

## Prince of Wales and Commander Read Meet at Luncheon



The prince of Wales, Commander Read and other members of the crew of the NC-4 were among the guests at the luncheon given by Major General Seely, British air minister, to the American aviators upon their arrival in London. Photo shows Commander Read conversing with the prince of Wales on the terrace of the house of commons.

### HAVE A LAUGH

**The Tie That Bound.**  
Lawyer—On what grounds, madam, do you wish a divorce from your husband?

Client—Why, I married him for his money, and he has lost everything.

Or?

Husband (on a birthday present buying expedition) What size hosier would a lady wearing a No. 3 shoe require?

Saleslady—I beg your pardon, but, listen, does she carry a bank account, or—

Too Advanced.

Tony Spagnoi was having his throat examined at the infirmary. "Say 'eh-huh,'" said the doctor.

"Me no spik Englees," said Tony.

To Get Back.

"At twenty you left the farm and came to the city. And for thirty years you have been working like hades. What for?"

"In order to get money enough to live in the country."

Hit the Duke.

"No, duke, my father would never put up a million dollars to buy a title."

"Then why did you encourage my attentions?"

"I was just shopping."

Nailed Down.

"Got a dollar, Jones?"  
"Yeah, I got one."

"Will you lend it to me?"

"Nope; that's th' reason I got one."

Wanted Too Much.

Customer—That doesn't seem a very good fit.

Dealer—Vot you expect for seven dollars—an attack of epilepsy?

**Birds Adopt Conservation; Some Ride on Brake Beams**

Some species of birds among the migrants to the West and South do not depend upon their wings alone to speed them on their journey. According to a Nevada railway official, whom the San Francisco Chronicle quotes, various birds, especially sparrows and finches, have adopted a less fatiguing method of transit than that which we usually consider as their natural one, by riding on the brake beams of trains. He described an incident in which some hundreds of birds, riding on a Southern Pacific train that was passing through Nevada from the East, suddenly flew from their perches beneath the coaches when the train passed over a rough crossing.

### Cleaning Leather Goods.

Do not use gasoline in cleaning leather upholstery. Plain water with a little ammonia will remove the dirt and a bristle rubbing with a clean wooden or flannel cloth will do the rest. For still more careful treatment use a regular dressing.

### Daily Optimistic Thought.

There is no skill or cleverness to be compared to that which avoids temptation.

### Eliminating Steam

#### Electrification of Railroads Would Conserve Coal Supply

Railroad electrification is still looked upon by the general public and by railroad men as having its chief merits in relieving cities and tunnels of the obnoxious smoke and cinders belched forth by the steam locomotives. Electrical men have in recent years emphasized the economy of electric train service and in a paper presented by S. T. Dodd before the Western Railroad club this is very strikingly shown. Mr. Dodd cites figures proving that 100,000,000 of the 140,000,000 tons of coal now burned annually by our railroads could be saved by general electrification. In view of the continued, if not increasing, need for conserving the fuel resources of the country for future generations, the urgency of attacking the problem and at least checking this gigantic annual waste should be given prompt and careful attention.—Electrical Review.

#### Javanese Use No Nails, No Iron—Only Bamboo—in Construction of Bridges

The natives of Java have a bridge-building technique which utilizes to the limit their slight resources for work of this character. Of raw materials they are acquainted with but two, and one of these is really a product of their own ingenuity. They have no nails, no iron, no true wood; they are forced to rely entirely upon bamboo for the structural parts, and upon a rope of their own manufacture to effect the junctures. In spite of these limitations, they achieve highly creditable results.

The original element which the Javan natives have brought to the construction of these bridges is made of a fiber taken from the native areca-palm, which grows all over the island. This fiber is of a black and horny substance. It makes a rope that resists effectively the heavy decaying action of the hot and damp tropical climate with its legions of fungi; in fact, it lasts for many years without any indications of rotting.

#### Samoyedes of the Russian Province of Archangel Is One of Least Known Races

In the extreme north of the Russian province of Archangel dwells one of the queerest and least known races of mankind. These are the Samoyedes, the wandering tribes of the vast frozen marshes which extend in these regions from the forest belt to the shores of the Arctic ocean. They worship idols and their sole wealth consists in reindeer. Living, the reindeer draws the sledge which transports the Samoyede and his belongings from spot to spot in search of the game and fish, which constitute his principal sustenance. Dead, it provides him with meat in times of scarcity, and with skin for his family tent. With its sharpened bones he tips his wooden fishing harpoons and hunting spears. Its sinews he uses to sew together the shirt, breeches, and boots of sealskin, which are the attire alike of the Samoyede men, women and children.

### Hindu Images.

India holds the record for images. It has been estimated that there are quite 300,000,000 images of the various gods there.

### THE SWANS OF YPRES

Ypres was once a weaving town, Where merchants jostled up and down. And merry shuttles used to ply; On the looms the fleeces were brought from the marts at Winchester, And silver fox from Burgundy.

Who is weaving there tonight? Only the moon, whose shuttle white makes silver warp on dyke and pond; Her hands fling veils of lily-woof. On river spire and open roof And on lagged marsh beyond.

No happy ghosts or fairies haunt The ancient city, huddling gaunt. Where wagons crawl with anxious wheel. And over the marsh land desolate Wind slowly to the battered gate That Flemings call the gate of Lille.

Yet by some wonder it befalls That where the lonely outer walls Brood in the silent pool below, Among the sedges of the moat, Like lilies furled, the two swans float: The Swans of Ypres, men call them now.

They have heard guns and many men Come and depart and come again; They have seen strange, disastrous things.

When fire and flame rolled o'er their nest But changeless and aloof they rest.

The Swans of Ypres, with folded wings.

—Anonymous, from Punch.

#### Sahara Desert Once Well Watered and Fertile Says Professor of Egyptology

The Sahara desert was once well watered and fertile, and hunters from the Sahara plateau, moving gradually down through a rift in North-eastern Africa, located where Egypt now lies, according to Dr. James Henry Breasted, professor of Egyptology and oriental history, University of Chicago.

Doctor Breasted said that this all happened about the time of the stone age. Egypt was then one huge lake, but it gradually drained out into the Mediterranean leaving the Nile valley. Here the hunters were afforded every natural resource and founded a civilization which outstripped Europe. It was about 4,000 or 3,000 B. C. that Egypt had a stable government controlling millions of souls.

The grain of Egypt was 1,000 years older than that found in Asia, says Doctor Breasted, and cattle undoubtedly had their origin in Africa. The stone age founders of Egypt early developed from hunters to farmers and used the oldest metal instruments made by human agency. They evidently discovered the metal there; and a system of writing was evolved in Egypt thousands of years before Christ.

#### Majority of Big Animals Are Extremely Lazy Even in Their Native Haunts

Though not generally known, most of the big carnivores are extremely lazy in their native haunts—only exerting themselves when in need of food, and often going without it for sheer indolence.

Animals of the zoological gardens obtaining their food without any effort on their own part grow stupid and ill for lack of exercise. The pacing up and down, just before meal time is not sufficient. Besides, animals are like people; they need change of scene and air. For this reason the animals in a circus or show are really more fortunate than their brothers in the zoological gardens.

The trick animals get plenty of exercise during performance, and the constant change of scene keeps them interested. Even such fierce animals as leopards, tigers and lions enjoy going through their tricks from sheer relief of the monotony of their cages, and often the big cats are quite playful during the time of their training, not from any love of man, but from a love of motion.

### NOTES OF SCIENCE

A Missourian is the inventor of a seed planting attachment that can be added to any farm cultivator.

South Africa has more than 32,000,000 sheep, producing annually more than 170,000,000 pounds of wool.

The bowl of a new medicine spoon has a hinged cover to retain its contents, easily lifted when desired.

To enable a man in one room to watch a chess master in another a device termed a detective has been invented.

#### Scheme to Fool the Taste When Swallowing Medicine

Yet another attempt has been made of devising some scheme whereby a patient may take a disagreeable medicine without tasting it. In the new idea a tiny cup is provided which is dipped inside an ordinary tumbler. The medicine is placed in the inner cup, and the tumbler filled with water. The inventor's idea is that the patient simply drinks the water, whereupon the medicine also flows out, and swallowed upon a film of water, is swallowed down, without coming into contact with the tongue.

### Many Are Color Blind.

One man in every 60 in England is partially or wholly color blind, so at least the tests for the English mercantile marine seem to show. A noted professor maintains that the proportion is even larger.

## JUST A LITTLE SMILE



Longing for New Worlds.

"So you think mechanical ingenuity has nearly reached its limit."

"No," replied the man who thinks a great deal without getting much result. "But we've conquered the land with wheeled vehicles, the sea with boats and the sky with airplanes. What puzzles me is where we are going next."

Pa Appreciates a Good Thing.

Kind Father—My dear, if you want a good husband, marry Mr. Goodheart. He really and truly loves you.

Daughter—Are you sure of that, pa?

Kind Father—Yes, indeed. I've been borrowing money of him for six months and still he keeps coming.



SUSPECTED IT.

"The people in the flat below bought their piano at auction."

"I suspected as much; it's going, going, going all the time."

Realism.

I much prefer the realist, Who toils and doesn't shirk, To the benign idealist, Who thinks and doesn't work.

Getting It Straight.

Willis—Are you going to marry Miss Tootsie?

Gibbs—I really can't say. She is my objective and her mother is my obligation.—Judge.

Natural Result.

"My ambition is to make enough to buy a little place in the country and raise chickens."

"Ah! Is that the ambition which is egging you on?"

Feminine Logic.

He—Give a reason for anything you believe. Now, why do you think 13 is an unlucky number?

She—Because it brings you bad luck.

A Difference.

"There is one big difference between pie and talk."

What is that?

"If you believe your words, you are not likely to have to eat them."

THE FAN.

I'm going to move into the city next summer.

Into the city? I should think the summer would be just the time when you'd want to be in the country.

What? And miss all the ball games? Not on your life.

Curiosity.

He passed from this little old sphere. And these are the questions that ring: His fellows said, "What did he leave?" The angel said, "What did he bring?"

He Knew.

Teacher—Don't you know that punctuation means that you must pause? Willie—Conse I do. An auto driver punctuated his tire in front of our house Sunday and he paused for half an hour.—Boston Transcript.

A Luxury.

"Thanks," said the judge; "a sweet draught from fairer hand."

"Yes," interrupted Maud Muller, fixing him with a cold look; "but before you ride away remember there's a one-cent war tax on that drink."

Different Then.

"P. T. Barnum said the public liked to be humbugged."

"Quite true," admitted the man who was doing sums in arithmetic. "But it cost so much less to be humbugged when Barnum was alive!"

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A Quorum.

Peck-Bar, my dear, I thought we had planned to go to the theater this evening.

Mrs. Peck—Yes, I know, but I have changed our minds.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Cuticura Soothes Itching Scalp.

On retiring gently rub spots of dandruff and itching with Cuticura Ointment. Next morning shampoo with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Make them your every-day toilet preparations and have a clear skin and soft, white hands.—Adv.

HAVE TO PURCHASE BRIDES

Santail Indian Bridegroom Must Lay Up Money Before He Can Aspire to a Wife.

The Santail Indians must literally purchase their brides. They pay a sum of money to the girl's parents—usually about 100 rupees—and, in addition, they present the mother and the female relatives with new saris or shawls.

Should the bridegroom choose a widow for his wife, she will only cost half the sum mentioned. The reason why the Santail Indians hold widows in less regard than unmarried females is because they assert that in the next world man and wife are reunited, hence a widow who marries again is only "lent" to her second husband.

When a young man courts a girl who does not favor his suit, he adopts an eccentric way to cure her stubbornness. After having dipped his finger in red paint, he goes in search of the lady and imprints his mark on her forehead. Then he may claim her as his wife.

Safe and Sane.

"We had a safe and sane Fourth of July."

"Yes," remarked Miss Cayenne. "Children are no longer encouraged to take a morbid interest in amateur fireworks in order to entertain their parents."

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