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### Japan Crown Prince Sees Metric Units.

The visit of Crown Prince Hirohito of Japan furnished an occasion for calling attention to many sights unknown to the average tourist, but even Frenchmen well acquainted with Paris offerings stared blankly when told that the Prince had actually touched the standard metric scale and kilogramme weight, which are kept in the Pavillon de Breteuil, near St. Cloud. These two objects, whose accuracy has been accepted since 1875 by all nations adopting the metric system, are constantly guarded in a cellar by guards appointed by an international commission.

The pavilion itself is situated in the midst of a woods on a raised plateau not approached by ordinary roads. None except the guards and occasional visitors of note or experts desiring to compare other scales are ever permitted to enter the almost sacred territory and then only for brief periods, as the cellar's ventilation is controlled by a special air purifying apparatus designed to prevent any substance getting in which might corrode the delicate objects. In order to maintain an equal temperature ice is actually brought from the highest attainable points on Swiss glaciers. The guards themselves are reported to walk about in slippers to prevent the slightest vibrations from disturbing the closely-guarded position of the weighing instruments.

### Finds Singing Builds Up Health.

If you want to be healthy sing as often as possible, is the advice of Prof. Frossard of the Sorbonne, which was reported to the French Academy of Science by his colleague, Prof. d'Arsonval, says a Paris despatch.

Prof. Frossard has experimented with hundreds of cases of overexcitation and sympathetic nerves, as well as gastric cases, and has found that when the patients keep in a cheerful mood, singing music of the gayest quality, the equilibrium of the nervous system is restored within a few weeks and badly damaged appetites commence to reappear with full force.

The Academy recommended that special attention be given to singing classes in crowded districts where everything tends to break down the nervous and digestive systems.

Musicians in the Olympic, by means of wireless telephones, entertained the Aquitania's passengers to banjo selections while the ships were two hundred and sixty miles apart.

## THE REAL "MONTE CRISTO'S" ISLAND

### HIDDEN TREASURES OF OLD BUCCANEERS.

### Fabulous Wealth Discovered on Cocos Island in Southern Pacific Ocean.

That very useful island, where Dumas' famous hero, Monte Cristo, found fabulous wealth, had its position in the celebrated author's imagination. What would he have written had he known that the real thing was then in existence and within easy reach of those who liked to look for it?

An Englishman, in the year of Dumas' death, filled his pockets from one of the many hoards there. In the last seventy years, at least twenty-nine known expeditions have visited this treasure-strewn locality; and more than one have returned with retrieved riches.

#### Pacific Phantoms.

The island is to be investigated again by a party made up, not of harum-scarum treasure-seekers or amateur diggers, but of ex-British and United States naval officers, assisted by others with an intimate knowledge of mining. Hitherto operations have been on primitive lines, or, at the best, with spades and explosives. This new party, with a substantial financial backing, proposes to make full use of up-to-date scientific and mining engineering appliances, and to provide for a long stay.

Some of the "dumps" which have so long defied discovery may be brought to light.

Real Treasure Island is no barren, sterile spot. Early last century it had a solitary settler, and before that others. What became of them neither history nor tradition hints, but if ghosts haunt any spot it ought to be this romantic island. Wild pigs and goats, doves, and other native fauna are in abundance; and the shore waters swarm with fish and sharks.

They who, two centuries or so ago, set up their palisades and brushwood huts, dug wells and made use of the island for obtaining fresh stores of water and food, were like others who followed them, keen judges of a handy and comfortable rendezvous. Whether in the East or the West Indies, the northern Indian Ocean or the West Pacific, the Black Flag pirates had the knack of choosing a pleasing base for drinking and murder.

Since these bold bad men of the seventeenth century hid their valuables and specie, down to as late as 1835, many millions' worth of treasure have been hidden for safety on Cocos Island. Among the principal hoards is that of pirate Bonita.

This Spaniard, traditions say, hid

over \$5,000,000 of gold and silver in coinage, ingots, jewels, and plate, obtained from rifled merchantmen and looted towns. Yellow Jack claimed him suddenly at Panama, and he, with his dying breath, divulged to his chief officers the whereabouts of the "dump." Before the vessel set sail, both of them were killed in a drunken fray, and all knowledge of the treasure was lost.

#### Caches of Gold.

Plans and documents indicating another great cache came into the possession of two English women, two years before the war, and their treasure hunt on the Cocos lasted for seven weeks. The expedition discovered the well-defined rocks which are supposed to indicate the treasure-cave's entrance; also the creek, the waterfall, and several other marks of location, but unfortunately the face of the cliff has slid down over the mouth of the cavern.

There are thousands of tons of debris to be removed before the cache can be reached. But the proposed expedition of treasure-hunters has something to go on with, the previous party having left enough evidence of the site of their labors.

The wealthiest of all the Cocos' hoards is, undoubtedly, that of the Peruvians' millions, hidden in 1856; and it is interesting to note that as late as 1913 the Panama authorities heard that a United States steamer had left the island with a large quantity of treasure-trove aboard. Later on, collectors in the United States were finding that golden pieces of the early Peruvian Republic were not so very rare.

Undoubtedly these coins came from the 1855 cache, or from the smaller sum secreted on the Cocos ten years earlier by the defaulting heads of a revolutionary junta in Peru, two of whom met unknown deaths on board their vessel, the third being killed at Valparaiso.

#### Lost Landmarks.

In 1855 the Peruvians, hard pressed by Chile's troops, sent the contents of the national till on board the U.S. barque Mary Dyer, lying in Call Roads. Her hands, three nights late while the mate was ashore owing the skipper's sudden and strange death, slipped anchor, and escaped to sea before the forts could hold up the vessel.

When she was captured a few weeks later by a Peruvian warship, the national riches had disappeared. Three of the crew escaped being hanged; the yard-arm—two seamen, who promised to reveal the cache, and another Thomson, who had been seriously ill, well at the time and in his burl. Subsequently, the two seamen, on trying to prove that the treasure was hidden on one of the Galapagos, were shot as liars.

Thomson escaped at Panama, and at Colon found a kind Newfoundland-er, Keating, who smuggled him on board his vessel, bound for Kingston, Jamaica. There Thomson disappeared for ever; but in 1863 and 1866 Keating visited the Cocos and lifted some of the treasure.

These treasures of the Cocos are not mere myths. An Englishman in the early forties of last century enriched himself from a hoard there; two separate American expeditions, a native of Lima, and Joseph Keating have done likewise.

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It isn't the job you intended to do, Nor the labor you've just begun That puts you right on the ledger sheet.

It's the work you have actually done. Your credit is based on the things you do.

Your debt on things you shirk. The man that totals the biggest plus Is the man that completes his work.

Good intentions do not pay bills; It's easy enough to plan. To wish is the play of an office boy, TO DO is the work of a man.

#### He Knew.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones had been invited to a friend's for tea, and the time had arrived for preparing for the visit.

"Come along, dearie," said Mr. Jones to her three-year-old son, "and have your face washed."

"Don't want to be washed," came the reply.

"But," said the mother, "you don't want to be a dirty little boy, do you? I want my little boy to have a nice clean face for the ladies to kiss."

Upon this persuasion he gave way, and was washed.

A few minutes later he stood watching his father washing.

"Ha, ha, daddy!" he cried. "I know why you're washing!"

## THE HEALTHY MAN HAS THE BEST CHANCE

Is Always Full of Life and Energy—Failures Are Weak and Bloodless.

Some men seem to have all the luck. If there are any good things going these men seem to get them. If they are business men they are successful; if they are workmen they get the foreman's job. They have the power of influencing people.

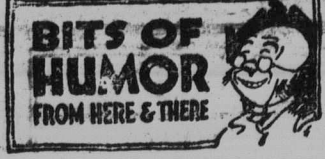
The same is true of women. Some have the charm that makes men seek them out; others are neglected. But this is not luck. It is due to a personal gift—vitality. Men and women of this sort are never weak, puny invalids. They may not be big, but they are full of life and energy. The whole thing is a matter of good blood, good nerves and good health. Everyone would wish to be like this and the qualities that make for vitality and energy are purely a matter of health.

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### Double Language is Costly to League.

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Yes, Sir!  
"Yessir, eighty-two I be, an' every tooth in my 'ead same as th' day I were born."

Sweet Confusion Followed.  
Sentimental Young Lady—"Oh, professor, what would this old oak say if it could talk?"  
Professor—"It would say, 'I am an elm.'"

Business is Business.  
Wife—"Now, dear, here's the doctor to see you."

Merchant Prince (irascibly):—"Send him away and fetch the undertaker. You know I never deal with middlemen!"

Stop, Look, Listen.  
He (cautiously):—"Would you say 'Yes' if I asked you to marry me?"  
She (still more cautiously):—"Would you ask me to marry you if I said I would say 'Yes' if you asked me to marry you?"

Fiction Provided For.  
The husband was seeing his beloved wife off for a holiday. "Maggie, dear," he said, "hadn't you better take some fiction with you to while away the time?"

"Oh, no, George," she said, "you'll be sending me some letters."

Shoddy Sheep.  
"I b'lieve I'll go over and examine them sheep of Jue's a little careful-er," said Mr. T. to his wife; "he's offered three of 'em for that yellow heifer, but knowin' him as I do I am be sure 'fore he gets her that their ain't half cotton 'stead of

A Natural Mistake.  
At a cottage in an isolated part of West Perthshire visitors were so rare that many of the children have never seen any menfolk except those of their own household.

One day the children were playing happily together, when a man was espied on the hillside, evidently making for the cottage.

Some of the children, who had been at the unwonted apparition, related staring open-eyed from the porch of the cottage for a moment longer, and then rushed indoors, shouting in amazement: "Oh, mither, here's a thing like other coming!"

A Question of Dignity.  
In a case tried in the North of England the judge very sternly demanded of the defendant:

"Why did you strike this man?"  
"Your honor," was the reply, "he called me a liar."

"Is that true?" asked the judge, turning to the man with the battered countenance.

"Certainly, it's true, your honor," as the reply. "I called him a liar because he is one, and I can prove it."

Then the judge turned to the defendant with:

"What have you to say to that?"  
"I don't think it has anything to do with the case, your honor. Even if I am a liar, I've got a right to be sensible about it, ain't I?"

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### Feels Full of Energy All the Time Now, Says Hamilton Man.

"Well, I don't know what it is, but there's something about Tanlac that certainly does the work," said A. Lettris, 184 Queen St. North, Hamilton, Ont. Mr. Lettris is a well-known printer and has been with the Grimes Printing Co. for nine years.

"Yes sir, I can recommend Tanlac, for it has straightened me out twice and I believe it will help anyone else who tries it. Two years ago I took the medicine and it fixed me up in fine shape and I felt good until a little while back when I commenced to feel rundown. I got to where I just had to drive myself at my work and, as my appetite was gone, I seemed to go down hill all the time instead of getting better."

"Well, I got me some Tanlac and it wasn't long until my appetite had a new start. I have just finished my second bottle now and I can eat anything at any time without its hurting me. That tired feeling is gone and I feel full of energy all the time. Tanlac is all that is claimed for it and it certainly is the medicine for me."

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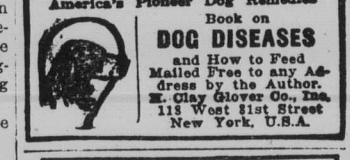
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