### GAVE THE ANSWER. ERRATIC SCIENCE. A Soldier Who Followed the Orders of Some Wonderful Answers by School-

Rescuing These Stray "Sticks" Is Perilous Work.

SIGNBOARDS OF CHANNELS.

How These Mariners' Guides Are An-Break Away and Are Hunted Down

the tenders of the lighthouse service turn their stems toward northern seas you. to hunt stray spar buoys. Of all the these "signboards" out of the sea or putting them over side is like "yank- and so it came about that on the posed to take its daily routine.

Although passengers in the boats that ply the waters of New York harbor, Long Island sound and other waterways along the coast see many spar buoys, they give them little thought. With the man at the wheel it is different. Color, shape and size give him volumes of information, and he looks upon the spar buoy as an invaluable guide.

In the government inventories they are listed as "sticks," although they are sometimes sixty feet long. They are anchored in the bed of a river or harbor channel, their "up ends" painted in such a way as to indicate to the observer the formation of the bottom. On the margin of government charts explanatory notes tell one that vessels approaching a harbor from the sea should leave red buoys with even numbers on the right and black, with odd numbers on the left side of channels. Black and white striped buoys, the stripes running perpendicularly, mean an obstruction in the channel. with room to get by on either side. If balls or cages ornament the "up ends" it means a turning point, the color and number indicating the course.

These sticks are put down with heavy iron anchors and sometimes great Incident In the Temperance Career of stone weights. One would suppose that so fixed they never could get away, but they do, and it is a job to find them. although this is forbidden.

enough to hold against ice pressure and raphy of Father Mathew. in a narrow channel cause a dangerous

If the ice pack gets under the buoy refused to do so." so as to lift it there is only one resultone or two. It may fetch up on the "but I have my hopes of you." to the British government by the Unit- Bath.' lantic journey.

buoys it is con a more difficult task to him." rigged in front of the pilot house, with ous for his potations. anchor and after grappling with it to neck. hoist it aboard ship. Here the donkey of the tender has to use extreme care. ment of his friends. Should a big roller get under him and suddenly tighten the lifting chains either they would give way or the weight would come up too fast, the crew in either case being placed in

seopardy of their lives. But the risk these men run is all in the day's work. To them a job in a seaway on a lee shore is regarded as driver. "We kep' it for you." no more monotonous task than repainting a row of buoys on land .- New York

The Brevity of Ballarat. It was in Ballarat that Mark Twain found the local language so puzzling at first, the good people of the place deeming life too short to dawdle in

The mayor called on the American humorist and laconically said "K'm." Then when Mark Twain gave him a cigar he simply said "O." Subsequent inquiry revealed that

these terms were Ballaratese for "welcome" and "thank you."-London Chronicle.

Hailed.

"Does that young woman hail from Boston?" "Yes." answered the western youth

thoughtfully, "that expresses the idea precisely. She hails from Boston, I was never before overtaken by such a heavy downfall of intellectual ice."

Man. Poor Man!

Mrs. Flutter-Mrs. Crabapple save her husband kisses her goodby evmorning of his life. Mr. Flutter-I often wondered what gave him that sour expression .- Smart Set.

Death hangs over thee while thou livest, while it is in thy power to be good .- Aurelius.

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Mean.

Maud (before the laughing hyena's cage)-How provoking! Here we've How do you know? Mrs. Borrowbeen twenty minutes, and the hyena hasn't laughed once. Ella-Strange.

and he's been eying your new hat too! His Great Love. She-Darling, do you love me? He by the piece, it must be rather expen-(kissing her rapturously and repeated- sive. Young Housekeeper-Oh, no! She

headed girl. That's all I can say .- Lon- are never high! don Tit-Bits.

The "Leading Heavy." "What's the matter now?" "We're playin' circus parade, an' Willie's a-bein' the elephant an' the lion an' the hipp'otamus an' the calliope, an' it ain't fair!"-Life.

GAVE THE ANSWER.

General Jackson. with which chickens occasionally "come places, and so they look like umbrelhome to roost" is this story from "A las," wrote a small boy in the science Soldier's Letters to Charming Nellie." examination. Other examples of the On a day in June, 1862, in the early "howler" are compiled by a writer in part of the civil war General Hood of the Scientific American:

chored and How They Sometimes little of your destination as you do. If, matic tires, which would be a sad loss. however, any of you learn or suspect "Electricity and lightning are of the by the Lighthouse Service Tenders. it, keep it a secret. To every one who same nature, the only difference being asks questions answer, 'I don't know.' that lightning is often several miles in We are now under the orders of Gen- length, while electricity is only a few eral Jackson, and I repeat them to inches.

work of the coast patrol this, perhaps. ders against foraging, but apples were a square inch. is the most exposed to danger. Pulling plentiful, and it was contrary to nature for hungry soldiers not to eat them. nary line on which the earth is supmarch to Staunton General Jackson came upon a Texan sitting on the ter is that air can be made wetter, but limb of an apple tree busily engaged in water cannot. filling his haversack with the choicest

The general reined in his old sorrel from the trees. horse and in his customary curt tone

"I don't know," replied the Texan. "What command do you belong to?" "I don't know."

behind you?"

Thus it went on, "I don't know" given as answer to every question. Final-

ly Jackson asked sternly: "Why do you give me that answer

from ole Jackson," replied the man in Disgusted with a too literal obedi-

ence to his own commands, but yet the night mail. not caring to argue the point, General

A ONE NIGHT CONVERT.

Father Mathew.

In 1843, when Father Mathew was crusading for total abstinence in Lon-Ice floes break their cables and some- don, he created no small amusement times crush the sticks; storms pull for a large party at the hospitable them loose, and ships in the fog or mansion of an Irish nobleman by his darkness foul them and tear them from attempts, partly playful, but also parttheir hold on the bottom. Not infre- ly serious, to make a convert of Lord quently ships use them as moorings, Brougham, who resisted good humoredly, but resolutely, the efforts of his There are instances where the an- zealous neighbor. The incident is rechors of a spar buoy have been secure lated by Katharine Tynan in her biog-

"I drink very little wine," said jam. But such cases are few, for Brougham, "only half a glass at lunchwhen this happens the weight of the eon and two half glasses at dinner. ice usually becomes so great as to force | And, though my medical adviser told the buoy under, and the pack slides on. me I should increase the quantity, I

the parting of the cable. Then off vising you to increase the quantity, and starts the spar upon a journey maybe you were wrong in taking the small of thousands of miles, perhaps of only quantity you do," said Father Mathew,

nearest shore, and it may drift to the | And so, after a pleasant resistance coast of Europe or into the southern on the part of the learned lord, Father one's path was accounted a sign of On the Irish coast today is one Mathew invested his lordship with the good luck, and as horseshoes were which traveled there in six weeks from silver medal and ribbon, the insignia New York harbor. It was presented and collar of the "new order of the other article of that metal that par-

"and take it to the house, where I shall be sure to meet old Lord — the In Aubrey's "Miscellanies," written If it is a long chase to find the stray worse for liquor, and I will put it on 200 years ago, the author mentions

of the harbor have a derrick and tackle the noble lord referred to was notori- don have the horseshoe on the thresha donkey engine to lift and pull. The Lord Brougham was as good as his must have been found, net purchased

location of every buoy is marked on word, for on meeting the veteran peer or looked up. Admiral Nelson had the charts to a degree, so it is not diffi- he said, "Lord -, I have a present great faith in the luck of the horsecult to find the desired position. The from Father Mathew for you," and shoe, and one was nailed to the mast serious business is dragging for the passed the ribbon rapidly over his of his ship, the Victory .- London

"Then I tell you what it is. Brough engine comes into play. Another haz- am. I will keep sober for this night," ard is to pull a spar buoy aboard. If a was the peer's unexpected response. sea happens to be running the captain And he kept this vow, to the amaze-

This is how a driver of the prison van known as Black Maria, distinguished himself. A would be wit on the causeway hailed him:

"Got any room inside, Robert?"

"There's room for one." replied the Not entirely disconcerted, the wit made another shot.

"What's your fare?" he asked. The answer entirely extinguished

"Bread and water-same as you had

The Great Circus.

The famous Coliseum in old Rome, massive as it was, was a mere toy in comparison with the great circus, which filled the valley between the Palatine and the Aventine hills. The Coliseum is said to have been able to seat 80,000 people, while the seating capacity of the great circus was, at different periods, 150,000, 250,000 and, lastly, 380,000 spectators. The great circus was probably the most stupendous building ever erected for public spectacles.-New York American.

right.-Harper's Bazar.

Wasn't a Beauty. Tired Traveler (to barber)-Spending the night in a sleeping car doesn't improve one's beauty, does it? Barber-I don't know what you looked like when you started, but I guess you're

Reasonable Enough. "What's your objection to the farm,

mister?" "The land appears to be sunken." "But that's owing to the heavy erops."-Washington Herald.

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Shiftless. Mrs. Borrow-Our neighbors are

very shiftless people. Mr. Borrow-When I go over to borrow anything they never have it.

Friend-If your washerwoman charges ly)-Do I? I wish you were a two loses so many things that her bills

> Source of His Money. "How did he lost his money?" "His father-in-law failed." -- London Illustrated Bits.

makes no efforts.-Whately.

He only is exempt from failures who

ERRATIC SCIENCE.

room Small Boys.

Illustrative of the exasperating ease "Mushrooms always grow in damp

the Texas brigade halted each regi- "Air is the most necessary of all the ment in turn and gave his orders. To elements. If there were no such thing as air I would not be writing this es-"Soldiers of the Fourth, I know as say now, also there would be no pneu-

General Jackson also gave strict or- found to weigh about fifteen pounds to "The axis of the earth is an imagi

"The difference between air and wa-

"Gravity is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when the apples are falling "Things which are equal to each other are equal to anything else.

"A parallel straight line is one which if produced to meet itself does not "The blood is putrefied in the lungs

TIPS IN SCOTLAND.

An Example of How Some Servants

A gentleman was invited to a shoot in Scotland at two places close to-'Cause them's the orders our gen- gether. He arrived at the first place, eral gin us this mornin', an' he tole and immediately after his arrival at us he got 'em that er way straight the first house received a telegram calling him back to town. He, however, determined to have one day's shooting and to proceed to town by

> At the end of the day he gave the head keeper £1 and asked him to send his gun and cartridge bag over to the other place for which he had an invitation and where he proposed proceed ing in three or four days' time.

> On his arrival there after his visit to town he found his gun, etc., had not arrived, whereupon he wrote to the keeper, asking him to forward it at once, and he received a reply stating that when he (the keeper) had received the other £4 to which he was "entitled" the gun would be forwarded. It was detained till payment was

> The gentleman wrote to the keeper's master and received a reply that "he (the master) never interfered between his guests and his servants in the matter of tips." The gentleman ascertained that the master in question paid the keeper no wages, but left him to get what he could out of the mests.-London Times.

Luck In Horseshoes. The superstition about luck in horseshoes dates back too far for record, but it was not always confined to the horseshoe. Any piece of iron found in more commonly picked up than any ticular object at last became the standard emblem of good fortune and having seen the horseshoe nailed up recover the anchors left behind by the The announcement of this intention in church, and he also says that "most fugitive spars. Tenders that sail out was received with much laughter, for of the houses in the west end of Lonold." The horseshoe to possess virtue

> Chronicle. One Thing He Could Not Have. Although there was no sort of toy which could be bought and for which Harold had expressed a desire that was not in his possession, he still had his unsatisfied longings. "I know what I wish I was, mother," he said one day when his own big brother had gone away and the little boy

across the street was ill. "Yes, dear," said his mother. "Perhaps you can be it, Harold; mother will help you. Is it to play soldier?" "No, indeed!" said Harold scornfully. "I just wish I was two little dogs, so I could play together."-Youth's Companion.

Bouncing Betsey.

There is an old fushioned flower called "Bouncing Betsey," which every one should love for one trait. We have noticed that it grows on all neglected graves, as if trying to cover up the fact that some one who once lived is forgotten. It may also be found in corners of old fashioned gardens. where it grows and blooms and pro tests against being pushed out entirely. There are some dear old fashioned people who suggest "Bouncing Betsey."-Atchison Globe.

Her Latest Luxury. "Young man," said the heavy father,

"do you understand the style in which my daughter has been accustomed to live? She has always had every luxury she wanted." "And now I'm the luxury she wants," murmured the suitor.-London Globe.

Time's Changes. "Before we were married you said you'd lay down your life for me," she

"I know it," he returned solemnly "but this confounded flat is so tiny there's no place to lay anything down." -Harper's Bazar.

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"I heard that Ranter brokesdown in the middle of his speech the other night," said the man who was kept at home by illness. "Not exactly," replied the man who was there. "The meeting broke up

Needed a Starter.

right in the middle of his speech!"

One night little Margaret, on kneeling by her mamma to say her prayers, finished, "Now I lay 'me," and forgot. "Mamma," she said, "you just start me, and then I can go a-whizzing."-Delineator.

Qualified. Caller-Is the lady of the house in? Waitress (who has been given notice)-She's in but she's no lady !- Life.

The world is upheld by the veracity of good men.-Emerson.

THE WITCH'S CURSE.

A Bucksport Legend of Colonial Days In Maine.

Close by the road on the outskirts of the old seaport town of Bucksport, on the Penobscot river, is a small family cemetery. Within its inclosure sleep the Bucks, the blue blooded folk who first settled the town and bequeathed it their name and a legend.

The largest and most conspicuous monument in the cemetery is a tall granite shaft, which is in plain sight of the highway. On one side is the inscription: "Col. John Buck, the Founder of Bucksport, A. D. 1762. Born in Haverhill, Mass., 1718. Died March 18,

On the other side is the single word "Buck," and also something not wrought by the marble worker. On the smooth surface of the pedestal is a curious outline, which can be easily imagined to be a foot of normal size. The people who say that it is a foot believe in the legend which has oft been told in Bucksport.

The story is that Colonel Jonathan Buck was a very harsh man and the leading spirit in his day and generation. He was the highest in civil authority, and his word was law in the community in which he resided. He was an out and out Puritan, and to him witchcraft was the incarnation of blasphemy. Thus, so the story goes. when a certain woman was accused of witchcraft, at the first clamorings of the populace Colonel Buck ordered that she be imprisoned, and later she was sentenced to be executed as a witch.

The execution day came, and the woman went to the gallows, cursing her judge with such terrible words that the people shuddered, but the magistrate stood unmoved. All was ready, and the hangman was about to perform his duty, when the woman turned to Colonel Buck, and, raising one hand toward heaven, she said:

"Jonathan Buck, listen to these words, the last my tongue shall utter. It is the spirit of the only living God which bids me speak to you. You will soon die, and over your grave they will erect a stone, that all may know the spot where your bones lie and crumble

"Upon that stone the imprint of my foot shall appear, and for all time, after your accursed race has vanished from the face of the earth, will the people from far and near know that you murdered a woman."

She then turned to her executioners and another act transpired to make a part of American colonial history. The "witch curse" had been almost forgotten until the monument was erected to the founder of Bucksport. It had been in position hardly a

month when a faint outline was discovered on it. It grew more and more distinct, until some person made the discovery that it was the outline of a foot. The old legend was revived.

made to remove the stain, but every effort only tended to make it plainer." The imprint of the foot is there today as plain as ever. Amateur photographers have taken pictures of it, and a visit to the Buck cemetery to see the "witch's foot" is one of the pastimes of every summer visitor to the pretty little town.-New York World.

"Son," remarked Mr. Erastus Pinka great hunter."

"Dat's what I said " answered pickaninny Jim. "I's gwinter hunt lions." "An' you mentioned bein' er ahtic explorer." "Yassir."

"Well, jes' by way of practice befo' you tackles any lions lemme see if you kin get de cow out'n pasture wifout bein' hooked, an' den as de winter comes along you kin train foh de north pole by wadin' out in de snow to de wood pile twice a day. An' don' lemme hyah no mo' 'bout not incouragin' yoh youthful ambitions."-Washington Star.

The Way to His Vote. Lord Beaconsfield's skill in picking up stray votes was well known. An illustration of it is given in a book by

Henry W. Lucy. At the time that the imperial titles bill was pending there was a certain pompous little Irishman, Dr. O'Leary, who seemed manageable and was desirable. One evening in the lobby Disraeli laid a hand familiarly on his

shoulder. "Dear Dr. O'Leary, the resemblance is most striking," he said. "I really thought I saw again my old friend Tom Moore."

The vain little gentleman was captured. He Hits Back.

There had been a domestic spat at breakfast. "You monster!" snapped the matron, who was always scolding. "You are not like my two former husbands.

They were tender men." "I never doubted that they were tender, Maria," ventured the meek man, "when you kept them in hot water all the time." And he just cleared the front porch two yards ahead of the rolling pin. - Chicago

Pat's Services.

Tools strong, vigor our own of the life of Clergyman-Pat, there's a hole in he roof of the church, and I am trying to collect money sufficient to repair it. Come, now, what will you contribute? Pat-Me services, sor. Clergyman-What do you mean, Pat? You are no carpenter. Pat-No, but if it rains next Sunday Oi'll sit over the hole.-Pearson's.

How poor are they that have no patience! What wound did ever heal but by degrees?-Shakespeare.

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"Now, Peters," said the teacher, what is it makes the water of the sea salty?" "Salt." said Peters "Next!" said the teacher. "What is

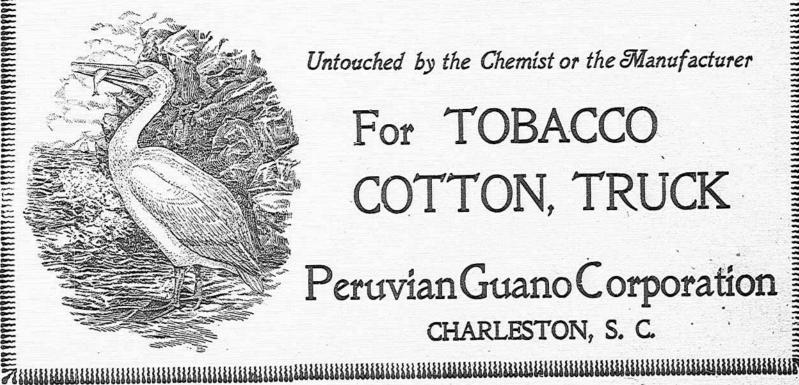
t makes the water of the sea so

"The salty quality of the sea water," inswered "Next," "is due to the admixture of a sufficient quantity of chloride of sodium to impart to the aqueous fluid with which it commingles a saline flavor, which is readily recognized by the organs of taste!" "Right, Next," said the teacher. "Go ip one!"

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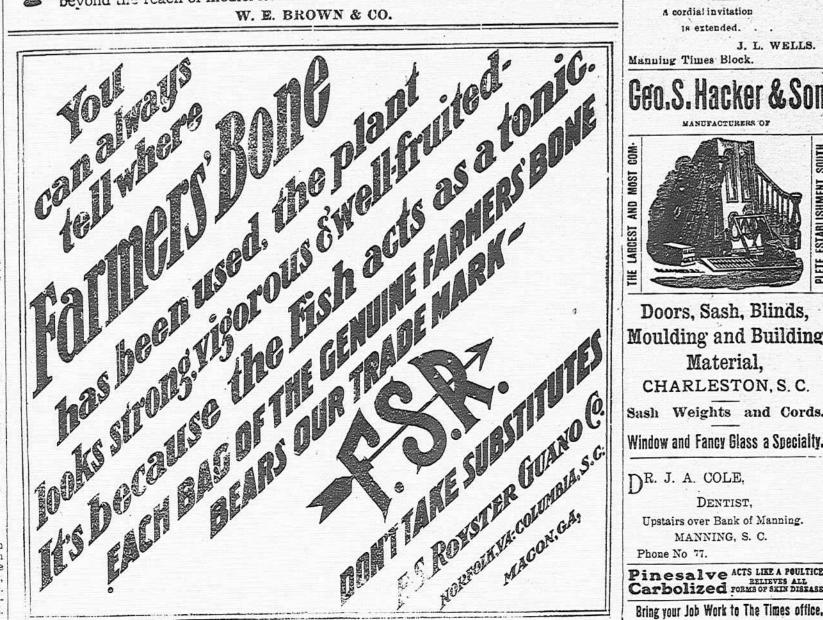
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