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TO OPERATE AIRSHIP FLEET

Ambitious Plans Credited to English Company Well Within the Realm of Possibility.

A company has been formed in England for the purpose of operating a fleet of airships to various parts of the world. The syndicate desires to acquire ground near Southport, where it proposes to erect a tower 120 to 150 feet high to which airships may be moored, and an elevator will take the passengers up the tower and into the gondolas of the ships. The syndicate intends to have a fleet of non-rigid airships in commission next spring; the smaller will carry 32 passengers and crew and the larger 40 passengers and crew. The company also anticipates running some of the larger rigid airships now in course of construction. These will have a carrying capacity of 150 passengers and be able to travel to any part of the globe. It is proposed to use the smaller non-rigid airships to feed the larger ones and meet them at the principal centers. The cost per mile is put at about half the cost of a taxicab fare today, approximately about 18 cents per mile. —Scientific American.

Reasons for Feeding Birds.

By feeding the birds in cold weather one provides ammunition against the mosquitoes of June, explains a member of the Animal Protective league. It seems that birds feed their young on mosquitoes, thus destroying great numbers of the pests. Little natural food is available for birds in the winter except in the extreme South, and even there less can be found by them at this season than in the summer. So when the table or pantry shelf is cleared of crumbs if the contents of the crumb tray are scattered outdoors instead of being put in the garbage can, the birds will be thankful, and will show their gratitude by saving the food-giver many a mosquito bite next summer.

Mosquitoes are only one of the many excellent reasons why birds should be fed during the winter. The others are all the other insects which hamper the production of the garden, and all pleasures of song and plumage.—St. Joseph Gazette.

MIXTURE OF MANY NATIONS

On Street of New York Almost Every Type of the Human Race May Be Met.

Walk through Grand street from Third avenue to Clinton street, which is not a long distance, and you have the types of the whole world before you. They are not in concentrated form; they are diluted. But if you analyze, even hurriedly, you will soon be able to know the components of each one of them, according to "Dust of New York," by Konrad Bercovici.

A remote Tartar ancestor of one of the pushcart peddlers is plainly seen in the small, sunken black eyes. In another the straight line of the back of the head tells you that his mother or his grandmother had lived once in Hungary. In another one the Slav type, the flat, fleshy nose is mixed with the Wallachian strong chin. Teuton blood calls out through the heavy cast of an otherwise typical Austrian Jew. A Spanish grandee, as if come out of a page of Cervantes, is selling shoe laces and cuff buttons. And a Moroccan prince, ill at ease in his European garb, is offering to the passer-by some new Burbankian fig-plum-orange combination.

The vendors call out their wares in what seems at first a tongue all their own. But a trained ear soon discovers that it is English, or, rather, that English is the essential component of the chemistry of their language; the rest being words of their own creation, or scraps from a dozen other languages which stuck to the people of woe in their 2,000 years' peregrination from land to land.

The Ombu Tree.

The ombu tree on the South American pampas, says W. H. Hudson in Far Away and Long Ago, is a very singular tree, indeed, and being the only representative of tree vegetation natural to the soil, on these level plains, and having also many curious superstitions connected with it, it is a romance in itself. It belongs to the rare Phytolacca family, and has an immense girth—forty or fifty feet in some cases; at the same time the wood is so soft and spongy that it can be cut into with a knife, and is utterly unfit for firewood, for when cut it refuses to dry, but simply rots away like a ripe watermelon.

Cost of Style.

Mother—Why do you wear that thin blouse?

Daughter—It's stylish.

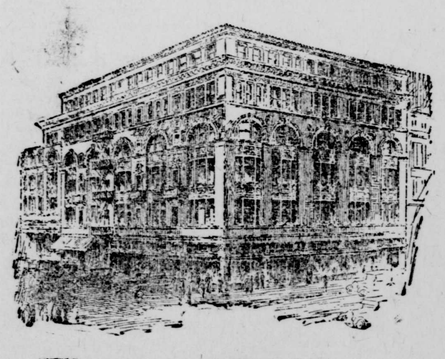
"You must be cold."

"I am."

"I should think you'd shiver."

"No, it isn't stylish to shiver!"

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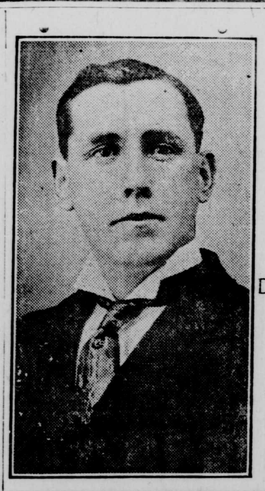
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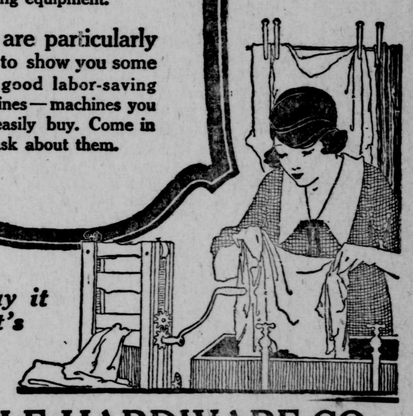
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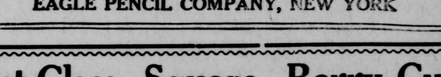
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