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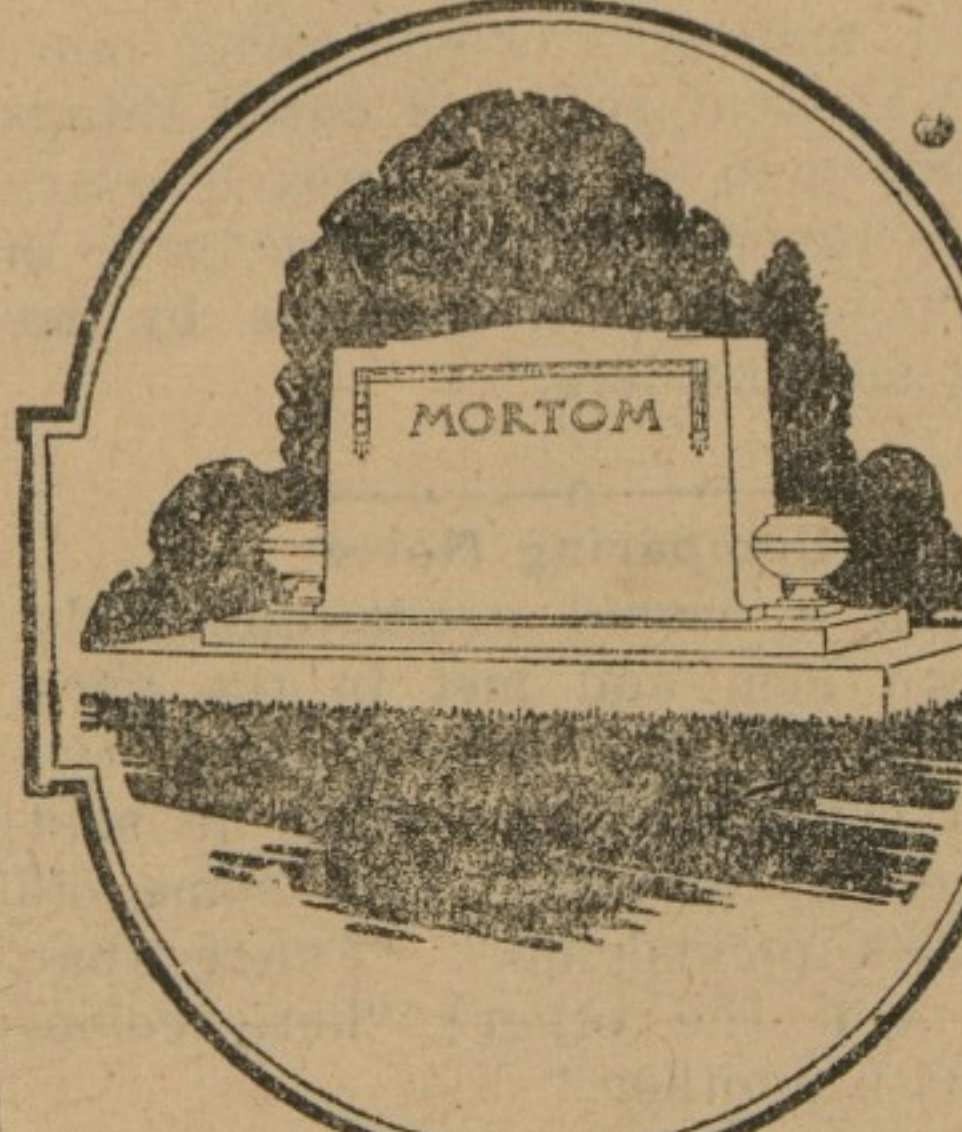
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## \$180,000,000 NEW YORK SPAN

The project for a great bridge across the Hudson River at Fifty-seventh St., to cost \$180,000,000 and to carry twelve trains abreast and twenty-four lanes of trolleys, busses and private automobiles, stirs even the imagination of the wondrous of modern finance and engineering. Measured by contemporary standards, the sum involved is not so huge. The proposed west side improvement will cost nearly as much. But for a bridge, \$180,000,000 sets a record. The Hudson River Bridge under the auspices of the Port Authority will cost only about a third of that sum. If the other is ever built, it will bridge the river like a cypress, dwarfing the great ships that pass underneath, much as the skyscrapers on lower Broadway dwarf Trinity Church.

It is not a new undertaking. For forty years Mr. Lindenthal, veteran engineer and architect of the Hell Gate Bridge over the East River, has devoted his unflagging energies to its promotion. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which has long sought a terminal in Manhattan, now appears as an "interested observer" of his efforts, although the railroad has refrained from formally joining with the North River Bridge Company in making application to the Secretary of War for approval of the plan.

## Hard to Shake Belief in Good and Bad Luck

It is hard to overcome such ingrained myths as the "thirteen" superstition. To any reasonable person you can demonstrate in two minutes that there is nothing in it. But these beliefs in good and bad luck are not kept going by people capable of reason. They are the beliefs of the unthinking mass with whom it is useless to argue.

Parrell, the famous Irish statesman, was one of the more prominent politicians who have been afraid of 13. His mother was responsible for it. Yet she was a woman of character and intellect. One day she was getting into a train at Dublin when she noticed the number of the coach was 30. "I won't go in that," she declared flatly; "it's unlucky." The lord mayor, who was seeing her off, asked why. "Because of multiple of 13," she said, and climbed into another carriage—a third-class one, although she had a first-class ticket. There was no other first-class coach but the "unlucky" one.

## Character Molded by Example of Parents

Do you ever wonder what your mother had been if your father and mother had been different? I often do.

My own father and mother lived what they tried to teach their two children; my sister and myself. To have so consistent an example of absolute integrity would be of incalculable worth to any child; I never can sufficiently express my debt of gratitude to them.

My father was a "natural born scientist, an indefatigable searcher for the relation between cause and effect. It was he that taught me to ask the why of everything; so want to know and to understand things. Both my father and my mother judged persons by the essentials of character; such things as honesty, kindness, uprightiness; by what persons were—not by how much money they had or how much show they could make.—Mary B. Mullett in the American Magazine.

Pala  
The late Chauncey M. Depew was fond of telling stories on himself. On one of his last birthdays, which had become occasions of ceremony, he told this one:

"I feel as Methuselah must have when one of the beauties of his court congratulated him on his nine hundred sixtieth birthday saying, 'You don't look a day over 130!'"

This also on himself:  
"One day I was stopped in the street by a lady who asked if her aged father might come in and visit me. 'He is nearly as old as you,' she said. 'He is feeble-minded, but I know he would enjoy talking to you.'"

The Appointed Place  
The big business man had died and gone to—well not to heaven. But hardly had he settled down for a nice long smoke when a heavy hand slipped him on the back, and into his ear he heard the voice of a persistent salesman who had pestered him much on earth.

"Well, Mr. Smith," chattered the salesman, "I'm here for the appointment."  
"What appointment?"  
"Why, don't you remember?" the salesman went on. "Every time I came into your office you told me you'd see me here!"

Character's Name Changed  
In the quarto edition of 1616 of "Hamlet," Corambis was the character afterward called "Polonius."

## OCEAN CITY IMPROVEMENTS

About \$125,000 worth of improvements, including municipal and private enterprises, are being completed at Ocean City at present, a general survey of this resort shows.

New buildings are being erected here to the extent of a quarter of a million dollars' value annually, city statistics show. In 1922 Ocean City's assessed valuation was only \$990,000.

Today its assessed valuation is more than \$2,500,000, an increase of more than 100 per cent, without a general revision in assessments.

This increase in assessed valuation is due almost entirely to new buildings erected and improvements.

Among the projects completed, or nearing completion at present are: \$50,000 Bryant-Conway Amusement center; \$15,000 McCabe Apartments; \$30,000 worth of new summer cottages; \$3,000 sewer project; \$5,000 street improvement project; \$3,000 highway to South Ocean City; \$2,500 Windsor Theatre improvement; \$8,000 Capitol Theatre improvement; \$3,000 West Ocean City property elevation; 2,000 Washington Pharmacy work; \$1,000 City Lunch Hall improvement; \$2,000 Ocean City golf course improvement; \$1,000 light line to Maridel Beach.

Proposed improvements, work upon which will get under way shortly are \$17,500 ocean pier; \$1,000 Coast Guard boathouse site and construction of a bulkhead in North Ocean City to cost not less than \$20,000.

## NEW YORK'S PROPOSED

## Evergreens Found in Warm and Cold Zones

An evergreen is a tree which stays green all winter—that is to say, the leaves do not fall in autumn, as do the leaves of deciduous trees. Many evergreens are conifers (cone-bearing trees), but not all conifers are evergreens. The larch is a conifer, but is not an evergreen.

Spruce is a familiar evergreen. It was so named because it was first known as a native of Prussia—French "pruss" and middle English "pruss" or "spruce." Spruce is an old name for Prussia. Fir is an old word, long in the language, always used for the tree; pine is Latin, also the name of the tree which it designates today. The hemlock has also been long in the language.

There are evergreens which are not trees. Almost all tropical plants, botanically speaking, are evergreens. The holly is an interesting northern evergreen, much used for decoration purposes at Christmas.

The rhododendron is an evergreen shrub. Its name, according to Webster's New International Dictionary, comes from Greek words meaning literally "rose tree." It was so named because of its large flowers.

Other evergreens of the north include certain varieties of the cedar, lily, laurel, etc. The words are all "old"—that is, they have been in the language for centuries, often nearly in the forms we know today as the names of these plants or similar plants.

## Spanish Sailor First to Discover Australia

While in South America, Doctor Henshew of Philadelphia is said to have acquired many interesting papers, including one which bears the only known signature of the discoverer of Australia, Capt. Pedro Ferrnando de Quiros. It commissions Gaspar de Gay and Manuel Noble as sailing masters of the ships San Pedro and San Pedro y Pablo, about to proceed on "the discovery of the unknown austral regions of this South sea by order of the king," and is dated Lima, July 27, 1605.

On leaving Callao harbor Quiros was, it is related in records of him, asked to lay down a course, and he replied: "Let her go as she is; God will take her somewhere." The ships came to the land fringe of Australia—"southern land"—and were separated by a storm. Returning Quiros now penniless, got a new outfit from Spain to continue the exploration, but died of fever on reaching Panama.

## Good, Clean Fun

A villain with a hook nose and club feet is after a green girl. He invites her to a cup of tea. "There's a hole in one of your stockings," he observes. "Don't lie to me," she retorts, "and I'll tell you if you get caught." He approaches. "This is not a fair way to treat me," she sobs. The villain hazard deathly scared. The hero drives up in his caddy-lac, puts, puts. "Stymie came," thinks the girl. The hero swings at the villain and tops him with an iron. "See the birdie!" gasps the girl. "He might be handsome, but not for me," replies the hero, and offers her a diamond ring. "Diot here," she says.—Los Angeles Times.

## Evil Passing for Good

Evil is easy, and its forms are infinite; good is almost unique. But a certain kind of evil is as difficult to find as what is called good; and often on this account this particular kind of evil gets passed off as good. There is no such an extraordinary creature of evil and to attain to it as well as to good.—Piscataway.

## Too Far Behind

One day Jessie's mother was telling of some incident which had occurred some time in the past and asked her small daughter whether she remembered it. Jessie replied: "No, I don't remember that; it is too far behind!"

## WELCOME THE STRANGER HERE

One of the discomforts of the traveling motorist is the possible consequences of violating local traffic rules of towns through which he passes. Most drivers want to abide by the law, not alone to avoid trouble for themselves, but because it is the right thing to do. In a few places they find the authorities helpful, while often just the opposite is true. An infraction of regulations, often unconsciously committed, results in embarrassment, expense and irritating delay.

There are towns, however, that go out of their way to lift this burden from the traveler. Atlantic City, as the New York Herald Tribune points out, is one of them. There, when cars of visitors are left in spaces forbidden to the natives, the traffic officers attach to them cards which announce that they will be told where they may park without violating local traffic rules. Also they are informed that they are welcome to the city.

Motoring will become much more of a pleasure than it is now when the Atlantic City plan becomes universal, if it ever does. And it need not be restricted to cities. In fact, the smaller the town the more welcome motorists ought to be made feel. Unfortunately, however, there seems to be a directly contrary state of mind in many places, especially the smaller ones. The visiting motorist often is regarded in a spirit of enmity and all sorts of traps are set to catch him unaware for violation of some regulation with which he may not be familiar. The result is that he cuts such towns off his visiting list from that time on. The way to welcome the stranger within your gates is to show him all the courtesies you can and help him adjust himself to local conditions.—Exchange.

## BASE BALL FOR THE SHORE

Plans were disclosed Thursday for the operation of an Eastern Shore League of professional baseball clubs to begin operation May 30th. Salisbury, Dover, Easton and Cambridge will comprise the circuit. While the calibre of players is expected to be as high as the Eastern Shore League, the new circuit will not attempt to secure franchises in organized ball this year. Three of the four managers have already been chosen and are now signing players.

George Russell, former third baseman, with the Fairmount Club of the Middle Atlantic League will be playing manager of the Salisbury Club. Walter Bell, erstwhile New York Yankee pitcher noted for his sharp breaking curves, will pilot Easton. Robert Poland, pitcher with the Petersburg, Va., club of the defunct Virginia League, will hold managerial reins at Cambridge and serve regular turn on the mound. A manager has not yet been announced for Dover.

## CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The Delaware State News for some years past has consistently advocated the abolishment of the whipping post and capital punishment in this State. We are still firmly of the opinion that the whipping post should be eliminated as a part of Delaware system of punishing criminals. We cannot see that its influence as a preventative of crime is sufficient to overcome its terrible effects upon those who are compelled to suffer its humiliation.

But in view of the crime wave that have been sweeping over this country in recent years, much of it due to the evils that have followed in the wake of prohibition, the low value that seems to have been placed upon human life by the gunmen and gangsters, we are just a little bit inclined to doubt the wisdom of abolishing capital punishment just yet, and we believe that sentiment on this subject is changing mounts up.

The recent action of the Michigan Senate in passing a bill providing for a State referendum on the advisability of restoring capital punishment as a penalty for murder in that State may be considered significant of a tendency of the times in the United States in the fact of the provocative aggressiveness of crime.

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