

"Pinking" Costly to Employers

Three hundred and six million two hundred and fifty thousand minutes, or 5,294,100 hours and 40 minutes, or 212,712 days 14 hours and 40 minutes, are wasted annually by the stenographers of Chicago in putting up their back hair.

Reduced to figures this statement looks appalling, yet the facts and the figures are indisputable. They are based on actual timing, and calculated in the mass from the actual number of working women stenographers of Chicago.

The cost of putting up the back hair of Chicago's girl stenographers is approximately \$7,338,000. The figures being based on the daily average waste of time per head (per head is good) by the 25,000 female stenographers of the city, figured on the basis of an average earning of \$273 a year. This cost falls directly upon the employer.

That the average stenographer would save thirty-eight minutes a day if she were bald (and didn't wear a wig) is shown by an investigation carried out simultaneously in five offices where girls are employed. The one who wasted the least time was a small, neatly dressed girl whose beautiful black hair was arranged in a low, smooth coil.

It was noticeable that among the twenty-six young women who were placed in the office and business workers, who were placed under surveillance, and also representing practically all the existing types of stenographers, the blonde wasted more time than the brunette, and the "strict and between" type wasted less than either. The blonde girls wasted much less time than did the pretty ones, with the single exception of a girl whose hair really attracted attention.

In styles of hairdressing the difference in time wasted was remarkable. The girls who wore their hair in pompadour wasted almost double the time wasted by those who affected the low smooth coil. It was noticeable also that the "natural" pompadour cost the firm more time than those upheld by "rats."

This waste of time was only incidental, however, for, oddly enough, even the most wasteful of the girls paid five times as much attention to her back hair as to that in front. Usually containing herself with a simple wash or get at the front hair, while devoting many minutes to pushing up, adjusting, and pinning the stray locks at the back of the neck.

Here is a sample report made by one of the investigators: No. 2. Blonde, high pompadour. Employed at "Tuesday." Wages, \$8 per week. 8 a. m.—Arrived at office; 8 minutes 30 seconds fixing hair at mirror.

8:30—Reached desk, opened it, fixed hair 1 minute 10 seconds. 9:45—Went for drink, fixed hair 4 minutes. 9:51—Sat down, fixed hair 25 seconds. 9:58—Fixed hair 2 minutes.

10:25—Fixed hair 12 seconds. 10:25—Went to mirror, fixed hair 1 minute 5 seconds. 10:30—Returned to desk, fixed hair 2 minutes 40 seconds.

10:35—Fixed hair 7 minutes 4 seconds. 10:35—Fixed hair 12 seconds. 11:18—Fixed hair 25 seconds. 11:20—Fixed hair 48 seconds. 11:30—Fixed hair (in wash). 11:35—Went to mirror, fixed hair 2 minutes. 11:38—Gave hair momentary setting before starting for lunch.

ONLY ONE SERVICE A YEAR.

Story of a Curious Little Church on an English Hilltop.

There stands upon a hill in the village of Uphill, in the county of Somerset, a small and very old church, which is surrounded by caves in which the bones of all kinds of animals have been discovered.

This historic place or worship, which looks down upon Uphill Castle and the village itself, was at one time the only place of worship for miles around. For several years no Sunday services have been held within its walls, and the only time that the public is allowed to worship there is one night in the year—on Christmas eve—when the vicar of Uphill or some other clergyman officiates.

There is a footpath leading up the hill to the church, but as the hill is a very steep one and the distance great very few people visit the church. It is by order of the ecclesiastical commissioners that it is opened to the public once a year.

Curious stories are told regarding this interesting edifice, one of which is to the effect that the church was purposely built on the top of the hill so that the preacher could feel convinced of the sincerity of the faith of those who assembled there.

The church has been visited by people from all parts of the world. It is the only building in England—probably in the world—in which divine service is conducted only once a year.—London Tit-Bits.

WISE AND OTHERWISE. Mrs. Reader (making a call)—And does your husband interest himself in books? Mrs. Neurich—No. Hiram keeps three bookkeepers.—Boston Record.

That is the ability to get yourself out of a hole as smoothly as you jumped into it.—Florida Times-Union. Village schoolmaster (explaining "biped" and "quadruped")—Now, Jones, what is the difference between me and a pig? Jones—Couldn't tell you, sir.—London Opinion.

Some people aren't going to have a very good time in heaven unless they can have their breakfast in bed.—New York Press. "Do you find it more economical to do your own cooking?" "Oh, yes. My husband doesn't eat half so much as he used to!"—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

Wise men cultivate the art of taking things easy.—Chicago News. The parson—Ah, my friend, I never see you at church. If you are not careful you'll go to a place where you'll never get a chance of hearing a sermon. The reprobate—Well, sir, it won't be for lack of parsons.—Sloper's Half-Holiday.

Whom fortune favors the world favors.—German. "My feet weren't really so small," exclaimed Cinderella. "But the Prince thought so." "Yes, I was the only girl in town who didn't wear spats."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria. Securing Hints From Employees. How to secure the co-operation of employees in improving methods and cutting out wastes of production is the theme of an article by Charles M. Steele in the July issue of System, the Magazine of Business.

LEARN DRESS-MAKING BY MAIL.

In your spare time at home, or Take a Personal Course at School.

To enable all to learn we teach on cash or installment plan. We also teach a personal class at school once a month. Class commencing last Tuesday of each month. These lessons teach how to cut, fit and put together any garment from the plainest shirt waist suit, to the most elaborate dress.

The Ancaster Papers. The report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission on the papers of the Earl of Ancaster, preserved at Grimthorpe, contains many interesting extracts anterior and subsequent to the reign of Elizabeth. One of these is by Lord Howard of Effingham to Lord Willoughby the year after the Armada, is valuable as showing the indomitable spirit and the passionate zeal which animated the patriot of the day.

There is also a letter from the Princess Elizabeth, third daughter of George the Third, describing in a charming feminine style to the Duchess of Ancaster how the Royal family had been spending a holiday at Weymouth. "The King," she says, "was never better in his life, which makes us all happier than you can imagine. Maria really is a little fatter, which is a great advantage and pleases us very much, as we thought she wanted it. You may easily believe that the time we spent there was extremely pleasant, as we had no forms nor nothing that was formal." So much for the relaxations of Royalty when George the Third was King.—Newcastle Chronicle.

ENGLISH SPAVIN LINIMENT

Removes all hard, soft and calloused lumps and blemishes from horses, blood spavin, curbs, splints, ringbone, swellings, stiffness, sprains, sore shins, etc. Warranted to cure. Sold by druggists.

TO SAVE HORSES FROM FIRE.

It is almost impossible, without great danger to human life, to save horses from burning stables. The smell of the smoke and the glare of the light craze the animals; and it has been as much as a man's life was worth to enter the stalls in an attempt to cut loose the haltered occupants.

A simple but ingenious device has been invented by a gentleman who himself was the owner of a large number of horses, which were burned to death simply because they were in their stalls and could not get out.

Even when the horses were released from their stalls during a fire they will not always leave for the stall in the horse's home, and is the only place in which he believes himself to be safe. Once there he will remain and burn to death rather than leave it, unless driven out by something he dreads more than fire, and this is water.

The release water device consist of a long pipe running through the stalls and to the end of the building. To the end of the pipe there is attached a patent valve with a handle. In each stall there is a nozzle. Should the stable catch fire a turn of the handle releases the water, and brings the nozzle to a horizontal position, and at the same time a stream of water issues forth from each nozzle.

The spray of water reaches the head and shoulders of each animal, whether it is standing or lying down. The water will drive them into the gangway, without finding a stream of water there. In the gangway they must remain, and in the task of the groom to drive them into the street becomes an easy one.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

A Queer Old Artist's Model. If America has a real professional artist's model at all, one old fellow who is universally popular in the studios is surely it. His talent is not limited to the faculty for posing. In fact, it would be hard to fix upon what is the line between his art and his life.

But what is conceded to be his record is that he actually posed every day for a whole week in the month of August; he persevered with the thermometer hovering somewhere in the near vicinity of ninety, clad sometimes in a suit of oilskins, than which there is no hotter garment made, except, perhaps, the fur overcoat, cap and boots with which the artist made pictures of Russian sailors in an ice-bound harbor.

AS TO SPARING THE ROD.

It All Depends on the Way You Use It.

We hear a good bit about moral suasion and the perils of punishment once in vogue. As a matter of fact, the worst part of a whipping is that the average mother gives it when she is out of temper, instead of when her child deserves it. The following by Mrs. J. O. F. in the New York Evening Telegram, is interesting:

Love and duty is all that is needed to govern children. I have seven, and do all my own work. I did the same with all. Baby was the first work of the day. He got his bath and his food and took his nap. When he got old enough he played by himself. He must obey. If he did not I took the good old-fashioned switch and gave him a dose and told him what he got it for, and the same when he got older if he told a story or deceived me in any way. I have three that have graduated from school and work with their father. I have never known any of them to tell me a lie or give me any impudence. I love my children and want to see them law-abiding citizens.

Don't think I had to use the cat-of-nine-tails but very seldom; only when really necessary.

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Excema, Salt Rheum, Psoriasis, etc.—no remedy has been more quickly than Mira Ointment. Mira relieves the most obstinate skin cases. New lines to cover raw surfaces, and restores the skin to healthy smoothness.

Mira is a cream of a number of herbs, and is a most valuable remedy for all skin diseases. It is a most valuable remedy for all skin diseases. It is a most valuable remedy for all skin diseases.

Stealing Elephants in Siam. The stealing of elephants seems to be proceeding in Siam on a scale which the find at all humorous. The industry in which the elephants that are stolen are so largely used is the teak timber trade, and it has been reported by the British Consul that the thefts are interfering with the profits of the work.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows. AN AIM. Give me a man with an aim. Whether it's wealth or whether it's fame, it matters not to me. Let him walk the path of right, and keep his aim in sight. And work and pray in faith away. Who has eyes on the glittering height.

Give me a man whose heart is filled with ambition's fire, who sets his manly feet on high, and keeps his aim in sight. Better to die in the strife. The hands of labor life, true to slide with the stream in an idle dream.

Undermined London. Few have any conception of the vast network of pipes and cables there is beneath the streets of London. In the city alone, the engineer to the corporation reports, the total length of the mains and conduits in the subway extends to 13 miles 887 yards.

On the Other Hand. The preacher was offering his felicitations to the newly married couple. "Young man," he said, "you have gained one of the fairest maidens in the community; and you, young lady, have won a stalwart partner, whose good right arm will level every obstacle that stands in the way of your success in life."

Left, Mr. Goodman, left," corrected the bride, with a proud look at the slinky athlete by her side. "George is a southpaw, you know."

BEER HELPS DIGESTION

WHAT little alcohol there is in Ontario-brewed beer greatly aids the stomach to digest its food.

Beer increases the flow of gastric juices, and so helps much to cure dyspepsia. The right use of beer tones the whole digestive tract, makes the system get all the good of food instead of but part of that good.

Suicides' Bonnets. Mr. Walter Schroder, the North London Coroner, who has had a very extensive experience of inquests on suicides, has drawn attention to an interesting psychological fact which has probably not previously been noticed. While holding an inquest on the remains of a poor woman who in a fit of frenzy jumped into one of the Hampstead ponds, the fact was elicited that her bonnet was found on the bank, dry.

Minard's Liniment. I was cured of a severe cold by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Oxford, N. S. R. F. HEWSON. I was cured of a terrible sprain by MINARD'S LINIMENT. FRED COULSON, Yarmouth, N.S. Y.A.A.C.

Minard's Liniment Cures Black Erysipelas in Inglesville. J. W. RUGGLES. Kansas Hospitality. Only forty-five persons sat down to dinner at John Armstrong's home near Doniphan Sunday. There was no special attraction or occasion, and those who were there say there was nothing unusual about it, and that as high as sixty persons have been to the Armstrong home for dinner at one table.

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Wedding Ring as a Prize. At the annual shooting match of the Volunteers company at Teahurst, near Tunbridge Wells, Misses Eden offered a wedding ring as a prize to the unmarried man making the highest score, on condition that the winner should marry within a year or return the ring. The successful competitor was Color-Sergeant Tinto. Lon' n Daily Mail.

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THE SIMPLE LIFE IN LONDON.

The Aristocracy is Eating Grass and Drinking Barley Water.

What with caravanning, camping out, ransoming meat and wine, and buying ready-made frocks, a good many of us are trying our best to lead the simple life. It is doubtless better for the next generation that the young girls of this can scarcely be induced to touch the cup that inebriates as well as cheers.

Stops Colic. Makes baby plump and rosy. Proved in 20 years of experience. Ask your druggist for it. Nurses' and Mothers' Treasure. Simple Arithmetic. Perhaps she read the statement made by the Department of Agriculture that the value of the eggs laid by the hens of the United States in a year would be enough to pay off the national debt, or maybe, says Harper's Weekly, she "just thought it up," but, anyway, this pretty little Baltimore girl was convinced that she had everything all fixed. She has been engaged to a very nice young fellow for some time, but to most people the amount of his present salary would appear an insurmountable obstacle to matrimony.

Family of Blind Musicians. A concert as pathetic as it was interesting took place lately at Hamburg. The concert givers were a sister and two brothers, all blind; a fourth brother, who is studying composition at the Berlin Academy of Music and whose works have already been very favorably commented on, being similarly afflicted. The sister possesses a fine and well-trained soprano voice of considerable compass, while one brother, who on this occasion acted as her accompanist, holds an appointment at Muhlheim-am-der-Ruhr as organist.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper. Railway Men's Working Hours in Japan. In the opinion of the Japanese Imperial Railway authorities the frequency of railway accidents of late is largely due to the excessive working hours of the railway staff. In view of the fact that the accidents occur usually at night time. According to the vernacular papers the railway staff are on duty for twenty-four hours consecutively and are off duty for the next twenty-four hours.

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