

## WATER FED FIRE

Case Where Liquid Was of No Use to Quench Flames.

**Metallic Sodium in Vessel's Hold Merely Blazed More Fiercely as Streams From Fire Hose Reached It.**

It is said that, for the most part, water if applied in sufficient quantities will eventually quench any fire. In some cases, however, water not only proves ineffectual but actually kindles and nourishes the fire.

When a freighter, the Hardy, steamed out of Le Treport, France, some years ago she carried, besides the mineral water in her hold, a number of small wooden cases marked "metallic sodium."

Now, the channel was rough. The vessel rolled and pitched violently. The captain saw that the ship was listing to port, and suspecting that the cargo was shifting, sent a boatswain below to investigate. As the boatswain entered the hold he saw that several cases of mineral water had broken and that the water was swishing about in the hold. Then suddenly he saw one of the wooden cases marked "sodium" burst into flame.

Immediately he gave the alarm, and the crew rushed to their fire stations. The captain directed the men to turn the hose into the hold. As the first stream of water struck the burning case there were several explosions as package after package within the case caught fire. By this time two other cases of sodium had broken open, and their contents, as they came in contact with the water from the hose, burst into flame.

The crew could not believe their eyes. The more water they poured on the fire, the more intense grew the conflagration. Then, suddenly two cases flew into the air, crashed against the overhead beams and spread out in sheets of fire, the smaller pieces dropping back only to bounce and dance about, huge balls of flame in the half-swamped hold.

The superstitious crew was fast becoming unmanageable, and the captain saw that in any case he must abandon the ship. He ordered the crew to the boats not a moment too soon, for as the boats rowed away from the blazing hulk several loud explosions came from the hold. Then there was one mighty detonation; the freighter broke in two and plunged out of sight.

### Japan and Baseball.

Japan is one of the few nations of the earth that has adopted the "national pastime" of the United States, the game of baseball, which grew up in its present form, in the latter country. The game has been transplanted, has taken root, and is thoroughly flourishing in the island kingdom. But the Japanese, according to one of them, recently traveling in America, are making all their baseballs by hand, not yet having perfected any machinery for manufacturing them. This sojourner, who is a mechanical expert, was much interested, while on his trip, in learning the method by which the balls are made. The playing of the game in Japan, says this traveler, is widespread. A few years ago two of the Japanese universities sent teams to the United States, where they engaged in competition with American university lines. Their ability was marked, and their sportsmanship excellent. The common interest of the people of the two nations in this sport has been recognized as a possible source of increased understanding between them.

### Will Never Show.

Joe Hawkins of the Auto Sales company, is a believer that appearance is 95 per cent of the game.

The other day he was demonstrating a very classy six-cylinder car to a man and his wife. The wife was very much taken with the appearance of the car; the husband was still a long way from being sold.

As they were coming down Meridian street one of the cylinders started missing. Hawkins, trying to apologize for the behavior of the engine, said: "One of the spark plugs must be broken for one of the cylinders is missing."

The wife spoke up: "That doesn't matter much, the cylinders are all under the hood anyway, and if one of them is missing it will never show."—Indianapolis News.

### Something Missing.

"This catalogue is no good," said a man visiting the art museum, according to a story that has reached us. There ain't any prices on it."

"What," said his wife, "you weren't thinking of buying any?"

"Certainly not," replied the complainer. "But how can you be expected to appreciate pictures if you don't know the price of them?"—Boston Transcript.

### Parental Diffidence.

"Does your boy mind when you speak to him?"

"Yes," said Farmer Cornstossel, doubtfully. "But he's got us so impressed with his superior knowledge that we don't often venture to speak to him."

### As to Alimony.

"Is there any way a man can avoid paying alimony?" asked the friend who was seeking free advice.

"Sure," replied the lawyer. "He can stay single or stay married."

## FRENCH KING FIRST IN FIELD

Writings of Thomas Paine Show That Henry IV Once Contemplated League of Nations.

White President Wilson, Lloyd George and other statesmen are talking of a league of nations the following, taken from Thomas Paine's "The Rights of Man," is historical:

"It was attributed to Henry IV of France, a man of an enlarged and benevolent heart, that he purposed about 1610 a plan of abolishing war in Europe. The plan consisted in constructing an European congress, or, as French authors style it, a pacific republic; by appointing delegates from the several nations, who were to act as a court of arbitration in any disputes that might arise between nation and nation.

"Had the plan been adopted at the time it was proposed the taxes of England and France, as two of the parties, would have been at least ten millions sterling annually to each nation less than they were at the commencement of the French Revolution."

Here is also part of a letter addressed to Lafayette from Paine, February 9, 1792:

"If you make a campaign the ensuing spring, which is most probable there will be no occasion for, I will come and join you. Should the campaign commence, I hope it will terminate in the extinction of German despotism and establishing the freedom of all Germany. When France shall be surrounded with revolutions she will be in peace and safety and her taxes, as well as those of Germany, will consequently become less."

## LAWS PRINTED IN GERMAN

How the State of Indiana Catered to the Teuton Element in the Fifties and Sixties.

Time was when the Indiana general assembly directed that its laws be printed in German as well as in English—but never more, observes the Indianapolis News.

In 1852 the legislature enacted a statute that its laws passed at that session should be printed in German and one copy distributed to each of the clerks of the judicial circuits. By joint resolutions of the senate and house the session laws of the special session of 1853, the regular session of 1859, the regular session of 1861, the special session of 1861, and the regular session of 1867 were printed in the German language. The revised statutes of 1853 were ordered printed in German.

Mrs. Edward Franklin White of the law editorial department of the Bobbs-Merrill company, believes the printing of the acts in German was no part of the propaganda for "kultur," which has been so exposed of late, but she rather believes that Indiana was making a special bid for settlement by Germans along with other foreigners who were westward bent. She says all sorts of inducements were held out in the fifties and sixties to attract colonization in Indiana and cites, as another of the inducements, the tax constitutional provisions (constitution of 1852) for obtaining citizenship, or at least the right to vote.

### Civilization Fatal to Eskimo.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, to whom the Charles P. Daly medal was presented by the American Geographical society for his "valuable contributions to science," pleaded that no efforts be made to civilize the Eskimo tribes of the far North. All such previous efforts, he stated, had resulted disastrously for the natives. One tribe of 5,000 discovered in 1825 by an English explorer, he said, was now reduced to only 40 persons through adoption of a civilized mode of living, which was unsuitable for the frigid climate.

### Vehicle Market in Siam.

Owing to the low-lying and often inundated plains of southern Siam, in which most of the rice farming is done and in which road making is difficult, and also the fact that transportation is easily afforded by the numerous canals which traverse the country in every direction, there is not likely to be any extended demand for farm wagons or other vehicles for the use of the Siamese farmer. It seems, however, that considerable attention will be given to road making in Siam's principal cities, notably in Bangkok, and that therefore a line of municipal vehicles will be needed in the near future.

### Didn't Come Off.

In the belfry of a little church in France the Germans placed a bomb connected with wires to the monstrance on the altar. The idea was that when the monstrance was moved the resultant explosion would bring the church down upon the heads of the worshippers. Fortunately Marshal Foch's little paragraph in his armistice terms, to wit, that German commanders would be held personally responsible for all damage done by infernal machines, prevented this characteristically Teuton performance from coming off.—Rochester Post-Express.

### Rescued by Mother-in-Law.

William Olive of Bridgewater, after putting a new roof on a dog house in his yard, was afraid the dog would get cut on the nails sticking through, and crawled in to clinch them on the inside. When he had finished the job he found that his coat was caught on a nail and he couldn't get out. He made all the noise he could, and finally, after a long while, his mother-in-law heard him.—Boston Globe.

## Lines on a Confederate Note.

(Published by request.)

Representing nothing on God's earth now, Add naught in the water below it; As a pledge of nation that's dead and gone, Keep it, dear friend, and show it.

Show it to those who will lend an ear To it; to those this paper can tell Of liberty born, of the patriot's dream, Of the storm-cradled nation that fell.

Too poor to possess the precious area, And too much a stranger to borrow; We issued today our promise to pay Which we hoped to redeem on the morrow.

But days rolled on and weeks became years, While our coffers were empty still, And our coin so rare the treasury quaked If a dollar should drop in the till.

But the faith that was in us was strong, Indeed, And our poverty well discerned, And those little checks represented the pay.

That our suffering volunteers earned. We knew it had hardly a value in gold Yet as gold our soldiers received it, It gazed in our eyes with a promise to pay.

And each Southern patriot believed it. But our boys thought little of price or pay.

Or of the bills that were overdue; We knew it it bought us bread today 'Twas the best old country could do.

Keep it—tell its history o'er From the birth of its dream to the last; Molest and born of the angels of hope, Like the hope of success, it has passed.

—S. A. Jones.  
Richmond, 1865.

The descendants of the Aborigines in Australia are very fond of jewelry, but they do not pay much for it. They use telegraph wire to make bracelets, earrings, and nose-rings, and tear down the telegraph lines for that purpose.

## Legal Advertising

### FINAL DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Friday, February 27, 1920, I will make to the Probate Court

of Kershaw County my final return as Administrator of the estate of Luther Haley, deceased, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.  
W. M. HALEY,  
Administrator.  
Camden, S. C., Jan. 24, 1920.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

All persons indebted to the estate of J. W. Freshley, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.

H. E. FRESHLEY,  
Qualified Administrator.  
Camden, S. C., January 14th, 1920.

### NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

All parties indebted to the estate of Miss Susie Elliott, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties, if any, having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.

ELLEN H. TIDWELL,  
Qualified Administratrix.  
Camden, S. C., January 20th, 1920.  
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### NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of South Carolina,  
County of Kershaw.

A petition signed by one third or more of the qualified electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of twenty-one years having been filed with the County Board of Education asking for an election in School District No. 30 to determine whether a special tax of four (4) mills shall be levied on all the taxable property for school purposes and the petition having been granted we the undersigned trustees will hold an election at Thornhill School House on Friday Feb. 13th, 1920. After giving notice of same for two weeks in a newspaper and posting in at least three public places in the district. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. Those who reside in the district and present their registration certificates and tax receipts will be allowed to vote in this election. Election will be conducted under the rules of general election.

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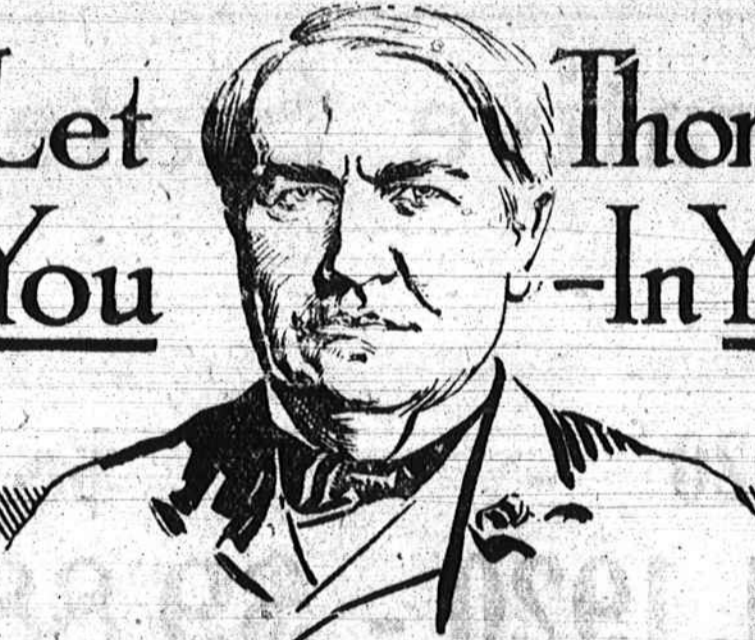
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Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Saturday February 14th, 1920, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County my final return as Administrator of the estate of

Mrs. Emma J. Alford, deceased, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.  
L. D. ALFORD,  
Camden, S. C., January 13th, 1920.

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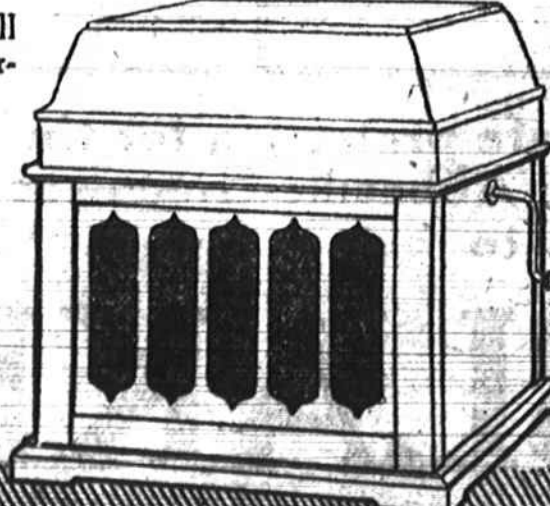
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