

IN THE AGE OF THE YEAR.

Is it the wizard wind that has shriveled the quince's rind? South, we know it was he who shook the leaves from the tree...

CUPID'S TRIUMPH

By FANNIE LEGRAND.

Of all worldly transactions, perhaps the one which least concerns any but the principals is marriage, and yet marriages please everybody, second marriages especially.

Oh, George, what shall I do? said Mrs. Beverley—which was the lady's new name—ready to cry.

"Don't mind 'em, my dear," said her husband, with a great, rolling laugh. "They're only children; they'll grow wiser as they grow older."

"I never, never can call that fat man father," said Millie. "My dear, he doesn't want you to," said Mrs. Beverley.

"I can't endure the sight of him," pouted Millie. "And Charley says exactly the same thing."

"Charley is a disobedient, ungrateful son," sobbed Mrs. Beverley. "But here Mr. Beverley himself came to the rescue."

"Young people," said he, "I don't object to your making yourselves as miserable as you like, but you mustn't torment your mother. I'll have none of this!"

Millie lost no time in carrying this revolutionary speech straight to her brother. "Very well," said Charley, coolly, "we'll accept the challenge."

NEVER!

"Never!" said Mrs. Beverley, with a gleam of spirit. "Neither do I!" said Mr. Beverley, laughing.

"But one day Mr. Vane called his daughter into his study, with a serious face, and when she came out she was downed in tears, and fled straightway to the haven of her dearest friend's room."

"Daring!" cried Millie, "what is the matter? Tell me, I beseech you." "The worst that could possibly happen!" cried Louise, tragically.

"You married, Louise!" cried Millie. "Didn't he tell you? But it only happened this morning. Charley has asked me to be his wife."

"But," faltered Millie, "if your stepmother loved you very much indeed—" "Fiddlesticks!" said Louise.

"It's so good of you, darling!" whispered Millie. "But I don't really think that it will be necessary, because, because—" "You're not engaged to be married, too?" almost shrieked Louise.

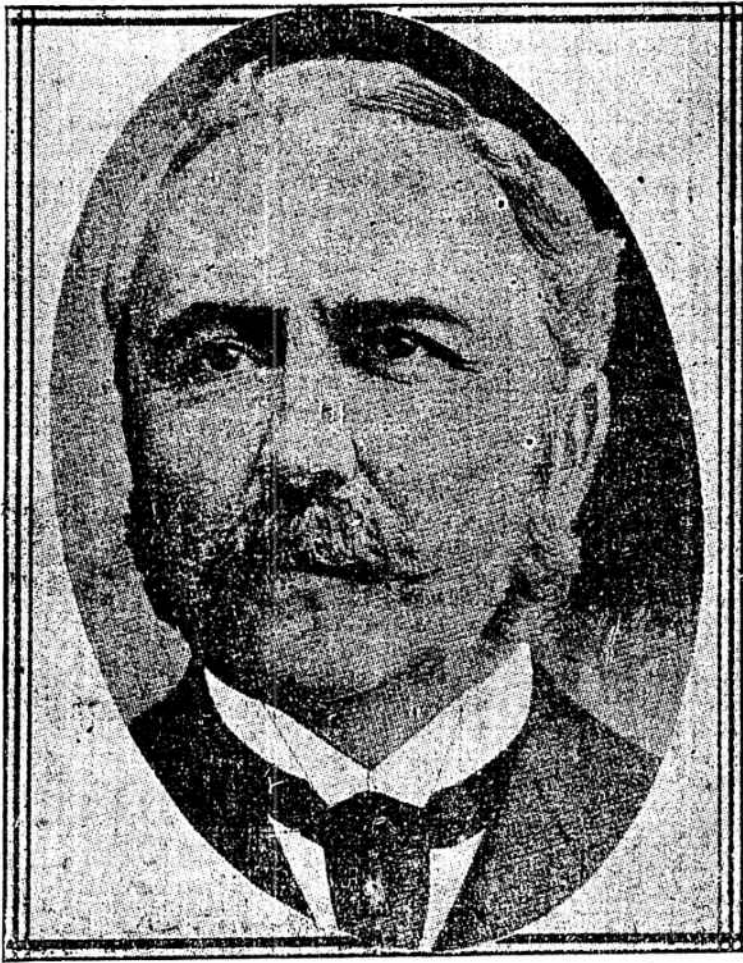
"And to whom, you precious little conspirator?" "To—your father!" said Millie. "Oh, don't blame me, Louise; indeed, I couldn't help it!"

Louise was a little staggered at first, but she, too, was under the glamour of love, and the two girls flew into each other's arms.

"To think that you should be my stepmother!" said Louise. "And you my sister-in-law," chirped Millie. "But I declare I don't know how to tell mamma, after all that I have said about second marriages, you know."

"Let me tell her," coaxed Louise. "Charley is going to take me to see her. I am to be her daughter, you know."

GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW PREMIER.



SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

SOFT-GROUND HORSESHOE.

Quite a demand has recently arisen for soft-ground horseshoes—that is, broad, flat shoes which, owing to their large area, will prevent the feet of horses from sinking unduly into the ground.



SOFT-GROUND HORSESHOE.

plate prevent the calks from sliding back and forth on the plate. At each side a T-slot is formed to admit the head of a clamping strap.

AGAIN HE YIELDS TO THE POWERS.

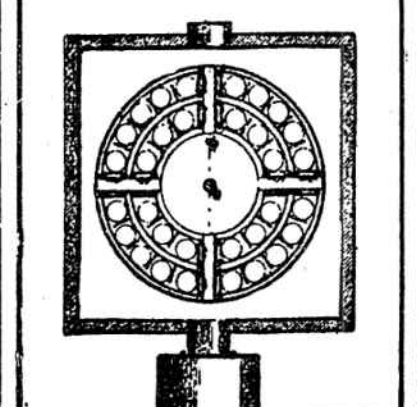


ABDUL HAMID, SULTAN OF TURKEY.

which are adjustably connected by means of a pin. This permits of adapting the shoe to different sizes of hoofs.

NEW INCUBATOR IDEA.

A Chicago man, at the expense of considerable complication, proposes to build incubators, and he has patented



INCUBATOR IMPROVEMENTS.

his idea, so that the eggs are in continuous rotation during the period of incubation.

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The most interesting thing about crocodiles and alligators, declares the author of "The Romance of the Animal World," is the way they get their food.

Lying sunk in the mud, and of the color of mud themselves, they may well be mistaken for a log. A wild pig, or some other animal fond of rooting in the mud, sees the long, shapeless object, but is not disturbed by it as he roots happily among the reeds.

With a sudden, swift rush the alligator is upon him, and seizing the body by the skin, which it hooks up between its front teeth, it shakes it furiously, as a terrier would a rat.

ELECTRIC ROADS AND STEAM LINES.

Keen Rivalry Now Exists Between the Two Systems of Travel.

Among the interesting developments in the railway business during the past year has been the action of great steam companies with respect to trolley roads and trolley competition.

The New York Central's recent purchase of the Rochester trolley and lighting system by paying \$125 per share for common stock having a par value of \$5,000,000, is a long step toward the projected chain of electric service roads from Albany to Buffalo.

In addition to the projected use of electric power for the suburban parts of great steam lines near their New York terminals, it should be noted that provision has recently been made for fast electric service on separate lines from Newark through tunnels to New York.

A new form of heat engine. The steam engine and the ordinary internal combustion motor by no means exhaust the range of possibilities of using heat as a source of power, and it would seem that besides developing mechanical features something could be accomplished by devising new principles on which heat engines might be operated.

The practicability of the method now being employed extensively in the sponge industry in procuring this product is no longer in doubt, and a large percentage of the Tarpon Springs vessels are changing from the old method of hooking to the new one of diving.

Children in the Home. The children of the family—one is apt to look on them as burdens, bothers and expenses.

Means Larger Doctors' Bills. Legislation is threatened in many States for the suppression of the so-called "patent" medicines.

The Russian workmen in the capital decided on a strike without demonstrations to celebrate the anniversary of Red Sunday.



Professor Moissau declared at the Paris Academy of Science that he had succeeded in boiling copper at a temperature of 2100 degrees by means of a powerful electric current.

Ordinary medicine droppers are pronounced dangerous by a German physician, who finds that the same liquid may yield three times as large a drop from one dropper as from another.

Dr. E. A. Mears, an authority on ornithology, recently discovered several new species on the summit of Apo, a volcanic mountain of the Island of Mindanao, in the Philippine group.

"Zupupe," a fibre used by Mexican Indians for ropes, is claimed by experts to be better than hemp or any other known textile.

In the heating system of the Egling Sanatorium, in Upper Bavaria, steam is sent through pipes more than a mile and a half to the coils heating water boilers that supply heat to thirty pavilions and six administrative buildings.

A curious blackening of the faces and hands of certain persons being treated by electricity has been noticed. Investigations showed that this took place only when the patient's chair was electrically positive and the crown of the head negative.

A mighty engine storing up the moisture of the continent upon its summits is the report upon the Andes of C. R. Enock, a British engineer. He has inspected the chain in Peru, and finds that along its whole top, just below the ice cap, is a series of lofty lakes that feed innumerable streams.

VALUE IN LITTLE THINGS.

The Saving of Waste and Cost of Things is of Much Value.

Last year waste paper alone one railroad lost realized \$50,000.

These things seem small to command the attention of a rich railway company. But it must be remembered that the railway company is rich largely because it looks after the little things.

The railway scrap heap of the country last year reached the value of \$1,250,000—a most respectable sum, of money, notwithstanding it came from picked-up pins and paper, old nails and old brooms.

It is impossible, of course, for any very great sum to be realized in the saving of waste in a household.

Foreign. The children of the family—one is apt to look on them as burdens, bothers and expenses.

When the baby comes, be it ever so welcome, the mother has more work to do. As it grows into childhood and on to maturity it is more and more care, worry and expense.

The children of the family, instead of being burdens, are burden bearers; small saviors who are daily means of grace, and who lead the world-worn parents once more into the paths of innocence and peace.

A baby's tiny hand clasped around his mother's finger has stilled heart throbs of sorrow and bitter trouble; a baby's arms around his father's neck have brought to the man's weary brain a renewal of that love which is all that makes life livable.

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Insurgent forces have captured Quito, the capital of Ecuador, and Vice-President Moreno has assumed executive power.

A strong element in Santo Domingo favors the ratification of a treaty with the United States.

BITS OF NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

The American Government will give France a free hand in Venezuela.

Every effort will be made by the Administration to please the imperial Chinese commission now studying American Government methods.

The President, acting on recommendations entered in the Keap report in regard to the public printing, ordered greater economy along various lines.

The nominations of Luke E. Wright as first Ambassador to Japan, of Judge Ide to succeed him as Governor-General of the Philippines till June 1, and of James P. Smith to succeed Mr. Ide on that date, were announced.

Secretary of State Root said the State Department had to depend on casual rumor to find out when American Consuls did wrong.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS. There is a contention among the Igorots, in the Philippines, because of the appearance in Baguio of the first automobile they have seen.

Commissioner Ide is receiving thousands of congratulations on his appointment as Governor of the Philippines.

Great activity prevails among the troops in the garrisons at Manila, P. I. Three regiments are under field orders in view of the possible eventualities in China.

It was said at Albany, N. Y., that a long legislative session was expected, as the work is behind that of last year.

Authorities decided to drain Second River, between Bloomfield and Watnessing, N. J., for the mallet with which Frank Basanik killed Thomas Hoff.

Governor Higgins repudiated his lawyer's opinion that the New York Legislature cannot investigate State department, and Banking Superintendent Kilbuck requested the Legislature to investigate his department.

The Reform Association of the S. P. C. A., New York, issued a bulletin attacking John P. Haines, the president.

Colonel W. D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, confessed in New York City that in ten years he had borrowed \$19,500 from men of wealth and had repaid not more than one-fourth of that sum.

Mrs. J. G. Phelps-Stokes in an address from the pulpit of a church in New York City, blamed people of wealth for the miseries of working women.

Attorney-General Mayer, of New York, it is understood, will sue to recover money diverted from policyholders in the Mutual and New York Life Insurance Companies.

Judge E. B. Dillon, of the Chancery Court at Columbus, Ohio, granted eleven divorces in two hours time, at the rate of one divorce every ten minutes.

One man, Simon C. Wilson, was killed and thirteen persons were injured in a car which jumped from the Brooklyn "L" at Fulton and Chestnut streets, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Captain James Cardiff, skipper of the "Scythian," owned by Mrs. Susan De Forest Parker, testified in a court at New York City in the suit for the recovery of part of the insurance paid for the destruction of the yacht that he burned the vessel on orders of Mrs. Parker's husband.

Friends of Senator Depew, it was reported, say that he is suffering from aphasia and melancholia.