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ODD GADGETS SENT TO PATENT OFFICE

Devices Range From Hen's Nest to Sea Wall.

Washington.—Hard times or no, hopeful inventors are offering the world a constant stream of ponderous achievements and frivolous gadgets.

Recent inventions registered at the United States patent office range from a snowplow to a new kind of hen's nest, replacing the conventional straw variety so long in use, and to an improved type of sea wall.

An inventor in the sheep walks of Australia has received a patent for a "deburring machine" designed to remove foreign matter from wool. The description accompanying the patent tells in some detail how the sheepskin is put through a mechanical combing process to remove burrs, emerging, the inventor no doubt hopes, as clean as when it first clothed a new-born lamb.

Edward Arthur Forbes of West Palm Beach, Fla., obtained the patent for a sea wall. Wherein this particular sea wall is an improvement upon other sea walls is not immediately apparent from the description in the Patent Office Gazette, but it might be considered significant that a Floridan should invent a sea wall.

Freak Inventions Predominate.

Minor and freak inventions dominate the patent office lists. Only rarely does one appear so revolutionary as to cause a sensation, except, perhaps, among technicians especially interested. Most of the names appearing as inventors are either large corporations or their employees.

In the latter class is Olaf Bjork of Taft, B. C. The world may live to see delegations of motorists making pilgrimages to Bjork, for he has invented a backstop for automobiles. It is a simple device of rubber and coil springs, taking the place of the familiar rear bumper, and is designed to cause a recoil when one automobile sneaks up and bumps another in the rear.

Another recent invention is a combination fountain pen and inkstand, in which a device in the inkstand operates the filling device in the pen, thus saving labor for the pen's owner.

Prune Pitter Designed.

From California came a design for a prune pitter. This machine has a gadget for gripping the prune firmly, a rubber tube to be applied to the end of the prune, and a device for extracting the pit. The pit then is sucked through the tube and deposited wherever they deposit prune pits in California.

A few other recent patents, as listed in the Gazette, are: Handbag and concealed muff (this combines the old-fashioned hand warmer with the modern oversize purse), cigarette cork tipper, hatband fastener, game board, hair-cutting machine, identifier for toothbrushes and the like (being an initialled necklace for your toothbrush), machines for wrapping cigars and other elongated bodies, finger ring (this has a series of hearts, alternately right side up and upside down).

Forgets Rented Horse; Tied to Tree 3 Days

Pittsburgh.—When Frank Sopoliski hired a saddle horse and had not returned it two days later George Fassinder, owner of the South Hills riding schools, figured something was wrong. A 12-hour search located Sopoliski at his home.

Then, Fassinder told Humane society officials, Sopoliski thought of the horse for the first time since he had gone swimming in a South park pool. He wasn't quite certain where he had left the horse, Fassinder said, but they finally found it in a clump of woods a quarter of a mile from the pool.

The horse, its owner said, had been tied to a tree so closely that it had not been able to reach food nor water during the 76 hours it was there.

At a hearing before Ald. Patrick Cawley, Sopoliski was fined $10 for cruelty to animals and posted $1,000 bond for a hearing on the criminal charge of failing to return a rented horse.

New Aluminum Metal Produced in Sweden

Stockholm.—A new aluminum alloy called "cromal," which combines great hardness and tensile strength with the light weight of aluminum, has been perfected in Sweden by a metallurgist, J. Haerden. By means of a special patented process the inventor has been able to unite aluminum with chromium.

Tree-Sitting Cat Quits

Knoxville, Tenn.—A tree-sitting cat spent a week in a tree here without food or water before it was forcibly lowered to the ground.

Writer Absolves Nero; Emperor Fought Flames

Arthur Weigall, the historian, has knocked into a cocked hat the notion that "Nero fiddled while Rome burned." Poor Nero! He not only did not know how to fiddle but was head of the fire brigade.

According to Mr. Weigall in his fine and scholarly volume on Nero, this gentleman when the fire broke out was at his country estate. And that explodes the popular notion that he set the place on fire for the fun of watching it burn.

He rushed back to town and spent six days and nights working like a Trojan—or like a Roman, it being another wrong notion that the Trojans worked harder than anybody else—and organizing fire brigades all over Rome trying to put the fire out.

When, however, it got out near his own magnificent home with its great collection of art treasures and he saw it was doomed, he stood on the river bank in front of the house and sang a funeral dirge, for Mr. Weigall states that Nero was one of the greatest singers that ever lived—a tall, robust, red-haired, freckled-faced opera singer, more interested in his music than in fires or in burning Christians.

Thus do our notions crumble one by one before the onslaught of truth! —Albert E. Wiggam in International-Cosmopolitan.

Body of Cortes Rests in Mexico City Church

The Mexican government announced not long ago that it is in possession of documents proving definitely that the remains of Hernando Cortes, Spanish conqueror of Mexico, are in the central altar of the church of Jesus Nazareno in Mexico City, says Pathfinder Magazine. For more than a century there has been a mystery as to the final disposition of the remains of Cortes. He died near Seville, Spain, on December 2, 1547, and his ashes were sent to Mexico about 15 years later and placed in the hospital founded by him in the Mexican capital. When the agitation against everything Spanish was at its height in 1823 the ashes of the conquerer were removed to the church near the hospital for fear that they might be desecrated. The church, which will be made a Cortes shrine, is near the hospital which still benefits by the will of Cortes. The conqueror of Mexico, like many other Spanish heroes of the time, was neglected after he returned to Spain. There is a story to the effect that he once forced his way through a throng around the carriage of Emperor Charles and mounted the step. Charles demanded who he was. "I am a man," Cortes replied, "who has given you more provinces than your ancestors left you cities."

Sausages as Tithes

In the town of Demen, Germany, it seems, the church is entitled to receive 130 pounds of a certain kind of sausage, known as Mettwurst every year from the local tithe-payers. Recently the latter refused to supply the ration of sausage. The church invoked the aid of the law, and the tithe-payers had to deliver the customary Mettwurst. But the church was still unsatisfied—the sausage, it was alleged, was not up to standard—it contained too much beef. Mettwurst has always been a source of trouble in Mecklenburg-Schwerin. In many parishes the local clergyman was entitled to so many ells of the sausage from his parishioners. He always got the right length, but if he were unpopular, the Mettwurst was of the smallest possible thickness, there being nothing in the bond regarding its diameter.

Oldest Office Holder on Job for 60 Years

Richmond, Va.—Sergt. Patrick Boisseau of the Richmond police force claims to be Virginia's oldest officeholder. He is eighty-one and is entering his sixty-first consecutive year of public service in Richmond.

He was sheriff at Danville during the race riot there in the early '90s. Once, almost single-handed, he turned back a mob seeking to attack the jail to secure a negro prisoner.

"Uttering and Publishing"

This legal phase is most generally used in connection with the circulation of counterfeit money, forged notes, etc. Bouvier's Law Dictionary states that "to utter" in criminal law is to offer or to publish; also that "to publish" means primarily to make known. Webster's dictionary quotes F. Wharton that "to utter and publish a document is to offer directly or indirectly, by words or actions, such document as good."

Great Issue Provoked Passions of Statesmen

The startling declaration of Bob Toombs, of Georgia, that he proposed to call the roll of his slaves from the base of Bunker Hill monument—this in derision of the Massachusetts representatives who were fighting the slavery, was made in congress when the slavery question was incidentally raised in the discussion of a measure to purchase Cuba, writes J. H. Galbraith, Ohio historian. It was on February 25, 1859, and Gen. I. B. Sherwod, who told the story, said it was the occasion of his first visit to Washington. He was in the senate that night and heard the sensational debate. Over the thrilling memories of four years later in the Civil war the memory of what he saw that night stood out clear and fresh to his last days.

Toombs supported the purchase bill and made a vicious attack on Senator Seward, who opposed it. Senator Benjamin said that unless the purchase was made, Spain would free her colored slaves and there would be no tropical fruits, as these could be raised only by slave labor. Seward moved to tack on the homestead bill as an amendment. That roused Toombs to anger. That "land for the landless" argument was a scheme of the demagogues. "I despise a demagogue," he said, "but I despise still more those who are driven by demagogues."—Detroit News.

Medieval Dishes That Called for Condiments

An important reason for the apparent vast thirst of the English of medieval times, William Edward Mead explains, in his volume, "The English Medieval Feast," is found in the dishes common to their tables, wherein condiments and spices played a major part. Loaded with pepper, cubebs, mace, saffron, cloves, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, galingale, cummin, licorice, aniseed, and other tart ingredients, they were prone to inspire the consumer to frequent draughts from the ale keg or beer mug.

Here again the element of necessity entered. For, the author points out, fashion had in reality little to do with the extensive use of these elements. Our ancestors, he reminds us, had not yet begun to breed beasts and poultry for the table, except that the value of the capon was remembered from former days. Mutton was apt to be stringy, beef tough; and men made use of food from sources that today would be avoided with a shudder.

In the hope, then, of securing an aid to digestion, as well as to disguise the exact nature of many dishes, the spice box came frequently to hand as the cook worked. For natural crudeness cried aloud for mitigation, even at the feasts where kings ate crowned and bishops dined in cope and miter.

Agreed at Last

"Sam, where have you been?"
"No place—just married."
"Thas good."
"Not so good. I'se stepdad to nine kids."
"Thas bad."
"Not so bad. She's got plenty of money."
"Thas good."
"Not so good—held on it tight."
"Thas bad."
"Not so bad—owns a big house."
"Thas good."
"Not so good—it burnt down last night."
"Thas bad."
"Tain't so bad. She burned with it."
"Thas good."
"Yes, thas good."

Backgammon in 3000 B. C.

The University of Pennsylvania museum has what is regarded as one of the oldest dice in the world. The dice, which is said to date from about 2750 B. C., was found by Dr. E. A. Speiser in excavations at Tepe Gawra, Mesopotamia.

The dice is cubical in shape and is made of baked clay. The numbers are arranged so that five opposes four and two opposes three on the cube. The university museum has also a backgammon board among its collections which dates from about 3000 B. C. It is believed probable the dice found at Tepe Gawra may have been one of a pair used to play backgammon.

Even though politeness is the lubricant which makes the wheels of society run smoothly, a few grouches are needed for traction. —Life

Lady of the House: "I've called you in about a damp patch in the kitchen."

Plumber: "'Ere! Steady, lady! Strong language never 'elped!"

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

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BALTIMORE LIVESTOCK SHOW GROWS

The third Livestock Show at Baltimore Union Stock Yards is to be held October 13-16. The program and premium list is now available and if of interest. The Show is making a splendid growth and should be attended by prospective stockmen. Both feeder steers and pigs as well as fat cattle, sheep and swine are shown and sold. Here is a fine opportunity to see the finished product and to determine what type, weight and finish command the top prices. Here is the opportunity to fill your feed lots with feeders. The Show and Sale bring many feeders to Baltimore.

There are open classes for fat cattle, classes for fat cattle from South Eastern States in car lots—open classes for groups of these fat steers or heifers—open classes for individual steers or heifers with liberal prizes also championship ribbons are awarded in class. 4-H Calf Club fat cattle compete for breed and championship prizes. Feeder cattle of Hereford, Shorthorn or Angus breeding compete in two classes for good prizes prior to the sale. First class under 550 pounds in weight—second weighing between 550 and 850 pounds.

Fat hogs in car lots and by pens of five by weight classes compete for prizes. Individual barrows have prize money. Champion ribbons in each class will be awarded.

A new feature this year, will be the Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest under the supervision of Dr. DeVoe Meade, Head of Animal Husbandry Department of the University of Maryland. Horses, cattle, sheep and swine will be judged.

Winter Gardens and Canned Meats And Live At Home Plan

Kent Countains desiring to "live at home" have another chance through prolonging the normal garden season by using Fall and Winter gardens. Kale, Spinach, Cabbage can be grown to good advantage. Lettuce and other crops can be grown if wanted and time permits. Cold frames and hot beds for early spring use can be planned and arranged ths Fall—as another means of lengthenng the growing season.

Those desiring can also supplement the diet to good advantage by using tin or glass as a "means of preserving vegetables, fruits, meats, etc., nature has furnished a bountiful supply of "makings" for jellies, jams, etc.

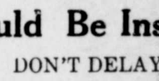
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