

## BOY HOLDS RECORD

Six-Year-Old Child Climbs a Stack 250 Feet in Air.

Follows in Footsteps of Forefathers and Helps His Parent Win Wager From His Fellow Steeple-Jack.

New York—Six years old, and a steeple-jack!

It was born in Danny Klein, son of William Klein, of 8 Hays street, Newark. His father and grandfather and great-grandfathers followed that line of work, and it is only natural that Danny should take to dizzy heights. When he went to the top of the Gorham laundry in Newark the other day and swung there, 250 feet from the ground, while his little hand piled a paint brush, he earned the title of the youngest steeple-jack in the world.

His going up the stack, however, was the result of a wager between his father and Thomas Breen, a brother "jack." They were talking about the steeples they had climbed, the stacks they had been up, the heights they had surmounted, and how many years they had been in the business.

Klein boasted that his father and his grandfather before him had been steeple-jacks, and that his father went into the work when he was six years old. "I don't believe it," said Breen, candidly. "There ain't any kid of six that's going to go to the top of a stack or anything else."

"There ain't, ain't there?" inquired Klein. "I've got a six-year-old kid that will go up any stack you name. I've got \$25 says so."

"You're on," responded Breen, and the men immediately began making arrangements for little Danny to get up in the world. The agreement was that the youngster was to be securely fastened in the swing and be hauled to the top of the Gorham laundry stack, which towers 250 feet above the ground.

The Newark police were not taken into the confidence of Klein and Breen, for they have a habit of interfering with such ventures. Little Danny, smiling and proud, seated himself in the chair and was carefully strapped in. A minute later he was dangling against the side of the stack, going steadily upward and "fending" with his toes, as his father taught him to do, to keep away from the scorching metal, for there was heat in the stack.

Half way up the hoisters halted and his father called up to the youngster to learn how he was feeling. "Fine, dad," came down the answer. "How's the weather down there?"

Up and up he went until he reached the very top. He dipped his brush in his paint bucket and went to work like a veteran. Breen looked on in stricken silence for a minute and then said: "The money's yours, Klein. It's worth that much to see that a kid can do it. But it's born in him."

A great crowd gathered to watch the juvenile steeple-jack, and when he was finally lowered to the ground again there was a rush of women to hug him and men to shake his hand and congratulations poured in on him and on the father of "such a plucky lad."

"How did you like it?" inquired one of the little fellow.

"Bully," was the prompt reply. "Dad didn't look any bigger'n me when I was up there."

### Engine on Rampage.

Lowell, Mass.—Through a strange freak, Boston & Maine engine 1,339 ran amuck, wandered out of the roundhouse by itself, threw another locomotive from the track and then reversed itself, backed into the roundhouse and right through a brick rear wall, finally landing on its back in a brook.

## USING THE GAS-TORCH ON THE MAINE



IN the work of cutting up the remains of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor the oxyacetylene gas-torch is being used very effectively. With this device the tangled wreckage is quickly cleared away and openings are easily cut through steel plate.

## CLERK DUPES MANY

Berlin Youth Loses Cash for Later Profits.

Housewives Were First Victims in "Cheap Living Scheme"—Small Capitalists His Prey—Also Lived Double Life.

Berlin.—Hans Miller, a copying clerk in the law courts at \$7.50 a week, has discovered a new high road to fortune, his progress along which has, however, been suddenly stopped by the police. To moneyed acquaintances he told a tale of a friendly high official in the patent office, through whose mediation he was able to do profitable business in the exploitation of marketable inventions.

His stories were supported by plausible manners, remarkable readiness in lying, and a number of ingenious expedients. For instance, he was wont to inform the wives of his intended victims that through some mysterious association of which he was a member he was able to purchase provisions at specially advantageous rates.

If they expressed a desire to share in these benefits he would buy the goods asked for at current rates, pass them on to the delighted housewives at a fraction of the same, and for the time being defray the difference out of his own pocket.

He was also profuse with opera and theater tickets, which he professed to obtain by virtue of his high connection, but which he really bought at the box offices, like any ordinary mortal.

By such devices he won the confidence of small capitalists and induced them to intrust him with money for his patent transactions. Their first investments were always prepaid with handsome profits, which increased their avarice, their confidence and their speculations.

This system of Muller proved enormously remunerative, for his takings from it, so far as discovered, amounted to \$100,000 in a year. When he was arrested he had \$25,000 on his person.

A curious feature of the case is that while in the circle of his victims he was under an assumed name, boasting of his important connections, and spending money right and left, and at the same time was living with his mother and sister the careful and modest life of a copying clerk.

### CARRIES CELESTIAL ON BACK

So-Called King of Border Smugglers Arraigned at El Paso, Tex., on Serious Charge.

El Paso, Tex.—Tomas Montes, a Mexican known as the king of Chinese smugglers on the border, was arraigned before the United States commissioner on a charge of smuggling Chinese into the United States from Juarez. Montes was captured in the middle of the Rio Grande with a Chinaman complacently mounted upon his back.

### Wild Geese in Thousands.

Eltopia, Wash.—Wild geese by the thousands are now coming up from the Columbia river to feed on the stubble and wheat fields.

## SOME HINTS

Broom in the Hand  
Prevented Often Does More  
Than Good.

It is not an easy matter to sweep well, at any rate, if one judges by experience, for when a broom is put into the hands of the inexperienced more harm than good generally results from the use of it.

Light sweeping and soft brooms are desirable. Many a carpet is prematurely worn out by careless sweeping. In sweeping thick piled carpets always brush the way of the pile. By doing so it may be kept clean for years; but if the broom is used in a different way the dust will enter the carpet and soon destroy it.

If the carpet covers the whole floor of the room and it is nailed down, place the chairs and other articles of furniture which can be easily moved in the middle of the room, pin up the curtains and cover the couch with an old sheet.

Pieces of damp paper may be sprinkled round the sides of the room, and then sweep with a carpet broom toward one place.

Take short strokes, being careful not to raise the broom much. Sweep the corners and edges with a whiskbroom.

Put two tablespoonfuls of ammonia into one gallon of water; wring a cloth out of this and wipe the carpet. This will remove the dust and help to brighten the carpet.

## PLAIN WASHING SODA'S USES

Chemical Is Great Saver of Work—Almost Indispensable to the Housekeeper.

Uses for common washing soda: One heaping tablespoonful of soda to a pint of water (boiling) will clean the walls of a tub. Soak a few hours.

In boiling clothes a few tablespoonfuls of soda in the water will eradicate stains from clothes and lend a snowy whiteness. I have used it on the finest quality of white goods with entire satisfaction. It will not injure the material.

To clean a coffee or tea pot made of granite or lined with porcelain, fill up the utensil with cold water, set on stove to boil, and add a lump of soda as large as a hazelnut to the water. It cleanses perfectly. In fact, sweetness is insured after its usage in every instance.

To clean silver: Put a level tablespoonful in dishpan, add a quart of cold water, put on fire to boil (put silver in pan in the cold water), and wipe immediately after the water boils up. Result: Perfectly shined silver ware without any trouble. These are hints I learned for myself on the usages of soda.

### Lemon Jelly.

An excellent rule for lemon jelly, which is nice either as a dessert by itself or as a foundation for an elaborate sweet, calls for two cupfuls of boiling water, two small lemons, half a big cupful of sugar and two large tablespoonfuls of gelatine, or as much as will stiffen the mixture when it becomes cold. Soak the gelatine in barely enough cold water to cover it, and when it becomes soft melt it completely by setting the cup it is in in boiling hot water. Then stir it immediately into the lemon juice, water and sugar, which should be heating on the stove. Let the jelly harden on ice or snow after pouring it into a mold.

### Queen Charlotte Pudding.

One pint of bread crumbs, one quart of milk, one cup of sugar, yolks of four eggs, butter size of a walnut. Bake half an hour. Take out of the oven and cover with currant jelly. Beat whites of the four eggs, one cup of sugar, juice of one lemon, spread over the jelly and brown in the oven.