE

**The Floor Held.**

"Did your watch stop when it dropped on the floor?" asked one man of his friend.

"Sure," was the reply. "Did you think it would go through?"

**The Only Time.**

"What is a honeymoon, pa?"

"A honeymoon, my son, is that time in a man's life when his wife is really supplied with all she wants to wear."

**The Young Genius.**

Mother—"Willie, how is it that no matter how quiet and peaceful things are, as soon as you appear on the scene trouble begins?"

Willie—"I guess it's just a gift, mother."

**Must be Dr. Cupid.**

"I don't like your heart attack," said the doctor, applying his stethoscope. "You've had some trouble with angina pectoris, haven't you?"

"You're partly right, doc," answered the young man, sheepishly. "Only that ain't her name."

**Corrected.**

"James, have you whispered to-day without permission?"

"Only Wunst."

"Larry, should James have said 'wunst'?"

"No'm; he should have said 'twit'."

**At the Laundry.**

Laundryman—"I'm sorry, but one of your shirts is lost."

Customer—"But I paid for having it laundered."

Laundryman—"That's all right. We did it up before we lost it."

**Truth Will Out.**

Ethel (to her dearest friend)—"I put my foot in it so dreadfully when Edwin proposed, I meant to say, 'This is so sudden,' you know, but I was so flustered that instead I exclaimed, 'At last!'"

**Always Supplied.**

The son of a well-known physician loves to "play doctor."

The little fellow makes the rounds of neighboring houses, inquiring as to the health of the inmates. Usually he has with him an assortment of dolls—his "patients" in lieu of larger ones.

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"Oh, well," he said with professional nonchalance, producing two of his dolls, "guess I'll leave a couple of babies, anyway!"

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## Heredity.

Our apish forebears cling to trees, in times far antedating these—In sleep would cling with hands and toes.

They wore no high heeled pumps nor hose—So Darwin says—I guess he knows.

If they had lost their hold, you see, And toppled down from out their trees, Wild animals were all around To grab them when they hit the ground.

With teeth all primed and set to gnash Through cutlet, steak or fresh ape hash—Careers were ended with a crash!

But those who wakened with a start Did not become Ape a la carte. They locked their toes in tighter hold—The fit survivors, we are told.

We dream of falling, while in bed; We waken with a start instead. The instinct that our forebears knew Is handed down to me and you.

We might have missed the whole Big Show If Grandpa, Ape, so long ago, Had not waked just in time, you know—Violet McDougall

Minard's Liniment for Garget in Cows.

A short temper and a long head rarely go together.

Every discord may be regarded as a part of the great endeavor to adjust one's self to the beauty of the universe.

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