



### PATH TO OLD AGE PAVED WITH PIE.

Smith Ely, Formerly Mayor of New York, at Age of 85, Reveals Secret of His Longevity.

Everybody with a taste for pastry or a weakness for sweets will hail with joy the explanation of Smith Ely, Mayor of New York City in 1877-78 and now eighty-five years old, as to his prolonged life.

"I resided for more than twenty years in the neighborhood of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and during that period it was my regular habit, on my way home from clubs and entertainments, to stop at Maillard's and have a meringue glace, followed by a cup of hot chocolate with whipped cream."

"It has been, and still is, my habit to place a lump of confectionery of some sort in my mouth upon retiring for the night."

Harry Lauder's Stories. Harry Lauder, before he departed after his third American tour, was asked at a dinner given him what he regarded as his funniest stories.

"I am. I want to be near me work." "And where's your job?" "I haven't got one yet."

Advantage in Employing Sisters. A Cleveland merchant had two sisters employed in his office.

Open Air Elementary School. The Norwich Education Committee yesterday approved the holding of an open air school at Belle Vue, in the Eaton suburb of the city.

Bonny Clabber For Health. Bonny clabber is better than butter-milk. It is made by letting the whole milk and cream set and sour for several days outside of the refrigerator.

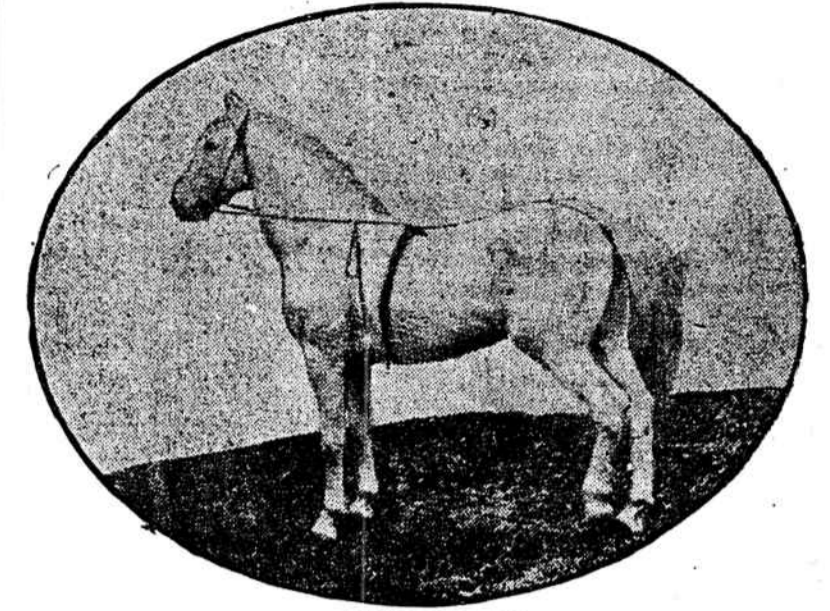
Cathedrals of Uganda. There are three cathedrals at Mengo, Uganda, all on neighboring hills. The Mengo cathedral of St. Paul, Church of England, has a congregation of 3000.

Thinking One's Self Old. If at thirty you expect to be an old man or woman at fifty-five you will be one, because the mind makes the material correspondence of whatever it sets itself permanently upon.

Three thousand persons are engaged in the shell and pearl industry of the Western United States.

### MOST MARVELOUS TRICK HORSE IN THE ANNALS OF THE SAW-DUST ARENA

Pedigree and Accomplishments of Excelsior, Jr., the Bright, Particular Star of Old Dan Rice's One-Horse Show--The Famous Clown Called His Blind, Milk-White Wonder "The Very Quintessence of Quadruped Grandeur, Without a Rival in the Equine Circles of the Circus World."



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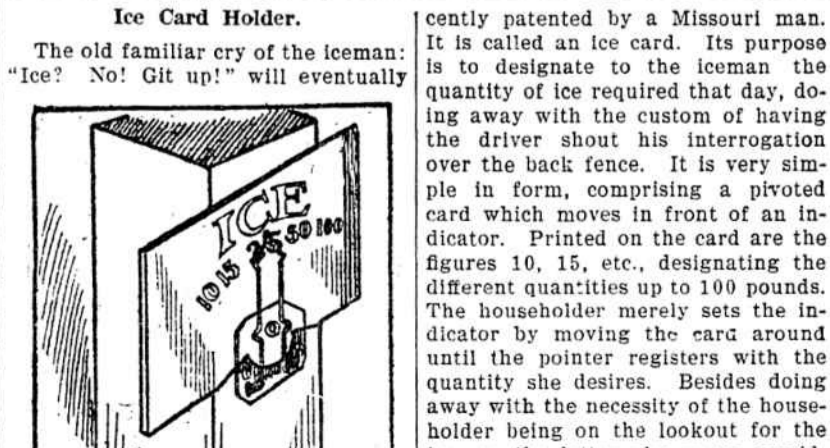
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There was a slight difference in the susceptibility of the two horses, the original Excelsior being purer bred than his son. He was sired by the racehorse Gray Eagle, that ran against Wagner at Louisville, Ky., in the early sixties.

Excelsior, Jr., was a keystone to the arch of the original "One-Horse Show." For in those days he formed the "whole stud" of that much-talked-of institution. He was a very quintessence of quadruped grandeur.

The loss of sight in Excelsior, Jr., which occurred in his second year, no doubt strengthened his hearing and made him more attentive to what was said to him. So keenly sensitive was he of sound, that, speaking once in a sibilant tone to my ringmaster some fifty feet distant, this whispered remark caught his ear, although not heard by Mr. Roston: "I must shorten the programme--Excelsior will ascend the stairs."

Ice Card Holder. The old familiar cry of the iceman: "Ice? No! Git up!" will eventually be done away with if householders universally adopt the contrivance recently patented by a Missouri man.



Indicates Quantity of Ice.

### POPULAR SCIENCE

This world's most powerful searchlight is now part of the equipment of the Connecticut of the United States Navy. The great mirror is five feet in diameter and was made for the Government in Germany.

From extended experiments that have recently been made at Macon, Ga., it has been found that a fine grade of paper can be made from pulp prepared from the okra stem, and a plant for making paper from this source is likely to be erected in that city at an early date.

An interesting development of the use of flowers for food is recorded in the daily papers, says the London Globe. The use of the candied petals of the violet as a sweetmeat has long been known, but the practice is now arising of preserving flowers whole.

As an evidence of the thoroughness which marks the practice of the United Steel Corporation, says the Scientific American, it may be mentioned that they are about to institute a new departure in steel works practice by establishing near Duquesne, Pa., a special bureau for scientific research.

A new method of cooling water to be used in mineral water production is described in the Zeitschrift for Eis and Kalte Industrie. It is by means of a direct expansion surface condenser, invented by Messrs. Schluter and Gaell, consisting of tinued copper coils joined into an unbroken corrugated surface by means of soldering and copper bands, so that the water to be cooled runs down over the cooling surface in an unbroken sheet.

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Doctrine of Rest. Dr. Hutchinson preaches the doctrine of rest and believes that "pleasure is nature's stamp of approval." If one feels like running, jumping, shouting or otherwise exercising, that is the thing to do; but if there is no spirit in one, the thing to do is to sit down in the fresh air and rest until the tired muscles have recovered themselves.

Danger in Eye Pouches. Do not poultice an eye in any circumstances whatever. Binding a wet application over an eye for several hours must damage that eye, the assertions of those professing to have personal experience in this to the contrary notwithstanding.

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### LOCOMOTIVES OF 1908.

Few Actual Novelties, But Some New Developments. The actual novelties in locomotive design in the last year are comparatively few, though the number of interesting designs is considerable, but, according to Cassier's Magazine, the main features of the world's locomotive practice in 1908 may be briefly reviewed as follows:

- 1. The extensive introduction of "pacific" locomotives in France and the initial introduction thereof in England and Germany, both of the latter, however, being really toward the close of 1907, though usually associated with 1908.
- 2. The extensive introduction and development of articulated locomotives in the United States and the construction of such locomotives by British and American firms for use in other countries.
- 3. The somewhat extensive building of locomotives of moderate dimensions for use on railways already using larger engines, these smaller engines in some cases nearly or exactly corresponding in design with engines built some years ago or being developments of such designs.
- 4. The extension of the use of super-heating apparatus.
- 5. The introduction of several new wheel arrangements and of at least one engine which is a very radical departure from usual methods of design.

A Feline Firebug. The origin of a mysterious fire is explained thus: An east side shop proprietor had set a lamp on the edge of its base, tipped at an angle so that the very slightest pull would tip it over.

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### With the Funny Fellows



At the Opera. "Twinkle, twinkle, little star; Of course I know just who you are. I saw you with a burlesque show-- 'Twas more than fifty years ago."

Odd. "She's very homely, but doesn't seem to realize it." "Hasn't she any women friends?"--Puck.

Of Course They Are. "Shad is a fine thing." "So is marriage. Sometimes I wonder if either is worth the trouble."--Louisville Courier-Journal.

He Does. "Vacations are good things." "Yes, a man certainly needs a rest after planning and packing for one."--Louisville Courier-Journal.

Cooking Up a Reason. Nan--"I like a play with a stirring plot." Fan--"That's the kind that thickens, isn't it?"--Chicago Tribune.

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Good Roads. For some time past the attention of Parisian engineers has been drawn to reinforced asphalt, a new paving process designed by M. Arthur Metz. This consists in incorporating an aggregate of crushed granite in the asphalt matrix.

Public Benefit. Georgia last winter removed a standing reproach from her penal policy by bringing to an end the leasing system for her convicts, and to give them labor that shall benefit the State they are to be farmed out to the counties to work upon the public roads.