

THE SAFEST SPOT ON EARTH

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The majority of people, if asked what they considered to be the safest spot on earth, would reply "on board of an ocean liner or in a first class railway car."

The curious fact is mentioned that, according to statistics, 60 per cent of accidents happen while the victims are at home or in the street.

A man may undertake a journey around the world with a comparatively light heart. But extreme care and vigilance are needed should he venture to hang his pictures or walk down his own stairs.

AT 90, A WOODCHOPPER

Averaged Three Cords of Wood Daily for Twenty Days When Eighty-seven.

Eliphalet Smith of Biddeford, Me., in his ninetieth year, recently challenged any man in Maine to meet him in a wood-chopping contest.

A Buried Villa. Another discovery of great interest was made not long ago in Pompeii, where the excavation work is being steadily carried on.

There were also found coffers filled with gold and silver money. In the basement are great amphorae which were used for storage purposes.

A \$50 Funeral Sermon. One of the shortest sermons on record was that preached at the funeral of Miss Cresswell, a woman of the Stuart restoration period in England.

A Dig at Duffy. Tramp—Yes, mum, de way we travels about on de freight cars is very dangerous. I may say, we carries our lives in our hands.

JOKE TURNED ON FREDERICK

How the King of Prussia Was Outwitted by the Cleverness of a Courtier.

It is related of Frederick the Second, king of Prussia, that one day he made a present of a golden snuff box to one of his courtiers.

A few days later a distinguished company dined with the king. The count was one of the guests, and after a time he produced his snuff box and pretended to examine it with the air of a man who was proud to have received such a gift from the king.

She handed the box to the person next to her, who was equally charmed with the likeness. From one to another the box was passed, and all testified to the excellent resemblance which the picture bore to the king.

IS THE OLDEST HORSEMAN

"Dad" Walsh is 104 Years of Age— Comes from Erin's Isle.

"Dad" Walsh, Plymouth, Wis., who recently visited his son, Frank E. Walsh, mayor of West Allis, has the distinction of being the oldest horseman in the country.

"Dad" is 104 years old. Less than two years ago he drove one of his horses in a regular race. He is known by horse trainers from coast to coast, having made many trips around the racing circuits.

Mr. Walsh was born in Ireland. He came to this country 42 years ago and settled in Plymouth.

Nagel's Lost Opportunity. Attorney General Wickersham took a party of public men out to Fort Myer in his automobile to see the aeroplane tests one day recently, says the Washington Post.

When they arrived at the fort one of the party asked Nagel how he and Wickersham got along.

Tribute to Tennyson. There is a memorial window to Tennyson in Haslemere parish church, with a tablet bearing the following inscription:

Parade. Her—Why on earth do they call him the paying teller? Him—Because that's his job.

Many Statues in Paris. Few capitals of the world are so well equipped with statues of public men as Paris.

DICKENS' LANDMARK GOING

Old Saracen's Head Hotel in London Forced to Close by New License Taxes.

Another link with Dickens will soon be lost to London by the closing of the old Saracen's Head hotel in Snow Hill.

The Saracen's Head was an important place in its day. Dickens immortalized it in "Nicholas Nickleby" when he made Mr. Wackford Squeers of Dotheboys Hall in Yorkshire stop there when he came to London to interview the young gentlemen who were to be "accurately educated" at his academy.

In the small coach days it was one of the recognized stopping places. Lord Nelson when he left home as a boy to join the navy passed a night there on his way through London.

If Charles Dickens knew of it, it is probable that he would turn over in his grave. As it is, there is sorrow mingled with incredulity in the ranks of the Dickens Fellowship.

OREGON HAS KINDEST MAN

Panjab River Hermit Refuses to Kill Wild Animals That Destroy His Crops.

If you lived in the woods where bear, deer and cougars actually interfered with your farming operations and devoured your crops, would you have any hesitation about killing the offending varmints?

Although for years he has lived in a district where all sorts of wild animals are numerous, he has never killed one yet. "They frequently cause me much trouble," he says, "but it is wrong to kill them."

The martial despot immediately gave orders that no animal, human or other, except the cow, should be allowed on the grass-plot; and he added—men were not particular in those days—that if this rule were infringed the sentinel should be flogged.

Obliterating Waterloo. The battlefield at Waterloo, writes an American tourist from Brussels, is rapidly being divested of all its interesting features.

Mis Favorite Song. There is a young optician in Denver, Col., who sings very well. The other night he was making a call on a couple of sisters up on Corona street when he was asked to sing.

Partition of Poland. The partition of Poland is generally understood to have originated with Frederick the Great of Prussia, and he and Catherine of Russia and Maria Theresa of Austro-Hungary entered into it.

MOST RENOWNED OF SNAKES

Versatile Monster, Which Was Known as the God Aesculapius, According to Lucian.

No snake that ever lived won greater fame for the time than Alexander's assistant tells the story. George Harvey says in the North American Review Apollonius, a master of the magic arts, had many disciples, among whom was a practicing physician who lived in Abonotichus, a small town on the shore of the Black sea.

When the great day arrived Alexander pretended to discover in a puddle of water a goose egg which he had placed there after removing the contents, substituting a small embryo snake just born and carefully sealing the shell with wax.

NOT THE GENERAL'S COW Amusing Complication That Followed Soldier's Strict Obedience of Orders Given Him.

The first and the last duty of a common soldier is to obey orders. Nor is he allowed to put upon his orders a construction that might suit cases not anticipated.

Dear Old Mother Eve. A chocolate dandy and his "yaller" girl were walking along together.

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Results of Travel. When one travels one soon discovers that the "light-headed" Frenchman is the best of fathers and a most thrifty person, and that perfidious Albion, the "uncscrupulous nation," is a people of pious idealists, fanatics and righteousness and liberty.

When and Why He Quit. Frank Nelson, former state superintendent of public instruction of Kansas, and "Cap" Gibson, the veteran record clerk in Auditor Nation's office, are great friends.

Removing Skin Blistches. Some fresh barbers have got on to the new and highly-scientific way of removing skin blotches, birth marks, etc.

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LOYAL TO HIS DREDGE

A Panama Canal Foreman, Badly Hurt, Made Happy by Its Splendid Record.

An army officer who had been in Panama recently tells this story. Laurent Roquebert had been general foreman of dredging at the Pacific entrance to the canal for 20 years.

FAIR EXCHANGE NO ROBBERY Rumania Gets Our Sweet Corn and Gives to Us Her Little Melons.

America's sweet corn has been traded for Rumania's little watermelons. Horace G. Knowles, ex-American minister to Rumania, who is soon to start for his new post as minister to Nicaragua, consummated the transaction in the interest of good living.

Europe is Drying Up. That much of Europe will become an arid desert in a few centuries unless steps are taken to prevent it, was the prophecy made a year or two ago by a distinguished French scientific man.

Women in Postal Service. The distinction of first appointing a woman postmaster does not belong to America, nor is the employment of women in the postal service a new idea.

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USE OF GLASS BRICKS

Will Admit Light to the Dark Hallways and to Dark Basements.

Germany uses glass bricks for building purposes with measurable success. In Berlin is constructed a small villa, the walls of which are built of glass bricks of several shades of dark green and blue.

WAS AN ABUSED CONFIDENCE One Secret Her Dearest Girl Friend—Was Not Particularly Eager to Discuss.

I like to see a young lady just after she has become engaged. There is something in her countenance so entrancingly babylike, such a faraway expression so indicative of interior bliss, and possibly success over comrade rivals.

Another sure sign. Now she was ensconced with her sweetest and most cherished girl friend in a corner of the piazza, and I seated just inside the French window behind a massive rubber plant.

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