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Prize fairy story of the year, "Women's skirts are to be longer."

The inventor of that new milc-minute speed boat, which has a fish tail propeller, seemingly has wiggled his way to fame.

"In the words of Lincoln," said a local coal dealer during the recent warm fall weeks, "you can't fuel all the people all the time."

Now that the football season is ended and several million husky young men will not be so busy—why, we'll start a basketball season.

Both Republican and Democratic Drys threaten bolts next year if their respective conventions do not behave. What is this—the iron age?

Placing the tax ahead of flood relief by Congress is an indication that some high hopes for effective Mississippi protection are going to be punctured.

The author, Rupert Hughes, is still "digging up the dirt" on George Washington—which no doubt is exactly what he would actually be doing if George were alive.

All reports to the contrary, there are mighty few fathers who give their daughters away at the wedding ceremony. They let the grooms find out for themselves later.

We are not particularly anxious that any of our good aviators attempt a round trip flight to Europe—but we do wish some of the many loans would try a return flight.

When Aiken won from the Barnwell High School football team by the score of 6 to 0, the esteemed Aiken Standard termed it a "decisive defeat." Last week the Allendale High School team took the Aikenites into camp by the same score and we note that The Standard deleted the word "decisive" from its account of the game. What we want to know is, "When is a decisive defeat not a decisive defeat?"

Forehanded.

There is a timely hint to Christmas shoppers in the statement by Colonel Leonard P. Ayers, noted economist, that shortages in stocks of goods are developed in a number of leading industries.

Already the volume of holiday purchasing is large. But not yet so large that buyers are discomfited or restricted in their range of choice.

The early buyer, however, always has the easier time and the better chance to make careful selections.

Most planners of Christmas cheer can as well do their gift buying now as later, when the rush will be inconvenient.

Why not be forehanded?

Miracles.

The Rev. Dr. Straton, of New York, says we might now have miracles as wonderful as those of the olden times. He has seen a woman "virtually dead already" brought back to life by prayer.

Modern miracles of the scientific kind are more wonderful than old miracles.

Men go in submarines under the water and in flying machines above it, instead of walking on it.

They prevent disease by common sense and cure it with inoculation, saving millions of lives instead of resurrecting a few. They talk and send music through the air without wires.

The new miracles are at least as spectacular as the old, and much more useful. Vaccination is worth more than all the miraculous cures of all the religions.

Companionate Marriage.

Mr. Haldeman-Julius, a Kansas publisher of books, approves his young daughter's experiment in "companionate marriage." The girl, eighteen, will marry a twenty-year-old boy, the two "will continue living their lives after marriage as they

lived previously, until they determine whether they are entirely suited to each other." Until then they won't live together, at least not in the same house.

Exactly what the plan is seems uncertain. But other things are certain, including these. Until they live together, they cannot possibly know whether they are suited to each other or not. Companionate marriage is as old as the human race and as old as the monkey race. All the monkeys live in companionate marriage, free to quit at any time, and they like it.

It took human beings thousands of centuries to establish marriage—a device by which Providence and woman, co-operating, are gradually teaching men to be decent. It's a slow process, but that is no reason for getting discouraged and going back to old monkey days and ways.

Fire Does Slight Damage.

Slight damage to the stock and building of C. N. Burckhalter's drug store, adjacent to the Hotel Diamond, was caused by fire and water Wednesday night of last week. The alarm was given shortly before 11 o'clock and early arrivals fought the blaze with the hotel's line of hose from an upstairs window, having the fire practically under control when the volunteer fire department arrived. The blaze originated in the loft of the building and is said to have been caused by defective wiring. It is understood that Dr. Burckhalter had no insurance.

Cotton Ginning Report.

There were 13,293 bales of cotton ginned in Barnwell County prior to November 14th, as compared with 28,092 bales ginned to the same date in 1926, according to a report of the Department of Commerce. It is thought that these figures represent practically the entire crop for the county, as last year the production was about 29,500 bales, which left only about 1,500 to be ginned after November 14th. Ginnings in other counties in this section are as follows:

	1927	1926
Aiken	17,363	33,767
Allendale	6,318	16,167
Bamberg	11,055	20,339
Hampton	3,208	7,115
Jasper	756	2,631

The total for the State was 656,240 bales, leaving about 73,000 bales to be ginned if the last government estimate is reached.

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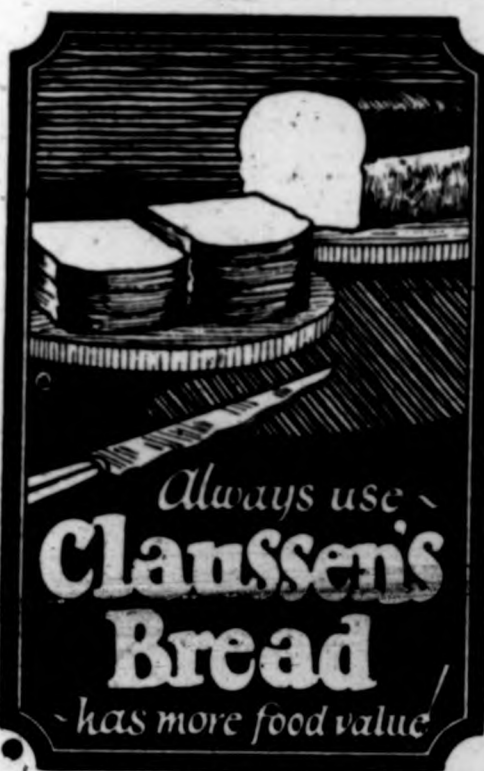
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