

TO WRITE ON MOVING TRAIN

Railroad Conductor, Who Knows the Trick of It, Holds Elbow Firmly Against His Side.

Writing legibly on a fast moving train is difficult to a person unaccustomed to it. The railroad conductor knows the trick of it and manages to get along quite satisfactorily. He prefers to write in a standing position and holds his right elbow firmly against his side. The reason for this is that in a sitting posture there is too much lateral movement in the trunk of the body, while in a standing position this is more easily controlled.

When the arm swings freely, as in ordinary writing, several joints of the body are affected in the process, each of which is capable of its own motion. Holding the elbow against one's ribs "breaks" these motion tendencies, except that of the wrist, which movement is necessary in writing, and thus the pencil or pen is more easily controlled.

Blindness No Bar to Marriage.

The statistics as to age at which sight is lost bring out some interesting facts concerning the extent to which marriage takes place among the blind. The majority of those who have not married before they lost their sight continue single for the remainder of their lives. But the fact that the percentage single is higher among the females who lost their sight before the age of twenty than it is among the males indicates that blindness is less of a bar to marriage in the case of males than of females, since, all other things being equal, the percentage should have been somewhat lower for females by reason of the fact that women ordinarily marry earlier than men. The figures show, however, that while marriage is much less frequent among the blind than among those who can see, it is by no means rare; of the males who had lost their sight between the ages of fifteen and nineteen, for example, about one-third, and of the females, about one-fifth, had married since they became blind.

Wood Block Floors.

Cresoted wood blocks, already extensively used as paving material for city streets, have been coming into use as flooring for the last four or five years according to the Forest service. Its durability, noiselessness under heavy traffic, and sanitary properties are its chief advantages for paving and also give it special value for making floors, especially for use where heavy trucking, the moving of heavy machinery, or other severe use makes the maintenance of floors a serious problem. It's rather high cost is its chief disadvantage.

Wood block is now widely used for flooring in factories, warehouses, machine shops, foundries, various types of platforms, wharves, and docks, and for such miscellaneous purposes as hotel kitchens, hospitals, laundries, and slaughter houses. Possibly one of the oddest of these uses is for the floors of wild animal cages and runways. Notwithstanding the recent increase in the use of wood block for these purposes, it is believed that the growth of this industry will be even more rapid in the future.

Plausible Enough.

A traveling man was exasperated because the station in a certain southern city was so far removed from the business section. As he mopped the perspiration from his forehead he grumbled to a negro boy at his side: "Why did they put this station so far away from town?" The negro was plainly puzzled for a minute, then said: "I dunno, lest 'twas 'cause they wanted it 'longside der railroad."

An Extra Number.

"I saw a corking good show at the Skyhigh roof garden last night." "Bah! I saw that show night before last, and it was the worst ever." "Oh, but the show I saw wasn't on the program. Right in the middle of that fool trapeze act a woman came tearing down the aisle to where her husband was sitting with a bleached blonde, grabbed him by the ear and dragged him out. It was a scream."

THOUGHT IT "REGULAR" TALK

Little Girl Was Astonished When She Was Told That She Was Speaking "English."

Proof positive that each one of us is for himself the center of the universe, that what "our folks" do is the proper thing, and all else mere eccentricity, is seldom lacking, but it comes out most engagingly in childhood.

"She can speak French most beautifully!" concluded Elsie's big sister, Sara, after having described at length to the family at the supper table the charms and accomplishments of a new friend, a girl who had lived several years abroad, and had come recently to Sara's school.

"I know a girl," put in Elsie at this point, with an air of importance, "and she used to live in England. She's in my kindergarten, and she can speak English, I guess."

"Well, what of that?" demanded Sara. "So can you speak English."

"Oh, no, I can't; I don't know how! Why, of course I can't speak English," Elsie appealed from the laughing faces now turned toward her, "can I, mother?"

"Certainly you can speak English, child; it's what we all speak; we're speaking it now."

"What? Is it English we're talking right this minute? Is it truly, mother?"

"Of course, my dear! What language did you suppose it was that we 'talk'?"

"Why, mother, I didn't suppose it was English, or any other language. I thought it was just regular talk, of course."—Youth's Companion.

TAIL SERVES MANY PURPOSES

With the Cat It Is Merely an Ornament, but Not So With Numerous Other Animals.

The question having arisen, "Why does the cat have a tail?" the scientists seem willing to answer it with another question. "How would the cat look without a tail?" No one can gainsay the fact that the tail is a valuable ornament. The cat without one is a sorry sight. But there are those who maintain that the tail serves the cat as a sort of gyroscope, balancing the body in leaping, says the Popular Science Monthly. This cannot be wholly true, for Manx cats get along very well without tails, and rabbits have no use for them at all. Yet both the Manx cats and rabbits do a lot of leaping. After all it looks as if the tail is only an ornament, unless it is a kind of safety valve for expression in exciting times.

Of course there are instances where the tail serves some purpose other than that of art. The monkey finds his useful as a sort of fifth leg; the horse uses his as a fly swatter, as does the lion; the crocodile uses his for swimming, as do the seal and the turtle and other aquatic creatures; and the rattlesnake uses his for warning enemies. According to W. D. Matthews of the American Museum of Natural History, the tail was a necessary organ for the aquatic and amphibious ancestors from which the higher animals are descended. When they took to terrestrial life and to walking on all fours, the tail became more or less superfluous.

Mark Got the Letter.

Somebody has started anew on its rounds this old story of Mark Twain: "One evening a few years ago Brander Matthews and Francis Wilson were dining together at the Players club in New York when the former made the suggestion that they write a letter to Mark Twain. 'But,' objected Mr. Wilson, 'we don't know where he is,' for it was at a time when Mr. Clemens was always traveling somewhere. 'Oh,' said Professor Matthews, 'that does not make any difference. It is sure to find him. I think he is some place in Europe, so we had better put on a 5-cent stamp.' So the two sat down and composed a letter which they addressed to

'MARK TWAIN.'

'God Knows Where.'

"In due time they received a reply from Mr. Clemens which said briefly, 'He did.'"

Surmise Was Correct.

A certain schoolmaster had a particularly troublesome set of boys to deal with, and consequently had to resort a good deal to the influence of the cane.

One day, when some unpardonable breach of discipline had been committed, he stood with several of the ringleaders in front of the class.

"Boys," said he, sternly, "it seems to me that I have to work the cane a great deal more than I ought to work it."

"Yes, sir," retorted the demon of the class, with a significant look at the cupboard. "I shouldn't wonder if it comes out on strike soon."

And sure enough it did.—London Tit-Bits.

Why the Audience Smiled.

A certain clergyman, inclined to corpulency, officiating as chairman at a social gathering that had met to celebrate the building of a new school-room addressed the audience in the following manner:

"Friends," he said, "at the close of this meeting there will be a collection. It will not be for the poor," and, unconsciously putting his thumbs into his trousers pockets and tapping with his fingers his waist band, continued, "but for the development and enlarging of this department."

MASTER'S SALE

State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw.

Court of Common Pleas.

Camden Wholesale Grocery,

Plaintiff,

against

William Branham, Jerry Branham, Phostman, Morris & Company, A. D. Kennedy, and R. B. DeLoache, Willis Sheen and E. P. Triestdale, co-partners as Enterprise Mercantile Company.

Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Decree of his Honor Mendel L. Smith, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, I will offer for sale at public outcry, before the Court House door in Camden, S. C., on the first Monday in November next (1917), being the 5th day thereof, within the legal hours of sale to the highest bidder, upon the terms hereinafter set forth, the following described tract of land: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing one hundred and four (104) acres, more or less, lying and being in Kershaw County in state aforesaid, known as a part of the estate of the late Mrs. Caroline E. Jones, (Sand Hill Tract) and bounded as follows: North by A. B. Rabon and William Branham; West by old Bridge road; South by land of A. W. Rabon; and East by estate of George Rabon. Terms of sale—one third cash, balance to be secured by a bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold, such mortgage drawing interest at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually. The obligor to have the option of paying the whole bid in cash.

L. A. WITKOWSKY,
Master for Kershaw County,
October 18, 1917.

Clafin University, the negro institution at Orangeburg, has set up a canvass to raise \$10,000 with which to purchase Liberty Bonds.

The last episode of "The Mystery of the Double Cross" will be shown at the Majestic today. On the same program will be Enid Bennett in "The Girl Glory."

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The Chicago American baseball team captured the World's series from the New York Nationals Monday by winning the last game 4 to 2. Faber was pitted against Rube Benton and won his game. Benton retired in favor of Perritt before the game was over.

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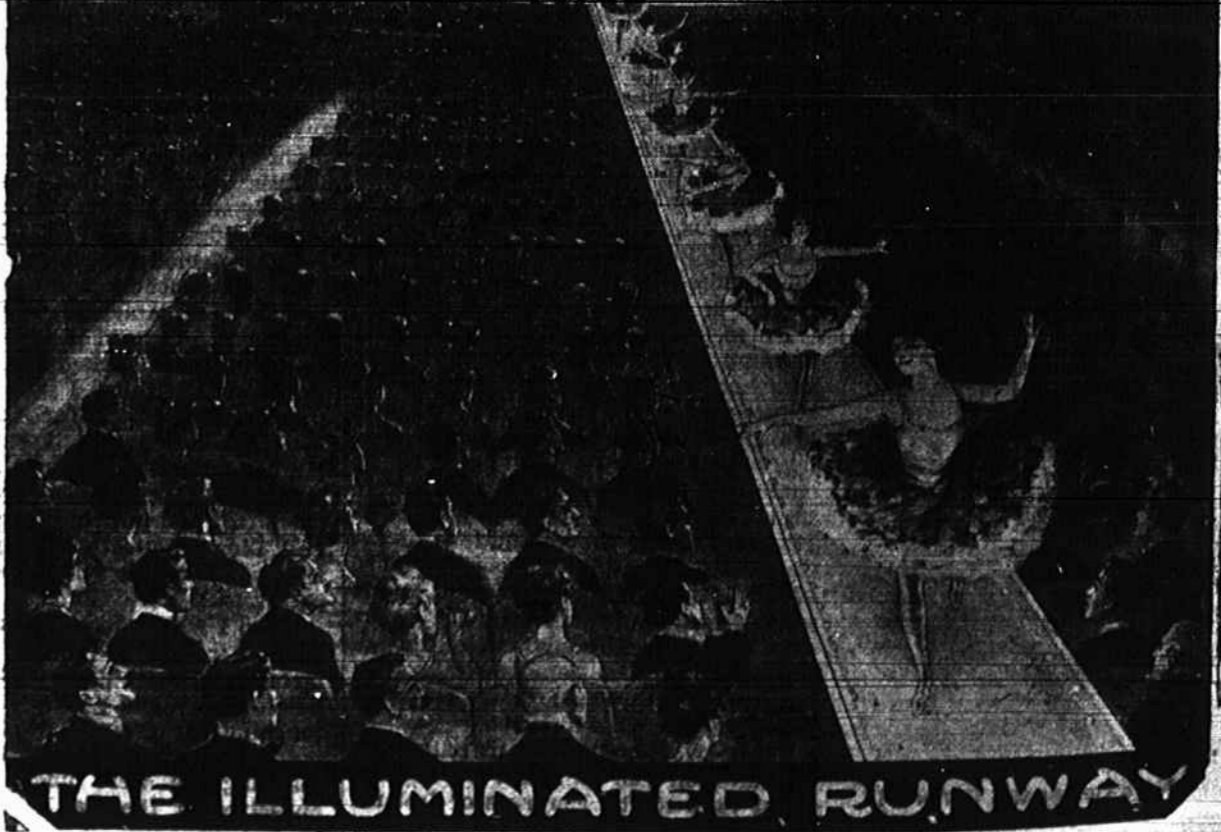
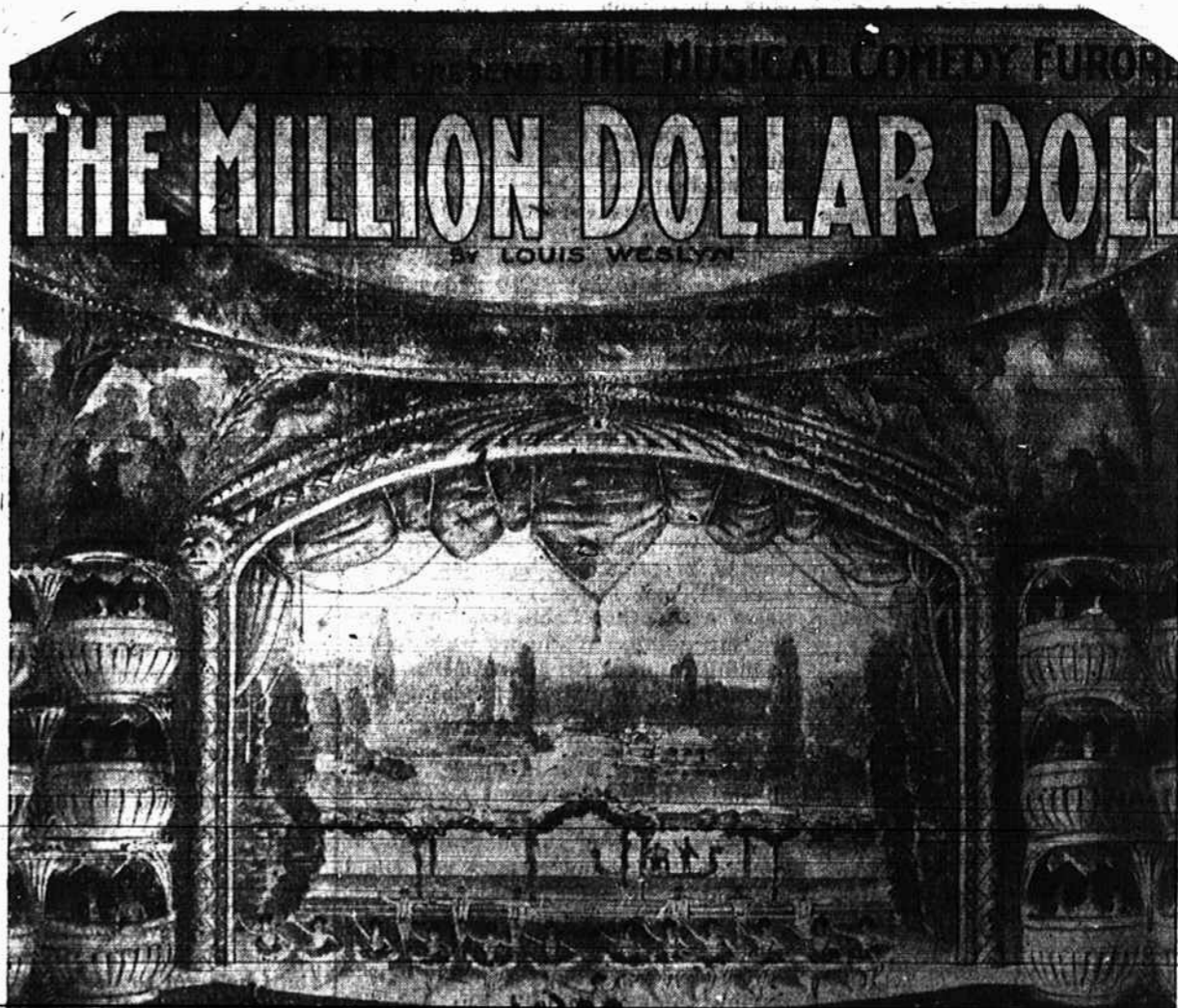
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