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BUGHOUSE INVENTORS DEVISE MARVELS THAT DESTROY INSECTS

Trained Fleas Used as Decoys, Potato Bugs Tickled to Death and Mosquitos Killed by False Violin Notes.

WAY AT LAST TO DESTROY THE FLEA.

FLEASBURG, Pa., May 19—Vindication has come to Marcus Mattison and where a few months ago he was laughed at for his unique ideas, he is now hailed as a benefactor of his race. He will be accorded a place in history as the man who pursued and exterminated the wicked flea in this happy community.

For several years this gentleman gave up all his spare time to the training of fleas. He confided in no one and none knew what his purpose was. He picked his fleas with great care, choosing those only of high mentality. When he had accumulated a sufficient number he started to train them.

"So intense was my interest in my little friends that the fleas kept me awake at night," he told a friend. "I could not sleep for they were constantly on my mind.

"At last I had a herd of seventy-high class fleas which obeyed my slightest command. They followed me around, they ate out of my hand and they wagged their tails when I patted them on the head.

"When this stage was reached I turned several into a house infested with wild fleas. My trained insects made friends with the savage ones and lead several hndred thousand of their kind into an old stove. When the pet fleas came out a fire was started and the wicked fleas perished miserably."

KINDNESS KILLS HUNDREDS OF MICE.

MOUSERVILLE, Pa., May 19—Most of the mice in this town have been killed by kindness so that they have almost entirely been eradicated. Hannibal Harding is the man who did the work.

Until he came on the ground, the old-fashioned way of using traps and cats had been in vogue, and that it did not succeed is shown by the recent census, which gave an average of forty-two mice to each dwelling.

Mr. Harding pointed out that the increase was solely due to persecution. He suggested that kindness be tried. At his suggestion, town council made an appropriation for 200 pounds of cheese and other delicacies of the season.

Each night food and drink were placed in the mice holes. For several weeks the mice gorged themselves. They grew fat and lazy. They continued to eat, and then reports began to come in of acute indigestion. Many mice were seen with agonized expressions on their faces. Still they ate.

Now the mice are dying by the thousands, literally killed by kindness.

MARBLE FLY TRAP IS CERTAIN DEATH.

FLY CORNERS, Pa., May 19—Job Jostle until recently an understudy at the state insane asylum, has applied for a patent upon a fly trap. For Simplicity it is a marvel, and Mr. Jostle thinks there is no reason why it should not at once become popular.

The fly trap is thus described in the papers filed in Washington:

"Said device consists of two slabs of marble, 2x2 feet, each slab having a thickness of three inches and having its surfaces planed smooth. One slab is placed in a horizontal position, the other being inclined at an angle of ten degrees.

"Resting upon said low or horizontal slab is a figure 4 trigger. This supports the upper slab, but is so arranged that the slightest pressure releases the trigger.

"Operation of trap consists of applying sugar to trigger. A fly alighting upon said trigger releases it and causes upper marble slab to fall upon lower marble, thereby causing death of said fly."

FALSE MUSIC NOTE KILLS MOSQUITOS.

STINGERS, Pa., May 19—Marcus Becke, a musician of note, accidentally made a discovery last evening, which, if carried out, may result in the extermination of the mosquito. Tried on a modest scale the idea has worked admirably.

Mr. Meckel is a violinst. He was practicing early in the evening, pausing now and then to take a swat at few mosquitos hovering near him. This caused him to become disconcerted, and he made a false note. To his joy he noticed the insects fall dead at the same moment.

The coincidence caused him to ponder deeply. He remembered the false note, and when another mosquito came near he tried the note on it. Instantaneous death resulted. Several times during the evening the same thing was tried with the same result.

The musician is now having the false note copyrighted. He suggests that huge instruments be erected in every swamp and mosquito slaughter be started on a huge scale. He believes that much land can thus be made habitable, and the amount of cussing reduced by 50 per cent.

POTATO BUGS ARE TICKLED TO DEATH.

BUGSTOWN, Pa., May 19—Potato bugs cost the American farmer more than $1,000,000 annually, and until Pedro Pancoast gave his attention to the matter no effective means of ridding a field of the pest had been devised. Mr. Pancoast says he has found that most potato bugs grow fat on paris green and other chemicals are dangerous to use.

At the outset a study was made of the physical construction of the bug. It was found that while the upper side of the insect was covered with a hard shell, the under side was soft. Clearly this was the vulnerable point.

Mr. Pancoast then got into communication with Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, and after many disappointments he finally succeeded in crossing the potato vine with the Canadian thistle. While the quality of the tuber was not affected the vine was filled with prickly points.

It was the theory of Mr. Pancoast that the potato bugs in climbing the plant would impale themselves. On one experimental stalk he was surprised to find that not a single bug was perforated. What was more astonishing, the ground around the vine was filled with dead bugs.

It was then found that when the insects climbed the stalk the spines had tickled all of them to death.

DELIVERS FINE ADDRESS TO THE AMBULANCE CORPS

Last night at the armory Lieut. Colonel McLaren addressed the young members of the field ambulance corps on What Constitutes Field Ambuance.

For the first meeting there was a good attendance, between thirty and 40 being present. Lieut. Bishop presided.

Major Walker, the O. C., gave a short preliminary addresss dealing with the main objects of the corps and urging all to appply themselves studiously to the tasks appointed to them.

Lieut. Colonel McLaren went through the duties one by one, explaining the workings. In fluent language he took the recruit right through the ranks, detailing the many arduous duties and not missing the minor points—the dual duties sustained by the field ambulance. Lieut. Colonel McLaren laid stress upon sanitation in camps and explained that men in camp lived more huddled together than even in crowded tenement houses and that the health of a regiment often relied upon the sanitary conditions of their surroundings.

Captain Curren and Dental Surgeon Magee also were present.

After the lecture refreshments were served and an imitation camp fire concert was held, which minus the fire passed off much better than might have been expected. The corps expects to entrain for Sussex about the end of June.

BARBER TELLS POLICE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18.—The missing Auburn barber, Clarence Chase, whom the police have expressed a desire to find, that they might get his opinion of certain matters in connection with the death of Miss Regester, today sent a letter to Chief Inspector C. S. Horton.

The letter was from Boston and stated that Chase had learned by the papers that the police wanted to know his whereabouts and so he had forwarded the letter. Chase stated he was being employed as a barber at the New Marlboro Hotel at the corner of Washington and Burnett streets, Boston, and that he had been there since May 8. He declared he had not been in Providence since that date and had not seen the Regeter girl for two years or more.

COAL AND STEEL OFFICALS CONFER

HALIFAX, May 18.—A conference between Messrs. Plummer, Jones, Cameron and McInnis, representing the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, and Messrs. Cahan and Kerr, representing the Dominion Coal, are being continued at the office of the former company at Sydney. These conferences are for the purpose of definitely and finally adjusting damage to which the Steel Company is entitled as a result of a former disagreement. Should the representatives of the respective companies fail to reach an amicable determination recourse will be taken to the courts, but it is not anticipated by either party that such a step will be necessary.

Was Troubled With Weak Back For Years.

Could Not Perform Household Duties. Doctors Attended Without Avail.

Mrs. Arch. Schnare, Black Point, N.B., writes: "For years I was troubled with weak back. Oftentimes I have lain in bed for days, being scarcely able to turn myself, and I have also been a great sufferer while trying to perform my household duties. I had doctors attending me without avail and tried liniments and plasters, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I was about to give up in despair when my husband induced me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and after using two boxes I am now well and able to do my work. I am positive Doan's Kidney Pills are all that you claim for them, and I would advise all kidney sufferers to give them a fair trial."

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A medicine that strengthens the kidneys so that they are enabled to extract the poisonous uric acid from the blood and prevent the chief cause of Rheumatism.

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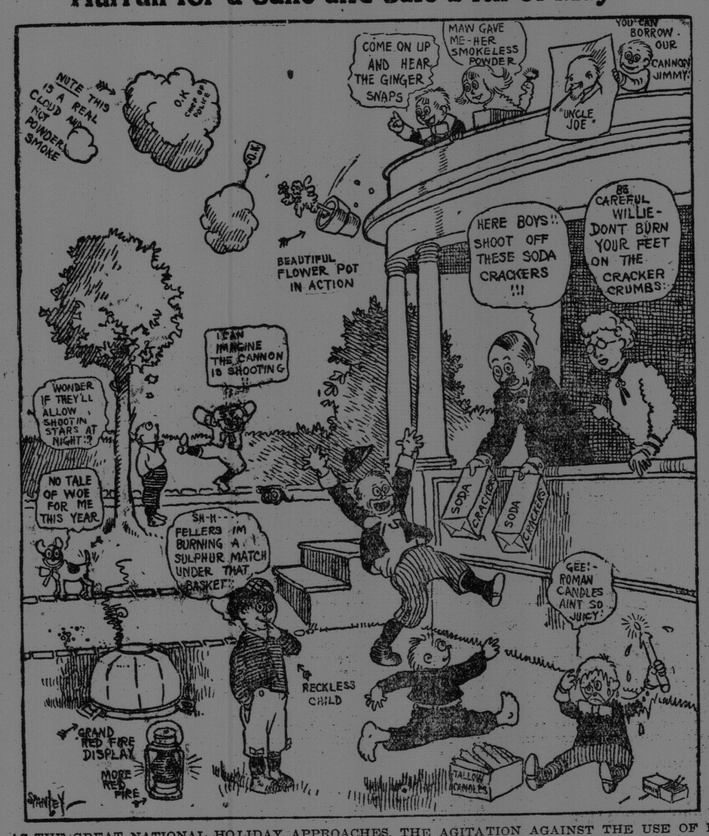
Hurrah for a Sane and Safe 24th of May.



AS THE GREAT NATIONAL HOLIDAY APPROACHES, THE AGITATION AGAINST THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES HAS BEEN RENEWED IN MANY PARTS OF THE COUNTRY—NEWS ITEM.

RUINS OF THE TOWER OF BABEL

Many interesting new discoveries have been made concerning the Tower of Babel, whose construction, as described in the Book of Genesis, is one of the most remarkable occurrences of the first stage of the world's history.

For one thing, it has been found that the Tower was square, and not round, as it has always been represented by Bible illustrators and by artists, including the great Gustave Dore.

A large part of the Tower of Babel has been carried away in recent times, so that it would seem that the curse put upon the building during its construction has remained potent even to the present day.

We read in the second chapter of the Book of Genesis how, when the whole earth was of one speech, people started to build a tower whose top should reach unto Heaven. But the Lord confounded their speech, or forced them to speak different languages, which compelled them to leave off building the Tower and scatter over the face of the earth.

Dr. Theophilus Pinches, of the British Museum, one of the greatest Assyriologists in England, has just made public the latest discoveries concerning the Tower.

"Our excavations have proved," said Dr. Pinches, "that the forum and Tower were square, and not, as the pictures in illustrated Bibles show, circular in form and tapering with a spiral ascent to the top. In its original state the structure measured about 309 feet each way, and the height was about the same. Though this was only a third of the height of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, it was sufficiently imposing as a high monument.

"It was built in stages. The lowest stage was much higher than any of the others, and the topmost stage was the upper temple or sanctuary of the god Bel, or Meredach, a hall of considerable size, 80 feet long, 70 feet broad and 50 feet high.

"Unfortunately, the remains of the Tower have been cleared away within recent years to build the dam of the Hindiyeh Canal, and instead of a great monument a depression is now all that remains."

The Tower is situated at Birs Nimrud, a suburb of Babylon, which must have been about ten miles from the heart of that city when it was in existence. The ruins cover a space about 49,000 square feet. Doubtless great processions took place from Babylon to Babel in honor of the god Bel.

Other records of an early calamity to the Tower of Babel besides that of the Bible exist. Ancient Babylonian and Assyrian tablets speak of the anger of Bel, the father of the gods, at the sin of those who were building the Tower. Bel appears to have been appeased by later offerings, and to have permitted the Tower to be rebuilt.

The fact that Nebuchadnezzar the Great rebuilt the Tower is proof that it had been destroyed or its building interrupted. He has left a brick stamped with this legend:

"To restore it, the great god Merodach urged my mind; its site, however, I did not injure, did not change its foundation walls."

Assurbanipal, the famous King of Assyria, mentioned in the Bible as "the great and noble Asnapper" (Ezra iv., 10), enriched the Tower and copied the bricks and other wisdom of Nebuchadnezzar. This is shown by a brick bearing the inscription:

"Palace of Assurbantpal, King of the World, King of Assyria, to whom Nebo hath given a broad ear. . . . The wisdom of Nebo even the contents of the inscriptions, as many as had been made, on clay tablets, I wrote, graved, examined, and for my own information laid up in my palace."

It is probably from the Tower of Babel that we derive our first knowledge of scientific astronomy. Its corners pointed exactly to the four cardinal points of the compass, and its priests were engaged in the observation of the Summer and Winter solstices, of the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, of the influence of the sun and moon on the diseases of men and other astronomical matters.

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AGED COUPLE SAVED BY DAUGHTER'S BRAVERY

CHICAGO, Ill., May 17—Fire in the Tudor apartment building on the South Side today was attended by heroic rescue work on the part of Mrs. Julia C. Strawn, a physician, who carried her aged, paralytic father through clouds of smoke to the fire escape and there assisted the firemen in lowering him from the fifth story to the ground. Then Dr. Strawn returned to the burning interior and assisted her mother in descending the fire escape.

STUDENTS GETTING FAT ON A DIET OF ALFALFA

Bread and All Sorts of Good Things Made Out of Hay Flour—May be a Substitute for Wheat.

OMAHA, May 19—When Nebuchadnezzar went out into the fields many thousands of years ago and ate grass like an ox, the people of those ancient days regarded him as insane. But like many other great men the Babylonian king was ahead of his time, for were he living in Omaha today he would be hailed with joy by the members of the Creighton Alfalfa Club. The young men of this organization are eating hay and getting fat on it.

Farm experts have proved that alfalfa contains several times as much nutriment as clover, and it is the best forage for cattle. That it was also a food for man was never realized until experiments were made at Creighton University, the leading Catholic school in the west.

That alfalfa as a food has passed the joking stage is shown by the fact that more than a score of students have formed a club to demonstrate its value to the world. More than that, the housewives of Omaha have started to use it in preparing meals.

MANY PALATABLE DISHES.

Its enthusiasts say alfalfa will revolutionize the food question, and that it will solve the serious problem of supplying the world with flour of a few decades hence.

That alfalfa is carefully selected, and the bright and tender leaves and a small portion of the upper parts of the stalks are ground together. Then they are run through a bolting machine that turns out a meal almost as fine as flour and having a rich brown color. The meal is then bleached. This having been done, it is ready to go to the culinary department of the college club. There it is cooked into a large number of very palatable dishes.

There are alfalfa gems, and they are so tender and rich when properly cooked that they almost melt in the mouth. The most delicate muffins cannot compare with them. They are light, palatable and easily digestible. Experts who have studied their value as food say that a man can make a meal on alfalfa meal muffins, do more work and with less fatigue than he could if he had eaten beefsteak, bread and potatoes.

Then there are the alfalfa meal pancakes. They are as light, flaky and airy as the frosting on a cake.

Another most toothsome dish made of alfalfa meal is mush. It is made after the old recipe followed in making corn mush.

Coming in fancy dishes there is an almost endless variety. There are cakes of all kinds made of the alfalfa flour, the recipes being similar to those employed in the construction of the cakes in which white flour plays the leading part. Pie crust made from alfalfa meal by the Creighton Club caterer for the members has been pronounced quite the thing.

HAY FLOUR BREAD.

For everyday bread alfalfa flour has been tried at the club. It is darker than wheat flour. The taste is most delicious being a little sweet, and is much more palatable if a little sugar is added t othe dough before it goes into the baking pans. In making bread yeast is used in about the same proportions as in the manufacture of the bread made from wheat flour.

As to the cheapness of alfalfa flour over that from wheat, it has little advantage, for the good trade of the article will readily retail at from $4 to $4.50 per 100 pounds.

INTIMATE CORRESPONDENCE FROM WASHINGTON

By RATH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19—Dear Dad: There is an organ grinder down below sending up the sweet strains of Il Trovatore. I like organ grinders—particularly the modern, up-to-date fellows with good loud-sounding, welltuned pianos. Perhaps we ought to call them piano grinders now. I encourage them to come around—much to the disgust of some sour-livered tenants of our building—pestilent people who do not know good music when they hear it. Bah! they are fit for treasons, strategems and spoils! My good Greek gives me martial music, and my heart beats in rythm to his keys. He gives me Money-Musk and Dixie, and it dances; and then a piece of Chopin; it is, I think, the Nocturne in G. There is something wonderfully reassuring in the air that

runs through that nocturne. It suggests the deep fundamental harmony that underlies the universe—the happenings of today as well as those of yesterday, with their sharps or flats, their minors or their major chords, their victories or their seeming failures, their ups or their downs. It suggests the eternal laws of harmony which remain and govern sound when sharps and flats have mingled in the empty air; when the current happenings fade from memory; it suggests the progress of eternal truth and the working out of our ideals, in spite of congress, in spite of Cannon, in spite of Aldrich—and perhaps Taft! Is this faith? I say ro. It is understanding. I know whereof I speak. Here, faithful Greek, a dime for your patient grinding, and my thanks. Gracia. Yes, my gracia to you!

And now to our morning's tune on our faithful typewritter machine.

Did you happen to have noticed the geography of the Aldrich tariff bill? Begin with Maine; run down the Atlantic coast to Florida; across the states that border on the gulf; into Texas; then to California; then up the coast to Oregon. Run your pencil down through the mountain states of the west. Your pencil has marked the states which will line up and give Mr. Aldrich the necessary votes. New England with its woolen and cotton schedules, and the re-enactment of the Dingley bill; West Virginia with its new concession of 40 cents the ton on coal and some duties for its iron ores; the Carolinas and Florida with the lumber tariff; the sugar duties for the gulf sugar states; a 15-cent tax on hides for Texas; tax for citrus fruits and canned goods for California—and also lumber; the lumber duties for the states of the northwest, and finally the protection for the wool, the coal and the iron ore of the mountain states of Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and the others. See how Brother Aldrich rounds it up? The dear consumer and the remaining industries of the country may all go hang.

I am told—and I guess it's true—that the Illinois senatorship is on the block. There are two bidders in the market at the present time—also as I am told—Frank O. Lowden and Wm. McKinley. Both are rich. Both are members of the national house of representatives. Both—as I am told—are ready to spend a reasonable amount of money in the perfectly legitimate expenses which are incident to

the fracture of a dead-lock in a legislature. Mr. Lowden is the Pullman Company, and Mr. McKinley is the interurban traction property of Illinois. Both are Cannon's shadows. Let us hope it is not true. Better Hopkins the unspeakable—backed by a small majority in the referendum taken—then the job put up at auction. Shame on Illinois!

By all means let's heal the breach in revenues by a tax on automobiles! (I haven't one, so I can speak without interested motives.) This was one of the very first kind of taxes levied by the federal government; only then it was on carrieges. All vehicles kept for pleasure were subjected to a tax, and the first decision by our supreme court on the income tax was a test on this tax on carriages. The supreme court upheld the law. Fine, says Senator Bailey (an excellent lawyer gone wrong), let's re-enact the tax and lay it on the pleasure wagons of the rich! O, wise senator from Texas! O, good supreme court! Let's have the tax. And the faster the higher.

Sincerely, RATH.

MONTHS OF AGONY

A Severe Case of Rheumatism Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

"For many weary months I suffered untold agony. I could not walk. I could scarcely raise myself to a sitting posture. I was under medical care, but in vain. Finally I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and they have restored me to my former healthy condition."

This strong statement was made to a reporter recently by Mr. Charles S. Koddey, formerly of Kingston, N. S., but now living at Port Maitland. Mr. Koddey is a carpenter by trade, and is now able to work every day. He adds: "I cannot speak too highly of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as they cured me after other medicine failed. While I was living at Kingston, N. S., I was seized with rheumatism in its most violent form. I was compelled to take to my bed and for months was an invalid. I was so weak that it was difficult for me to raise myself to a sitting posture. It is impossible to tell how much I suffered day and night, week in and week out. The pains were like piercing swords. I had medical attendance, but it failed. Then I tried medicines advertised to cure rheumatism, but with the same result—money wasted. One day when hope had almost gone a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I told him my experience with other medicines, but he assured me that these pills would cure rheumatism, so I sent for a supply. After using a few boxes I was able to leave my bed, and from that on my restoration to health was rapid. I am now as well as ever I was and have not had the slightest touch of rheumatism since. The change they have wrought in my case is simply miraculous, and I can strongly recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to any one suffering from any form of rheumatism."

Rheumatism is rooted in the blood. Rubbing the aching limbs with liniments and outward remedies cannot possibly cure it. You must get the rheumatic acid out of the blood and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is the one sure medicine to do this because they actually make new blood. That is why these pills cure anaemia, indigestion and the secret ailments that make miserable the lives of so many women and growing girls. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

HIS HAPPIEST DAYS ARE SPENT IN JAIL

Ninety-Year-Old Slayer Hopes to End His Life at Sing Sing.

RIVERHEAD, L. I., May 19—Joseph L. Hudson, 90 years old, who was taken to Sing Sing Prison yesterday to begin a term of from two to five years for manslaughter, says that, far from imprisonment being a hardship, it is a most delightful experience, and he would ask for nothing better than to live in jail the rest of his days.

"Never in my life have I been so happy as during the time I have been in jail," said Hudson, in bidding goodbye to the sheriff of the Suffolk County jail this afternoon. "I would like to stay here all my life. It is peaceful here, and I am happy and contented. I was ill when I came here; now I am strong. I have had years added to my life, and if Sing Sing is as peaceful a place I hope my sentence never will expire."

Hudson killed his housekeeper because she nagged him.

DELEGATES WILL GO TO AUSTRALIA

At the Board of Trade Council meeting yesterday afternoon the matter of securing delegates to the seventh Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire to be held in Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 14th, was left in the hands of a committee. Mr. W. Frank Hathaway, a member of the council, thinks seriously of representing the local board and with this nucleus the committee hope to secure at least one other delegate.

The council was in receipt of a letter from Hon. C. A. Duff-Miller, agent general for New Brunswick in London, in which he points out that a great interest is being taken by Londoners and others in New Brunswick affairs and trade possibilities. Mr. Duff-Miller states that he has had numerous inquiries for particulars as to the opportunity for investment in the province which will be forwarded for the agent general's assistance.

A special committee of the council reported having taken the matter of the Bill Board by-law up with the Common Council, pointing out the unfairness of the original idea of making a flat charge of $5 a year for each Bill Board and having suggested that a license fee be charged, based on the size of the board, the result of which was the change by the Common Council to a charge of 2 cents per lumber foot.

Word was received that the Maritime Board will meet in Charlottetown, P. E. I., in August. The St. John Board will send delegates.

AMERICANS IN AUTO SMASHUP IN PARIS

PARIS, May 18—The automobile in which Thomas P. Thorne, the American race horse owner, now in Paris, was driving to the Maisons Lafitte Track this morning, ran into a workman and inflicted injuries that probably will prove fatal. The machine was going at high speed at the time. In trying to avoid the man the chauffeur swerved his car which struck a tree and was badly smashed. Mr. Thorne and the chauffeur each sustained slight injuries.