

THE CAPTAIN'S COMMENT.

The wireless operator on a small vessel was allowed to take the wheel for a short spell. His first attempt was a poor show and the course steered was very erratic, as shown by the wake of the vessel.

Just as a rather bad zigzag was made, the captain arrived on the bridge, scowled, and remarked:

"Here, my lad, I don't mind you writing your name on the face of the ocean, but, for Heaven's sake, don't trouble to go back to dot the 'i's.'"



GREATER THAN THEM ALL.

The class had been having a lesson on prominent men of the day. After the lesson the teacher asked the children individually to name the prominent person they would most like to see.

Some said the King, others Charlie Chaplin, and many of them mentioned famous athletes.

After a time one small boy shouted: "Please, miss, I'd rather see my father's boss."

"Well," replied the teacher, "I should hardly think one would class him as a prominent man; but let us hear why you would like to see him."

"Because," was the answer, "I've heard father say that his boss has got two hundred hands."



SMILE RAISERS.

"It seems to me, Mary, that you're marrying very hastily. What's the policeman's name?"

"I don't know his name, but I've got his number."



Traveller (to taxi-driver, who keeps his hand extended after receiving legal fare): "It's no use showing it to me—I don't know a thing about palmistry!"



Kitty: "They say, you know, that love makes the world go round."

Marie: "Maybe so; but it cannot make the eligible young man go round."



Little Elinora, aged nine, who has recently moved from a distant city, corresponds frequently with Mary, who was her closest chum. A few days ago Elinora received a letter from Mary, in which she said:

"Tell me when your birthday comes, for I want to send you a present. My birthday is next Tuesday."



A woman who had given a dinner-party met her doctor in the street the following day, and stopped to speak to him.

"I am so sorry, doctor," she said, "that you were unable to come to my dinner-party last night. It would have done you good to be there."

"It has already done me good," he replied, tersely; "I have just prescribed for three of the guests."

Science Siftings

(By Volt)

World's Brightest Light.

A short time ago the most powerful light-house in the world was lit for the first time. It is intended to light the airway from Algiers to Paris, and is built 1947ft above sea-level, on the plateau known as Mont Afrique, a few miles from Dijon.

Flashing at intervals of five seconds, the rays of the 874,000,000 candle-power light will be visible within a radius of 300 miles in clear weather, and from 100 to 125 miles in foggy weather.

Growing Grass by Electricity.

Experiments in the use of electric light at night for promoting the rapid growth of grass have been tried under outdoor conditions on a golf course in New Jersey (says a writer in the *Electrical Review*).

A clay gravel site was dug, and the top soil from another portion of the land used to provide about 15 inches of soil for the green. Over a portion of it were erected 24 special reflectors, each containing a 1000-watt tungsten bulb. The reflectors were hung four feet from the ground and gave a continuous even light. The weather was unfavorable to the rapid germination of grass seed, but the first seed came through under the electric light five days after planting.

Nothing came through on the unlighted portion of the green until two days later. At the end of three weeks the grass under the electric light had attained a general growth of nearly four inches, while on the portion of the green outside the lamps there was a growth of about one inch.

Clocks Without Dials.

The first clock of which there is any authentic record was invented by Richard de Wallingford, Abbot of St. Albans, in 1326. It was known to be going in the time of Henry VIII.

Some early clocks had no dials, so people had to wait until the hour was struck to learn the time. When dials were first introduced they only had one hand and only marked the hours. Later the hours were divided into quarters and "Jacks," or mechanical figures, struck the bells.

One of the earliest pocket watches known belonged to Oliver Cromwell (says a writer in the *Horological Journal*). This was made in 1625 by John Midnall, and was about the size and shape of an ostrich egg.

At that period watches became very fashionable and were often carried in the hand. There were no watch-glasses, and a shutter arrangement was used.

Fighting Disease From the Sky.

The malarial mosquito is being fought and defeated in its own strongholds by aviators armed with arsenical dust, which is spread in clouds over the malaria-breeding swamps.

The mosquito which carries the germ of malaria is a big black insect which breeds in low, swampy countries. At Mound, Louisiana, is a station situated in the midst of

the mosquitoes' breeding-places, where a group of scientists is studying the pest and seeking to devise a way to eradicate it.

Permission was given for the use of an aeroplane in some experimental work on the near-by swamps. One of the party believed that if calcium arsenate will kill the bot- weevil, it will be found equally effective on the mosquito and its larvae. So a certain section of swamp has been dusted with arsenate periodically, and the results are said to be quite satisfactory.

The value to the human race of these experiments can well be imagined. Statistics show the terrible mortality from malaria the world over. Medical science has made wonderful progress in dealing with the disease. The isolation of the malarial germ is a discovery of comparatively recent times, but if the source of infection can be wiped out, how much greater will be the accomplishment!

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