HEARS PRAYERS; DIES

Suicide of an Eccentric Religious Enthusiast.

Wealthy Fish Merchant In Washing ton Market, Manhattan, Retired From Business and Intended to Spend Life in Ease.

New York.—After picking out a burial plot, making his will and carry. ing out other arrangements for his death, John Elsey, 71 years old, whose eccentricities had made him one of the city characters, committed suicide in his home, 98 Jewett avenue, Jersey City. Just before firing two bullets into his head he had his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Augustus Elsey, read to him several extracts from a prayer-book. He sent her to her room to do some sewing and said he was going to take a short nap. Instead he went to bathroom, where he killed himself.

Elsey several years ago was one of the wealthiest fish merchants in Washington Market, Manhattan. He sold out his place for \$250,000 and then decided to devote himself to a life of religion and ease. Religion was his main interest in life. One of his children died 20 years ago and he founded the Elsey Chapel, in Jewett avemue, as a memorial. Before that time Elsey had carried his religious researches to the point of making frequent changes in his faith. When the chapel was opened he was among the Seventh-Day Adventists.

He became convinced not long afterward that the Salvation Army workers were the exponents of his favorite doctrines and he gave the chapel to the Salvationists when he was converted. Subsequently it was occupied as the Church of the First Born, by the Faith Cure sect and then went back to the Salvation Army. Elsey frequently talked from the pulpit and delighted to tell the influences that had worked to convert him to a new faith.

He was married twice. His first wife divorced him and the second died in 1900. The widow of his son, Mrs. Augustus Elsey, and Mrs. Jessie Tulley, a housekeeper, lived with him In the Jewett street house. The old man had other valuable property. among the realty pieces being a mansion in Duncan avenue that he sold last April to Edward J. Edwards, state controller. Several times since then he regretted the sale of this house.

Two weeks ago with his daughter-In law he went to Cypress Hills cemesery, in Brooklyn, where he made arrangements for self and also he picked out one for Mrs. Elsey. He admitted to Mrs. Elsey he had made all his plans for death. However, there seemed to be no change in his spirits after that time. He seemed cheerful as he listmened to several chapters from his newest religious book, Prevailing Prayer. After he was found with two bullets in his head in the bathroom he hever recovered consciousness

"I don't know why he should have killed himself," said Mrs. Elsey. "He and I have lived to ourselves for years as fine as princes. He had plenty of money to last him all his life, but he worried about money he had lost and about the sale of the Duncan avenue house. Then he has not been the same since he gave up his business."

MOTHER URGES SON'S DEATH

Witness Says Weman Saw Boy Mur dered by Another Youth In Baitimere.

> Baltimore.—That Mrs. Emma Bam-Derger saw mortal wounds inflicted on her son and encouraged Albert Patperson to kill the boy was the startling testimony in the police court as the gruesome aftermath of a terrific struggle in which young Bamberger lost his life late the other night.

> "That woman ran across the street," said a witness. "She slapped the boy in the face and said 'Kill' lim.'

Other witnesses corroborated that

testimony. Albert J. Patterson, who did the cutting, was held pending the action of a coroner's inquest, while Mrs. Bam Berger, the dead boy's mother, was Held as an accomplice.

TO CONFISCATE GIRLS' MAIL'

Mow Postmaster is to End Practice He Regards as Evil-To Give Letters to Parents.

Flushing, N. Y.—A new and effective scheme for curbing misuse of the posteffice's general delivery window has Sen put into effect by Postmaster Thomas B. Lowerre here. He will Benceforth confiscate all general de-Every letters addressed to young girls the village and turn them over to their parents or some male member of their parents or some male member of the family. Mr. Lowerre said he secently became aware that some of the girls of the village were receiving mail which he thought would stand Aspection by their perents.

Man in Tree Dead a Year, Missoula, Mont.—The mummified memains of a man, believed to have Seen E. Kost, a globe trotter, judging from papers found on him, was discovered in a tall tree. The man had been sitting above an old Indian hunting platform. Apparently he had slipgod and his log caught in the limb. The body had been hanging for more 5 - 5mg than a year.

READS PAGE AT A GLANCE

Victim of Disease of Eyes Also Is Enabled to Memorice Article at Sight

New York .-- Visual power by which a man can read the entire page of an ordinary book at a glance and repear every line word for word is the subject of an article by Dr. George M. Gould in the current number of The Journal of the American Medical association. That this power is due not to normal visual conditions, but to a disease of the eyes, is Dr. Gould's contention.

The man with the remarkable eyes is designated as "Mr. C." This man can read several books each evening, and usually he can repeat all he has read without error. He is fond of poetry and novels, and a quick glance at the pages suffices to fix its contents indelibly in his memory.

The case was easily explained by those who have knowledge of the physlology of binecular, or two-eyed vision, Dr. Gould says. Some time during the middle years of the man's life the central part of the retina, the "macular" region of the right eye, was destroyed by an inflammation caused by eyes rain. The "fixing" part of the retina was obliterated, leaving there a blind, round space or hole. The left eye was not diseased and continued the usual perfection of a macular or central vision.

"By long, unconscious and forced exercise," continues Dr. Gould, "the healthy zone of the right retina surrounding the macular was educated to such a degree that it could, when unmoved, receive and transmit to the brain the image of, the entire page, except that part falling upon the central portion, which has been de

BRITISH PLAN KID REPUBLIC

Youthful Citizens Will Make Own Laws, Punish Offenders and Work at Some Profession.

London.-On a beautiful farm of 190 acres, in Dorsetshire, is soon to be established England's first boy and girl republic, modeled after the successful junior republics in the United Staates. The youthful citizens and citizenesses, who will be recruited mostly from industrial schools and reformatories, will formulate their own standards of honor, administer their own laws and chasten their own offenders. Special training will be provided for the trade or profession which they may display aptitude, and they will be remunerated on the results. Out of the wages the young republicans will pay for their own board and

Harold Large, who has been appointed superintendent of the novel institution, recently returned from an inspection of similar communities in America. "Over there," he said, "your junior republics have jails in which delinquents are confined, but we believe we can get along without them. If a lawbreaker remains obdurate he will simply be expelled from his boarding house, and hunger doubtless will bring repentance."

The duchess of Marlborough, who is actively supporting the scheme, is providing one of the girls' cottages.

EAT CARROTS; PROLONG LIFE

French Scientist Asserts These Vecetables Make Skin Clear and Kill Bacteria.

Paris.—Since Professor Metchnikoff has been writing on the value of carrots for general health that homely vegetable has found a regular place on the menu of home and restaurant in Paris. It has been remembered that carrots form part of the daily food at Vichy, and the chefs at the big hotels are inventing recipes to satisfy the taste of the moment.

Cressy soup, as everybody knows, is but mashed carrots diluted with milk, and at the fashionable gatherings in the Bois de Boulegne restaurants on Friday evenings there is scarcely a' table where this sorp is not served.

Carrots, according to Professor Metchnikoff, contain a sugar that kills a bacillus that prevents our attaining the age of one-hundred; besides this, carrots possess, according to tradition, the property of conferring a fine complexion on all who persistently ear them.

HAS BULLET-PROOF SKULL

Despondent Shoemaker Fails in His Attempt at Suicide-Physiclans Are Surprised.

Ely. Cal.—This city will evidently furnish the state with the first case of felony charge under the new law. against a man who attempted to com-

mit suicide and failed. Joe Loissele, a shoemaker, despondent and tired of life, as he claims, when in his lodging house room, placed a revolver to his head and fired. The builet, instead of reaching the brain, as would ordinarily be expected, fixtiened against the skult,

creating only a painful wound. The physicians who revived him declare they are at a complete loss to explain how the missile failed to penetrate and produce instant death.

Yawa le Fatal to Man. Fort Collins, Colo.-A yawn caused John Cooney of Sidney, Neb., to force a gallstone through the abdominal wall, causing intense pain, from which he died a few hours later. Cooney was spending his vacation at Dale Creek. He was 55 years old, and apparently in the best of bealth.

GAMBLE FOR WIDOW

Three Fortune Hunters Play Cards to Win Heiress.

French Adventurers Agreed to Let Winner Wed Rich American Woman Providing He Give Each of Them 1,000,000 Francs.

Paris.-Indignation and disgust have been aroused in the American colony here by the publication in Gil Blas of a story purporting to tell how three men prominent in Paris society, but of slender means, decided by a game of cards at a well-known club which of them should seek the hand in marriage of an American widow, the winner, if successful, to share the widow's private fortune with his accomplices.

The story, which is headed "Conquest of a Woman," boldly names the woman to be "won," while carefully concealing the names of the three conspirators

It says that at one of the most aristocratic clubs in Parir, adjoining the Place de la Concorde, three of the principal members, who are on intimate terms with each other, discovered just a mouth ago that all cherished the same ambition to make the acquaintance of the widow in question, "and induce her to renounce in their favor her liberty and her husband's legacy." Being unwilling to rupture their friendship by becoming rivals, they agreed to join forces on

the following terms: A sum of money was to be put up by all three, the amount thus raised to be taken over by the one whom a game of chance should select to woo the lady. If he should be so fortunate as to secure the latter for his wife he would hand over 1,000,000 france to each of his two friends.

According to the story, the man to do the wooing was chosen at a game of escarte. Then details of the project were discussed until far into the night. The three fortune hunters managed to scrape together \$3,000, which was considered sufficient for expenses, and the winner arranged to _sail for America. He is described as "a former barrister, who at present occupies himself with business; he has no title, but bears a well-known name, has a seductive personality, employs his leisure time in writing poetry, and is an incomparable conversationalist with brilliant distinction of manner.

The greatest disgust is expressed there among those who credit the __story, and it is taken for granted that the unexpected publicity shed upon the design has effectually ended the

NEEDLE IN TOE 30 YEARS

Woman Treated for Supposed. Corn is Relieved of Lameness by a Chiropodist.

Newton, N. J.—A needle that had been in the foot of Mrs. Daniel S. Hornbeck, a school teacher of Milford, for 30 years, was removed by a chiropodist to whom she went to have a supposed corn treated. For the first time since she was a girl of ten Mrs. Hornbeck was able to walk without limping. She had forgotten all about the needle until the eye popped through the flesh of the big toe.

When she was a child she felt a sudden pain when she ran through the fields near Dingman's ferry. She had stepped on a needle, but as she saw no signs of the sharp-pointed implement she believed she merely had been pricked. At various times since then she felt the sharp pain in her right foot, but thought that it was a corn that was troubling her. What seemed to be the root of the corn grew on the joint of her big toe, and gave her much worry. She decided to have it removed the other day, and as an incision was made the end of the needle came into view. It had become imbedded in the bone, but a sharp pull removed it. Instant relief was felt by Mrs. Hornbeck, and when she started away from the chiropodist's the lameness she had felt for many years was gone.

PUNCH BOWL CENTURY OLD

Relia of Early New York to Be Placed in Metropolitan Museum for Bafe-Keeping.

New York.—The Morton punch bowl, an historic piece of rare Lowestoft porcelain which was presented to the city of New York by Governor Jacob Morton in 1812, has just ended a 100year sojourn in the governor's room of the city hall, and will now be consigned for safe-keeping to a glass case

in the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The bowl is nearly six feet in circumference, making it the largest perfect piece of the ware in existence. Its ample interior carries a huge bird's eye view of New York city in 1903, together with the seals of the nation and state, the frigate Constitution under full sail, and a presentment of a shipyard. Its inscription reads:

"Drink deep. You will preserve the city and encourage canals."

U. S. Man May Float Liberte. Washington.-Maj. Harley B. Ferguson, engineer corps, U. S. A., who superintended the removal of the Maine from Havana harbor, may, if the war department accepts an invitation from the French minister of marine, go to Toulon to supervise the ficuring of the wreck of the battleship

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MARE SWIMS OUT TO RESCUE

One Whisper From Owner and Fannie Heads for the Upturred Boat-Brings Two Back to Snore.

New York .-- When A. W. Appleton. the owner of Camp Warren on South Beach, S. I., took his gray mare Fanny down to the water for their usual morning bath, they had not been splashing about long before the man asw that some 150 feet off shore some one was clinging to an overturned rowboat and making feeble signals of distress. Mr. Appleton lost no time in climbing on the mare's neck and whispering to her what the trouble was.

She seemed to agree with him that something would have to be done immediately, and swam off toward the overturned boat. As they drew near,, through the waves Mr. Appleton saw that the man was all but unconscious from exhaustion, and that they had. come none too soon. In a few minutes he had lifted the half-limp figure to the mare's back and held him there, while Fanny, swimming as she never swam before, carried her double burden to shore.

Under the ministrations of the people in Camp Estelle the man was soon righted and able to introduce himself as George Richards, sales manager of a New York rubber company. He had been fishing, he said, and the choppy sea was too much for him. His boat was overturned, and he had been hanging on for 20 minutes before Mr. Ar pleton and Fanny reached him.

TWO BOYS KIDNAP A SERVANT

Youngsters Ride Into Town, Place Miss in a Saddle and Carry Her to Farm.

Muskogee, Okla.—Though house wives of America have discussed and worried about the servant problem, it has taken Will Edwards, a youth who lives with his aunt, Mrs. Lee Edwards, on a farm near here, to solve the question. Mrs. Edwards needed a girl servant and could not find one.

"That's easy. I'll get you one," her nephew told her.

Young Edwards then enlisted the services of a friend, Charles Martin, and the two came in to Muskogee on their ponies. On the street they passed Minnie Simpson, 15 years old. The boys saw that she was good-looking. and decided that she would make a first-class maid for Edward's aunt. Will took her on his saddle and to his aunt.

Mrs. Edwards was greatly pleased at the new girl, but Minnie's mother, who was planning to place her in a convent, asked the police to find the girl. They did, but she was pleased with her new home and refused to leave. The officers arrested Edwards and Martin on a charge of kidnaping the girl.

The boys are in the Muskogee jail. and laugh at the efforts of the officers to convict them on a charge of kidnaping, awaiting a preliminar, hearing.

THEFT WEIGHED ON HER MIND

Converted at a Revival Meeting, She Asks Forgiveness of the Storekeeper.

Devil's Lake, N. D.-Remorse for having stolen an apple from the Quaiity department store of this city 20 years ago, when she was a schoolgirl, caused a St. Paul woman, who signed ber name as "Mrs. F. C." of Dayton's Bluff, St. Paul, to send the local merchant a letter asking forgiveness. The owners of the store say they know who the woman is, but refuse to

disclose her identity. "More than 20 years ago," says the St. Paul woman, "I was a schoolgiri living in Dakota, and you were running the store at the trading point, now Devil's Lake. While on my way to school one day I saw that no one was looking and I took, a big apple from a basket in front of your place of business. I was converted last Friday night in a revival meeting being held in one of the churches in this vicinity and I want to make my wrong right both with you and my maker."

FELINE IS RAISING RABBITS

Tabby Some Time Ago Stole a Pup and Reared It-Takes Care of Kittens Also.

Fargo, N. D.-Fred Haffner's house cat of abnormal maternal instincts again has created a sensation along Becond avenue south. Three years ago the feline stole a puppy-no one knows where-and reared it with her kittens.

Several days ago dogs broke into a rabbit coop in the vicinity and killed the older ones, leaving eight tiny rabbits. These were placed in a box and carried into a shed where the house cat had kittens.

Tabby immediately adopted them as her own. Since then she has been working overtime rearing both families. She seems to care more for the rabbits than the kittens. The bunnies also have taken to their foster mother.

Dog Brings News of Drowning. Pittsburg, Pa,-Price, a big Newfoundland dog, dripping wet and carrying the cap and coat of its 12-yearold master, John Redick, turned up at the boy's home. The father followed the whining animal to the Allegheny river, where he learned that his boy had been drowned. The dog had been chained to a log and struggled frantically to save his master, but could not break loose until too late.

TO RESTORE YOUTH

Philadelphia Scientist Declares He Can Perform Miracle.

Says His New Discovery Already Has Been Proven Successful in a Thousand Cases-Could Make Gianta.

Philadelphia.-"Old age is a condition that can be cured. People can really be made younger," declared Dr. Frank R. Starkey of this city in discussing his discovery of a formula for an extract that has been proven in a thousand test cases to be a cure for chronic and acute diseases.

"I could make a race of giants, of dwarfs, or of goggle-eyed idiots by treating people in their adolescence and disturbing the proportion among their glands, through which organs the formula cures," he continued.

The "elixir of life," as discovered by Dr. Starkey, consists of a paste formed of extracts from the genital glands of roosters and sheep and the pituitary glands of the latter animal, mixed with chemically pure glycerin, allowed to macerate forty-eight hours and then filtered. This extract is injected into the blood of the patient, a marked departure from the methods of other physicians who have attempted like cures.

Dr. Starkey is one of the most reputable physicians in Philadelphia. He has been practicing since he was gradnated from the Medico-Chirurgical college in 1897, with the exception of two years when he pursued postgraduate studies in London, Vienna and

Eight years ago he started his experiments that have finally won success. Four years ago the supreme test was made, when Dr. Starkey enlisted the assistance of fifty volunteer subjects, twenty-five men and twenty-five women, ranging in ages from twenty to thirty-five years.

The formula has met the approval of the leading physicians of this city. and Dr. Starkey, who has taken if himself, says he feels twenty years younger. He looks it, too.

"There are certain vital organs of ductiess glands in the human organization," said Dr. Starkey in explaining his method, "that are constantly manufacturing a physical agent without which we could not live. They control the process known as metabolism, by which the living tissues are being continually renewed. They control vitality. They are in fact life Macif.

"This extract is not a medicine. Every one has these organs, functionating and producing the same solution which I produce. It is when they become inharmonious—when they get out of balance—that metabolism, the process of tissue interchange, is disturbed and a lack of resistance to the invasion of disease follows."

MAN MARS DUAL NUPTIALS

Father of One Bridegroom-Elect Locks Him Up in Protest-Police Are Called.

Washington, Pa.-A double wedding. for which great preparations had been made, was marred and but one bride and bridegroom faced the clergyman as a result of the sudden determination of James Lennox not to allow his son to marry the girl of his choice.

The double ceremony was to have united the lives of Clyde H. Moss and Annie B. Bennet and Stephen Lennox and Laura V. M. Bennet. At the appointed hour the guests were waiting and the two sisters, society leaders of the town, stood ready to begin the march to the altar.

Moss appeared, but Lennox did not arrive, and finally, in desperation, a tressenger was sent to the Lennox home. Father Lennox promptly informed the messenger that his son Stephen was safely locked up in his room upstairs and would not be married.

Police officers were hurried to the Lennox home, but the father of the prospective bridegroom remained firm and refused to give up his son.

The wedding of Moss and Miss Annie Bennet went on according to program, while the bride who had been left waiting at the altar locked her self in her room and wept.

LIES IN HOT SALT SOLUTION

Dixie Doctors Try to Save Louisville (Ky.) Newspaper Man Suffering From Burns.

Louisville, Ky.-Charles T. Rogers, who for six years was night editor at Louisville, and who suffered severe burns in a fire in his rooming house, lies immersed in a bathtub filled with a saline solution kept at a temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This course was directed by the surgeon attending him at a hosuital as a last chance to save his life. Gangrene has developed and the doctors hope in this way to check it.

Mr. Rogers not only suffered burns upon his limbs, face and body, but in haled fumes as well

Family Warned by Mental Telepathy, Detroit, Mich.-Mental telepathy aided Mrs. Richard Meyer to foretell her father's death at St. Louis, Mo. He died shortly after telepathic communication had been flashed to all his children. Mrs. Meyer claims that for years the family has been warned of impending disaster by similar flashes.

OLD FAD IS AGAIN REVIVED

England and America Follow France In Digging Up Inexpensive and Entertaining Practice.

Boston.-A quarter of a century ago our mothers and our fathers had their pictures taken "en suhouette." It was a fad that caught the country and had a brief reign. Some persons acquired considerable skill with shears and screen and lamp and made too most outrageously amusing shadow caricatures of their friends. Many had albums in which they glued their pictures.

Everybody soon forgot these , galleries of silhouettes. Now the fed has been revived and it is quite the proper thing to entertain one's friends with silhouette parties at which prizes are awarded for the cleverest outline pictures produced.

England, copying France, has taken up the silhouette fad with a vim, and America, not to be outdone, is making new collections in shadow pio-

The field has much to recommend it as a diversion for the summer months. It is an inexpensive form of entertainment and it provides much amuse-

Shadow sculpture gets its name from a French minister of finance whose parsimony in public expenditures arouses the resentment of the people. Outline pictures of him in black cardboard were hawked about Paris streets in 1758, and not long aft erward he lost his portfolio.

IN PLEA FOR GUADALOUPE

Henry Beranger, French Senator, Sees Great Future for Colony In the Antilles.

Paris.-Henry Beranger, the French senator representing Guadaloupe, the French island colony in the Lesser Antilles group in the Atlantic, has issued a public appeal in behalf of that island, which he has just visited

Senator Beranger foresees a great industrial and agricultural future for Guadaloupe, but he declares that the island is now too heavily burdened with taxes.

He points out that in the last ten years the population has increased from 150,000 to 220,000, and Guadaloupe has maintained her output of sugar, the coffee production has tripled and the production of fruit

flavorings has steadily mounted. What Guadaloupe needs, says Senator Beranger, is a chance to work by herself and for herself. She needs to be freed from excessive taxes levied by the mother country and the great variety of fiscal charges which stiffe the efforts of planters and fishermen and which together constitute a burden which discourages the admirable enthusiasm of the islanders to develop into a successful and brilliant colony.

FISH HIRES SAFE CRACKERS

Thina and Silver is Locked Up # Newport Villa and Combination Cannot Be Worked.

Boston -- Safe-breaking experts employed by a firm of manufacturers here have been summoned to New-

port to open the family safe at the villa of Mr and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish. Before Mr. and Mrs. Fish left their estate at Garrisons, N. Y., they sent on their most valuable china and silver, with orders that it be locked in the safe. This was done, but upon the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Fish the

combination could not be worked. Locksmiths were called, but acknowledged that they could not open the safe without the use of explosives. This drastic method Mrs. Fish would not permit, fearing the concussion might destroy the china and silver. It was then that Mr. Fish decided to call upon the expert safe breakers, who are now on their way to Newport.

DOG SAVES BOY, IS KILLED

Canine Drags Child From in Front of Auto, but is Crushed to Death.

Cincinnati.-To save his master, Twe-year-old Clarence Whitney, the youngster's pet dog gave up his own ilife under the wheels of an automobile. The boy was crossing Madison road mear the home of Senator Foraker, and did not see an automobile driven by Miss Margaret Payne, of Carlisle avenue, rapidly approaching. The dog seized his master by the trousers and tried to drag him out of the path of danger. The machine was so close that the animal was unable to get the child entirely lout of the road. The lad was struck a glancing blow that knocked him down, but did not cause any serious injury. The dog was caught under the wheels and crushed to death.

BOLT TRACES TREE ON MAN

Lightning Kille Two in New York-Freak Lightning Draws Picture on Victim's Back.

New York.-Five deaths, two as & result of lightning, and numerous prostrations were the tolls claimed here by the excessive heat. The two men killed by lightning had sought relief from the heat under a tree in the Bronx when a bolt demolished the tree and caused instant death to the men. The clothing was torn from the back of one of the victims and a picture of the tree under which he was killed traced on his back. Two other mes and a six-months-old infant complete the list of dead.

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