THE FOURTH OF JULY.

The Fourth of July! What's this all about?
This booming of cannon, this great, mighty shout?
This firing of crackers and shooting of rockets?
Why, surely, such work will empty your pockets.
Is Uncle Sam crazy? What can it be?
We had no such rackets over the sea.

Oh, listen a moment, my friend from the Isle;
Your numerous questions have caused me to smile.
'Tis Uncle Sam's birthday–this Fourth of July–
That's the reason you see the Stars and Stripes fly;
This nation is more than a century old,
And our love for its freedom never grows cold.

On the Fourth of July, seventeen seventy-six,
Our statesman of old their names did affix
To the great "Declaration" we've heard read to day,
Making this nation free, with no more of the sway
Of the King of Great Britain over the sea,
And forever to be the "land of the free."

We know of no nation so grand and so free
As America is and forever shall be;
There's no fairer land on the face of the earth
Than Uncle Sam's country, and surely 'tis worth
All the lives that were lost and the blood that was spilled
By our forefathers who in its battles were killed.

They struggled and fought until victory was won
For God's greatest country under the sun.
The States were united–thirteen of them then,
And Washington stood, with other great men,
The head if this Government–mighty and free.
There's no country like it over the sea.

This nation has grown, we have States forty-five,
And to its best interests we're always alive.
So the Fourth of July is the day of the year,
We honor our country and wish it good cheer.
Come on, Young America, "let the band play,"
Three cheers for our country–'tis Uncle Sam's day.

TRADES THAT KILL.

People are afraid to travel by land or sea and take out all sorts of accident policies, but there are many legitimate occupations or trades that kill as certainly and steadily as the most ill regulated steam engine. An old writer said that human life was the cheapest thing on earth. Strange to say, says an English trade journal, you cannot frighten the workmen who know how dangerous is their trade, and not even higher wages will tempt them from such death traps. Lead, in the form of bullets and shot, is a deadly, dangerous thing, but it is also death dealing to all who use it in their work, as house painters, gilders, calico printers, type founders, potters and braziers.

Mercury is a foe to life. Those who make mirrors, barometers or thermometers, who etch or color wool or felt, will soon feel the effect of the nitrate of mercury in teeth, gums and the tissues of the body. Silver kills those who handle it, and photographers, makers of hair dyes and ink and other preparations ere long turn gray, while a deadly weariness subdues them, and soon they succumb. Copper enters into the composition of many articles of everyday life, and too soon those who work in bronzing and similar decorative processes lose teeth and eyesight and finally life. Makers of wall paper grow pale and sick from the arsenic in its coloring, and matchmakers lose strength and vitality from the excess of phosphorus used in their business.

Nitric acid is used by engravers, by etchers in copper, by makers of gun cotton and those who supply our homes with lovely picture frames. Its fumes are poison to the human lungs and soon destroy them completely. Ammonia kills the soapmakers; workers in guano grow deaf; hydrocyanic acid deals death to gilders, photographers and picture finishers, while zinc is a fatal foe to calico printers, makers of optical glasses and meerschaum pipes.

Mankind is by nature brave, and very few are deterred from action because of supposed danger. If the great builders and engineers of the world will stop and ask, "How many lives will this undertaking cost?" it is probable that the world would be without some of the greatest triumphs of modern thought. Everyday life and common occupations are full of silent courage, and all around are workers who die in the harness and are true heroes without knowing it.

ODD CAUSES OF ELECIRICAL FIRES.

The quarterly report of the Electrical Bureau of the National Board of Fire Underwriters makes mention of the following odd causes of fire:

A plush curtain in a theater, on being hoisted, came in contact with a 32 candle power incandescent lamp. The common size is 16 candle power. The heat from the lamp ignited the curtain, but the fire was discovered, with no loss except the curtain.

A stage hand was ordered to turn out an incandescent lamp, and not knowing how to do it, instead of turning the switch, he wrapped a damp towel around the bulb. Some time afterward the towel was discovered smouldering.

A portable incandescent lamp was allowed to remain lighted lying on a mattress. The heat from the lamp ignited the cloth and the excelsior of the mattress, and the fire spread through the basement and store.

An electric pressing iron was allowed to stand with the current turned on. The heated iron after a time set fire to the table, and the flames communicated to the surrounding combustible material.

A wagon loaded with gasoline collided with an electric car. The accident attracted the attention of the motorman of another car, who ran his car up to the scene. Seeing the oil running under his car, he turned on the currant to get away. A spark from the wheel immediately ignited the gasoline fumes, and instantly the street was ablaze. Four people were injured, one seriously, and one horse was burned to death.

Fire occurred in a basement, owing to dripping water falling on an electrical measuring instrument, thereby short-circuiting it.

Sparks from arc lamps in a department store ignited cloaks on a table beneath.

An elevator motor was burned out, having been left running when the employes left the store, the motor brushes being badly adjusted.

A carpenter dropped a nut on the coils of a rheostat, short-circuiting them with an iron frame resting against a gas pipe. An arc was formed between the frame and the pipe; the latter was melted and the escaping gas ignited.

Rats gnawed the insolution from a wire which lay on a gas pipe; an arc was established between the wire and the gas pipe, setting fire to the gas.

THREE CURIOUS PLANTS.

The Los Angeles *Herald* states that three of the most dangerous of vegetable plants in the world are the "cannibal tree" of Australia, the "death" or "grapple plant" of South Africa, and the "vegetable python" of New Zeland.

The "cannibal tree" grows up in the shape of a huge pineapple, and attains a height of eleven feet. It has a series of broad, boardlike leaves, growing in a fringe at the apex, which forcibly brings to mind a gigantic Central America agave; and these boardlike leaves, from ten to twelve feet in the smaller specimens and from fifteen to twenty feet in the larger, hang to the ground and are easily strong enough to bear the weight of a man of 140 pounds or more. In the ancient times this tree was worshipped by the native savages under the name of the "devil tree," a part of the interesting ceremony being the sacrifice of one of their number to its all too-ready embrace. The victim to be sacrificed was driven up the leaves of the tree to the apex, and the instant the so-called "pistils" of the monster were touched the leaves would fly together like a trap, crushing the life out of the intruder. In this way the tree would hold its victim until every particle of flesh would disappear from his bones.

The "grapple plant" is a prostrate herb, growing in South Africa. Its flowers are purple and shaped like the English foxglove. Its fruit has formidable hooks, which, by clinging to any passer-by, is conveyed to situations where its seed may find suitable conditions for growth. Sir John Lubbock says it has been known to kill lions.

The "vegetable python," which is known to the naturalist as the clusia or fig, is the strangler of trees. The seeds of the clusia, being provided with a pulp and very pleasant to the tropical birds which feed thereon, are carried from tree to tree and deposited on the branches. Here germination begins. The leafy stem slowly rises, while the roots flow, as it were, down the trunk until the soil is reach. Here and there they branch, changing their course according to the direction of any obstructions met with. Meanwhile from these rootlets leafy branches have developed, which, pushing themselves through the canopy above, get into the light and enormously accelerate their growth. Now a metamorphis taks place! For the hitherto soft aerial roots begin to harden and spread wider and wider, throwing out side branches, which flow into and amalgamate with each other until the whole tree trunk is bound in a series of irregular living hoops. From this time on it is a struggle of life and death between the forest giant and the entwining clusia. Like an athelete, the tree tries to expand and burst its fetters, causing the bark to bugle between every interlacing; but success and freedom are not for the captive tree, for the monster clusia has made its bands very numerous and wide. Not allowed expansion, the tree soon withers and dies, and the strangler is soon expanded into a great bush, almost as large as the mass of branches and foliage it has effaced. It is truly a tragedy in the world of vegetation.

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During hot weather it is a good plan to build a few movable roosting boards outside the henhouse, shutting the flock out each evening, compelling them to roost outside until late in the fall. The result will be less vermin to fight, the hens will lay better and the night air will be more healthful than the odor of a close house. Breeders of poultry who practice this each season are well convinced it is practical and beneficial.

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All hail the glorious 4th of July.

SUNDAY FEEDING.

Under the heading of the "Sunday Penalty of Irregular Feeding" the Medical Record points out that in our progress from barbarism we have evolved a people with whom regularity in eating is absolutely necessary to good health. As a result of this artificial existence, the secretions are poured out and ready for action with the monotony of clockwork. If this custom is neglected, the violator not only suffers bodily discomfort, but an actual injury is down to the digestive apparatus, which has been so educated that it requires a definite amount of exercise and positive promptness in feeding that requirement. The stomach having poured out its secretions, as customary, waits only a short time before allowing them to be absorbed without the accompanying nutrition which goes to the formation of more secretions. After a few such experiences, the secretions become less in amount and activity, and indigestion ensues. Dyspectics are ordered to eat at inflexibly regular intervals. Normal stomachs are by no means many, yet this rule, so imperative to sufferers, is regularly disregarded by the well. Once a week, the three regular daily meals are replaced by late rising and abstinence, followed by gluttony. The gastric juices know nothing of a seventh day of "rest," and the result is discomfort, stupidity and loss of appetite on Monday.

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