

## STRAY TOPICS FROM LITTLE OLD NEW YORK

New York, May 16—A pedestrian in New York City nowadays runs a greater chance of losing his life or parting with a limb than if he were engaged in almost any of the so-called hazardous occupations—modern warfare, for instance. According to figures given out by the National Highways Protective Society, forty-five persons, of whom twenty-three were children, were killed in this city last month by automobiles, street cars, or horse-drawn vehicles. This is a larger number of persons than were killed on the American side in the capture of Vera Cruz.

New York is likely to have during the coming year a new amusement building, which will be chiefly devoted to indoor skating and other features of winter sports. The idea will be copied from the famous ice palaces in Berlin and other cities of Europe. The enterprise is being promoted by a coterie of young men headed by Irving Brokaw, whose skill as a fancy skater is well known. A site for the proposed structure has been selected in Park avenue, just north of the Grand Central Station. The preliminary plans provide for a main skating rink covering the entire ground floor of the building, with seating capacity for three thousand spectators.

A deputation of the Protestant Episcopal Church is to leave here soon to make a tour of Europe, for the purpose of officially inviting the church denominations of each country to take part in the World Conference for the Consideration of Questions Touching Faith and Order, on which work has been in progress for four years. This conference, which is likely to be the largest and most important religious gathering in history, is to be the first step in an attempt to abolish denominational differences and to bring together in one general association all the church, Protestant and Roman Catholic, of the world.

One of the most notable acquisitions of the present season just made by the American Museum of Natural History is a collection of Peruvian antiquities, including examples of early pottery, textiles and slings of primitive design, numbering more than seven hundred specimens. The archaeologists are particularly enthusiastic over the collection of pottery. It was unearthed in Nazca, a small town in southwestern Peru, and examples of this art, according to authorities, date back three thousand to four thousand years ago, before the occupation of Peru by the Incas. The acquisition of this valuable collection by the American Museum has led the government of Peru to pass a new law which practically prohibits the exportation of works of art from that country.

Preparations are being made for the formal opening early next month of the new \$475,000 Railroad Y.M.C.A. building at Forty-ninth street and Park avenue. The building is to be one of the finest and best equipped of its kind in the country. It will be fitted up as a modern club of the

best class and in addition will contain class rooms, lecture rooms, a large library and other features in connection with the educational work carried on by the Y.M.C.A. William K. Vanderbilt, Frederick W. Vanderbilt and Alfred G. Vanderbilt each gave \$100,000 for the building and the New York Central and New Haven Railroads together gave \$175,000.

The state commission appointed several years ago to investigate port conditions here and in Europe confesses in its report, which has just been made public, that it is unable to determine absolutely which is the leading port of the world, so evenly is maritime business distributed among New York, London and Hamburg. In this connection it will surprise many persons to learn that Galveston, Texas, ranks second to New York in the export business of American ports. As a result of the increase in cotton shipments during the past few years Galveston has risen from sixth to second place, forging ahead of Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New Orleans.

The Rev. Dr. Antoinette Louis Brown Blackwell, who is probably the oldest living suffragette, will enter upon her ninetieth year next week. Her birthday anniversary will be made the occasion for a quiet celebration at her home in Elizabeth, N.J. Mrs. Blackwell was born in Henrietta, N.Y., May 20, 1825. She studied at Oberlin Theological Seminary and was ordained in 1835. She was one of the speakers at the first woman's rights convention in Worcester, Mass., in 1849. When nearly eighty years of age she went to the Holy Land alone and brought back a bottle of water from the River Jordan with which to baptize her grandsons. In the scores of marriage ceremonies at which she has officiated she has always made it a rule to omit the word "obey" from the service unless the bride expressly requested that it be used. "Which has been very seldom," says the venerable suffragette.

The dissolution of the Standard Oil "trust" evidently has had no ill effect on the earning capacity of the Standard Oil Company of New York. In the first annual report it has ever issued to its stockholders, covering the calendar year 1913, the company reports net profits of \$16,212,915 for the twelve months. This is equivalent to 21.6 per cent. on the capital stock outstanding. In previous years the only statements made public by the company were balance sheets and deductions drawn from that for 1912 placed the net income in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000 or more than \$1,000,000 less than the profits of last year.

The educational features of the Forest Products Exhibition to open at the Grand Central Palace next week promises to form a connecting link between the national business interests and the academic side of the wood industry. As a result of negotiations with the school authorities of New York arrangements have been made for the introduction of the exhibition features and lessons as classroom topics in grammar grades

## PERSONAL

Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M.P.P., of Upper Keswick is registered at the Barker House.

F. P. Hunter of St. Stephen is a guest at the Barker House.

J. W. Clark of Moncton is a guest at the Queen.

J. H. Cameron of New York is in the City today.

F. D. Swim, M.P.P., of Donkton is registered at the Queen.

C. J. Jones of Woodstock is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. W. J. Scott has returned from a business trip to Montreal.

Dr. D. R. Moore of Stanley is in the City today.

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## THE REASONER.

Champ Clark, discussing the Panama Canal tolls at a luncheon in Washington, said:

"My opponent's argument on this point seems to me as absurd as the argument of Washington White."

"As Wash sat on his stoop one morning round election time, the Republican candidate for mayor stopped, sounded him a little, and finally gave him \$1 to vote the Republican ticket."

"A little while afterwards the Democratic candidate came along and gave Wash \$2 to vote the Democratic ticket."

"Then, just before dinner time, the Progressive candidate turned up and gave Wash \$3 to support the Progressive cause."

"Well, which one of 'em is you goin' to vote for?" asked Mrs. Wash, as she smiled upon the heap of silver which her husband had earned that morning on the front stoop.

"I think I'll vote for the first feller," said Wash, "the one what gumme the dollar."

"Why," cried his wife, astonished, "why vote for him?"

"Because," Wash answered, "because he is the least corrupt."

## A POIGNANT ANECDOTE.

"The great fault of American servants is familiarity. To be familiar is to be inefficient. A familiar cook is as inefficient as a pessimistic doctor," said Mrs. Boardman Harriman.

"I had a cook," she continued, "whom I tried to break of her over-familiarity. What was the result? This cook, discussing me in the servant's hall, said: 'I don't say she's a bad mistress, but she's a woman of only one idea. Why, I can't never get her to talk of a single thing but eating.'"

and high schools. One selected pupil from each class in each high school will visit the exhibition. They will view the demonstrations by attaches of the government exhibit and the vivid motion pictures. The pupils will return to their schools to deliver reports of their impressions to classmates, which will be in effect juvenile lectures on forestry.

## KEEP ANTICIPATING

THERE'S something about a little spring bird's song that gets right down through a feller's winter-bound hide and sets the sap of happy feelin' flowin' like the sweet stuff from sugar-maple.

Maybe you've noticed too how much brighter and freer from care faces look when the old meller sun looks down and the fast green shoots of grass poke their noses up outin' the earth. And, I reckon, it's all clear enough too when you come to consider that this old world is sorter hinged on a system of rejuvenation. Every-



thin' is constantly undergoin' change. If it wasn't for dreary 'winter' the chances are you and me would get mighty tired of balmy air and sunshine.

Half of life's enjoyment lies in lookin' forward to the good things, anyway an while realization falls a long way short of fond anticipation, it's a mighty good idea to keep right on anticipatin'—only we should sorter concentrate on the joy-producin' brand and side track the petty worries that disorganize our systems.

Just you keep out doors and listen for the first spring bird's song, that's all you gotter do.

## Home, Sweet Home

The new arrival at the London hotel owed all-giance to the Kaiser. "From Potsdam I vos come," he announced.

"A fine place, sir," remarked the manager, politely.

"Dere vos a petter."

"Yes; Berlin."

"Nein; Ohm."

"Ohm? In-er-Germany, of course?"

"Donnerwetter, nein; in this country—in Britain."

"Ohm," repeated the manager reflectively.

"Ya. I vos come from Potsdam to see Ohm. I vos at der concert in Potsdam, and I hear der great English soprano sing dat. 'Der is no place like Ohm,' un all der British people in der concert cry like der little babies. Dat must be der wonderful place Ohm to make der British cry. I tink to mine-self, I will go and see dis place Ohm vot der vos no place like. Now, vich is der way to Ohm?"

## A Contradiction



"Paw, did God make everything and everybody?"

"Yes, son."

"That's funny! Yer' always sayin' you wuz a self-made man!"

## The First Lesson

"Where's Tommy?" asked Mr. Jones, on his return from business one evening.

"Gone to bed," was his wife's reply. "I hope he's not ill."

"No I sent him to bed as a punishment for swearing."

"Swearing?" repeated Jones; "I'll teach him to swear."

Without waiting for a light the angry father rushed upstairs to interview the culprit, only to fall over a loose stairrod and bump his chin. At once he became exceedingly fluent, and when the air had cleared he heard his wife call, gently:

"Better come down, dear; I'm sure Tommy has heard enough for his first lesson."

## In a Hurry

A local paper tells of a clergyman who received this note telling him to perform a marriage ceremony:

"This is to give you notice that I and Miss Jemima Arabella Bready is coming to your church on Saturday afternoon next to undergo the operation of matrimony at your hands. Please be prompt, as the cab is hired by the hour."

## Another Name

"Father, don't men call themselves bachelors before they get married?"

"Yes, my boy."

"And what do they call themselves after, dad?"

"Hush! It isn't fit for little boys to know."

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