

my whole attention to the problem assigned me; but, fortunately, I have been able to avail myself of stated periods of quiet.

Once a month, from the beginning of October to the end of March, there is a Retreat ("seishin") held at the Kenkōji to which all students of the contemplative life are allowed to go. The retreat lasts for a week, and during that time the male members live entirely at the temple, the women in private houses or their own homes. Hours of silent contemplation are observed, beginning at seven o'clock in the morning, and spread over the day till about six in the evening—five hours of silence in all, with the Director sitting in the next room to receive communications and to furnish us with fresh problems when necessary. I had to leave the house early in the morning with a *chochin* (lantern) to light me, it was ten o'clock in the evening before I returned. Our meals during the day were supplied from the temple: for breakfast—tea, rice-gruel, and relishes; at midday, rice, kenchin soup, and vegetables boiled in soy; in the evening, tea and rice-gruel. The most important of these meetings was the one in January. During the course of it I had the good fortune to solve my first problem. The second problem given me was "*Kane no ne wo tomeru*," how to stop a bell from sounding.

The rest cure is now over. I have come out of it fortified in body and in mind. I am no longer nervous and irritable. I am able to look at things more dispassionately and feel myself more fit than I was before to cope with the difficulties and worries of life.

STRENUOSITY OF JUSTICE MOODY

WHEN Mr. Roosevelt was making one of his presidential tours of the country the correspondents told of a stop at Meriden, Conn., or some city in that region, where the President felt too weary to respond to the calls of the crowd and handed his glasses to Secretary Moody, who stepped out upon the rear platform, made as broad a dental display as he could, and bowed and smiled to the cheering populace, who experienced all the delightful sensations of seeing the President without any inconvenience to the latter. Now that Mr. Moody is retiring from the Supreme Court on a special pension granted by Congress the papers are recalling stories of his resemblance to Mr. Roosevelt. Says the *New York Evening Post*:

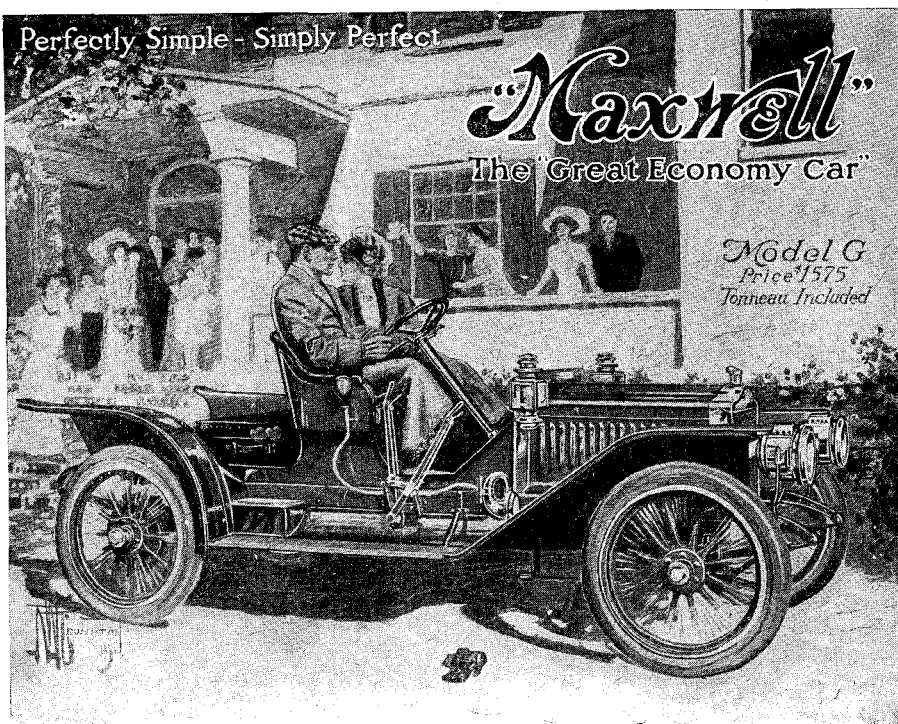
The Justice himself related a few years ago his meeting a New England farmer who mistook him for the then President. Said he:

"Not far away from my own home a man came up to me, saying: 'I have seen and greeted every President since Lincoln. I am proud to take your hand, Mr. Roosevelt.' I hadn't the heart to correct him. Let him go home, I thought, and cherish and elaborate his own deception."

Height, hair, eyes, and coloring are like the ex-President's, but the Justice is not so heavy. Some one has said that all he needed to go through life as his friend's double would be a big pair of spectacles or eye-glasses, a bit more impetuosity of deportment, and a display of teeth.

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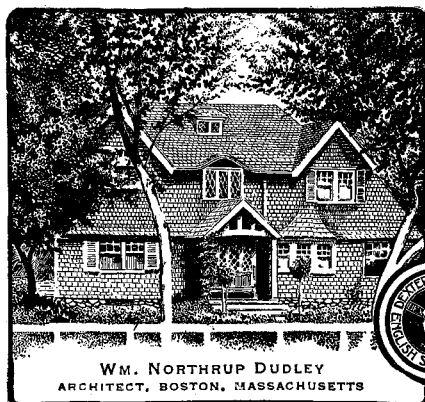
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The Representative's hardest day's work, as subsequently described by himself, gives an idea of the energy he could exhibit at times. Telling about that day, he said not long ago:

"Speaker Cannon came to my desk in the House one afternoon and said: 'Here is an amendment that the Senate has hitched to one of our appropriation bills. It's a steal. I want you to kill it at the session to-morrow. You will find all the facts in this report.' He left me with a book of 900 closely printed pages. The amendment gave certain Western States about \$8,000,000 for claims growing out of the Civil War. I took the book home, sat up with it all night, and labored with it until almost noon the next day. I had something to eat, but no sleep. In fact, I didn't even remove my clothes."

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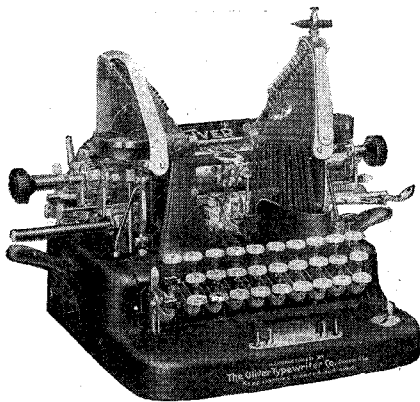
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years of desultory fighting against the Arabs and Bedouins led up to the Mexican Campaign, in which the Legion suffered terribly. In the Franco-German War they came first into action at Orléans, and on the conclusion of peace they assisted in putting down the Commune. From then until 1883 the *légionnaires* were comparatively peaceful in Africa, but at that date they started for the murderous climate of Tonquin, where, as usual, they paid their grim reckoning with France. In 1892 they fought in Dahomey, and three years later in Madagascar. Their latest services have been in Morocco.

A record of personal experience is given by Mr. Erwin Rosen in his recent book, "In the Foreign Legion." The daily routine began with the famous "Legion's breakfast," which has cost many a man his lungs:

In the form of a wide square we went round the drill-ground, five minutes, ten minutes—*un, deux, un, deux*—always in sharp time. The corporal, a splendid runner, ran at the head, teaching us the trick, on which everything depended here, to overcome the critical moment of lung exhaustion—to get the "second wind." Even if the breath came and went in short, pumping gasps, if the eyes pained, and one commenced to stumble from exhaustion, one ran on until the lungs had got used to the extra exertion, until one had the feeling of being a machine and could go on running for ever. Then came the command, "*A volonté!* (As you please!)," and a race finished thirty minutes' exercise.

This "breakfast" is symbolic of the whole

life of the Legion. The words "March or die!" are a familiar proverb. Says Mr. Rosen:

Even General de Négrier, the only commander that the Legion loved, because he loved the Legion and knew how to come into personal touch with each *légionnaire*, knew no mercy in the matter of marching. When he was commander of the Foreign Legion he did everything in his power for his troops. Each *légionnaire* was allowed to come to him with his personal affairs; every wounded man was a hero in his eyes, a brave man, for whom he could not do enough, but when he saw an exhausted *légionnaire* stumble out of the ranks and collapse during the terrible marches in Madagascar, the expression in his face became hard and pitiless. That was a grievous crime in his eyes. Then he would cry out the three words that have since become a proverb of the Legion, "March or die!"

The writer in *T. P.'s Weekly* goes on to tell of the versatility of these mercenaries, quoting in part from Mr. Rosen's book:

The *étrangers*, as General de Négrier used to say, could do anything if they were put to it. That famous soldier, who knew his *légionnaires* so well, claimed that he could build an engine with them, that he could get together the faculties of a university from their ranks, which contained men who could not only fight their way through a campaign but also write its history! "I was speaking just now to a professor of Greek," observed an astonished editor of the *Temps* to the author, "and now you're a journalist. Is the Legion then a collection of ruined talents?" Mr. Rosen, however, is careful to point out that such men

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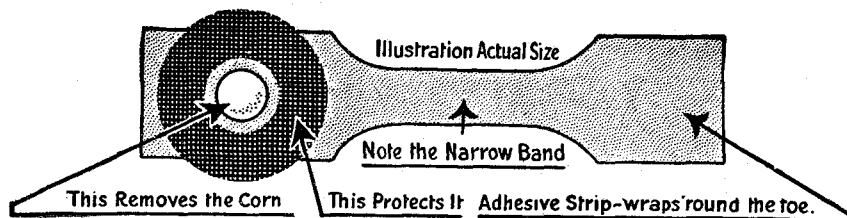
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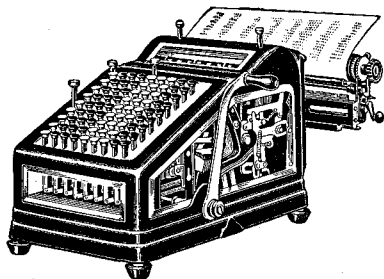
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The Exile.—THE WALRUS—"Gee! But it's lonesome around here. What caused you to become a hermit?"

ESKIMO DOG (sadly)—"I was with Cook!"—*Puck*.

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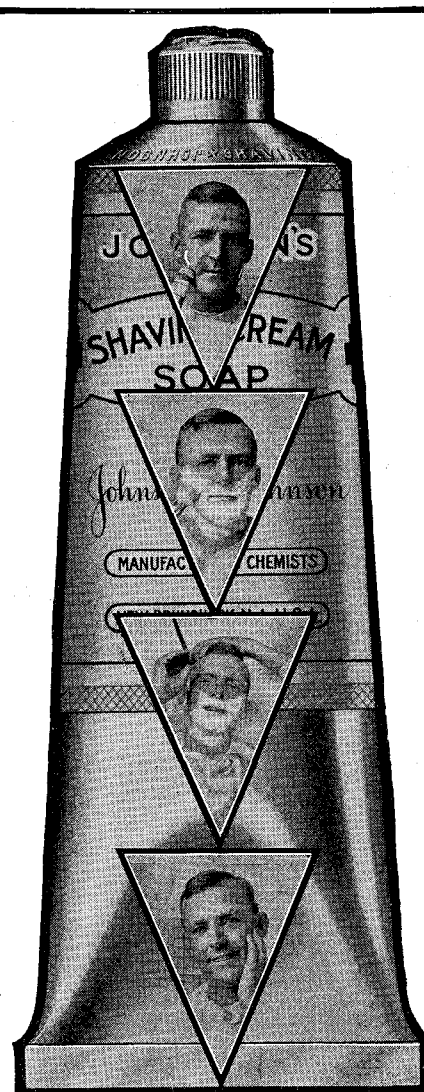
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June 17.—Mgr. Bonomelli, Catholic Bishop of Cremona, Italy, writes to the World's Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, urging Christian unity.

June 22.—Count Zeppelin begins the first regular airship passenger service; thirteen passengers are carried from Friedrichshafen to Düsseldorf, Germany, 300 miles, in 9 hours.

King George makes the Duke of Cornwall Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester.

June 23.—King George creates seven new peers in honor of his birthday.

The International Congress of Chambers of Commerce, meeting in London, postpones for two years consideration of Secretary of State Knox's proposal for a Court of Arbitral Justice.

Domestic

WASHINGTON

June 17.—The House adopts a new rule providing that a majority of its members may at any time recall any bill or resolution from committee and place the measure on the calendar for consideration.

June 18.—The House passes the Railroad Bill and the Statehood Bill, and both go to the President for approval.

June 19.—Secretary Knox declines to be considered for the Republican nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania.

June 20.—The Senate directs the Committee on Privileges and Elections to investigate the bribery charges made in connection with the election of Senator Lorimer of Illinois.

The House passes bills providing for a commission to consider the promotion of international peace; for the retirement of Justice Moody of the Supreme Court, on full pay; and requiring all ocean-going vessels leaving ports of the United States, carrying more than 50 passengers, to be equipped for wireless telegraphy.

President Taft signs the Railroad Bill.

June 21.—The Senate passes the General Deficiency Appropriation Bill, and the bill to retire Justice Moody.

The House passes the Arid Land Reclamation Bill and the President's Land Withdrawal Bill. President Taft signs the Statehood Bill.

June 22.—The Senate passes the Public Buildings Bill, carrying appropriations of about \$24,000,000; the Postal Savings Bank Bill; the Campaign Publicity Bill; and the Reclamation Bond Issue Bill.

June 23.—The House, on the insistence of President Taft, strikes out its amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill, which would have exempted labor organizations from prosecution under the Anti-Trust and Interstate Commerce Laws.

The majority report of the Senate Committee on the Cost of Living exonerates the tariff and places the responsibility chiefly on the increased demand for farm products.

GENERAL

June 17.—Walter Brookins, at Indianapolis, breaks his own world's record by reaching a height of 4,503 feet in a Wright biplane.

The Federal Grand Jury in New York indicts eight men, including James A. Patten, on charges of violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law in connection with the recent "bull pool" in cotton.

June 18.—Colonel Roosevelt arrives in New York from Europe.

President Taft receives the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from St. Thomas' College, Villanova, Pa.

June 19.—Glenn H. Curtiss breaks his record for a short-distance start by rising in his aeroplane 87½ feet from the starting-point.

June 20.—The New York State Legislature convenes at Albany in extra session; Governor Hughes sends in a message recommending the enactment of a suitable Direct Nominations Law, the amplification of the investigation of alleged legislative corruption, and provision to meet the increased demands on the State's revenue.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., and Miss Eleanor B. Alexander are married in New York City.

June 22.—The Ohio Democratic Convention, at Dayton, renominates Judson Harmon for the Governorship and endorses him for the Presidency.

The Pennsylvania Republican Convention, at Harrisburg, nominates Congressman John K. Tener for Governor.

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"A. S. B.," New York, N. Y.—"What case follows the infinitive 'to be,' the nominative or the objective?"

The rule which covers this point in grammar is that "the predicate substantive, after an attributive verb, is put in the same case as the subject before it" (Bullions' "English Grammar," p. 219). Illustrations of the use of both nominative and objective cases may be found in the following sentences: "He seems to be a scholar."—"I took it to be him."

"R. M. T.," Brooklyn, N. Y.—"Kindly state as to the correctness of the following expressions: (1) 'He spoke in this wise.' (2) Guarantee or guaranty. (3) 'I came pretty nearly committing myself.' (4) 'I shall take the matter up later,' or, 'I shall take up the matter later.'"

(1) The word "wise" in this sentence is used as a noun, meaning way, manner, or fashion, and occurs chiefly in phrases such as, "in no wise," "in any wise," or "in this wise." The sentence cited would therefore mean "He spoke in this fashion."

(2) The STANDARD DICTIONARY (p. 799, col. 3) states that "guarantee" when used as a noun is the "same as *guaranty*: still frequently used in this sense, tho in law and in more careful usage *guaranty* is preferred."

(3) The two words "near" and "nearly" may both be correctly used as adverbs, altho "nearly" is preferable in this sentence as being more expressive of degree, in the sense of "within a little; almost."

(4) According to the rule that "an adverb should be placed as near as possible to the word it is intended to modify," the preferable construction of the sentence submitted would be, "I shall take up the matter later."

"N. H. H.," Macon, Miss.—"Please give the pronunciation of the following words: 'carbureter' and 'speedometer'."

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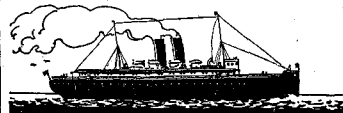
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