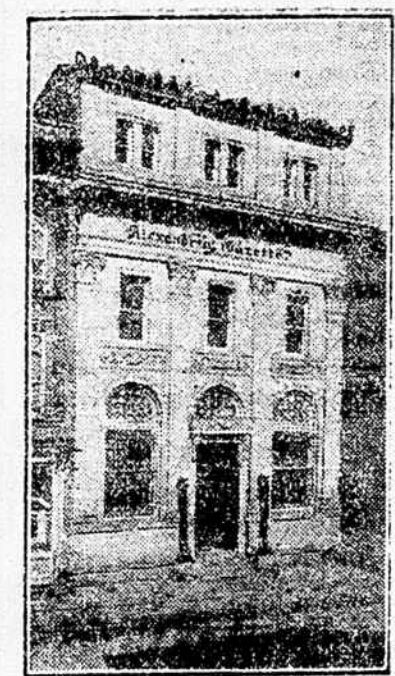


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MOTHERS' DAY.

Mothers' Day was generally ob-
served in this city yesterday, and
the white carnation was worn generally
by citizens. The ministers of the vari-
ous churches made special reference
to the day in their morning discourses.
They all spoke in feeling terms of the
occasion, and brought to the minds of
their hearers many reminiscences of
family firesides presided over by
mothers long since entered into their
eternal rest. All the speakers were
enthusiastic for their subjects, and each did
well.

A third of a century ago, before
Mothers' Day had been conceived, Rev.
Dr. Guernsey delivered a sermon in the
Second Presbyterian Church of this
city, during which he incidentally
referred to the faith of women, who
notwithstanding their many trials, labors
and anxious vigils, keep in the
front ranks in the march towards the
heavenly world. Substantially he
said:

"Were I called upon to select
what I regard as the best types
of Christians, where do you sup-
pose I would go? To men who
of their surplus millions found li-
braries, hospitals, schools or col-
leges? Or to canonized persons,
male or female, who passed their
lives in monasteries, caves or
other places far from the mad-
ding crowd, and the trials and
ordeals through which the great
mass of the race passes? No.
I would go into some church and
select women, whose locks have
been whitened by the snows of
many winters, and who have bat-
tled all their lives against pov-
erty while cumbered with the cares
of households. They have
nursed and spent anxious hours
with their own offspring, per-
formed like service for grand-
children and have been in times
of need helpful to those of their
neighbors. Cumbered with care
and responsibility, their faith
has ever enabled them to rise su-
perior to their ordeals, and they
are always in their places at
church services. In the great day
of rewards every hair in their
bleached locks will glisten as
diamonds when the Author of
their faith makes up his jewels."

As soon as he struck the earth the
man who jumped off the statue of
Liberty asked for a cigarette. Next
time he may try to smoke on the way
down.

A scientist comes to the front with
the claim that the earth is 710,000,000
years old. In spite of its advanced
age it has not yet learned to behave.

Training trips are all right, but
something ought to be done to prevent
the fat man in the upper berth from
falling on the slim person below.

It is said that the British army in-
tends to abolish brass bands. We
have always looked upon the cornet as
an extremely deadly weapon.

BURNING OF THE PENSACOLA.

The old sloop-of-war Pensacola,
famed as being a member of Admiral
Farragut's fleet when he fought the
battle of Mobile Bay and took New
Orleans in the civil war, became a
prey to flames on Friday morning.
This famous old craft, which had
done duty as receiving ship at the
Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal., for
ten years, had become obsolete and a
burden to keep. Her destruction by
fire was in accordance with official in-
structions from Washington.

The Pensacola is the last of the
sloop-of-war type of ships of the old
navy. The Brooklyn, Richmond and

Hartford were sister ships, and only
the Hartford is left, she being station-
ed at Annapolis, as an object lesson
to inspire the future Farraguts who
are being educated there to officer the
modern war craft.

During the first year of the civil
war the Pensacola was a familiar ob-
ject at Alexandria. She dropped
down from the Washington navy yard
during the early part of 1861, and
anchored off Fishtown, where she re-
mained for some time. The Confed-
erate batteries on the Potomac at that
time made it rather dangerous for
passing Federal vessels, and the Pen-
sacola had most of her rigging re-
moved before she left this port. She
managed to run the blockade, how-
ever, without being seriously injured.
The Pensacola never returned to the
Potomac.

PASTOR RUSSELL'S ADDRESS.

A number of people from this city
went to Washington yesterday after-
noon to hear Pastor Russell speak in
the National Theatre.

Reiterating that the old order was
passing away and that a new light
was sweeping the errors and mis-
takes of dogmas and creeds out of ex-
istence, Pastor Russell delivered a
thrilling address to a well filled house,
his theme being, "Which Is the True
Gospel?"

The speaker declared that the phys-
ical world will never come to an end,
as has and is being preached by cer-
tain creeds and sects; that merely the
present order of things will vanish to
make room for a more perfect religi-
on. He promised better days for those
who labor, declaring that labor is one
of the courses with which this world
is afflicted.

Pastor Russell paid his respect to
Pope Pius in issuing an order instruct-
ing bishops of the Catholic Church to
commend to the faithful the study of
the Bible. "I am sorry that a time
when Catholics get together to study
the Bible," said the speaker, "Protest-
ants are drifting into infidelity."

This is a time of great troubles, ac-
cording to the pastor, who said this
contention was demonstrated by the
dissention between capital and labor.
He prophesied violence between cap-
ital and labor so that each may gain
its point.

"It is the purpose of the Internat-
ional Bible Students' Association to
send speakers to Alexandria occasi-
onally during the year. Meetings
have recently been held in the Sur-
prise Theatre.

PRESIDENT MAKES DENIAL.

Charging that "there is a conspir-
acy for the purpose of arousing religi-
ous prejudice" against him" President
Taft in an official statement from the
White House, vigorously denied that
he has ever "favored unduly" the Ro-
man Catholic Church.

The president viewing all the cir-
cumstances that seem to point to a
conspiracy to arouse religious prej-
udice against him, makes the statement
that he has "unduly favored no
church" but has "treated them all with
absolute impartiality." The Presi-
dent among other things says:

"In 1902 I visited Rome and con-
ferred with Pope Leo XIII in an at-
tempt to settle the friar land contro-
versy, which had arisen in the Philip-
pines while I was governor general,
and after a time I succeeded in doing
so. When last March, my aide, Maj.
Butt, set out on a trip for his health,
and proposed to visit Rome, he asked
me for a letter of introduction to the
present Pope that he might have the
privilege of an audience, and I gave
him such a letter. The letter contain-
ed nothing but a statement who Maj.
Butt was, and an expression of a hope
that he might have the honor of be-
ing received."

Looks as if the aviation game has
begun to lose its popularity. Even
when an aviator is killed he fails to
get more than half a dozen lines in
the paper.

A list of 40 immortals having been
compiled, those left off it can con-
gratulate themselves on being still on
earth, anyhow.

If there is a microbe that causes
wrecks of fast trains the physicians
cannot find an antidote for it a mo-
ment too soon.

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family can live comfortably on the in-
come of \$1,000,000. Who would have
thought it?

A California man is eating nitro-
glycerin to prolong life. Probably he
wants to explode prevalent theories.

"Bread and butter is the ideal food,"
says a Harvard professor. Fried
mush is pretty good, too.

Chinese women have adopted Paris
hats, says an exchange. That country
is due for more trouble.

Many of the men who talk most
about "going back to the farm" were
never there.

A FRIEND, NOT AN ENEMY.

A child lost in an eastern city the
other day died from an approaching
patrolman, fell under the wheels of a
street car and was killed. The officer
of the law, instead of being looked on
as a friend and protector, was viewed
by the childish mind as a person of
dire purposes to be shunned. How
many parents are bringing their chil-
dren up in fear of policemen? The
number doubtless is considerable. It
seems a somewhat prevalent habit
among fathers and mothers to try to
restrain the exuberance of their boys,
for instance, by telling them that un-
less they are good the police will get
them. The habit is cruel, as well as
dangerous. It plants fear in hearts
that should be taught confidence. Children
should be taught that a pa-
trolman is their friend, their protector
against wrongdoers and their
guide in time of trouble. The mother
who, in order to hush a noisy child,
threatens him with an appeal to an
officer in uniform, is implanting in the
child's mind a fear which may some
day bring the child into peril of
death. It is a wicked travesty on
truth and justice for a parent thus to
play upon the natural timidity of a
child. If the parent does not live to
regret it he has merely his good for-
tune to thank for the escape. The
risk is not worth taking, at any rate.

Experiments at the Pasteur Insti-
tute in Paris have demonstrated that
chickens can thrive without bacteria,
though most vertebrates seem to re-
quire them. The experiments were
made by Doctor Coghendy at the sug-
gestion of Professor Metchnikoff. Doctor
Coghendy used a sterilized incubator.
He introduced three eggs which
were about hatching. He sterilized
them on the outside, the air apparatus
was carefully filtered and all the food
was perfectly sterilized. Several sets
of chickens raised in this way were
found after six weeks to be too big
for the incubator and were taken out
and compared with chickens which
had been raised in the ordinary way.
The tests showed that the incubator
chickens were absolutely free of mi-
crobes, though after some hours of
unsterilized life their digestive tubes
contained thousands of them.

A New York factory commission
has discovered in its investigations
that from 50 to 75 per cent of fires in
that city are caused by carelessness,
principally in the thoughtless use of
matches, cigars and cigarettes. The
terrible results of this carelessness
should be made an important point in
the education of children, to the end
of its elimination from the ordinary
risks of life. Apparently, not even
the horrors resulting from this
thoughtlessness can induce the aver-
age adult to take the very slight trou-
ble required to prevent it.

Telling people how to sleep, the
London Globe says: "You must have
your head on a level with or lower
than your feet." We are opposed to
an arbitrary rule for sleeping; it
would destroy all individuality.

A Brooklyn railway has had a ver-
dict rendered against it of over \$1,000
because one of its employees was rude
to a woman passenger. Who says the
world's male chivalry has perished
out?

England has just heard that 74,000-
000 of the eggs it ate last year came
from Egypt. It is beginning to think
that this may account for the mummif-
ied taste some of them had.

We see by the papers that surgeons
have removed a spoon from a Pitts-
burg man's stomach. We have always
contended that there is danger in the
quick lunch habit.

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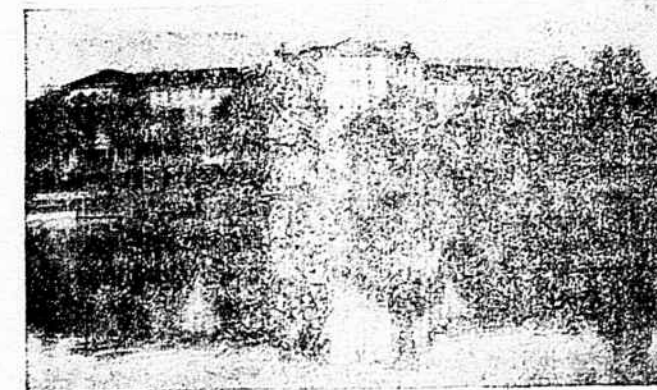
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