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Scientific Facts

NEWEST NOTES OF SCIENCE

Sleds driven by air propellers have been developed in Russia for winter use.

Lazy tongues mounted on its handle push articles of food off a new serving fork.

According to an English expert radium can be used to remove superfluous hair.

Ratchet gearing features a new tool for quickly removing and replacing automobile tire rims.

Japan's production of petroleum last year was the smallest in ten years, despite deeper drilling.

Conversations through the 17,000,000 telephones in the United States average 70,000,000 a day.

Great Britain and Ireland are building about 43 per cent of the motor ships now under construction.

Closing the handles of a new tool removes a section of grape fruit from its rind and ejects the seeds.

A process developed in Hungary is claimed to produce a cement superior to Portland cement from bauxite.

A perforated holder in which perfume tablets are placed has been invented to counteract odors of cooking.

An English railway has installed apparatus with which a locomotive can be loaded with coal in four minutes.

If a person has taken a single drink of alcoholic liquor a device invented by a Chicago chemist will detect it.

The Japanese government pays a substantial subsidy to fishing vessels equipped with Diesel or semi-Diesel engines.

To save gas a ring has been invented to be placed over a burner to confine the heat and prevent the flame spreading.

Studies of oil shale deposits found in Manchuria have led to an estimate that they contain more than 5,000,000,000 tons.

The average life of a freight car wheel is six and a half years, in which time it will have traveled more than 100,000 miles.

So sensitive is a cable invented in Germany for burglar alarms that it rings a bell or lights a lamp if even slightly touched.

Experiments are under way with a camera for photographing from airplanes that is expected to have a range of 200 or more miles.

Passenger seaplane service has been established between Rome and Constantinople by way of Athens with a scheduled time of ten hours.

An electric motor revolves the blades of a hand propelled lawn mower so rapidly that they create a vacuum which draws grass in to be cut.

Both of Hungary's railway systems will increase the use of passenger motor busses and trailers fitted with wheels for use on their tracks.

The world used 1,315,000 tons of nitrocellulose in fertilizers in the year ending with June, compared with 1,206,000 tons in the previous year.

Crushed ice or snow is used in Finland in mixing a new concrete for building, melting and leaving the completed material filled with tiny pores.

According to United States Bureau of Standards tests dark colored rubber articles when exposed to sunlight last longer than those of light hues.

An Englishman has invented an extension rim surrounding a built rubber tire to support an automobile wheel when its pneumatic tire is punctured.

An alloy made of chromium, cobalt and tungsten has been developed for tipping the knives of various tools, resisting wear many times as long as steel.

For examining the interior of the human stomach a German has invented a tiny camera that can be swallowed, filling seven films with pictures in 14 seconds.

While treating a patient a New Jersey physician discovered a method for disclosing invisible finger prints on human skin and making permanent prints of them.

To afford additional protection to the vaults of the Bank of England concrete walls are being built reinforced by matings made of wires from old ship cables.

Two scientists who made thousands of tests decided that the average human eye must remain stationary for about one seventh of a second to distinguish an object.

An Austrian engineer has invented a turbine that obtains power from streams in which it can be completely submerged so that it does not interfere with navigation.

A weighted lever causes a new air dispensing device for automobile tires to shut off the air automatically when the pressure for which it is set has been reached.

The government of Ecuador has granted an exclusive concession for five years for the importation of radio equipment and the erection of two broadcasting stations.

A new photographic paper for industrial drawings similar to blue prints produces dark brown lines on a white ground and is developed by exposure to ammonia fumes.

A German engineer claims to develop a steam pressure of 300 pounds within five minutes in his steam boiler, which is cubic in form, measuring 18 inches on each side.

A new belt for driving pulleys is made of one layer of old leather and one of new with fabric more flexible than solid leather belts.

Portable six room houses, mounted on wheels, have been designed for use at a French seaside resort, where accommodations are taxed at the height of the tourist season.

Tests have shown that mine workers endure the heat of deep shafts more easily when salt is added to their drinking water to make up the loss due to excessive perspiration.

At an expense of about \$15,000,000 it has been proposed to add 20 feet to the height of the Assuan dam in the Sudan to double the capacity of the present artificial lake.

Tests by Pittsburgh scientists have shown that a ton of average weight loses about an ounce an hour in moisture exuded by the lungs and skin, and a man about one and a half more.

German experts have attributed the remarkable tones of certain Italian violins to the wood of which they were made of lime salts in the stains used to color them.

A simple device has been invented by a University of Illinois scientist to enable gas companies to determine the heating quality of their product before it is sent to consumers.

Storks endangered an electric transmission line in Morocco until the French company maintaining it built perches along the line for the birds to rest upon instead of the wires.

With a new set of signals operated by a switch from the steering post warning that an automobile is about to stop or turn is given both at the front and back with colored lights.

With honey discovered in Asia Minor by a German explorer that makes persons who eat much of it unconscious is believed to be made by bees from nectar taken from poisonous flowers.

A lamp that has been invented to pierce fogs with an orange-red light produces the rays and a mirror made of the rare metal caesium to project them.

According to a British estimate almost 20,000,000 tons of iron and steel, nearly 25 per cent of the production, are wasted in the world annually by throwing away worn out articles.

Weighing but two ounces, balloons that a Los Angeles man has invented to be attached to bathing suits are inflated to become life preservers by bursting gas bombs that they contain.

Applicants for automobile driver's licenses in Germany are required to manipulate a steering wheel so that a pointer avoids marks on a revolving band representing road construction.

To help teach pupils a New York man has arranged a system by which, as he plays the same composition on one piano, lights flash up over the keys that should be touched by a pupil on another.

A sodium fluoride process developed in Europe is said to extend the life of wood buried in ground from an average of seven to eight years to between 15 and 25 (A peculiar shade of bluish-green that is the correct complement for the color of blood when exposed to the air has been found to be the best color for surgeons' equipment as most restful to the eyes.

With the completion of the irrigation project in the triangle between the Blue and White Nile rivers south of Khartoum in the Sudan 3,000,000 acres of land may be made available for producing cotton.

A color organ for accompanying orchestral music that a Los Angeles man has invented contains 6000 electric lamps, controlled by ten keys operated with one hand and a number of switches with the other.



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Report Of Women's Institutes OF P. E. I.

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PLEASANT CIRCLE.—Eleven members and five visitors were present at the monthly meeting of this Institute. Meeting opened with the Ode. Roll Call then followed. Minutes were read and adopted. The school committee reported that the school is to be painted. A report was read from the convention held in Charlottetown. Further plans were made for the postponed Institute picnic. Plans were made for an ice-cream social to be held on the school grounds. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. E. Croken.

MOUNT PLEASANT.—Eleven members and one visitor were present at the monthly meeting of the Mount Pleasant Institute. Meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode followed by roll call, which was answered with "Uses for Newspapers." The minutes of the last regular and a special meeting were read and adopted. Bills for lumber, paint, nails, and hinges were presented and ordered paid. Mrs. Alphieus Ramsay, Mrs. John Ramsay and Mrs. Russell McArthur passed in two dollars for the benefit of the Institute work. Report of the annual convention were then given by the delegates. Meeting closed by singing National Anthem, and a dainty lunch was served. Next meeting to be held in school, and roll call to be answered with "Uses for Baking Soda." Lunch collection, \$1.25.

SPRING PARK.—Twelve members met at the home of Mrs. Arthur Clark, Malpeque, for the regular monthly meeting. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode. Roll Call was answered by "Ways of Improving our Institute." A pantry sale was held at Holman's 17 August. Each member baking two kinds of cakes. The annual picnic was held at Boggs on August 16. Committees were appointed for the sick and the school for the next month. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. F. A. Driscoll.

NORTH ENMORE.—The meeting was held in the school house. Ten members and 14 visitors were present. The meeting opened with the Institute Ode and presided over by the President. At the ice-cream social which was held in August, the sum of \$60.88 was raised. It was decided to buy dishes for the Institute, a water tank for the school, and books for some of the school pupils. It was agreed that the money, remaining after expenses are paid, be placed in the Bank until the ratepayers are ready to repair the school. One new member enrolled. After the business meeting, there was a debate. Lunch was served by the lunch committee from which the sum of \$2.15 was realized.

HERMANVILLE.—This Institute met at the home of Mrs. A. D. McIsaac. Six members and five visitors were present. Meeting opened with a chorus. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Hardwood flooring has been purchased and a carpenter was appointed to get a carpenter to lay same as soon as possible. An interesting report of the convention was given by the delegates. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Alexander McDonald. Roll call to be answered with "My First Recollection."

PEMBROKE.—The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. James Llewellyn. Nineteen members and nine visitors were present. Meeting opened with the singing of the Ode. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Roll Call was answered with "My Favorite Dinner." A bill amounting to \$39.80 for work done on the school was ordered paid. It was decided to buy new window shades and glass for the school windows. Committee was appointed to visit the school. After a dainty lunch was served the meeting closed with God Save the King. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. James M. Graham.

MALPEQUE.—The members of this Institute met at the Malpeque Hall. Eleven members and two visitors were present. Meeting opened with the reading of the Creed by the president, followed by the minutes, which were adopted. Roll Call was answered with "My Favorite Dinner." Business followed. Topic for evening, "Hints on Making Dyes." Papers on the subject were read by Mrs. Hoggood and Mrs. George Bearisto. Different committees reported.

ST. COLUMBA.—The members of this Institute met at the home of Mrs. John J. McIntyre, with an attendance of ten members and seven visitors. Meeting opened by singing the Institute Ode, followed by roll call. Roll Call was answered by each telling what their favorite pet would be. It was decided at the meeting to put a new wire fence in front of school. A new school committee was appointed to clean the school. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem. Next meeting takes place at the home of Mrs. Freeman Garrett.

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