

FIGHTING TO PROVE HIS SANITY



John Armstrong Chanler or Chaloner, the mysterious millionaire of New York and Virginia and the leading figure in the dramatic legal battle recently reopened in the east whereby he hopes to prove his sanity and win back his fortune.

QUAKE-PROOF HOUSE

SCIENTIST CLAIMS DEVICE WILL WITHSTAND SHOCKS.

Would Set Buildings on Steel Pivot Making Them Independent of Unreliable Ground—Spring Buffers Prevent Collapse.

Berlin.—Prof. Eugene Bormell, the noted German sculptor, has patented an invention for building houses which can withstand earthquake shocks.

"Houses which can successfully withstand earthquake shocks can only be built by a radical departure from the recognized methods of architecture.

Prof. Bormell overcomes this initial difficulty by resting the entire house, together with its foundation, on a central steel pivot.

Each house thus forms a little island, except that there is no surrounding water, but only space. This space must be bridged over to enable the house to be approached.

When the earthquake shock occurs the whole steel structure, including the foundations, sways on the central pivot at the extreme base. In this swaying however, there would still be shock, caused by the spherical steel foundation striking the earth on either side at each swing, and, to meet this danger, Prof. Bormell provides for eight spring buffers, whose action would be similar to the buffers between railway cars.

The building is in a normal condition, not connected with the ground except by the steel pivot, and, in case of shock, additional connections are established by the eight spring buffers.

Prof. Bormell has received inquiries from Italy regarding the possibility of applying his plan to the reconstruction of Messina.

Jeweled Teeth Ancient.

London.—The fad of American actresses in having their teeth jeweled instead of being a new idea is, according to E. P. Gaston, a lecturer at the Royal Geographical society, countless years old.

Dogs Drive Deer Into Town.

Nashua, N. H.—As worshippers were coming from church at the noon hour last Sunday a deer leaped through the plate glass window of a bank and so severely cut himself that it was necessary to kill the animal.

SAILS TO HUNT FOR TREASURE.

Capt. Brown Hopes to Find Spoils Taken from Pirates.

San Francisco.—Capt. James Brown, member of a party that searched for the famous Cocos Island treasure in 1850, has sailed again for the South seas in hopes to recover the spoils taken from the Spanish freebooters by Capt. Smith of the schooner Black Witch, which sailed from Salem, Mass., in 1820.

Capt. Brown said before he sailed that the reason for the failure was that the party which he accompanied in 1850 removed the treasure from the Cocos to another island of the South Pacific. In the expedition of 1850 Brown sailed with Capt. Henry Smith, son of the doughty seafarer who took from the Spanish ships their treasure.

According to the captain the treasure was found and 31,000,000 was removed to Australia after the schooner had broken up and all of the crew except the captain, the steward and himself had perished.

Capt. Brown left this port on the Mariposa. He plans to outfit a small steamer when he reaches the group of islands where the treasure is buried. His family lives in Providence, R. I.

ONE-LEGGED ROLLER SKATER.

Aided by Crutches, Lad Excels Companions in Spite of Handicap.

Reading, Pa.—In spite of the fact that he has but one leg, 12-year-old Elmer H. Sterling is one of the most skillful roller skaters in town. With the aid of his crutches he propels himself on one skate in a manner that astonishes all who witness his odd performance.

Elmer lost his leg while indulging in the usual foolhardy boy's pastime of "hopping freights." Recently he met with another accident which nearly cost him his life. While coasting down hill on a tiler with a number of companions, he sped across the tracks and under a car. He was badly lacerated about the face, but was not dangerously injured.

Four Babies in 14 Months.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McCabe, a young couple living in the East end section of this city, have beaten all available records as the parents of twins, and have quite put in the shade the Pittsburgh parents, who were boasting of two sets of twins in 20 months.

Would Pay Premium on Babies.

Des Moines, Ia.—One dollar to the mother of every baby born in Iowa Representative Fullam has introduced such a bill as a substitute to the tax on babies measure. It provides that the mother of a new baby born shall be paid one dollar by the county treasurer upon receipt of a certificate signed by the mother and the attending physician.

CAPE TOWN TO CAIRO

WOMAN WRITER TO MAKE ADVENTUROUS AFRICAN TRIP.

Distance is 5,000 Miles and She Proposes to Travel Half of Distance on Foot — To Study the Natives.

London.—Charlotte Mansfield, a well-known English author of the "smart set" has just started from England to embark on one of the most adventurous journeys ever undertaken by a woman.

Midway in the South African jungle she hopes to meet President Roosevelt. Though the meeting place is not yet determined upon, Miss Mansfield thinks it will be somewhere near Natal, north of Lake Tanganyika.

The adventurous woman spent all her spare time lately in learning how to use firearms, so that, should she be attacked in making one of the most perilous trips on record, she will be able to give a good account of herself.

What will carry Miss Mansfield through successfully is, perhaps, the daring character of her project. Though not the first journey made by a white woman through this portion of Africa, it is the first time one of her sex has attempted to "go through" on the lines laid down by Miss Mansfield.

"I have learned to shoot," she said, when seen at her beautiful flat in London just before her departure, "not because I take any pleasure whatever in killing things, but chiefly to be able to protect myself against the wild beasts of the country, and to provide food for our party as we go along. I have become quite an expert with the pistol, shotgun and rifle, and think there will be no difficulty in 'bagging' all the game required. As to the natives, I fear no trouble from that source at all.

"I shall go from Cape Town to the vicinity of the Victoria falls by railroad, but this is a very small portion of the journey. It is, in fact, only on leaving the railway for good that the real journey begins.

"I will have to walk fully 3,000 miles, half of which is through practically unexplored country. I have said that I intend to walk through this district; but that, of course, will not be, in its literal sense, possible, as a large portion of the journey will have to be made by water.

"I am anxious to make excursions into the mining districts in this part of the country. It is reported that there are a number of ancient copper mines, worked entirely by natives, and that these natives are extremely wild. I would like to see these mines, though I have been warned that such a visit from a white person would not be at all welcome.

"I am not going wholly alone," continued Miss Mansfield, "though I shall be the only white woman to make the trip. I shall be accompanied by a native guide, who will have charge of my band of carriers.

"The only serious trouble which I am told I shall have to guard against are the mosquitoes, from the bites of which one gets fever. We shall provide ourselves with all the latest scientific precautions against these pests. As I go through the country I shall write descriptions and take photographs. I am providing myself with a special photographic outfit which will withstand all climatic conditions. No one has been through this country with proper photographic appliances, and I think the pictures I procure will be a revelation to the outside world.

A chain of 250 stores throughout the country will soon be lighted with the new Tungsten lamps. It will take 25,000 lamps to illuminate the interiors of these places of business.

BAD NOTES EASILY DETECTED.

Almost Impossible to Impose Upon Handlers of Money.

Incidentally it is interesting to note that the skill which enables one to detect a counterfeit comes not from a study of counterfeits, but from a thorough and unconscious familiarity with the genuine. If a man were pointed out to you and you were told that some day another who much resembled him would try to impose upon you, you would be pretty apt to fix his features in your mind.

BOY ROSE TO THE SITUATION.

Quick Wit and Intelligence Displayed by Youngster.

His parents are convinced that Clarence will be a great man; the only doubt is whether it will be as a statesman or scientist. He is only four years old, and their confidence is based largely on one incident.

Clarence lives in the suburbs, and has a cat and kittens. One day he went into the yard next door with one of the little ones to play. There was a big pile of brushwood here, and he shoved his pet into a hole in this.

Had he been a man he would have pulled the pile of brush apart, but lacking strength for this he resorted to cunning. Running home, he soon returned with the mother cat. He shoved her into the hole after her offspring, and she soon came out with the little one between her teeth.

A Queen's Will.

Queen Adelaide, the wife of William IV, was a woman of great piety and exceptional humility, which was shown in the directions for her funeral.

"I die in all humility," she wrote, "knowing well we are all alike before the throne of God, and request, therefore, that my mortal remains be conveyed to the grave without any pomp or ceremony. They are to be moved to St. George's chapel, Windsor, where I request to have a quiet funeral.

Hard Life of Arctic Sealer. The Arctic sealer endures a hard life. Sealing does not consist only of hurried scrambling over ice, and fierce breathless battling afterwards. There are many hardships to endure. The most common type of Arctic weather is a dense, lung clogging fog, with a rasp of cold that is enough to freeze a glowing furnace.

Whistling Sign of Contempt. A Moroccan shows his contempt of anything by whistling. A conflict between tribesmen and a battalion of French troops was recently precipitated by the whistling of a locomotive on a railway being constructed near Casablanca.

Bobby's Unfortunate Delay. He was five years old. On this particular day mother had dressed him with unusual care and was very much displeased to have him come in with clothing dirty and torn. She had so often told him he must take his own part in the boys' scraps—fight, should the occasion demand it. This he would not do. And now she intended to punish him.

Sometimes More. "I see that a New York professor reforms bad boys with piano music." "I hope he bears in mind that some pianos need reforming quite as much as bad boys do."

JUMPED AT NATURE'S BIDDING.

Would Be Suicide Not Completely Nerved for Final Parting.

With a groan of despair he made up his mind to die. Ruined financially, and with not a particle of hope for getting on his feet again, he realized that the only chance for his family escaping pauperism and its attendant miseries was to obtain immediate use of his heavy life insurance.

Death, therefore, was the only solution to the problem. It was a decision the bitterness of which can only be understood by those forced by circumstances to confront it.

As he stepped from the curb to cross the street an automobile, driven by a reckless joy-riding chauffeur, came tearing around the corner at terrifying speed.

And the energetic leap which the would-be suicide made back to the sidewalk out of harm's way was a caution.

REMARKABLE IN THE DOG LINE.

Proud Owners of Pets, Listen to This from Flatbush, N. Y.

Zip, a son of Bluff, the big bull terrier, is the most respected dog in Flatbush, N. Y., says a correspondent. He requires every other dog within 40 blocks to walk a chalk line and bow to him as he passes by. He can lick everything on four feet up to twice his size, yet is as mild as Dovesy at the Pump.

Antiquity of the Sausage. The sausage dates back to the year 857. It has been asserted that the Greeks in the days of Homer manufactured sausages, but this prehistoric mixture had nothing in common with our modern product.

A Knowing Dog. "Now," said the narrator, "I've got a dog here I would not take \$100 for. You can believe me or not, but what I am going to tell you is the gospel truth.

Women's Sweet Laughter. A woman has no natural grace more bewitching than a sweet laugh. It is like the sound of flutes on the water; it leaps from her heart in a clear sparkling rill, and the heart that hears it feels as if bathed in the cool exhilarating spring.

Her Criticism. The five-year-old daughter of a Brooklyn man has had such a large experience of dolls that she feels herself to be something of a connoisseur in children, relates Lippincott's. Recently there came a real baby into the house. When it was put into her arms the five-year-old surveyed it with critical eye.

Beehive in Big Rock. Caldwell, Idaho.—A beehive in the solid rock of the bluffs near Boise river bridge was the unusual discovery made by three Caldwell men. The discoverers of the bees' unusual "hive," Ed Smith, J. L. Maxwell and William Mark, proceeded to blast away the rock with dynamite, and their reward was a large quantity of honey of fairly marketable quality.

Sixty-Five Years in Bed. London.—A Grimby woman named Miss Mary Doe, aged 75, who when a girl injured her spine by falling from a swing, has not left her bed in 65 years. Her hearing and sight are unimpaired, and she takes great delight in her pet birds. Miss Doe is in receipt of a pension of \$100 a year from the Royal Hospital for incurables at Putney.

RARE OLD BOOK IS FOUND.

Written by German Baron Who Trained Army of Washington.

Hastings, Mich.—While rummaging among some old schoolbooks Lee Matthews of this city found a book which he believes may be valuable. It is a copy of "Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States," to which is added an appendix containing the United States militia act, together with the law or organizing the militia of the state of New York, as now amended.

The author of the book is Baron de Steuben, late major general and Inspector general of the army of the United States. The book was published for Daniel and Samuel Whiting of Albany, N. Y., in 1802, making the book 106 years old.

Baron de Steuben was the famous German officer through whose untiring efforts Washington's ragged, undisciplined and rebellious army at Valley Forge was trained and made into a force which did not flinch when it met the British regulars. The rough old German inaugurated a new military system in the American army, which made its work very efficient. His military tactics, the result of many years' service in European warfare, was the basis on which the future militia and army were trained. The book is of convenient size for the pocket, and leather bound. It contains complete instructions for training an army and officers, giving details of firing the old flintlocks for attacking and repelling attacks, for marching and for camping. There are also copper-plate prints of diagrams for field tactics. There is also a folder of 27 lithographic figures showing the manual exercises used at that time.

Across the title page of the book is written in old-fashioned handwriting the name of Jacob Weedon, evidently the name of the original owner. Mr. Matthews does not know how the book came into his home. According to the book, the manual exercises of a century ago were more complex than they are today. In the process of loading and firing alone there were 15 different motions.

HIS INCOME \$25 A MINUTE.

Man Who Was Broke Three Years Ago Now a Millionaire.

Tulsa, Okla.—The marriage of Frank Chesley, millionaire oil operator, to Mrs. Jennie Hampton of Waco, Tex., which was solemnized recently, brings to mind the remarkable history of Chesley. Three years ago he was a prospector without a cent to his name, oftentimes in a worry as to how to raise money to satisfy his landlord for rent. In the fall of 1905 he "tamed up" with Bob Galbreath, and on their nerve practically the two men started a wildcat well on the Ida E. Glenn farm, ten miles south of Red Fork, then the southern limit of oil production in the Creek Nation.

Deeper and deeper the hole went into the ground, with no prospect of the oil sand and the two men were discouraged. Finally one day the end of the pile of coal was about reached and still no oil. In despair Chesley, who was on the job alone that day, had gone behind the rig to grease over the failure, when Roy Dowd, the driller, brought the news that oil had been found.

The strike, a 75-barrel one, was the first well in the Glenn pool, the world's greatest field of oil today. Within a year from that time Chesley and Galbreath were reputed to have an income each of \$25 a minute from oil. Their holdings are valued at several million dollars.

FINDS LONG LOST LANDMARK.

Corner Stone Marking Virginia Grant Hidden by Landslide.

Staunton, Va.—An interesting discovery has just been made near Staunton by John R. May of Mount Sidney, who, after a search of ten days, has located the corner stone marking the extreme northern boundary line of the original Beverly survey, which included the whole of the city of Staunton and about half of Augusta county. The search has been going on for many years, as the stone frequently is mentioned in deeds, and its discovery will doubtless unravel many tangles in the farm boundaries of the neighborhood. It had been covered over by a landslide.

The original Beverly manor grant was made by William Beverly on September 6, 1733, by King George II, of England and the deed was countersigned by William Gooch, then governor of the colony of Virginia. It mentioned 118,491 acres, or nearly 200 square miles of territory.

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