

Marriage At Bethune.

Bethune, Nov. 10.—A marriage of unusual interest was that of Miss Marceline Estridge and L. K. Yarborough, both of Bethune, on Thursday evening October 30, at the Presbyterian manse at Bethune. The Rev. J. M. Forbis performed the ceremony.

The bride was beautiful in a hand, some going away with a bouquet of beautiful chrysanthemums and ferns.

Mrs. Yarborough is one of the teachers in the graded school and has a host of friends here. Mr. Yarborough is the popular postmaster of this place.

The young couple left on a late train for a short stay in Florida; after which they will be at home to their friends in Bethune.

Safe.

The partners of a well-known stock exchange house were having a dinner conference at an uptown hotel. One of them appeared to be worried during the progress of the meal, and finally he was queried as to the cause of his fit of abstraction.

"I just happened to remember that I neglected to lock the safe before I left."

"Why worry?" said another member of the firm. "We are all here together."

LARGE RETURNS FROM MINT

United States Supplies Bulk of Peppermint Oil for the World.

The bulk of the peppermint oil of the world is produced on the muck lands of southwestern Michigan and a few counties of northern Indiana. The total yearly product is estimated at 500,000 pounds. There are two varieties of peppermint, the American and the English or Mitchem. The latter has almost superseded the American, being better adapted to our soil and climate, and favored by the trade. It is also harder and yields larger crops.

The ideal mint farm is one having both high land and muck soil, which is a distinct advantage on account of the rotation and humus in the soil, decayed vegetation being essential to the peppermint crop. By the use of proper amounts and kinds of commercial fertilizer, large crops of mint can be grown for many years in succession on the same ground. The mint plant, after the oil is removed, makes a very desirable feed for live stock, returning about the same amount of food value as an acre of ordinary meadow land, besides the oil. Thus two profits are harvested from one acre of peppermint.

An acre of peppermint will yield from 20 to 60 pounds of oil, while a second cutting will yield from six to 20 pounds extra. The farmer needs no extra equipment to grow this crop than found on the ordinary farm except a small still to refine the oil. In Michigan and Indiana from 20 to 100 farmers co-operate in the operation of stills, handling from 50 to 100 acres of peppermint in the one mill. It is now a large industry.

STILL USE ST. BERNARDS

Tunnels, However, Have Greatly Decreased His Importance in the Alps.

Although the tunnels which now connect Switzerland with Italy have greatly decreased the importance of the St. Bernard and other passes, especially during the eight months of snow, it is still deemed advisable to employ St. Bernard dogs. It is no longer customary, however, to send out the dogs alone with baskets of food and drink; a man always accompanies them. These dogs are not really of the famous old St. Bernard breed. That originated in the fourteenth century, through a cross between a shepherd dog from Wales and a Scandinavian dog whose parents were a Great Dane and a Pyrenean mastiff. The last pure descendant of this tribe was buried under an avalanche in 1816. Fortunately, there were found subsequently at Martigny and on the Simplon pass a few dogs which, by crossing with mates from Wales, yielded the modern St. Bernard dog, which is physically even stronger than his medieval namesake, and shares most of his traits.

Tom Sawyer Grown Up.

Somewhat reminiscent of the methods of one Tom Sawyer, who did not enjoy whitewashing the picket fence, was the means adopted by an ingenious official at the school field meet on Belle Isle Friday. This individual had charge of the large man-power clock, mounted atop a high platform, which required his attendance at five-minute intervals to advance the hands. He noted that several photographers were looking longingly at the stepladder he used in mounting to the clock, and whenever one of them approached to borrow the ladder he would anticipate the request with a statement that they could take it for five minutes if they would first go up and move the clock hands for him, a ceremony which he directed from a shady position on the ground.—Detroit Free Press.

Philatelic Notes.

The illustration on the current dollar stamp in China represents the arch of the Temple of Confucius at Peking.

The Sultan of Egypt recently sent \$400 to a dealer in Philadelphia for 11 rare Egyptian stamps. It is said the sultan possesses the most valuable collection of Egyptian stamps in the world.

The 10 cent red stamp issued by Belgium on July 19, 1919, was completely sold out in five days. There were only 25,000 copies printed and only five stamps were allowed to be sold to one person.

New stamps are appearing for the city of Fiume bearing the words "Poste Fiume" instead of "Fiume."

Plunder.

The gentleman burglar flashed his lamp in the startled eyes of the aroused head of the family.

"Where's your valuables?" he demanded, politely.

"For heaven's sake, don't shoot!" pleaded the victim. "My jewels are in that box on the bureau; my money is in the handbag on the dresser; my husband's watch—"

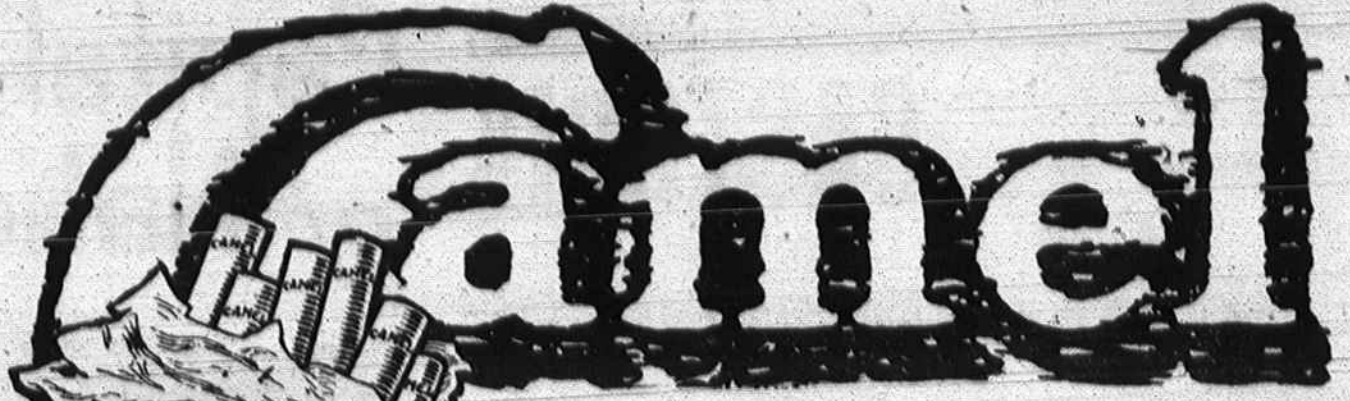
Impatiently shooting a hole in the pillow, the burglar snapped:

"Don't kid me! I asked you where you keep your butter and eggs!"

But with a shriek of desperation the woman leaped upon him, for that was too much, too utterly much!—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Discover New Diamond Field.

A new African diamond field has been discovered by officers of the British geological survey in the Gold Coast. The stones are found in shallow quartz gravel 65 miles northwest of Accra, capital of the colony. About 900 gems have already been found.



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WON'T HAUL BOOZE

Express Company May Refuse to Ship "Quart a Month" Packages.

According to information reaching Columbia the American Express Company is preparing to wage a fight against accepting whiskey for shipment in the event that the war time prohibition lid should be removed by Presidential Proclamation, as was suggested might result from the action of Congress in re-passing the enforcement bill over the President's veto.

Columbia officials of the express company are anticipating instructions along this line, though up to Friday noon no such advice had been received by Superintendent Ferrell, of the company.

The express company, it is stated, expects to refuse any shipments offered and will then go to the courts for a determination of the question of its right to refuse such shipments. By this means it is hoped that the national prohibition law may become effective before the courts render an opinion, and the company will then be relieved of its burden.

It is a matter of fact that the American Express Company has long regarded the liquor business as undesirable, especially since several of the states cut the supply down from gallon lots.

The company claims, it is said, that the hauling of the quart packages caused a loss of money through breakage, stealage and the extra help required to handle them.

Should the lid be removed, then, it may be still difficult for the old timers to receive their supply for one more Christmas celebration before the Nation

enters into the Sahara zone.—Columbia Record.

To Be Decorated By Prince.

Lancaster, S. C., Nov. 10.—Captain Elliott W. Springs has gone to Washington to meet the Prince of Wales and to receive from the latter the British cross awarded him by the British government for special distinguished service while fighting with the British Royal Flying corps on the Belgian front. Colonel and Mrs. Leroy Springs are also in Washington to be present on the occasion.

Bird Season Opens Tomorrow.

The season for shooting partridges will open on November 15 and close on Feb-

ruary 15. By an act of the last legislature the season is shortened one month. Birds are believed to be plentiful, and lovers of the feathery tribe are anticipating some fine sport.



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