AVERTS GUN DISASTER

BRAVE OFFICER LOSES FINGER BUT SAVES BATTLESHIP.

Lieutenant Cronan Sees Explosion le Imminent and Thrusts Hand Into Breach of Cannon to Prevent Accident.

> New York .- The lives of a score of men might have been sacrificed in a second Georgia catastrophe and the superb flagship, Connecticut, might have been partially wrecked during the recent target practice of Cape find but for the bravery of Lieut. William Pigoti Cronan. As it was, the licutement lost the index finger of the right hand, a loss that is more serious to a fighting man than one imagines.

One day when all the four eightinch guns were in action, Lieut. Cronan was in command of the starboard after turret. A shot had just been fired at the distant target and a number of powder bags had been boisted up through the floor from the magazine. All but one of the bags constituting a full charge had been placed, in rapid succession, in the breech of the eight-inch guns. Then the remaining bag was shoved off the ammunition hoist into the breech and the gunner, whose duty it was to swing the heavy breech block to and fasten it accurely in place, by twisting it upon threads in the breech, was about to perform his part.

At that moment Lieut. Cronan noficed that the last bag of explosive that had been put in play must have been torn, for he saw many grains of the dangerous stuff glistening between the steel threads of the breechlock. He realized at once that were the breechlock to grind upon these grains, the latter would become ignited and explode the entire charge of powder in the gun, blow off the breechlock, and kill and maim those in the turret, as well as ruin both gun and turret. Oblivious of the fate that threatened every one in the turret, as the gunner was in the act of swinging the block Lieut. Cronan rushed forward and plunged his right hand between the breechlock and the wall of

the gun. The breech closed, badly mangling his hand and cleanly cutting off the first finger, which fell into the grooves and caused the closing mechanism to cios. The sallor at the breech of the gun fainted when he saw the act. The kalling together of a board of inquiry at the New York navy yard brought the heroic action to light.

FORBID HOUSES OF WOOD.

New York Authorities Extend Strict

New York.-A plan to stop building cof wooden houses in the suburbs, the enly sections of Greater New York where such building is now permitted. has been approved by the building code revision commission by its action in voting to extend the fire limits as practically to cover the entire reater city.

The commission's recommendation must be passed upon by the board of widermen, and a hard fight is promised when the board is ready for action, as builders and outlying land nwners say the move will stop rural Thome building and drive thousands of persons from the city.

Fire Chief Croker is the author of the plan, and he is backed up by the Poard of fire underwriters. Croker impressed upon the commission that they were fixing fire lines not only for the present, but for at least ten years to wome, and that before the end of that time districts which are now sparsely settled will be thickly built up. A fire in one of these districts, it was argued, might result in the destruction ef many millions' worth of property.

LETS WIFE GO FOR \$500,000. Englishman Reported to Have Secured

Sum from 'Frisco Millionaire.

Sloux Falls, S. D.-Powers Gouroud, widely known as "Chappie," a promizent Englishman, is the latest recipient of a South Dakota divorce.

He has just been granted a divorce Gertrude Crocker-Gouroud. daughter of William H. Crocker, the millionaire of San Francisco. The divorce was secured by the young Engfishman on the ground of desertion. The defendant is in a New York hosgital and was too ill to make the trip to Sloux Pails to appear in person at the hearing upon her husband's application for divorce, but she was reprerented by an attorney.

An apparently well-founded rumor which is in circulation among the joeal divorce colony has it that the young Englishman, in consideration for withdrawing from the Crocker ramily, received the sum of \$500,000 Another story in reference to the terms of settlement is to the effect shat instead of receiving \$500,000 outright the father of his ex-wife has set aside the sum of \$1,000,000, the interest upon which shall go to Couroud during his lifetime

British Postal Figures. London.-From a report issued by the postmaster general it appears that for the past 12 months the postal business of the United Kingdom netted a profit of about \$25,000,000, while the elegraph department lost about \$3,000,000. More than 20,040,000 let nors were not delivered, herause of faulty address, and it was found they contained about \$8,500,000 of value-

YEAR OF COPYRIGHTS

GOVERNMENT BUREAU EARNED BURPLUS LAST FISCAL YEAR.

Over 15,000 Books and as Many Photographs Deposited in Library of Congress -- January the Best Month.

Washington.-Chalk up a strike for

the hard-working author. Then put him on a pedestal; for, behold, his particular government bureau not only pays its own expenses but earns a surplus. The copyright office is flourishing,

thank you. During the fiscal year ended June 20, 1907, it received fees amounting to \$84,685. During that period it paid out for salaries \$74,972.-37, and for stationery and other supplies \$1,201.66. This would seem to leave a snug little balance.

Thanks to the industrious American author, the congressional library is growing at a rate which will make it at least one of the largest in the world, though the less said about some of the objects which threaten to swamp it the better. The "articles deposited" at the copyright office during the year numbered 222,047, of which a good many thousands went to the shelves of the library of congress.

Of course a fair proportion of this mass of material represents things of value. If it were not for the beneficent author, who presents, because he has to do it, two copies of his work to the copyright office, the library would have had to pay out Uncle Sam's good money for them. So that the author's bureau not only pays its expenses, but is accumulating valuable assets at the same time.

Books are not the only articles subject to copyright. The entries are divided into nine classes, so that those for the year 1906-07 are scheduled as

lame A. Books. (a) Books. (volumes). and pamphlets (h) Booklets, leaflets, circulars, 5,136 cards (c) Newspaper and magazine arti-Total Class A Periodicals, (numbers) Musical compositions \$1.60
Liramatic compositions 2.114
Maps and charts 1.578 Maps and charts 12,350
Engravings, cuts and prints 12,350
Chromos and lithographs 2,733

f. Photographs 16.672
Fine arts: Paintings, drawings and sculpture 2,569

The discrepancy between the number of entries made and the number of "articles deposited" is explained by the fact that two classes, photographs of works of art and foreign books, require a deposit of only one object for each outry, whereas in other classes

two deposits are necessary. It is a peculiar fact that the applications have their high and low tides. For instance, January is the big month in the copyright office. For ten years, which is the period covered by the present reports, January is the time for an onslaught of authors and composers. January 2, 1907, was a record breaker, with a fotal of 3,525 titles registered that day. December is next to January in the amount of business

On the other hand, November is close to the extreme of dulness, being surpassed in that respect only by July and August. For instance, the low tide of the year 1906-07 came on August 4, when only 164 titles were recorded.

May and June are good months. Some years one leads, only to lose to the other the following spring.

People who have fallen victims to the fashionable foible of forgetting what is in the constitution may need to be reminded that the copyright. laws had their origin in Article I., Section 8, of that document. That article states that congress shall have power "to promote the progress of science and useful arts by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writ-

ings and discoveries." At the second sension of the very first congress the original copyright act was passed, and from that time to this there have been 25 acts relating to copyright passed by congress. We now have copyright relations with 17 countries, counting Great Britain and her possessions as one country. We have relations with all the larger European countries except Russia. Aus-

tria and Sweden. We have even concluded a treaty dealing exclusively with copyright matters. It is with Japan, and is the first of its kind concluded by this country. An earlier treaty between the United States and China contained an article relating to copyright, but did not deal exclusively with it.

In 1892 there was a diplomatic agreement between the United States and Germany relating to the protection of literary property, but this was not a full-fledged treaty ratified by the sen-

Contract Marrying Fever. Elkton, Md.-A marrying fever that struck the family of Samuel Hamilton. a widower of Rising Sun, and resulted in the marriage of four of his five children within two months, also affected him, and he sought out Mrs. Mary C. Powell, an old friend in Baltimore. proposed, was accepted, and they were married in Philadelphia, by Rev. Mr.

Forris, at the First Baptist church. Hamilton is 66 years old and postmaster at Rising Sun. His only remaining child, a son, will be married PLAY TIME FOR CHILDREN.

First Seven Years of Life Should Be Devoted to Games.

The first seven years of a child's life should be one grand period of play. Games which bring into play all the muscles of the body, and which at the same time divert the mind, should be saught them. Huy himbooks which have interesting pictures representing the different trades and occupations. These will interest him more and give him more definite. Ideas than any descriptions. Blocks which have pictures on them of the different animals and flowers will afford him much amusement. When he is a little older a box of the little; red kindergarten blocks should be given him. Teach the child to build, houses, barns, bridges, etc. Such, amusement as that will be instructive In an older child one should encourage dutdoor sports. The Irish mails, which are propelled by the handle which is held in the hands and pushed backward and forward, are to be recommended. They strengthen the back and arms. Of course, a child should be taught to help in the way of putting away his toys and picking up articles. One mother said when sewing she would purposely drop her scissors or spool and explain to her child how much he would help by picking it up. Be extremely pleased when the child performs any little service like this, and this will encourage him more than talking could.

WOMAN WHO IS APPRECIATED.

She of Sunny, Cheerful Temperament Always Popular.

The woman who is appreciated is generous not so much with money as with large-heartedness and thoughtfulness and sympathy. The world loves the one who can find a redeeming quality, even in the greatest of sinners, one who forbears to strike a defenseless soul. The sunny, hopeful woman is ever in request. Every door flies open to her who has a cherry, pleasant word and a bright smile. She is the woman who is always considerate of the rights of others and never attempts to monopolize the conversation or to make herself the center of attraction. She realizes that money will not buy love. That though a woman may enjoy every comfort and luxury obtainable, her home may be absolutely cheerless because of love's absence. She knows that there is no woman living who, deep down in her heart, does not appreciate being cared for, admired and loved by those she comes in contact with.

The Ferocious Mascalonge. In the bed of a drained-off lake was found the skull of a mascalonge with a swan's skull inside of it, and the teeth were locked in the bone, show ing that the strong, powerful bird had been attacked during a time when its head was under water, and possibly in the fierce battle that must have ensued each combatant -drowned the other. The fish was supposed to have been about 70 pounds in weight. Another case on record is that of a fivepound fish being found dead, apparently choked by the partly swallowed hody of another fish of three pounds. So voracious is the mascalonge that it will devour any living thing that comes within its vision. Full-grown bullfrogs, good sized ducklings, small aquatic birds, as well as many water mammals, become an easy prey to its yawning sepuicher of a mouth.-Metropolitan Magazine.

Reducing Ocean Record. The first steamer that ever crossed

the Atlantic took twenty-four days to make the trip, and the early boats of the Cunard line, organized in 1840. made the transatlantic trip in fourteen days, or in about the same time as the best of the clippers of the Black Ball and other lines. In 1860 the sailing ship Dreadnought made the passage in nine days and seventeen hours, and it was a long time before a steamer beat that record. It is nearly two decades since the five-day ship came upon the scene, and ever since then the record has been lowered by hours rather than by days.

In London Town.

While shopping in London an American school teacher was very much taken with a pair of beautiful lace curtains. The price of them, however, seemed prohibitive. "Being only a teacher," she said, "I am not, of course, wealthy, and I fear that I cannot afford them." "If you will wait a moment," replied the saleswoman, "I will see if I may give you a reduction on them." Then she called to a superior and said: "This person would like to have these curtains, but she says she is not a lady and cannot afford to pay the marked price."

Keeping Off Trespassers. How to warn off trespassers without spring guns has been discovered by a canny peasant in the south of France. His woods were invaded by nut pickers. He asked a botanical friend the Latin name for the hazel nut, and put up the following notice: "Caution-All persons entering this wood do so at their own risk. The Corylus Avellana abounds here, as well as other equally venomous snakes." Not a trespasser has ventured into the wood

Not to Be Thought Of. "You should sleep on your right side, madam." "I really can't do it. doctor. My husband talks in his sleep, and I can't hear a thing with my left ear!"-Stray Stories.

WAIF TO BE WEALTHY

LEFT ON DOORSTEP OF BACH-ELOR BOARDING HOUSE.

Bouncing Boy Has Won Hearts of Entire Neighborhood at Marquette, Mich.-Will Be Fermally Adopted.

Marquette, Mich.—Unique among the functions of Marquette's present social season was the "shower" recently given to "Baby Charlie," a jolly, gray-eyed little youngster, who just a month ago was left on the doorstep of a boarding house tenanted for the most part by wealthy bachelors.

The father and mother of the infant are unknown, and it is a mystery what stress of circumstances caused them to abandon the child to strangers, but it is doubtful if there ever was a baby more blessed with foster parents than

Not only does he rule the Brenzan home, but his domain takes in all the entire vicinity. Two hundred invitations were issued to the "shower." and from six until nine p. m. "Charlie," with his best bib and tucker, was the center of attraction for scores of the leading residents of the city. He got toys by the wholesale,

clothes enough for a dozen babies. gold pins and many other things, and more notable still was the starting of a substantial bank account, which it is altogether likely will eventually grow to a sum well up in the thousands.

It was early one morning of last September when the baby arrived. He came in a clothes basket and his coming was heraided only by the ringing of the door bell. Several hours afterward when he awakened and discovered himself surrounded by the household he looked around, said "Goo," and his future home was assured.

Since his arrival, no one has been able to conjecture whence he came, and a little note written in a delicate feminine hand and pinned to his frock vouchsafed the information that

"My name is Charlie. If you like me and will keep me I will tell you more about myself. Please be good to me."

The whole family has been good to Charlie so have all who have seen him. The very day of his arrival all in the house contributed to his welfare and they are still doing it.

"Charlie" is a sturdy little chap. square-shouldered and solidly built. He seems to be entirely without the fear that many children of his age show, runs the whole household in his determined little way and when he gets a good hard hump or fall only stares in solemn fashion, rubs the hurt with his little hand, and goes right at the same thing again without

a tear. Not long ago the advent of a baby in the house was wholly unlooked for. To-day the baby is the single factor about which revolve aff its affairs. A while ago some half dozen staid and sober bachelors led colorless bachelor lives, unaware of domestic joys. Today these same bachelors are wiser.

It has been a red letter time for the bachelors and due to the baby they see life from a different point of view. Steps are to be taken to formally adopt the infant and trustees will be duly designated to look after its welfare and manage its estate.

STUDIES RUINS OF LOST CITIES.

Cornell Expedition Makes Valuable Discoveries in Asia Minor.

Ithaca, N. Y .- Prof. Sterrett has just received his first report from the Cornell expedition to the Assyro-Babylonian orient. The party consists of A. T. Olmstead, B. B. Charles and J. E. Wrench. The report says that the principal sites of the region explored have been fixed astronomically for the first time, disclosing many defects in even the best maps. Over 50 sites have been carefully examined and proved to be pre-classic, and of these a considerable proportion can be connected with an already known classic locality.

The pre-classic of Iconing, the most important city of southeastern Asia Minor, has been found. Much of the pottery found there is similar to the early types found att Troy, and a better site for excavation has not yet been seen by the expedition.

Over 3,000 potsherds have thus far been collected and studied. Most important are the various sherds of Mycenaean character showing connection with the Greek world of the time of

In the light of the material collected, it seems almost certain, says the report, that some of the most widespread views in regard to the earlier people of Asia Minor and their connections must be modified or abandoned. A marble idol of a type hitherto found only in the Greek islands in pre-Mycenaean settlements was found at Angora. This link between the early inhabitants of Greece and of Asia Minor is of very great interest.

Show Higher Living Cost.

Washington.--An object lesson in the increase of the cost of living has been afforded the government in the proposals submitted for supplying provisions to the fleet of Admiral Evans for the trip to the Pacific. There was an increase in the price of every article offered over the prices last year. The most notable case was in the proposal for furnishing 1,000,000 pounds of beef, the increase being a considerable fraction of a cent a pound.

GOOD SUBSTITUTE FOR MILK.

Vegetable That Is Appreciated by the Natives of China.

A vegetable substitute for milk, used largely in China, is made there from the seeds of the sois hispida, or olly Chinese bean (soy-hean), we are told by Francis Marre in La Nature (Paris, June 8). He says:

"To obtain it the seeds are first boiled and then pressed, making a sort of puree which, when dissolved in water, makes a very nourishing vegetable milk. When treated with a mineral salt * * * It coagulates and may be made into a kind of cheese (to-fou) which plays an impotant part in the dietary of the Chinese and Japanese. * * * It is generally eaten fresh * * * It but may be cooked and preserved by salting or smoking. In commerce three principal varieties of regetable cheese are found; one. which is fermented, is white, yellow or gray, and has a piquant taste like that of Roquefort; the second is salty and white, resembling goat's milk cheese, and the third is smoky and like Gruyere. * * * Soy-cheese is so cheap that enough to serve a man for a day costs less than a centime (onefifth of a cent), or 50 or 60 times less than an equal quantity of animal

cheese. "As for the food value of soy-milk, it is sensibly equal to that of cow's milk; it contains important quantities of legumin, whose chemical constitution is very close to that of casein. Mr. Li Yu Ying, an attache of the Chinese legation at Paris, in endeavoring to introduce the culture of soy into France."-Literary Digest.

MONUMENT TO ITS EMPLOYE.

Manufacturing Company Appreciative of Long Service.

Recently the Chicopee Manufacturing company erected a monument over the grave of Michael Houlihan, who died last April, after having been an employe of the company for 52 years without interruption. The company was on the point of retiring and pensioning Mr. Houlihan at the time of his death, which came very suddenly after a short illness with nneumonia. The monument is merely placed over his grave as a token of the appreciation of the company for his services. for he was one of the most faithful men the company ever had in its employ. The monument is of granite. set on a base of the same stone, and

carries the following inscription: "David Michael Houlihan, born 1824, died 1907. Erected by the Chic opee Mfg. Co. in grateful recognition of 52 years of faithful service."

The action of the company for whom he worked so faithfully for so many years is especially graceful and indicative of their appreciation of an employe who does his duty. Such thoughtfulness does much to make the relations of the employer and employe closer and friendly, as they should be.—Springfield Republican.

Waste of Artesian Water.

Millions of gallons of artesian waters are going to waste every day in Indiana. Over a million gallons a day are wasted in a single county. The amount of water thus drawn from the underground reservoirs and unutilized in Madison county alone is sufficient to supply a city of 10,000 inhabitants. In only a few places is this water put to use. The farmers do not seem to realize that a hydraulic ram or a windruill placed on a flowing well will raise a large portion of the water to their houses on the hills above. Immense volumes of good water are therefore suffered to waste and in this way the "bead" or height of water in the wells, or the height to which it rises above the surface has been lowered several feet. Many wells that once yielded copious and strong flows have ceased to flow entirely. By this means, also, the ground-water level in this region in ten years has been lowered over ten feet.

Ibsen a "Pathological Writer."

A New York woman, not being comtent with the reputation she enjoys of being one of the most beautiful women in her state, has literary aspira-

Recently she was a guest at luncheon when the conversation drifted to books and plays. Various discussions followed. The beauty took part and expressed berself freely.

But when she asked her listeners whether they considered Ibsen a 'psychological and pathological writer," she handed out a stumbler. A graveyard silence reigned until

one girl, who was bolder than the rest. asked what pathological meant. Here is where the beauty lost literary prestige.

"I looked it up a few days ago." she replied, "but cannot remember just now what it means."

Hardening by Sulphuric Process. Hardening an ordinary drill in sulphuric acid makes an edge that will cut tempered steel or facilitate cutting hard rocks, says Compressed Air. The acid should be poured into a flat-bottomed vessel to about one-eighth inch The point of the drill is heated to a dull-cherry red, and dipped into the acid to that depth. This makes the point extremely hard, while the rest remains soft, and hence tough. If the point breaks it may be rehardened

with a little less acid in the vessel. Literature of Youth. Knicker-What books have helped

Bocker-The ones I didn't buy with the money father sent me at college.

DUCKS SWIM ABOUT IN PARIS MUDHOLES.

Journalists Drop Fowls in Ponds in the Place de l'Opera and Afford the Greatest Delight to a

Crowd of Spectators. Paris.-When there is in American cities a public uproar over the condition of the paving, it is usual for the agitators to refer to the "aplendid streets of Paris, Vienna and Berlin." Paris thought she had splendid streets, and she has, in the main, but she has

just received a jolt. Several journalists went out the other day to demonstrate the evil condition of the atreets in the center of the city. It was raining, and the journalists carried each a duck under oither arm.

Arriving at the Place de l'Opera, they marched to the very midst of the greatest rush of equipages, cabs and trucks, and solemnly dropped. their water fowl into the deep pud-

dles which the rain had formed. The ducks quacked delightfully and awam about with great enthusiasm. An enormous crowd gathered, applauding the novel sight, since it seemed to; enter few minds that the exhibition was anything but a harmless sort of lunacy. The crowd merely laughed at the drollery of a duck pond in the Place de l'Opera.

Policemen ran up and angrily demanded what the journalists meant by causing a throng to gather and indulge in unseemly mirth.

"We are the owners of the ducks," gravely admitted the giver of this object lesson. "We find it hard to keep them in good condition in our apartments and all are glad to motice that the municipal authorities of Paris have furnished its convenient duck ponds, centrally situated, in which we can give the poor creatures a little natural enjoyment."

This did not satisfy the policemen. who chased and captured the ducks. They carried them and led the jour palists to the station. The crowd fol lowed to the end of the drama

At the police station the journalists announced that they had been detailed by a powerful morning daily newspaper to play this prank in order to call attention to the dreadful condition of

The police saw the point. Their of ficers laughed heartily and released the prisoners as well as the ducks.

GREENHORN BAGS FAT GROUSE

Thought He Had Killed Farmers' Bantams and Settled for \$5.

McConnellaburg, Pa.-Henry Marks came to Fulton county groups knoting. and, although a green sportsman, he surprised his friends and himself by his amazing run of luck.

Several hours had been spent in a vain effort to get up birds. He had never seen grouse, but imagined they were something about the size of a turkey. He also had an idea that they lived in trees.

While walking along a little nountain path he saw what he supposed to be a flock of bantam chickens dusting themselves in the sand just ahead.

"Well, if I can't get any grouse," he said to himself, "I can at least have chicken pot-pic," and he fired into the flock. Seven birds toppled over and the hunter stuffed them into his cost and fled, fearing the wrath of the

owner. His heart sank when at the edge of a clearing he met a farmer, but he put on a bold front, told the man-how sorry he was for killing his chickens, and offered to settle. When the sizeple mountaineer saw that Marks had made a wonderful hag of fat groupe he looked serious, and, wiping away a

large tear, said: "Them peeps was the pride of my children, but seeing that they're dead we'll call it square for a five dollar

HOW IT FEELS 703 FEET IN AIR.

Steeple Jack Capelle Says It's Fine and He Enjoyed the View.

New York.—Ernest Capelle, the nervy steeple jack whose work at the top of the flagstaff on the Singer building, 703 feet from the ground, was watched by 100,000 persons, says he never has the slightest fear or dizziness when working at great heights.

"I don't take any stock in all of the harrowing stories that are written about the work of a steeple jack," he said. "When one gets accustomed to the work it is easy to go so high in the air. I never have the slightest feeling of dizziness while I am at my work, and so far as this job goes I consider it no more perilous than 100 feet in the air, for, should I full, either would kill me. But I tell you, the view I had from the Singer flagstaff was wonderful. I could see fully 75 miles in every direction. And the air, it was flag, too, so bracing that one almost took a new lease of life. For hix years I have been doing this kind of work and I have never had any kind of an iccident."

Fall Clears Girl's Mind.

Covington, Ky.-A girl's remarkable escape from death, it is believed, will result in the cure of her mental asfliction. Nettle Powel, four years old, fell from a third-story window. She is one of twins and for the last two years has been considered mentally unsound, but is now attaining a normal condition very rapidly.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS