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MAY BE NEXT ATTORNEY GENERAL



This is the latest photograph of Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, who, according to the guesses of a great many people, is likely to be attorney-general in President Wilson's cabinet.

ALLAH HEARD HIS FOLLOWER

Arab Rescued From What Must Have Seemed to Him as Almost Hopeless Situation.

Soldiering in the Sahara has its humorous as well as its tragic adventures, however. An amusing tale is told of an old Arab, the father of one of General Laperrine's men. He was antelope hunting, and when half dead with thirst he reached a well forty-five feet deep. At the bottom he could see the delicious water, but, like Tantalus, could not reach it. Unlike the mythical martyr, though, he was not chained to the rocks, and as the well was not very wide he did not hesitate to let himself down part of the way, and finally fell into the pool. It was quite impossible for him to get out, but, like a good fatalist, he waited in his bath, praying Allah to send some travelers by. In these regions weeks and sometimes months pass without the wells being visited, but next day fortune favored him by sending some of the French camel corps that way, who were not a little astonished at hearing a voice from beneath. "Good day, Syrians" (as the Arabs call the Saharian troops), "you might send me down a stronger rope to climb up with." He had recognized at once the pattern of the Spahi rope, and knew to whom he was talking.

IMPROVE MILK OF COACOANUT

South African Natives Show Real Ingenuity in Their Treatment of This Important Food.

South Africa natives along the Orange river have a way of producing "milk," which, primitive as it is, vies in ingenuity with the method of those who believe in the synthetic production of what the journalist, hard up for a synonym, has been known to call "the lacteal fluid." After cutting the top from a cocoanut, the native places the nut over hot ashes, so that the warmth may cause the fat and "butter" contained in the husk to be absorbed by the milk. This changes the milk quality and gives it a palatable taste. In order to deal with several nuts at a time, the natives construct rough "holders" from old iron hoops. The ashes are placed under the grating and the nuts set in it. Obviously there must be no actual fire beneath the nuts, or they would be burned away and the milk be lost.

NO FAVOR.

Traveling Lecturer for Society (to the remaining listener)—I should like to thank you, sir, for so attentively hearing me to the end of a rather long speech.

Local Member of Society—Not at all, sir. I'm the second speaker.—Punch.

WOULD BE GASTRONOMIC FEAT

School Teacher Did Not Understand the Cheeses Were Not for Use of the Passengers.

A wdely known novelist was aboard the steamer Megantic at Montreal, and just before the vessel left on its trip for Liverpool was watching the loading of an enormous quantity of Canadian cheeses.

A number of school teachers were on the boat, bound for Quebec, and these young women were very much interested in the loading of the cheese. One of them asked the novelist how many there were.

"The Megantic takes on from 15,000 to 25,000 cheeses every trip," he truthfully informed her.

"How many people are there on board?" she asked.

"About twelve hundred this trip."

For a moment the young woman regarded him in astonishment; then she looked at the cheeses being loaded by the hundred. "It's truly wonderful!" she gasped. "I never would have believed it if I had not seen them with my own eyes! And only twelve hundred people! Goodness me, they must be fierce cheese eaters."

SALT AS A SUICIDAL MEDIUM

Physician Asserts It Is Frequently Used as Means of Self-Destruction Among the Chinese.

A Michigan physician, C. Heman Borrow, M. D., writes in the Journal of the American Medical association of his experience in China with a large number of cases of fatal poisoning from the use of salt, asserting that in several of the Chinese provinces "the drinking of a saturated solution of salt is a common mode of committing suicide, and there is none more difficult to treat. In only one case did I succeed in securing recovery. Salt taken for suicidal purposes sometimes in a common saturated solution made with water as the solvent, and sometimes the brine from salted water. . . . The amounts taken vary with the determination of the person taking it, but usually are from one to three rice bowlfuls—half a pint to a pint."

COURTEOUS ENGINEER.

The officials of the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad, between Utica and Massena Springs, N. Y., are noted for their courtesy. Two ladies, in a little town in northern New York, who had not met for some time, met one day on the railroad track which runs through the main street of the town. Their meeting was marked by many exclamations and embraces. The train pulled in at the station, near where the ladies stood chatting. The passengers got off. The trunks were trundled away. Still the train did not go on. After about twenty minutes the engineer alighted and stepped up to the ladies. Politely removing his cap, he remarked, "Pardon me, ladies, for interrupting you; but we had planned on reaching Potsdam this morning, and if you would not mind stepping off the track we will be moving along."

HOW TIME IS SPENT.

Sydney Smith once made an elaborate calculation as to the way people apportion their time in the course of a long life. When he was seventy-two he remarked to a girl he met, "Do you ever reflect how you pass your life? If you live to be my age, which I hope you may, your life is passed in the following manner: An hour a day is three years. This makes twenty-seven years sleeping; nine years dressing; nine years walking; nine years at table; six years playing with children; nine years walking, drawing and visiting; six years shopping, and three years quarreling.

POLICEMAN AT $1 A YEAR.

Because of a crime wave existing in Northumberland, Pa., Charles Rhoads, a society man, offered the borough council his services as police officer for $1 per year. It was eagerly accepted. He is now patrolling a beat. The borough's police force numbered one before the social favorite was on the job.

GLUE.

"Where is Mrs. Gaddy's sporty husband nowadays?"

"Well, as he broke his neck in an auto race the other day, nobody is quite sure, but he always was for a place where there was plenty of scorching."

REVERSE ENGLISH.

"I've got to see a young man today on a delicate errand."

"Ah, he wants to marry your daughter."

"No; I want to marry his mother, and I don't believe he views me in the most suitable light."

THEIR NATURE.

"The two friends are rather ascetic and inclined to penitential exercises."

"What do they do?"

"One wears a hair shirt and the other has joined a Browning club."

CAN HELP THEMSELVES.

Mrs. Church—Are your children being brought up to help themselves?

Mrs. Gotham—Are they? Why, I can't keep a particle of jam in the house more than a day!

BOOK OF THE HOUR.

"It is the novel of the hour."

"Think so?"

"Yes; there hasn't been a better novel written since 11:30 last night."

IRRESISTIBLE INDUCEMENT.

Her Friend—If you don't like the hotel service, why do you stay there?

Herself—My dear, they have such perfectly exquisite stationery.

ITS KIND.

"The member of the society with the very deep voice sang me a song of welcome on my return."

"Indeed! What I would call a bass reception."

TIME FOR IT.

"I've got the dot on you."

"Then I guess it's time for me to make a dash."

RETROACTIVE.

"Are Jabbs' tips of any value to you?"

"Certainly they are. I avoid loss by never taking them."

WITH DIAMONDS.

"How would you advise me to have the door opened to a successful courtship?"

"Merely by ringing the belle."

ACCOUNTED FOR.

"Reginald's poems called 'Heart Throbs' are very weak."

"That accounts for their bad circulation."

REMEDY.

Employer—I find you a poor helper in the business.

Employee—I wouldn't be so poor if you'd raise my salary.

JOSEPH R. WILSON



Joseph R. Wilson, brother of the president-elect, is a candidate for the position of secretary of the senate and recently visited Washington to look over the ground. He is the city editor of a newspaper in Nashville, Tenn.

BERLIN MUST BEHAVE ITSELF

Strict Regulations as to Conduct Have Been Made, and They Will Be Rigidly Enforced.

The German police are determined that Berlin shall behave itself, that henceforth it shall be an orderly and a desirable place of residence. To this end it is forbidden—our old friend "verboten"—to walk more than three abreast on the pavement, to swing walking sticks or umbrellas, to talk loudly, whistle, sing, or shout, to drop cigar or cigarette ends, paper or fruit on the pavements, and to wear long skirts that produce dust. Nothing has been said so far about squeaking boots, or loud-ticking watches, but probably the German police have their eagle eye upon these evils and they will be abated in due course. Now, the fun of the whole thing is the fact that these rules will be enforced. No German law ever drops into desuetude. These rules will have as much force in fifty years' time as they have today unless they shall be categorically repealed, and they will be applied without discrimination or favor.—San Francisco Argonaut.

UNTOUCHED BY FATHER TIME

Mohammedans of the Thracian Plain Live Almost Exactly the Same Life as Their Ancestors.

The Turkish and other Mohammedan villagers from the Thracian plains are retracing backward the steps of their ancestors of five centuries ago, and leaving Europe to return to Asia. And the weird part of it is that in costume, conveyances and manner of life there has been practically no change in these five hundred years. The wheels of their long, narrow carts have spokes in them now, where they used to be solid wheels, and perhaps the rush matting that protects the family from the weather may be a little better woven. But the oxen or buffaloes that leisurely drag the household along, and the barefooted wife or the sandaled husband with the goad who pulls these lumbering animals by a string, and the primitive mode of life on their plodding journey, all belong to a bygone age.

BRUTAL FRANKNESS.

"My face is my fortune," said the girl.

"In that case I would advise you to go through voluntary bankruptcy," responded the man, "and then take up the intellectual pose."

EXCEPTION.

"Don't you think people have a right to talk when a man pays constant attention to a married woman?"

"Not if it happens to be his wife, unless it is from surprise."

PAID TRIBUTE TO THACKERAY

Whitelaw Reid, an Admirer of the Great Novelist, Told of His Popularity in America.

The London Daily Chronicle tells us that England has lost a Thackeray enthusiast in Mr. Whitelaw Reid. Speaking one night at the Titmarsh club—of which he was a member—Mr. Reid bore testimony to the popularity which the author of "Vanity Fair" still enjoys in America. "For years I was constantly hearing gossip about Thackeray from those who had met him during his visits to us," he said. "Their accounts all ran one way. They admired his talk and they loved him. . . . They pointed out the corner in the Century club where he used to sit exchanging literary chat, or, in Yankee arlance, 'swapping stories,' with a group of club men about him. They could tell you years afterwards what had been Thackeray's favorite chair, and some had even been so observant of the least trifles about the great man as to know what particular concoction in a club tumbler had been his favorite 'nightcap.'"

SILVER PLATE OF THE NAVY

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SAFE.

Two old friends met in the sanctum of the Congressional Record and cordially shook hands.

"Well," said one, "I guess the change in administration isn't going to affect us ony."

"No danger," said the other. "The Record can't do without you and me."

They both shook hands again, and strolled into the copy room.

One was "Laughter."

The other "Applause."

CUT THIS OUT.

"Am I all the world to you, Jack dear?" she cooed.

"You are certainly a fair portion of it," he told her, and so made the classy double play of pleasing her and keeping to the exact truth.—Boston Transcript.

NOT ENCOURAGING.

"Madam, do you think you can use your influence with your husband to induce him to support me in this campaign?"

"I don't know, sir. I've never yet succeeded in inducing him to support me."



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