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All the world guys the lover.
How could a breathless man be without pants?

In a favorable wind a fox can eat a man one-quarter of a mile away.

The number of victims of tuberculosis in Germany exceeds 120,000 a year.

Spain is spending \$40,000,000 on new battleships and lockwork construction.

Fortunately the girls aren't wearing the old-fashioned hoop skirt along with the Merry Widow hat.

The largest quilt toothpick factory is in Paris. It was originally started as a manufactory of quilt pens.

When a tornado makes one of its flying visits unannounced you have to forego all previous engagements.

The Sunday Rest league, with headquarters in Sacramento, is spreading rapidly all along the Pacific coast.

Sun spots are causing a great deal of talk among astronomers, and also, it may be remarked, among beauty doctors.

Remember that while your own home city is the fairest in the land, all towns must look alike to the railway manager.

The Colorado man who planned his false tooth for food may have been a case of dyspepsia which would make fasting easier.

Culture, said Prof. Shailer Mathews, is going to hum in Chicago, and then retired when George Ade read one of his fables in slang, thus giving culture a running start.

The power of mind over matter may be seen in the fact that what President Eliot has to say about athletics is attracting a great deal more attention than anything John L. Sullivan might have to say about education.

Count Tolstoy naturally considers that a jubilee will hardly add to his honors. Besides, propriety at such an event might require that he wear shoes, and, at his age, he has no intention to court unnecessary misery.

A French physician claims to have photographed the soul of his wife 30 hours after her death. He explains that the picture shows a nebulous globe. This being the case, the wearing of corsets cannot have any effect on the soul.

Ten years ago at this time the seaboard who locates the Philippine islands would have been rated as a class wonder. Today the geography of that quarter of the globe is almost as familiar to the average American youth as that of the baseball world.

By a new law in New York hunters are not allowed to shoot other hunters or guides by mistake. This looks like a retrograde from the governing principle of the game laws, that all other rights must give way to the supreme end of hunting.

A new kind of gas which can be bought by the bottle and used for illuminating purposes has been invented by a German. Fifty cubic feet of it will furnish a 50-candle power light eight hours a day for six weeks. People who have their money invested in gas stock will regard this invention as a menace that should be suppressed.

The markets have been famed all over Italy for many centuries. Once a Venetian comes to the market for a joke bought out the Milan markets three times in one day, so his hot could not give him a dinner, but in spite of that the buyers and butchers supplied the host with the material for the best dinner the guest ever had.

This is going to be a giddy world. It was but lately given out that the north pole is gradually shifting its position. Now comes the hint that before long the majority of the nations may agree to adopt some other initial meridian than that which passes through Greenwich, from which point we now number the degrees of longitude, and it will be the equator's turn next to brace up and get a move on.

The man who goes around croaking that the worst is yet to come either has a weak opinion or knows of something that he would like to get at a marked-down price. This from the Chicago Record-Herald, which moves the New York Herald to remark: And the best part of it all is that the "croaker" is finding everybody too busy to listen to him. The surest sign of good times is the fact that people have ceased to talk about hard times.

There have been horrible records to write of the sea, which has so often threatened as caused the boats to be lowered—records of brutal contests to be first off a doomed vessel; of cruel assault to beat away the helpless. Such chronicles would never be written were all craft governed by the discipline of what the centurion of Gadaglar gave a notable example. England, remarks the Philadelphia Ledger, could well afford to lose a little cruiser to demonstrate the character of its naval personnel, officers and men alike.

THE SUEZ CANAL-- PORT SAID TO CAIRO

The Fanny Things One Sees in Smiling Round the World

By MARSHALL P. WILDER

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It was a fine, cool morning when we reached that historic artery of water that joins the Red sea with the Mediterranean, the Suez canal.

This unprepossessing "ditch," as it has so often been called, has been held responsible almost as much as the unbridled extravagance of Ismail Pasha, for the financial ruin of Egypt, and her occupation by Great Britain.

Despite dire prophecy, and centuries of failure—for nearly every ruler of Egypt, from Seti, father of Rameses the Great to Napoleon Bonaparte, tried his hand at the problem of establishing water communication between the Mediterranean and the Red sea—the great canal has become a fixed fact in the world's history. The one-time American consul general at Cairo, Mr. Frederick Courland Penfield, in his charming and instructive book, "Present Day Egypt," lets in

much pleasant light upon the musty, old traditions of ancient land.

Strabo, now; he's the world's earliest geographer and historian, or one of them, and I suppose we are bound to believe him, even when he says (he must have said it, for I've never seen any of his handwriting lying around) that 14 centuries before the Christian era (that's an awful long time, Strabo; but I'll not dispute the word of a gentleman) Seti cut a canal 87 miles long from Thebes near the present town of Ziggag—mean Zagsig—

to Heropolis, at the head of the Bitter lakes, then forming the northern extremity of the Suez gulf. Herodotus—another old-timer who juggles with centuries as the circus clown juggles with his old hat—says that 800 years later Necho the Persian tried a little canal building, keeping at it till the mere trifles of a hundred and twenty thousand lives had been sacrificed in the job, and only abandoning it when the great oracle of that time, the oracle of Delphi, uttered that the most dire results would follow the completion of the work, and the entire land of Egypt be given over to the power of the sea.

Then, successively, the Roman emperors Trajan and Hadrian; the Arabian conqueror, Amron; the great Napoleon, who held the holiest of the heavens in his usurping hand; Mehmet Ali, who had butchered 400,000 Moslems before he was crowned; and the daring to brave the ancient prophecy; French engineers, English engineers, Austrian engineers, each and all, tried their best, but to no definite end. They disagreed as to the level of the two seas. Napoleon's engineers estimated that the Mediterranean was 20 feet below the level of the Red sea, calling for a scheme of sluices and locks. Warham, an Englishman, declared that the level of the two waters was identical.

Meanwhile, a young Frenchman was dreaming dreams; he was eloquent; he was confident; he was finally convinced Said Pasha that the future was lettered big with the name of Ferdinand de Lesseps, and if a concession were given to him, he would make Egypt and France both immortal. He got the concession. Said Pasha, the ancient oracle, had prophesied that he had frightened his grandfather Mehmet, and so Fate swept on with her relentless broom and Said was gathered to his father; Ismail, the magnificent, the extravagant, a prince of immense fortune, succeeded his father and succeeded in plunging his unhappy country up to the neck in bonds and mortgages galore; Europe stepped in; England became the purchaser of Ismail's personal holding (only \$20,000,000 saved from the wreck of \$85,000,000) which he surrendered to his creditors a short time before his destruction and banishment to Naples.

Ismail not only incurred in his brief reign of 18 years a debt of over \$100,000,000, but he mortgaged the souls of generations of Egyptians yet unborn. And thus did the prophecy come true. The ancient oracle was not in vain. The land of the Pharaohs and the Promises, of Alexander and Cleopatra, has passed into the hands of the stranger.

The canal's varied and almost traffic history lent an added interest to the old and monotonous aspect that it presents, the flat sandy banks melting out into the desert, unbroken save for the occasional government structures, a steamer tied to the bank waiting for ours to pass, or a collection of mud houses belonging to Arabs, whose camels and donkeys were tethered nearby.

At times, small boys would race along the banks, easily keeping pace with the slowly moving steamer, crying for "Backsheeh," to which the passengers and crew responded by tossing fruit and packages of food and money to them.

Great steam dredgers were frequently passed working constantly to keep the canal passable for steamers, as sand and silt are continually filling it up.

Port Said is a town of some importance, very much larger than Suez, but in the flying glimpse we caught of it in the course of a wild, early-morning ride to catch the train for Cairo, we were impressed by its dirt and noise more than by anything else.

The ride to Cairo was tiresome for many reasons, chiefly because of the dust and flies, and a family who shared the compartment with us, together with a nondescript luggage.

The changing interest of the landscape, however, made us forget the annoyances, for were not the scenes of the Bible greet out before us like an open book. The shepherd with his flock, the camels either resting or marching slowly, the mud houses surrounded by palms, the women carrying water jars on their heads, walking splendidly, swinging lightly from their hips. A family working among the fertile fields; little girls tending goats and winding wool on a distaff as they watched, or else a venerable old man in feasting draperies riding a diminutive donkey.

During the ride we were much edified by one of the English party with us, a Quincey, as we passed it.

"There's a fine engine, a splendid engine, by Jove!"

"That's an American engine," said that other man, adding, before we had lost our little glint of patriotic pride, "but we don't care for them out here, they burn a bunch of coal and are so very dirty!" To our humble suggestion that perhaps they made up for this defect by being fast, he assented condescendingly that they were fast, "but so dirty, you know!"

The great barrage, near Cahin, constructed to hold back the surplus waters and thus irrigate a larger area, was begun in 1837 from plans made by Mongel Bey, a Frenchman. The Egyptian tourist never lets slip a chance to boast of his country's superiority in the matter of the reclamation of Egypt under British occupation, and a good story is told by Consul Penfield of one of these globe-trotters who was inspecting, with a proud air, the great barrage.

"Yes, it's a great work, and these foreigners ought to better appreciate what we are doing for their good. This thing has put them on their feet, financially, sure enough, but I don't think that they show any gratitude for our having built it."

"I beg your pardon," said the engineer in charge, "but this barrage was designed and built by French engineers."

"I didn't know that," replied the tourist, somewhat subdued, "but anyway, it's a fine work."

Mother of Twins to Asylum. Joliet.—Because she became the mother of twins, Mrs. Mary Perch of Coal City was deserted by her husband a year ago, and she was taken to the Kanakake asylum, having been declared insane in the Grand county court. The poor woman, 22 years of age, is the mother of five children including the twins.

Routes Three with Gun. Walker.—Three men tried to hold up Emma Lockwood, night operator of the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern railroad at Walker. Lockwood disregarded the command to hold up his hands, all though she was armed with a revolver, and, reaching for his own gun, began firing. All escaped.

Finds Strange Airship in Tree. Nashville.—Rev. H. F. Miller of this city has in his possession a miniature airship, found in a tree near Oakdale. It is in the form of a willow basket, with a clocklike battery arrangement within for propelling power. The battery bears the inscription, "Observatory Traps," and bears the numerals 27.

California Pioneers Gather. Pittsburg.—The Pike County Association of California Pioneers held their annual meeting in this city. The meeting was held at the residence of Judge W. B. Grimes, the secretary of the association, who is in ill health and unable to leave the residence.

Springfield Men Buy Homes. Elkhart.—John Ostby of Lincoln, William Odolan and Thomas Verdenburg of Springfield purchased a number of fancy saddle and driving harnesses in the house along the held at his residence near this city.

Lightning Slays Farmer. Taylor.—James McDaniel, a farmer of Stonington township, was struck and killed by lightning at his home during a storm. The bolt was carried into the house along a telephone wire.

Havans—Breaks through Jail. Havans.—Sawing the bars from the window of his cell and bursting a hole through a brick wall with a crow bar, Albert White, who lately destroyed his freedom from the county jail.

Happenings of Illinois

News Notes of Interest Gathered in Cities, Towns and Villages of the State.

WORKERS MUST BE VACCINATED. State Health Inspector Issues Order After Inspection.

Elgin.—Orders that all employees of the Elgin National Watch factory should be vaccinated at once or produce a certificate showing that they had been vaccinated within a reasonable time were issued by Dr. C. E. Crawford of Rockford, state health inspector. Dr. Crawford, accompanied by Dr. C. E. Waddell, city physician, made a tour of the factory, closely scanning the faces of employees for signs of smallpox. They found none, but because of the score or more cases in the city, issued the vaccination order as a precautionary measure. All other factories in the city were visited and the stores also. The board of education seriously considered the advisability of closing the schools.

TORNADO DESTROYS BUILDINGS. Farmers Flee from 50,000 Acres of Flooded Lands.

Quincy.—A tornado which struck Quincy overturned or destroyed many buildings here. Great damage was also done in the cemeteries, and suburban areas were left in ruins. Fifty thousand acres of valley land along between Alexandria and Hannibal, Mo., was entirely submerged, forcing many of the Illinois side of the Mississippi river was submerged for many miles. The river was six miles wide at Quincy and the estate is worth \$15,000, divided equally in real estate.

Hero Receives Reward. Beardstown.—Roland Daily of this city received a communication from the Caracac bank, London, England, notifying him that he had been awarded a gold medal and \$500 in money to liquidate a mortgage on his home. The awards were made in his honor by the government here, August 14, 1906.

Escaped Mrs. Gunness. Freeport.—Herman Amberbaum, a Freeporter, declares he came near being a victim of Mrs. Belle Gunness, leaving her home and fleeing in terror and was visited by a woman who spent an entire day with him, during which she tried to induce him to sell his home and start in business at \$2,000. He refused to do this and the match fell through.

Murder Trial Begins at Centralia. Centralia.—The trial of George Letshaw, charged with the murder of David Nasser, northeast of this city, last August, began in the morning county circuit court. A brother of the murdered man went insane when the trial was in progress. Men were found in a clump of bushes with his clothes.

Plan Features for Debate Anniversary. Ottawa.—Among the features planned for the Lincoln-Douglas debate anniversary at Ottawa in August are a historical parade, an old-time ball, and speaking by men of national prominence. It is also the purpose to make the occasion a "home-coming" for former Ottawa residents.

Windsor Grants Interurban Franchise. Windsor.—The members of the city council met in special session and passed an ordinance granting a franchise to the Lincoln and Hillsboro Interurban company. The old ordinance was outlawed on account of the company not accepting the same until the time limit had expired.

Spends \$270,000 for Boat Yard. Hammond.—Uncle Sam is spending \$270,000 on the construction of a monster boat-building yard on the Hennepin canal near Milan, where the barges and crafts that will be used in the establishment of a six-foot channel on the Mississippi will be built.

German Catholics to Meet. Rock Island.—The annual convention of the League of German Catholic Societies of Illinois was held in this city. Among the speakers were Bishop J. J. Conroy of Belleville, Rev. J. Detmar of Chicago and K. V. P. Schneiderman of St. Louis.

Hurt in Explosion. Diverson.—A spark from the lamp in the cap of John J. Davis, a miner in the employ of the Madison Coal Mining company, dropped into a keg of powder and in the explosion that followed he was badly burned.

Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon. Virden.—The baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Virden high school was delivered at the M. E. church by Rev. W. E. Porter of the Presbyterian church.

Would Bar Sunday Ball. Pittsburg.—There has been a good deal of talk about putting the lid on Sunday baseball in this city, but no definite action has been taken.

Charles Brown, who is chief of police, has resigned as manager of the team.

Lightning Strikes Church; it Burns. Bettles.—St. Michael's Catholic church, near Bettles, nine miles north of Alton, was struck by lightning, starting a fire which completely destroyed it during the storm which passed over this section of the country.

HELPFUL ADVICE



You won't tell your family doctor the whole story about your private illness—you are too modest. You need not be afraid to tell Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., the things you could not explain to the doctor. Your letter will be held in the strictest confidence. From her vast correspondence with sick women during the past thirty years she may have gained the very knowledge that will help your case. Such letters as the following, from grateful women, establish beyond a doubt the power of

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