

UNCLE SAM RETIRES AS STAMP COLLECTOR

Washington—The postoffice department has stopped saving postage stamps, and its \$100,000 collection has been moved to the National Museum. It includes American stamps and also many valuable foreign stamps. It is now being classified according to nationality, date and denomination by J. R. Leavely and T. T. Blotie, experts. As a collection it is exceeded by that of the British Museum only.

SOME OLD STUFF

By the way, have you any corns on your feet? Want to get rid of them? Of course you do—and of course you have been told of no less than 41,144 ways to rid yourself of them—but the advice of Dr. L. K. Hirsch, of Baltimore: "Large, wide, and well-ventilated footwear are a client's cure." Old stuff, is it? And, by the way, some of this old stuff is worth considering. Things are not necessarily worthless, dangerous or to be ignored merely because they are old, are they?

BUSINESS CONDITIONS

Washington—Henry Ford, the Detroit manufacturer, was invited to the President Wilson to call at the White House to discuss business conditions, but accepted the invitation and will take lunch with Mr. Wilson. He is understood to agree with the President's opinion that the outlook for business is good. A different story will be told the President by a delegation of leading Chicago business men. They plan to protest to him against certain features of the personal and trust measures.

COMING OLYMPIC GAMES AROUSE GERMAN TURNERS

Berlin.—The interest that German sporting circles are taking in the Olympic games to be held in Berlin in 1916 is reflected in a remarkable increase in the organization of the turners.

The annual report of the national organization shows that 450 new clubs with a membership of 65,000 joined it in the course of the year. The general organization now consists of 11,000 clubs, having a total membership of 1,400,000.

WANTED—A GUILLOTINE! APPLY TO SWITZERLAND

Geneva.—The Moore District Tribunal, in the Canton of Valais, condemned to death a man named Maugé for brutally murdering, during a quarrel, a neighbor named Furrer, the father of five children. The jury said that there were no extenuating circumstances.

GREAT CATTLE RANCH.

Rockyford, Colo.—The Cudahy interests have shipped to their ranch near Ordway 2,000 cows to be used as the nucleus of what is planned to be the largest stock farm in the country or the breeding of packing house cattle. The cattle raised on the ranch will cost the Cudahy's about \$1,000,000, and they will spend more than \$1,000,000 on the ranch in the next few years for improvements.

SECRETARY LANE'S NEW ASSISTANT IS JUST PLAIN "BO"



Bo Sweeney.

Bo Sweeney of Seattle is the new secretary of the interior. He had been in Washington a few days ago and acquainted before he starts. Asked about his peculiar first name he replied that it was just plain with no frills or even a period. Sweeney is well known all along the Pacific coast, was a delegate to the convention in 1906 and served several terms in the legislature.

"I'M INNOCENT," PROTESTS DOCTOR'S WIFE; "I NEVER KNEW MRS. BAILEY"



Mrs. Edwin Carman.

Freeport, L. I.—(Special).—Despite the finding of bullets in the Carman house exactly like the one that killed Mrs. Louise Bailey in Dr. Carman's office last week, and in spite of the suspicions which were aroused when it was learned that Mrs. Carman had installed a dictograph in her husband's office, the wife of the Freeport physician still insists upon her innocence.

"I had never heard of Mrs. Bailey until the day of her tragic death," says Mrs. Carman, "and my husband assures me that he did not recognize her until she recalled herself to him. She was not a regular patient of his, and if she had been it is quite likely that I should not have known it, as Dr. Carman has a big practice, and his waiting room is often so crowded that additional chairs have to be taken in."

"On Monday I had been into New York and came home on a late afternoon train. Dr. Carman and I had been planning to go off together on a little holiday. We were going down to some farms that we have in New York and came home on a late afternoon train. Dr. Carman and I had been planning to go off together on a little holiday. We were going down to some farms that we have in New Jersey and take our little daughter, Elizabeth, who is nine years old, with us, and leave her there for the summer. On Monday, coming out home, I was talking to one of our friends here in Freeport about our proposed trip, and in suggested that we make up a party of several automobiles and all go together."

Had a Bad Headache. "When I arrived home I had a bad headache and was very tired, so I did not stop to eat dinner, but went upstairs and went to bed at once. After a while I heard the crash of shivering glass, and a pistol shot, and the excitement that followed. I jumped up and put on a dressing gown and ran downstairs, but my sister had already gotten down before me, and she made me go back upstairs. I did not enter the doctor's office at all, and so I did not see Mrs. Bailey. "As for having had the dictograph put in my husband's office, I will admit that I was jealous of him, and

BAILEY CASE STRANGEST OF MYSTERIES

The strangest thing about the murder of Mrs. Louise Bailey is the perfect simplicity with which the tragedy was staged and enacted, for she was killed, not at midnight in some lonely and sequestered spot, but at 8 o'clock of a summer's evening, in the very heart of a fashionable summer resort, and in a house that is located on a popular driveway that literally purrs of a summer evening with automobiles. Hundreds of persons must have been passing the spot a minute before and a minute afterward, yet in the midst of all this teeming humanity some one went unobserved across the lawn, raised a window and fired a fatal shot, and then walked away undiscovered. It sounds incredible, but it is true.

MONTENEGRO EXPECTS OUTBREAK OF WAR

Considerable attention is being given to a report from Munich that King Nicolas I. of Montenegro, expects a break out in the near future. This news was communicated by a physician whose name is not given, but who is said to be one of the foremost practitioners in the capital of Bavaria. The physician declares he was consulted recently by the king and crown prince of Montenegro. The doctor advised his royal patient to take a cure in the Austrian health resort, Bad Gastein, but the king rejected the advice with great indignation.

United States last year imported from France \$137,465 worth of canned fruits.

Chile in 1912 produced minerals valued at \$138,021,902.

Seven states in the United States and four provinces in Canada have enacted laws authorizing municipalities of 10,000 population or more to establish city plan boards or commissions.

"JUST A LOT OF WATER"

Boy Would Not Advise Taking Trouble to See Niagara.

You think that perhaps so much talking about Niagara has kind of dulled the edge of your appreciation of it. I don't believe it. The first man that saw it probably said: "What's to hinder?" and didn't stare at it very long. Nothing to eat there, and it looked spooky, and anyhow standing where it was so damp would probably give him rheumatism. It tells in the guide-book how a man in the early days went to see the place, and it was colder than hell that night, and he wouldn't advise it—Eugene Wood, in McClure's Magazine.

Cruel Woman

The tramp narrated the following story of an intensely tragic occurrence. "Yus," he said, "there was a beautiful lawn in front of the house, nicely kept, and it looked a real good chance for getting a bit of honest sympathy. So I went in, got down on me 'ands and knees, and starts chewing the grass. Out comes a kind-looking lady as I ever seed, and wanted to know what I was doing. Told her I 'ad 'er grubby toes, and she was obliged to eat grass. She looked very sympathetically at me, and then said: 'My poor man. Come around behind the house. The grass is longer there!'"

An Impossible Combination.

They were talking of the strange sights to be seen in a great city, and one man paid his tribute to New York. "I don't believe one of you could think of any combination of circumstances that hasn't at some time occurred on the streets there," he said. "I reckon I know of one that's never occurred there," said the other. "What's that?" asked the other, curiously. "I guess," said the first, "that you've never seen, nor ever will see, a brass band going in one direction and the heft of the folks going the other."

The Mind's Power.

"Zola," said a psychologist, "once wrote in a lady's album that his favorite amusement was writing and his favorite wish a sudden death. Zola died suddenly."

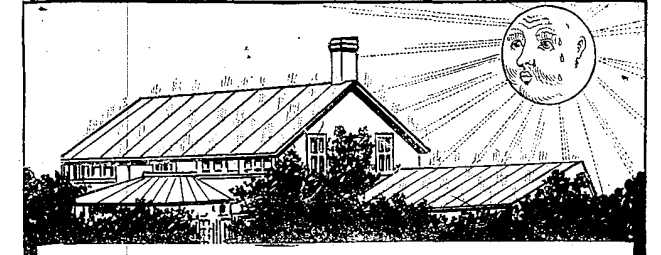
"And it is a strange thing," said the psychologist, "that those who prefer a sudden death usually have their preference gratified. It is one of those things which go to show the mind's mysterious power. Who knows but it is this very desire for death, quick, painless, undreaded, which actually causes that happy kind of death? The mind, you know, has a power that we have only just begun to understand."

The Way of the Reformer.

Every new truth which affects life must pass through a period in which it is hated before it attains the period in which it is loved. What people dread is change, what they wish is to be let alone. They will kill the reformer, if they can, and only those reformers who refuse to be killed, but who for years together go on savage, patiently, tenaciously, reiterate the same message, in the end have their way, and are believed.—Rev. Elwood Worcester's "The Emmanuel Movement" in the Century.

Why Pity the Farmer?

Mr. Mann of Gauda Springs loaded a large, fat hog into his automobile and took it to market in Arkansas City, where he got a good price for the porker. It took him a mighty short time to get the hog to town and get the cash for it. [A few minutes' scrubbing fixed the auto so that it did not smell like a barnyard, and the hog probably enjoyed the ride. What's the use holding meetings trying to improve conditions of farm life?—Witchite (Kan.) Eagle.



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