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Distinct Reason Why in Death He Could Not Lie Beside Lord Strathcona.

G. B. Burgin, in his recently pub-Ished "Memoirs," relates the following anecdote: A short time ago Stephen Leacock was the guest of a literary club to which I belong, and when I was called on to speak I explained how that morning I had been walking in Highgate cemetery and paused by the tomb of Lord Strathcona. One of the cemetery custodians joined me, and said, regretfully, "Lord Strathcona's the only distinguished Canadian we have here," Then he brightened up a little. "But there's a vacant lot beside his lordship." Whereupon I explained to him curiously enough that I was going to meet another distinguished Canadian that evening, and would try to induce him to make the necessary arrangements for occupying the vacant space by Lord Strathcona, Leacock listened to this with strained attention. On rising to reply, he disregarded the points made by the other speakers, and said: "Whilst I am deeply grateful to Mr. Burgin for his thoughtful arrangements regarding my obsequies, I regret to inform him that they will have to be canceled, as I have already decided to be buried in Westminster ab-

FIGHT MINE FIRES WITH MUD

Experience Has Shown That Is as Practical a Method as Any Known.

Fighting fires in mines is a slow, tedlous job and since the dawning of mining has been considered almost a hopeless undertaking. Rich mines in many parts of the world have been burning for generations. Underground fires no longer are considered unquenchable. In the Butte district a process of fire fighting has been developed by a mining company which is salvaging an ore body of tremendous extent. Fires that have been burning for 15 years in three connecting mines are being smothered under 1,000,000 tons of mud.

At the end of 1922 2,000,000 tons of metalliferous ore, containing, according expert estimates, at least 80,-000 tons of copper, once more will be accessible.

Sand, decomposed rock and other materials which came originally from the stopes and were discarded as tailings in the process of copper extraction, simply have been turned back into the fire area. Water, which in many cases has proved its uselessness as an extinguisher of underground fires, is used for transportation. It conveys the tailings down to the fire regions, 1,200 to 2,200 feet underground, where the souplike slime fills the abandoned drifts, cross-cuts and stopes and literally smothers the fire.

Interesting to Archeologists.

A Roman-British grave has just been discovered on Ham hill, Somer set, England. On the east side of the Roman encampment was unearthed the complete skeleton of a young adult, prebably a male. The grave was about two feet in depth, lying due north and south, the head and shoul-ders being inclosed by slabs of Ham stone. On the right of the head lay a shallow dish of Roman-British black pottery. This was broken in three places; probably by the super-encumbent earth, but with the exception of a small portion of the rim it was posa crude and barbarous copy of a Third or Fourth century A. D. Roman brass coin. This had probably been placed in the mouth to enable the dead man to pay his fare to Charon, the ferryman, for taking him across the Styx. Near the right hand of the skeleton lay an oval hammer stone or pounder.

Homespun Jeans.

A suit of clothes made from Kentucky homespun jeans now is a rarity but the cloth still is produced in a small way in remote sections of the mountain country. There the oldtime methods of carding the wool spinning and looming are practiced in the production of the finished cloth for which Kentucky once had a nation-wide reputation.

Kentucky statesmen of the older period always appeared attired in jeans and occasionally now men are to be seen wearing a home-spun jeans suit of the most modern sartorial cut giv-

ing the wearer an air of distinction. In most cases the mountain looms now are devoted to weaving rag carpets in which handiwork many of the women are experts. Many visitors have marveled at the blending of colors and the artistic designs in rag rugs woven on a mountain loom.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Important Qualifications.

"I have heard that you do not regard any man as well fitted as your self to fill the position to which you have been elected,"

"I never said that," replied Senator Sorghum, "Possibly a number of men could fill the position. But I will say that nobody I know of has the experience and the fortitude to stand the campaign primaries as well as I do."-Washington Star.

Extravagant Sympathy.

"Did you get any satisfaction when you reported the theft of your our to the police?"

Not much," replied Mr. Chuggins "The idea seemed to be that I ought to be ashamed of myself for being se caseless as to ewn a car, and leave it around as a temptation to some poor chap who don't own one."

LEACOCK HAD OTHER PLANS [CHARGE VISITORS SMALL FEE.

Admission to State Museums and Palaces of France Now Matter of Stated Price.

Visitors to the state museums and palaces in Paris are now required, reports the Daily Telegraph correspondent, to pay an entrance fee. The fees vary from 1 franc at the Louvre to 50c at the Petit Trianon, and the first day's experience yielded very encouraging results. Although the Louvre was open only in the afternoon, the receipts for the day were 3,000 francs. Three hundred francs were taken at the Luxembourg, and the Cluny museum and the Arc de Triomnhe each took 350,

The director of the National museum estimates that during the 200 days a year on which an admission fee is charged—that is, allowing two free days per week-the receipts at the Louvre will average 2,000 francs a day. Few people, he said, object to paying the small fee, but it will relieve the taxpayer of a great part of his burden for the benefit of state museums. A proposal is being considered to charge for admission to the gardens of Versailles on the days when the fountains are playing, as the spectacle -always a great attraction to visltors- costs 30,000 francs to 35,000 francs a day at the present price of

MANY USERS OF TELESCOPE

Dealers Report Practically a Steady Demand for Glasses in All Months of the Year.

"We sell telescopes all the year round, but the demand for them is greater in summer than in other seasons," said the salesman in a New York optician's shop, "Perhaps that is because it is easier to remain outdoors and study the stars on a summer night than it is when the weather is colder.

"Also, in summer people buy telescopes for other purposes than to study the stars. Folks on the seashore get them to look at passing vessels, at the clouds and other things. We sell some also to those who live in the mountains and use the telescope for lookeut purposes. But of course, the greater number of telescopes, especially the high-power glasses, are bought for the study of the heavens.

"Annually we sell an average of 200 telescopes for amateur use. They range in size from the hand glass, with 1-inch lens, to the glass that is supported on a tripod and has a lens 3 to 31/2 inches in diameter. Larger lenses than the 31/2 inch size are seldom bought by amateurs. They are for professional use."

"Jinxee" Were Numerous.

A number of seawise passengers aboard the Adriatic, which caught fire frem an explosion on Thursday night, said yesterday that there was a number of signs, attending the salling of the ship which were construed as "jinxes" by the sailors. Among these

The ship lost an ancher in the Mer-

Nearly hit the Holyhead-Dublia The birds refused to fly aboard the ship.

And the explosion occurred very close to the spot where the Titanic went down in 1912.

The story is being told of the elderly and when asked jocularly what he was afraid to die for, said in a shaky voice, "I've been trimming people all my life!"-New York Sun.

Denatured Alcohol.

Denatured alcohol is grain alcohol made unfit for use as a beverage. Completely denatured alcohol is made by adding 10 gallons of wood alcohol and a half gallon of benzine to 100 gallons of ethyl alcohol. This is free from government tax and may be bought by any one for use as fuel or light.

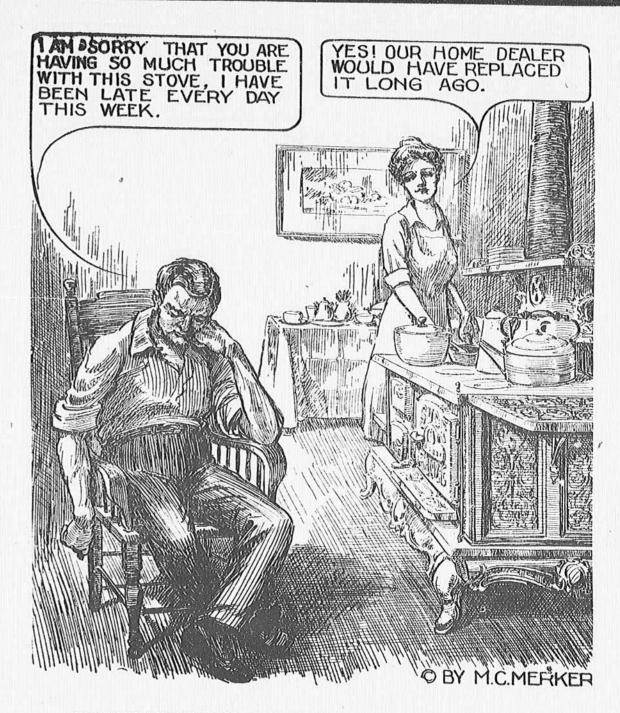
The denaturing must be done when the alcohol is produced and in bonded warehouses used exclusively for the purpose and for storing denatured alcohol, and is done under the supervision of the government. The grain alcohol may be made from grain, corn. potatoes or similarly starchy products, but the conditions under which it must be produced make it impracticable except for well-equipped factories.

Easy to Prevent Golter.

"Simple golter is the easiest of all diseases to prevent," wrote Doctor Marine, the great specialist in this disease, some time ago. Iodine is known to be necessary to the normal function of the thyrold gland. Golter is an expression of deficiency of loding in the thyrold, and the elaborate experiments made recently by Dr. O. P. Kimball on the school children of Akron, Ohio, furnish conclusive evithat administering a minute quantity of lodine every day acts as a preventive in such regions where gotter prevails.

In the Airly Days,

We have always held that Charley Wooster broke the western record when he broke prairie one summer in the early '70s, togged out in blue denims, going barefooted and wearing a slik tile, but the Atchison Globe tells of a man named Paswell who in 1860 came into possession of a clawham-mered suit sent in a "relief" box from Boston and wore it all summer for every day on the farm. He wore hit overalls to church.—Nebraska State Journal.



PRECAUTION IS BETTER THAN REPENTANCE

Promptness is one of the qualifications that all employers demand of their employes. A troublesome stove brought out of town very often is the cause of much disappointment and discord in the home, while on the other hand a stove bought in your home town comes "ready to use," must burn and must give satisfaction, or the home dealer will make it right."

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