

## THE SPICE OF LIFE.

John—"I'll bring you a fork, sir."  
The Customer—"What for?"  
John—"The cheese, sir."  
The Customer—"A fork's no good. Bring a revolver!"

## IN THE DAYS OF THE AEROPLANE.

The movement to spread a safety net over Fifth avenue, to protect persons walking and driving thereon from being hit by lunch baskets and other objects dropped overboard by aeroplanists, has been gathering headway ever since the mayor's silk hat was jammed over his eyes by a squash falling from an unknown height.

The Maine farmers complain that the aeromoblists are now filling the skies in such vast numbers as completely to obscure the sun for five or six hours a day, with the result that the frost is not likely to get out of the ground before September.

The Legislatures of Connecticut, Massachusetts, and North Carolina, are expected to pass drastic regulations forbidding and penalizing the atrocious sport, so fashionable among aeromotorists, of trolling for cows. Thirty-two cows were caught by passing air-cars two miles back of Mark Twain's home last Sunday, the tackle being a three-inch cable with an anchor baited with a bale of hay at the end of it.

The relief car has started from the Paris life-saving station for the rescue of three aeromotorists whose car burst on Friday night. The occupants immediately took to their parachutes, but, these being out of order, refused to fall, with the result that the travellers have been stranded eight miles up in the air ever since. It is expected that they will be got down in safety.—Exchange.

## SOME POLAR HUMOR.

The humorists of the press on both sides of the Atlantic are making merry over the narratives of both Cook and Peary. For example, the New York Mail remarks, "The winter Pearyodicals, too, will be full of it"; and the Baltimore Sun observes that "the mistake Cook made was not to send the savants a souvenir postal." Another paper notes that too many Stars-and-Stripes nailers spoil the broth. Certain London papers have been freely pouring forth gibes and sarcasm in connection with the controversy. The story of the barrels of gumdrops for the Eskimos provokes considerable mirth. The Globe saying: "Always take your gumdrops if you want your Eskimos to stick to you." The Star delivers itself of the following description of the scene at the Pole immediately after Dr. Cook's arrival:

While his devoted henchmen sucked ecstatically at their glutinous sustenance, the intrepid explorer amused himself by making out four radli from the Big Nail and with leaping with unconcealed satisfaction from the New World into the Old and back again. When this pastime palled on him, the doctor, having divested himself of several overcoats in deference to the genial temperature of 149 degrees below the freezing point, proceeded to run around the pole in the direction of the earth's rotation, picking his way neatly over the lines of longitude which converged with somewhat bewildered confusion. After some fifteen minutes' hard going, the doctor sank with a sigh of relief on a berg, reflecting that as he gained twenty-four hours for every circuit of the pole, he must have added more than a year to his life. "If I could only keep it up," he mused, "Methuselah's record would soon be a back number, but I am not the man I was."

By this time, however, several tentative efforts at dancing on the part of the horizon, as well as the intrusion of some half-dozen mountain mirages in a hopelessly inverted condition, warned the explorer that the hour was getting late. Etukishook took his hook, and Ahwelsh had already retired, and was sleeping with his feet to the pole, washed comfortably between longitudes 10 and 20. "Dear, stupid fellows," said the doctor, "they have gone to sleep on the daytime side of the pole," and carefully showing a set of meridians where it was. At 11 p. m. as his pillow, and having 11 a. m. at his feet, he gave himself over to slumber.

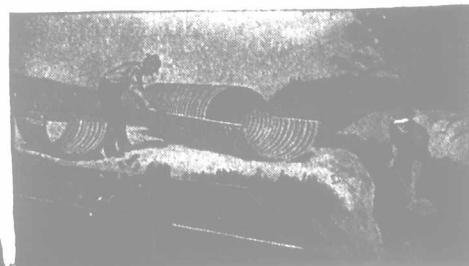
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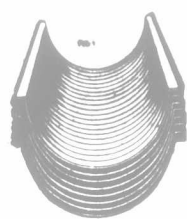
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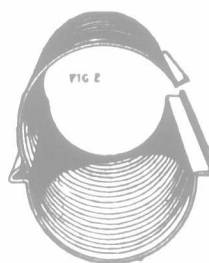


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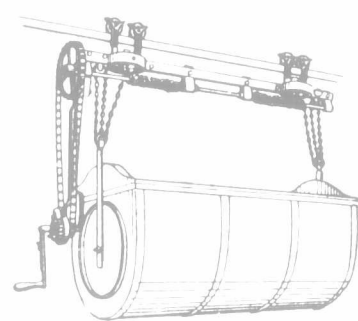
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