

TO DIG FOR MONEY

Massachusetts Hermit Believed to Have Hidden Fortune.

Administrator of Eccentric Man's Estate Warns Private Treasure Seekers From Property—Will Make Thorough Search.

Great Barrington, Mass.—When Nelson Noteware, an eccentric hermit of Sheffield, died in his mountain hut last winter, a report spread that he had buried money in various places on his premises, and several citizens of Sheffield announced that as soon as the frost was out of the ground they would dig up every foot of the ground to search for it. Thereupon Frank J. Davis, administrator of the estate, published in a local newspaper a notice that all persons are forbidden trespassing on the premises of the estate of Nelson Noteware.

Being asked if he believed there was money buried on the Noteware property, Mr. Davis said:

"I am inclined to think there is. When Mr. Noteware was taken sick he sent for me to take care of him. One day some money was wanted and he told me to go to a certain part of the room and I would find a box containing money. I did so, but could find nothing. Then, working myself along from his chair to the spot he had indicated, from a lot of old cans and kettles he dug out a tin box, such as baking powder is put up in, full of silver coins. On another occasion he told me to look beneath a certain jar for the money. I did so, but could find nothing. Then he went to the spot and shoved the jar aside and, lifting up a board, dug from the ground a good-sized tin box crammed full of folded bank bills and silver pieces.

"While he was yet able to get about the place, but not strong enough to work, he never wanted me nor anybody to go to a certain part of the premises that he was in the habit of visiting frequently. I have always believed that it was because he had money buried in that vicinity. When the weather becomes settled I shall make a systematic search."

BROTHERS JAILED BY THIRD

Los Angeles Teller Is Pursued and Arrested, Accused of Embezzling \$5,000.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Merrill P. Level, a teller in the All Day and Night bank here, and his younger brother, Ellis, are in jail here whether they were brought from St. Louis through the efforts of their half-brother, Policeman John Level.

Merrill and Ellis both are charged with embezzlement of \$5,000. Besides this, Merrill says, Ellis "double-crossed" him and kept the money. Merrill says only \$2,600 was taken and of this amount \$1,000 has been recovered by the police from the younger brother.

April 9, he said, he passed to his brother Ellis, through the window of his cage, \$2,600 in a package. He then told officers of the bank a sneak thief had stolen the money while he was out of the cage for a moment.

Ellis ran away to St. Louis with the money, and Merrill, obtaining leave of absence by saying that his mother was ill, followed him. John, the half brother, followed both and caught Merrill. He trailed Ellis back here. Each brother blames the other.

HIS RABBIT FOOT WAS LUCKY

Engineer Resolves No Longer to Be Superstitious, and Is Robbed of His Valuables.

Darby, Pa.—After carrying the hind foot of a graveyard rabbit for several years as an omen of good luck George Derby and the engineer of Verleden's mill discarded it as a piece of superstition. A few minutes later he discovered that some one had robbed him of his gold watch and chain, a diamond ring valued at \$100, \$1.50 in money and other valuables.

Bradley had his valuables in the pockets of his vest, which was hanging in the closet in the engine room. Two strangers called in the office of the mill and asked to see the engineer, and after he had talked to them a few minutes concerning a position, Bradley hurried to the engine room, when he discovered his loss.

It is supposed by Chief of Police Smith that a third man was in the game.

HASTY MAN GETS "BENDS"

Why Kansas City Worker Was Put in Airtight Compartment Seven Hours.

Kansas City, Mo.—Undergoing treatment for the "bends," a form of paralysis that seizes workers under pressure of compressed air when they are too eager to get to the outer air, O. K. Williamson, engineer of Wyandotte county, Kan., was a prisoner in an airtight compartment seven hours here recently. His experience was the penalty for a too hasty break for the outer air after a trip to the caisson underneath the pier of the James street bridge.

Seek Heirs to Estate. Guthrie, Okla.—Heirs of Frank Stevens, son of a Niles, Mich., banker, who was murdered twenty-three years ago, and who are entitled to \$200,000, are still being sought.

MAYOR TO WORK IN STREETS

Head of Cincinnati Has Unique Plan for Knowing His Town and Public Servants.

Cincinnati, O.—Mayor Henry T. Hunt of this city proposes to familiarize himself with the various public service departments in a decidedly novel manner. The mayor will make a most sweeping investigation or inspection, not as a mere onlooker and recipient of information such as his subordinates may be able to tell him, but will mingle in person with the laborers of the street and the many other employees of this city. Mayor Hunt characterizes it as more of a quest for departmental experience than inspection.

Cincinnati's chief executive will don the garb of the laborer and try from a day to a week at the job of cleaning the streets, answering the ring of the fire gong, passing a day or so at each of the police district station houses and make the rounds with the captain and corporal, as well as a night on a "beat."

Mayor Hunt will begin with the street cleaning department by passing a day or so touring the streets with Superintendent Marchese. Then will follow the actual work of sitting in the midnight hours on the seats of the water wagon and sweepers. Following this the mayor will don the garb of the "white wings" and assist in sweeping refuse from the thoroughfares. He will even go so far as to try his hand at driving one of the ash carts. Other departments follow, such as passing a week in the fire engine houses, getting up with the firemen, answering all alarms, but once at the scene of the conflagration. Mr. Hunt will be a mere onlooker. Not a department will be overlooked in an effort to ascertain actual working conditions.

GIRL OF 16 WEDS MAN OF 60

Old Sultor Wanted to Wed Daughter of Former Sweetheart—Couple Caught Eloping.

Scranton, Pa.—How an old man disappointed in love twenty-five years ago planned to fill the void in his heart with the sixteen-year-old daughter of his old sweetheart was pathetically told in the police court here when James Leary of Nichols, N. Y., faced Magistrate W. S. Miller on a charge of abducting Irene Lunn from her home in the same village.

The couple were taken from a train here when it was learned that they were on their way to Brick church, New Jersey, to be married. According to the girl's story, in which Leary concurred, the man, bent and withered by his sixty years, was the fiancé of her mother long ago. Parental objections separated them, and each married another. Leary's wife died in a few years, and in his loneliness he turned to Mrs. Lunn. He was admitted to the Lunn home as a boarder, and has lived with the family for years.

When Irene reached young womanhood the old man found much in her to admire, and in their constant companionship they became enamored. The elopement was finally planned.

MAN SILENT FOR 49 YEARS

Strange Sailor, Marooned in 1863, Refused to Talk, Read or Work—Had His Legs Severed.

New York.—Death has finally claimed "Gerome," a legless and silent foreigner of mystery, who was found marooned on the beach at Mink Cove, near Digby, N. S., in 1863. During nearly a half century the man had steadfastly refused to divulge the secret of his identity, his nationality or the reason of his abandonment by a strange vessel.

One afternoon in August, 1863, two fishermen saw an unknown schooner tack into the harbor. A boat was lowered over the vessel's side. The next day a man was found in a dory on the shelving beach. A bottle of water and a package of sea biscuit were with him in the boat. The man's leg had been severed and the wound, were still fresh, the work having been done apparently by a skillful surgeon. Nothing could be extorted from him and his silence was never broken.

WIFE DIVORCED BY LETTER

Reading, Pa., Woman Loses Industrious Husband—He Mourns a Good Saver.

Reading, Pa.—Charles A. Hamm of Reading has been granted a divorce from his wife, Anna, now a student nurse in Philadelphia. The couple lived happily until the wife, while on a visit to a sister in Philadelphia, happened to meet a politician, afterward writing him a letter which fell into the hands of the husband.

In the evidence it was hinted that before the husband received this letter he did all the housework, including scrubbing, sweeping and ironing, and gave his wages, \$90 per month, to the wife.

The pretty wife, on the other hand, during the seven years of married life saved the \$3,400 necessary to buy the house in which they lived.

Profits From Suicide Mania. Trenton, N. J.—Mrs. Florence Stillson of this city, a young woman who has a mania for attempting suicide, almost succeeded this week in a cell at the police station. She was found unconscious and her condition is still critical. She has worried the police and physicians of the city so that they raised a fund and gave it to her with the condition that she leave town.

SEVILLE HOUSES MAY FALL

Authorities Require 4,000 Inmates to Vacate and They Are Homeless—Collapse of School Buildings.

Madrid.—An inquiry provoked by the recent collapse of a school building at Seville has revealed the fact that there is imminent danger of 411 houses in that city tumbling down in like manner. They have been vacated, with the result that some four thousand people are homeless.

The collapse of the schoolhouse, which cost the lives of a master, an old woman and several youngsters, aroused great public feeling and prompted the civil governor to order an official investigation by the municipal architects.

Their report shows that 411 houses are in such a dilapidated condition as to be absolutely dangerous to the inhabitants.

When the tenants were served with a notice to move at once, very few could comply with the order, being unable to find other lodgings at anything like the same rent. They accordingly stopped where they were until the police expelled them, putting four thousand people into the streets. The majority of those thus evicted found shelter in the houses of relatives, friends and neighbors.

Another problem which then faced the authorities was what to do with the furniture and goods of these. The alcalde eventually settled the matter by ordering all the furniture to be deposited in the Plaza de Toros. So the bull ring is now packed with wardrobes, tables, desks, chairs and so on. Every family has its separate allotment, and the whole is guarded by the police.

Meanwhile, in cases where their condition permits, the houses are being repaired.

SONGS CURING CRAZED MAN

Effect of Melodious Rendition of Simple Hymns Astonishes Los Angeles Physicians.

Los Angeles.—A girl's sweet singing is calming into sanity in the county hospital here the mind of a man demented. Where drastic medical treatment has been powerless to effect a cure, her melodious rendition of simple hymns and pastoral melodies is producing striking mental improvement.

The girl, a young nurse, is no coloratura soprano, nor, perhaps, could she tell C from G on a musical staff, but her songs are songs of sympathy, and for more than a week have been the only influence that has controlled the patient.

May Flynn is the nurse, a recent recruit at the county hospital, and Stephen S. Stephens the man, who, but for a brain jangled by wild delusions, is a fine specimen of the American workman.

Physicians and internes watching the effect of the girl's voice on the patient, declare that she holds out the only hope of his recovery.

CHINA HONORS YALE MAN

Chung Mun Yew Made Minister to United States by Oriental Republic.

New York.—Chung Mun Yew, the old Yale coxswain, has been appointed minister of the Chinese republic to the United States, according to a Shanghai dispatch to the Herald. Chung entered Yale in 1888, after preliminary studies in the Hartford (Conn.) public schools, and made the crew in the freshman year, steering the Yale shell to victory against Harvard. He's elected to the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, the only one of his race to be so honored.

He was called back to China before completing his studies, but returned to this country some years later and acted as an interpreter at the legation in Washington when Dr. Wu Ting-fang was minister.

Previous reports have been to the effect that the post at Washington would be raised to an embassy and that Dr. Wu would be sent here as ambassador.

ONLY 27; HAS FIVE WIVES

Spokane, Wash., Man's Latest Venture Leads to His Arrest for Bigamy.

Portland, Ore.—A deputy sheriff is on his way here to take George R. Carr, twenty-seven, to Spokane to answer to charges of bigamy. His record to date is:

May 18, 1904, married Maud Rafferty, Lanesboro, Minn.

Date unknown, married Ernestine Levert, daughter of a rich Baton Rouge (La.) sugar merchant.

November 7, 1911, married Margaret Barclay, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

February 7, 1912, married Ruth Allen, nineteen years old, daughter of a wealthy Colfax (Wash.) farmer.

Mrs. Ruth Allen Carr started proceedings against him.

Firemen Take Lunatic From Pole. Easton, Pa.—Vincenzo Oreste, an Italian, who became crazed when he lost in a fire the money he had saved to bring his family to America, clambered to the cross trees of the city flagpole and sat there in a drenching rain. Firemen with their aerial ladder brought him down.

Vinegar at Dollar a Pint. Winfield, Kan.—Vinegar has jumped to a dollar a pint. At least the thrifty passengers on a Santa Fe train paid that when a negro bootlegger sold them "whisky."

AWAKE FOR 30 YEARS

Man's Eyes Open Since Stricker With Sorrow.

Spends His Nights at Work and Com plains of No Weariness—Furnishes Puzzle Physicians Cannot Solve.

Trenton, N. J.—Having been with out sleep for thirty years, Albert E. Herpin, a Trenton man, at last complains of feeling weary. Mentally he experiences no weariness, but he says he is physically weak and believes a nap of only five minutes' duration would give him new life. Physicians who have been following the sleepless wonder's case for years say he is merely suffering from overwork, and do not agree with the theory that so many years of wakefulness has caused his physical health to fall.

Since the power of sleep left him Herpin has never before expressed a desire to even doze. He has shown no lassitude day or night. The only rest he gets is when he sits in a comfortable chair for several hours each night, but he does not even then close his eyes.

His sleeplessness has brought him considerable money, as he thought out inventions during some of his resting periods that proved successful. He works every day, excepting Sunday, in a local pottery, and he spends most of the night working out inventions of decorating pottery for friends.

Herpin is always in good spirits and when he reports to his employers in the morning he seems as fresh as any of the other workmen who had hours of sound sleep. Those who work with the sleepless man assert that he keeps constantly busy and exhibits not the slightest symptoms of drowsiness. The only complaint that Herpin has made because of his condition is that he becomes lonely frequently at night when he has nothing to keep him busy.

Herpin lost his ability to sleep after the death of his wife, 30 years ago. He was then 30 years old. He consulted physicians, who studied his strange condition, but who were unable to help him. From time to time he has been secretly watched at night. The medical men who undertook this task are convinced the man has not slept a moment since first attacked by the strange malady from which he is believed to be suffering.

Experts from all parts of the United States have visited Herpin's home and studied his condition and have gone away convinced that he has been awake longer than any man in the world. Herpin enjoys the visits of these experts, as many of them remain with him for nights. He says he never believes he will sleep again.

GERM IS SLAIN BY HOT AIR

French Physician Discovers New Method Which May Revolutionize Treatment.

Paris.—A remarkable new treatment of diphtheria has just been communicated by the distinguished physician, Robert Rendu, to the Lyons Medical association.

In the course of his experiments with the bacilli of this disease Dr. Rendu found that they were extremely sensitive to heat, and he was able to kill them in fifteen minutes at a temperature of 50 degrees centigrade (122 degrees Fahrenheit) or in one minute at 80 degrees (176 degrees Fahrenheit).

To apply such heat to the mucous membrane in the throat in which diphtheria microbes congregate the inhalation of hot air seemed a possible method, and in experiments with himself the investigator found to his own surprise that he was able without any difficulty to inhale air at 100 degrees or the boiling point (212 degrees Fahrenheit) for two minutes at a time.

Cases in which this treatment has already been tried on diphtheritic patients are stated to be completely successful, but some doubts exist as to the hot air or to the serums, applied at the same time.

BACHELORS FORM NEW CLUB

Vancouver Men Organize to Promote Wife-Seeking Activity Among Members.

Vancouver, Wash.—Bachelors of Vancouver have organized a club for the sole purpose of obtaining wives. The formation and election of officers occurred Thursday evening.

The head of the organization, Clement Scott, a prominent business man, says that all love-sick maidens of various and uncertain ages may put in their bids for the would-be benedict, and they will receive the prompt attention of the board, who will act upon them.

Soother His Conscience. Washington.—A conscience-troubled citizen of Shepherdstown, W. Va., forty years old, who used some canceled postage stamps, has sent ten cents to the treasury to pay the debt. He wrote Secretary MacVeagh that while he used only three canceled two-cent stamps, he was sending ten cents to "make sure."

Ball Breaks Man's Nose. Venice, Cal.—Oscar Hidingger tauntingly told Miss Ruby Dunn that he never saw a girl who could throw a baseball hard. The girl threw it. Dunn wears a broken nose.

HEADED OFF BY DIPLOMACY

Kitchener's Smooth Way of Keeping Egyptians From Mixing in Turco-Italian War.

Egypt is actually a Turkish province, although the British control is so complete and tenacious that the sovereignty of Turkey is of the most shadowy kind. None the less Turkey has the nominal right to order the Egyptian army to cross the frontier into Tripoli and to help in the discomfiture of the Italian invaders. But although Turkey has wisely refrained from issuing orders that would not be obeyed there has been a desire on the part of many Egyptian officers to volunteer in her cause, and these officers have asked Lord Kitchener's permission to absent themselves from their posts for that purpose.

Lord Kitchener's reply, quoted in the Fortnightly Review, shows a certain sardonic humor that must be classified among the finer weapons of diplomacy. He says he would gladly give the desired permission, but he fears that the upward pressure in the junior ranks of the Egyptian army would compel him to place the absentees on the retired list, which would be a grievous return for patriotic valor. So he advises them to curb their heroic ambitions, so natural to Egyptians, and stay at home. To a number of nomad Bedouins, who made similar applications Lord Kitchener expressed his surprise that they should wish to fight at all. Not having regarded them in the light of warriors, he had never included them in the Egyptian conscription, an error that should be henceforth corrected in view of their martial inclinations. Thereupon the Bedouins decided that there was no place like home.

THOUGHT SHE DESERVED AID

Mother of Six Fine Babies Glad to Receive Advice of State Board.

Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, some time ago conceived the idea of sending to the mother of every baby reported at the end of every month some educational material from the state board office, together with a polite note wishing the mother and child well, and offering to help the mother in any way the board might do so to enable the baby to be started right in its life battle. In reply to one of the communications, Dr. Hurty, a few days ago received the following letter:

"I would like to inquire as to the nature of the help you are prepared to give to the mother of six fine, healthy youngsters. I doubtless shall wish advice, as sixty dollars a month doesn't admit of extensive fees to a physician, and I feel that as a woman who has made the struggle I have to give my offspring the mental, physical and moral status which is theirs I should have all the aid possible.

"There is not an old soldier, no matter how bravely he has fought, so deserving as a faithful wife and mother. I thank you very much for your kind offer."—Indianapolis News.

Dragon Not China's Emblem.

As shown in its prompt repudiation by the republic of China, the dragon was not the emblem of China; it was the emblem of the late imperial family of Manchus. This Oriental dragon is one of the powers of the air, although wingless; one of the forces of nature which the Taoist religion has defied. The dragon kings dwell partly in water and partly on land; their shrines are for that reason erected on river banks. The germ of the dragon idea in the primitive races inheres in some persistent memory of the greater lizards, such as the crocodile of the warmer waters. The Chinese dragon being without wings is accordingly closer to type than is the winged dragon of the mythology of our more remote and northern race. As late as the "Historia animalium" of Conrad Gesner (1564) science believed that one had but to travel far enough, say to the more remote defiles of the Alps, and he would surely encounter dragons.

Man and His Politics.

One day a well-known politician was enjoying a chat with a friend at a hotel, when a strange young man came up and said:

"Can I see you for a moment, Mr. Dash?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Dash, rising.

The young man led him across the room and seemed to have something important to say to him. Arrived in a corner, the stranger whispered in the politician's ear:

"I am of the staff of an evening paper, and I should like you to tell me what you think of the situation in the east."

Mr. Dash looked a little puzzled at first, then he said:

"Follow me."

Leading the way, he walked through the reading-room, through a passage into the dining-room, and drawing his visitor into the corner behind the hat rack, he whispered:

"I really don't know anything about it."

Miles, Long and Short.

Considering the size of Switzerland one might expect a mile to be about as far as one could throw a ball, but the hardy mountaineers think 9,153 yards the proper thing, even when, as it generally is, it is very much up hill. The Swiss is the longest mile of all, being followed by the Vienna post mile of 8,296 yards.

The Flemish mile is 6,869 yards, the Prussian 8,237 yards, and in Denmark they walk 8,344 yards and call it a stroll of a mile. The Arabs generally ride good horses and call 2,143 yards a mile, while the Turks are satisfied with 1,826 yards, and the Italians shorten the distance of a mile to 1,766 yards, just six yards more than the American has in mind when the agent waxes his hand and blandly remarks, "About a mile."

Gathered in Twelve-Pound Trout.

What is said to be the largest trout caught in Montana streams was received from J. W. Scott, proprietor of the hotel at Armstead. It weighed 13 pounds, 8 ounces. From tip of tail to mouth it measured nearly three feet in length, a yardstick extending an inch at each end when laid beside the catch. It was 16 inches around the fish, measuring over the back fin.

The fish was dressed and when re-weighed in Butte tipped the scales at 12 pounds.—Anaconda Standard.

KEEPS OUT OF WATER NOW

Gander With Fishing Line Tied to His Leg Has Lively Time With Pickeral.

A Wisconsin gander was so upset by experiments made upon an, through him by a mischievous boy that for a long time he would not go into the water.

The gander's determination to abstain from water as a means of bathing grew out of the following circumstances:

The boy thought he would tie a fishing-line to the gander's leg and with a hook properly baited turn the bird out into the water. The bait was a frog.

The gander went into the mill pond, where he swam around for half an hour, turning "flip-flaps" and diving for food. Suddenly he felt a pull at his leg and looked as surprised as the "lone fisherman" when he caught a whale.

The gander concluded that there was something the matter, and he looked to ascertain the cause. The pickeral on the hook gave several jerks, whereupon the gander decided that he wanted to go home.

He at once started for the shore, but the pickeral on the hook wanted to go the other way. The gander seemed frightened at first. Then he evinced signs of anger and tried to fly to shore, but the pickeral pulled him back.

After half an hour of the hardest work he had ever done, the gander came ashore dragging a six-pound pickeral up the bank.

The boy took off the pickeral and baited the hook with another frog. He tried to induce the gander to go in for another swim, but no amount of persuasion could get the bird to do so. He simply could not be driven in. For many weeks the gander would not go into the water. He would proceed with the rest of his flock to the water's edge, but there he would stop. He would seem to be arguing with them with reference to the danger they were courting.

BIG RUBY UNDER HIS SKIN

Burmese-Eurasian Was Used as Hiding Place for Jewel by His Father.

Surgeon Watson tells Tip about some strange smuggling, a story of Burmah rubies and diamonds that passed through this port undetected, if not unsuspected. The surgeon was called to a big hotel to see a gentleman with a painful arm. The patient was a yellow, slender, lanky blond, the left arm a little swollen and very painful. A hard lump was found under the skin just above the elbow, and this was pressed on the "funny" nerve that runs behind the elbow. The lump felt so queer and unusual that the surgeon took an X-ray shot at it and found it to be a big ruby, about five carats.

This is the novel story of a man with the ruby in his arm: He was a Burmese-Eurasian (his father half white). In his childhood his father had been the chief of a band of dacoits, cut-throat highwaymen, and had skillfully and painlessly inserted a number of stones into the layer of fat under the skin of his fat boy, to make him a walking cache of secret treasure. As a youth he went to a mission school, later was graduated from a "tech" school, and was now a highly successful business man. The man with the arm set with rubies would allow no more examinations or X-ray pictures. There was not a trace of scar near the ruby, so skillfully had the insert settling been made. When asked what he intended to do about his hidden treasures, he said that was for his father to say—If alive.—New York Press.

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Massachusetts Game Farm.

A game farm of between 5,000 and 6,000 acres in Carver and Plymouth has been acquired by the American Game Protective and Propagation association on a ten years lease, with option or purchase, and elaborate experiments are proposed for conserving the wild life of the New England forests and waters.

It is stipulated that after the expiration of the lease the farm shall continue for twenty years to be a sanctuary for game, whether or not the tract is bought. They do these things rather better in the old country, and it is proposed to import a Scotch gamekeeper to start a line of expert natives in the calling.—Springfield Republican.