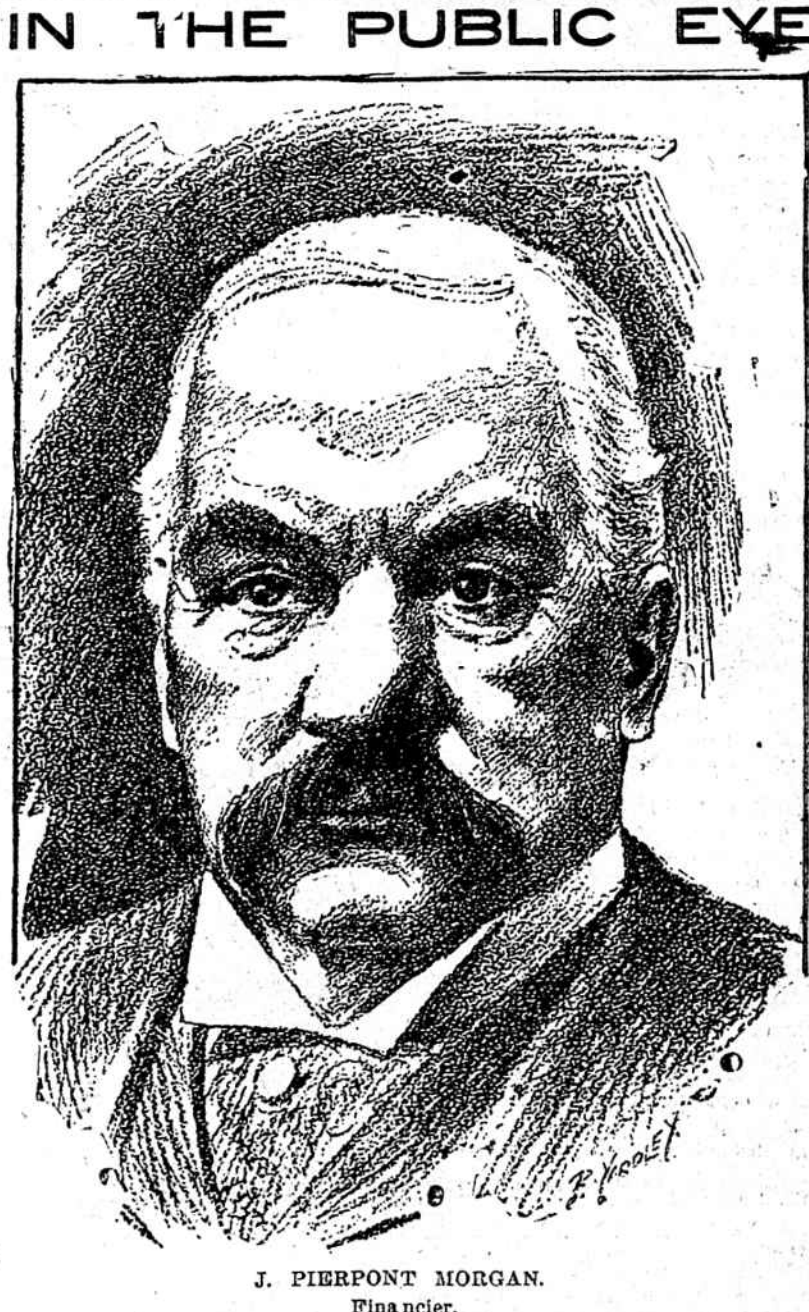


CORNAYLIUS HA-HA-HANNIGAN.

'Twas the godfather stammered, or mayhap the priest; But, be that as it may, it is certain, at least, That the wan or the other was surely to blame...

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

he's wild to know why I'm not there.' her cheeks flushing as she remembered Harry's peremptory question: "Have you and Payson eloped?"



J. PIERPONT MORGAN. Financier.

POPULAR SCIENCE

According to German scientists fish destroy many annoying insects, especially mosquitoes. In Germany the common carp and the red-eye are considered the best insect destroying fish.

With the Funny Fellow

With smiling face and outstretched hand she met him every day. And, eager for his coming, watched when he was away.

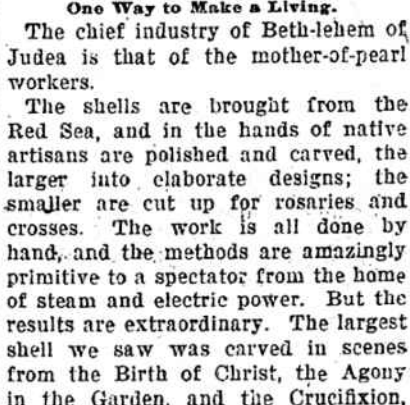
A BALCONY SCENE

By CAMILLA J. KNIGHT.

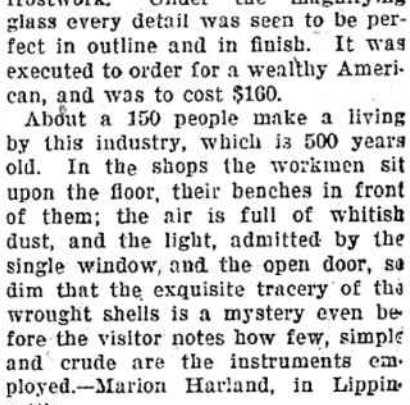
When Katharine came back to the dinner table after answering the telephone she looked so sober, especially in contrast with her previous high spirits...

ELECTRIC FISH CATCHER.

When Current Stuns Them They Are Gathered In. The accompanying illustrations show a device for catching fish by the aid of electricity.

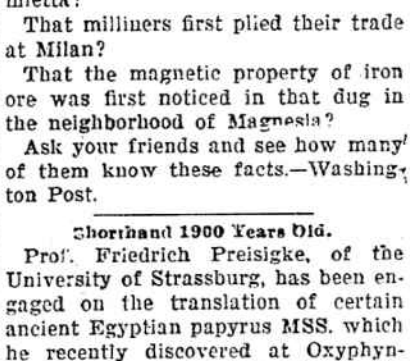


A STEPLADDER OF NOVEL DESIGN.



CROSS-SECTION OF BOAT, SHOWING ELECTRIC FISH CATCHER.

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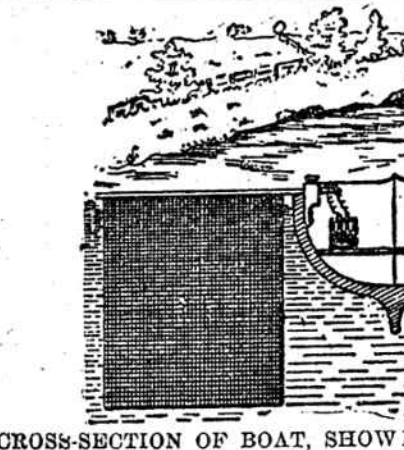
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STEPLADDER BUILT ON NEW LINES

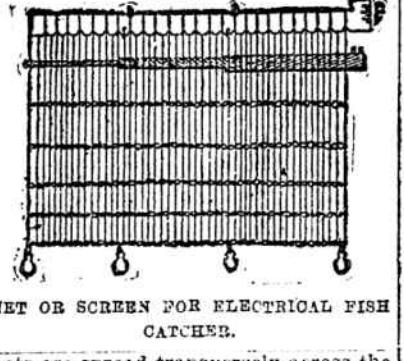
There have been stepladders and stepladders, but these have all followed with more or less fidelity the familiar design that needs no description.

One of the accompanying views, reproduced from the Western Electrician, shows, in transverse section, a boat provided with the device. The second is a diagrammatic view illustrating the peculiar construction of one of the nets which are employed.



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ONE WAY TO MAKE A LIVING.

The chief industry of Beth-lehem of Judea is that of the mother-of-pearl workers. The shells are brought from the Red Sea, and in the hands of native artisans are polished and carved.

Do you know that the bayonet was so called because it was first made at Bayonne, France? That coffee received its name for the reason that it first came to Europe from Kaffa?

That gin was invented at Geneva and early became an important factor in the commerce of that city? That the tarantula was a notorious pest in the vicinity of Taranto?

That muslin was made at Mousmeine? That calico was made at Calicut? That dimity was made at Damietta?

That milliners first plied their trade at Milan? That the magnetic property of iron was first noticed in that dug in the neighborhood of Magnesia?

Prof. Friedrich Preisigke, of the University of Strassburg, has been engaged on the translation of certain ancient Egyptian papyrus MSS. which he recently discovered at Oxyrhynchus, in Egypt.

A STRIKING FACT.

A young man was riding in the cab with a locomotive engineer. "Now," said the young man, shuddering, "suppose a stageloid of children were to glide out the track from that lane—what a blessing it would be if you could stop short, instantly, like a man walking."

"Blessing?" said the engineer. "Why, young fellow, if that stage you speak of were to appear now, and I could stop short like a man walking, I wouldn't do it. Instead, I'd keep right on and kill the kids."

"Because it would be the more humane course. In one case there would be a stageloid of kids slaughtered; in the other case there would be the slaughter of a trainload of people. The train is going at the rate of forty-five miles an hour, and the sudden stoppage of a train going at that rate would give the passengers precisely the same shock that they would get from a fall of fifty-four feet—a fall from a housetop."—New York Press.

The Long Wait of Patient Lovers. A romantic wedding, which for many years had been delayed, owing to a woman's promise, took place at Savery, near Thirsk, in the North Riding of Yorkshire, the other day.

American Hotel Life. At heart Americans still enjoy hotel life immensely, in spite of much reproach from foreigners who consider it in bad form. The American has not really acquired the country-house habit, although he is trying to do so.

A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse! Richard III waited, but there was no response. "I should not have come out in this auto, without more gasoline," he muttered, as he started on foot toward home.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE MONKEY.

The Monkey—"Why on earth did you swallow the ringmaster's Prince Albert?" The Ostrich—"Because the doctor told me I needed a new coat on my stomach."—Chicago News.

Mr. Wallace (impressively)—"Ah, here is another story of a man who killed himself because his home was unhappy." Mrs. Wallace (sweetly)—"And did that make his home happy, or does the paper not say?"

Green—"Did you ever hear of an immovable object being struck by an irresistible force?" Brown—"Yes." Green—"What was the result?" Brown—"Both the women talked themselves hoarse."—Chicago News.

Young Thorne (to his ideal)—"And your name is Rose?" "What a sweet name Rose is!" Rose—"I am glad you like it. But—but—I do not want to be a rose without a Thorne." "What could a fellow say after that?"

"It doesn't make any difference if a woman is six feet high and weighs 350 pounds," began the homegrown philosopher. "Well?" "Sooner or later some man will come along who's willing to call her 'little girl.'"

"Why did Ethel turn down young Bigwadd?" "Oh, she had a better offer." "Why, he has twenty thousand a year." "Yes, but Ethel received a proposal from the office boy of a life insurance company."—Louisville Courier-Journal.