

HomeTown Helps

TO AVOID HAZARDS BY FIRE

Right Kind of Construction and Efficient Inspection Will Prevent Much Damage, Says Engineer.

"Proper methods of construction and efficient building inspection will prevent a very large proportion of the fires which annually do so much damage in American cities," says R. S. Whiting, an architectural engineer, who has made a compilation and careful study of more than 200 building codes. Whiting sums up his conclusions thus:

"The allowance of ten feet between buildings in uncongested districts is about the average found in building codes, although a greater distance is advisable and often specified, and in some cases the space is increased to 30 feet or more. If an ordinance limiting the distance between buildings had been provided in the building code of Atlanta, Ga., the conflagration of May 21, 1917, might have resulted not so disastrously. It is next to impossible for firemen to fight a fire satisfactorily between two burning buildings if the space between them is not wide enough for two persons to pass comfortably, which seems to have been the case in Atlanta.

The width of building lots is a matter that should be carefully thought out and regulated by local authorities, and especially in a congested dwelling house district, and should not be permitted less than 35 feet; better still, platted with a width of from 40 to 50 feet, thus allowing liberal space on each side of every dwelling.

"Buildings such as public garages, oil houses and refineries, rendering plants, varnish works, etc., as well as buildings used for the storage or handling of large quantities of combustible material, whether of fire resistive or non-fire resistive construction, should be erected only in isolated locations, where their contents cannot be considered as a fire hazard for adjoining or nearby buildings."

FEARED NEW QUARTER BOGUS

Coin of Recent Vintage Caused Baltimore Business Houses to Make Hurried Investigation.

In the future Uncle Sam should certainly notify Baltimore in advance when he is going to spring a new coin, for the appearance of a new quarter of the vintage of 1917, which differs slightly from the first issue, has caused anxiety to a number of good Baltimoreans because they thought they were "stung." Rumors that counterfeiters were flooding the city with "phony" money naturally followed, states the Baltimore Evening Sun.

The new coin arrived unannounced and it was not long before experts noticed the slight difference between it and the first issue of the 1917 quarter, and then they got busy. The most persistent rumor was that counterfeiters were playing their trade in Baltimore and that many of the large business houses, the United Railways and the public in general had been "caught" for hundreds of dollars. On the old quarter there are no stars under the eagle, while on the new coin there are three. There are seven stars on one side of the eagle and six on the other on the coins of the first issue, while the bird on the new coin is flanked by only five stars on each side with three underneath. The mulling on the new coin is different from the old and the "In God We Trust" on the one is much larger than on the other.

The subtreasury has had a number of inquiries about the coin, and a half-dozen banks which were consulted had also been asked to express an opinion as to whether it was good or not, and they all vouch for it. The whole trouble seems to be that the new coin was sprung on Baltimore without notice.

The Life of the Skyscraper.

Builders and men of allied interests are discussing again the question of the lifetime of the modern skyscraper. When a symposium on this subject was published along in 1905 there still were in the foreground some "ifs" of corrosion, vibration and electrolysis as affecting steel frames. Nevertheless, estimates of durability ranged from 5,000 years to a vague "forever."

Today seems the old "ifs" happily disposed of, says a writer. Tall structures torn down after a decade or more of service have revealed their protected steel work as good as new. But the very act through which this reassuring condition has been made known has shown forth the real, lurking enemy of the towering city edifice. The foe of the modern skyscraper is the more modern skyscraper. And the prophet is justified who, in the 1905 symposium, merely said for the many-storied structure that it would last "as long as we want it to."

Master and Servant.

It is held to be the duty of a master to see that the number of servants engaged on any particular work is sufficient to secure the reasonable safety of each one of them, in Wallace V. Tremont & G. R. Co., L. R. A. 1917D, 959, which further holds that the duty of a master to furnish proper tools, appliances and a safe place, embraces human instrumentalities and mechanical devices.

SUPPLIES FROM ARCTIC ZONE

Eskimo Slaughters and Allows to Waste Many Valuable Animals, Declares an Explorer.

It appears that the Eskimo is just as consistent and conscientious in killing animals as his civilized brother of warmer climes is in killing men, observes the Detroit News.

He kills, therefore, in the course of the year, many more animals than he has any use for, but as he has no idea of an export market, he merely throws the carcasses out to the wolves, or lets them sink in the sea.

"The actual amount of meat, fish, fat, oil and leather that could be brought in by the Eskimos is enormous," says Christian Leden, who has been an Arctic explorer for many years. "By utilizing only the seven tribes I visited in my last exploring expedition, we could have 300,000 pounds of caribou meat, 300,000 pounds of caribou fat, 9,000,000 pounds of walrus meat, 12,000,000 pounds of baluga or white whale meat, 1,800,000 pounds of salmon, 13,800,000 pounds of oil from walrus, seal and bulaga, 3,000,000 pounds of walrus leather, 4,000,000 pounds of whale leather, 150,000 pounds of sealskins and 40,000 pounds of walrus and narwhal ivory."

This is obviously no mean addition to the failing supplies of the temperate zone.

WAR GARDENS WERE SUCCESS

Home Vegetable Patches Yielded \$350,000,000 and Expected to Do Better Next Summer.

What about the war gardens of 1917? Did they amount to anything? Did they yield any profits? Will there be war gardens in 1918?

The national emergency food garden commission declares the war gardens were a success, and gives the greatest encouragement for next year's war gardens.

In 1917 there were nearly 3,000,000 gardens, aggregating 1,150,000 acres of city and town land under cultivation. As these gardens were tilled intensively, the products had relatively high value, being figured in terms of retail prices which would have otherwise been paid for food purchased elsewhere, it is estimated that their yield was valued at \$350,000,000, or \$17.50 per family.

The glass jar manufacturers sold about 119,000,000 canning jars and a survey of the household canning in 20 typical towns throughout the country showed that housewives used but one new jar to over three and one-quarter old jars already on hand.

On this basis the housewives of the country put up nearly 500,000,000 quart jars of vegetables and fruits, which is believed to be three times as much as was ever packed before.

BRITAIN'S ARMY NEEDS.

The British armies in France alone each month require 95,000 tons of oats; 4,000,000 gallons of gasoline, 20,000 tons of flour, 10,000,000 pounds of jam, and 75,000 tons of hay. Ponder on these figures, writes Isaac F. Marcossin in the Saturday Evening Post, and you begin to realize that demands are written on ten-league canvases with brushes of comet's hair!

COMPARING NOTES.

Professor of Archeology—Did you ever see so fine an ivory carving of the human figure?

The Professor of Mathematics—Never. In my classes the ivory doesn't extend below the chin. The spines are cartilaginous.

EARLY TO RISE, QUICK TO FIGHT.

"Why do they make you soldiers get up at 5:15 in the morning?" inquired the training-camp visitor.

"Because that makes us feel like fighting," grimly responded the former young man about town.

TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE.

"The demands for money nowadays are simply enormous."

"Terrible, terrible! Here's the government wanting \$2,000,000,000, and only this morning Jones asked me to lend him a V."

MAIN RESULT.

"I heard Billy had a bad smash-up when he took his fiancée out in his automobile for a joy ride."

"Yes; even the engagement was broken."

WAR AND PEACE CASUALTIES

More Spectacular to Lose Limbs in Battle Than in Factory, but Re-Education Is Necessary.

George Edward Barton, author of "Re-Education," recently gave out a most interesting interview in Washington, where he had gone to see the secretary of war, the French ambassador and the heads of several departments of the surgeon general's office on the subject of the re-education of maimed and crippled soldiers. Mr. Barton, who is head of Consolation House in New York, said in part:

"The needs of the re-education of cripples are not made by war, but are only intensified by it; we draft a whole army of industrial cripples every year. The federal commission on industrial relations gives the annual list of accidents, approximately, 35,000 fatalities and 700,000 injuries involving disability of over four weeks.

"That these figures would be equaled by the casualty list in our army overseas is improbable, and while it is perhaps more spectacular to lose one's arm or leg in the din the turmoil of battle than it is to lose the same member in that of a mill, factory or foundry, the results—so far as the individual is concerned—are practically the same, and the needs of society for the re-education of that man are identical."

Mr. Barton's book formulates a plan whereby disabled soldiers may be made almost or wholly self-supporting.

DISCORDS



Smart—What broke up the amateur orchestra?

Wise—The members were not in harmony.

A GRIEVANCE.

"Sarb," said Hop, with a hurt expression on his handsome face, "you shouldn't have told that story about us that appeared in the paper, with a cut, Wednesday."

"Why not?"

"Because it wasn't true, that's why not. And it puts me in a bad light. It represents me as trying to make a touch for five dollars. Now I never, under any circumstances, borrow money from my friends."

"Hop," said Sarb, patiently, "let's be friends."

CONSERVING.

"Last winter I used to feed the dear little snowbirds."

"Won't you keep it up?"

"Certainly not. Instead of wasting bread crumbs on the dear little birds, I feel morally obliged to catch 'em and eat 'em."

HOME REASONS.

"Why do you think a man like Jaggars, with a wife and growing daughters, is so anxious to go to the front?"

"I heard him say he wanted some peace and quiet."

BETTER COMPANY.

"Bliggins is studying French."

"Great. Bliggins will never stop talking. But it will be some comfort not to be able to understand him."

LOST LABOR.

He—Our hostess swept out the room without a single glance.

She—Well, that doesn't surprise me, the way her room looks.

ONE IS ENOUGH.

Country Editor—Will you pay your subscription with vegetables?

Country Subscriber—I will pay it with a vegetable.

CLASSIFYING HIM.

"Your honor, I arrested this man at the Frivolity theater."

"Is he an actor?"

"Yes, sir—bad."

HANDS, ARMS, LIMBS ASLEEP

And Was Run-Down, Weak and Nervous, Says Florida Lady. Five Bottles of Cardui Made Her Well.

Kathleen, Fla.—Mrs. Dallas Prine, of this place, says: "After the birth of my last child...I got very much run-down and weakened, so much that I could hardly do anything at all. I was so awfully nervous that I could scarcely endure the least noise. My condition was getting worse all the time..."

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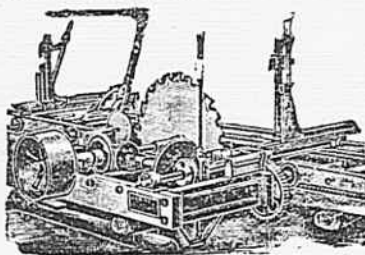
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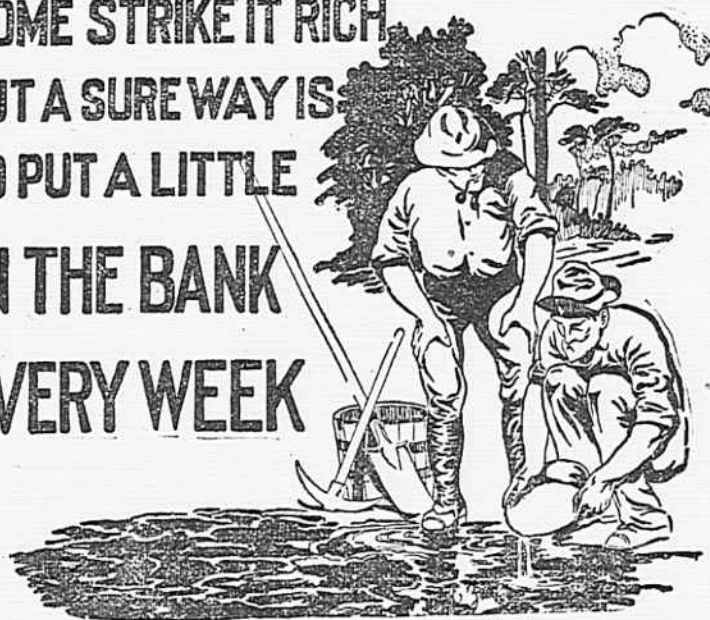
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