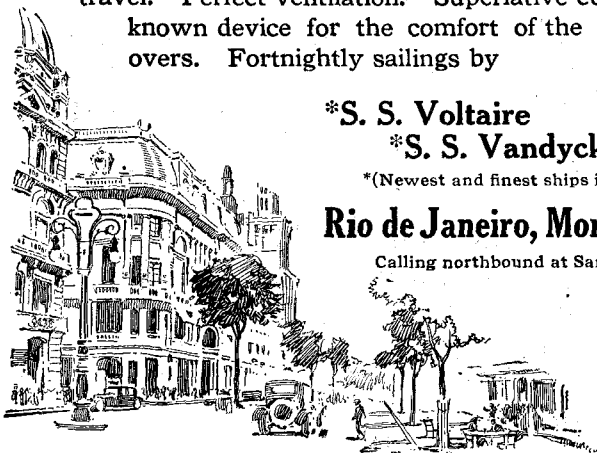


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THE WONDERS OF SALVAGE. By David Masters. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. \$2.50.

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GESTA ROMANORUM. Translated by Charles Swan. (Broadway Translations.) E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. \$5.

Translation into modern English of a work which for centuries was as popular as the "Arabian Nights."

AN ANTHOLOGY OF HUMOROUS VERSE: HERICK TO OWEN SEAMAN. Selected by Helen and Lewis Melville. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York.

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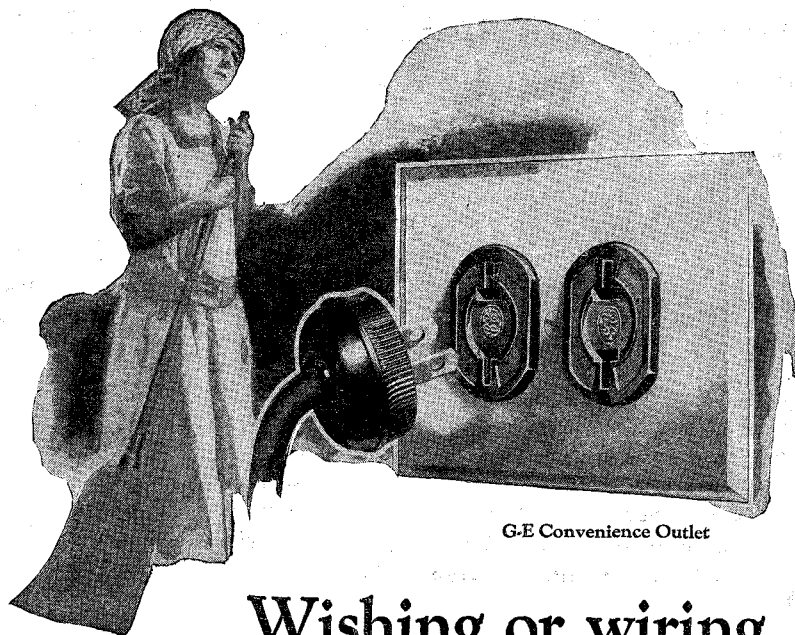
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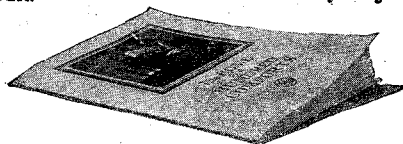
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A FLAGMAN on the Western Pacific Railroad has many duties, and he is helped to perform them by a code of directions which is printed in the "Railway Age." One of the items is as follows:

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From the "Notre Dame Juggler:"

A humorist is one who listens impatiently to your story and then tells a "good one" of his own.

The death of Sir Claude Phillips, art critic, reminds the London "Daily Chronicle" that some years ago, when Sir Claude was seriously ill, his obituary was written by another critic who was his colleague on the staff of a daily paper, but who was at odds with Sir Claude on questions of art. By an accident, a proof of this ante-mortem obituary notice was sent to the subject of it! He found that his supposed antagonist had written a sympathetic, discerning, and eulogistic appreciation of his personality and work! Thenceforth the two men were the best of friends.

"Rain is a circumstance," quotes the editor of the "laughing horse" (he prints it that way), a periodical of Santa Fe, and he goes on to show how a prayer for rain was answered in that old refuge of the Franciscans:

"A few years ago, when the rain had not wet the earth for weeks upon weeks, a religious procession was held as a special plea for relief: a pilgrimage of the multitude from the church to a holy shrine on the outskirts of the village. The throngs marched in the heat along the dust of the road to the chapel and back—but no rain came. The faithful stoically traversed the heated Holy Way a second time—and no rain came.

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