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It is interesting to note, since all the foolish fancies of this end of the century are laid to women, that men also have cherished fads, which they follow with as much enthusiasm as a school girl who makes a collection of college pins, or hangs her room with football trophies.

No less an exalted personage than the treasurer of the United States, whose name adorns the bank-note with which we buy our daily bread, has a fad—he collects autographs. And no man, guilty or not guilty, escapes, as that much-talked-of descendant of Sarah Jennings discovered when he called upon the treasurer the other day.

How many hundreds of autographs Mr. Morgan has already I am not prepared to say, but he showed me two handsome books filled from cover to cover with the signatures of notables, some of which are very valuable, and all are very interesting.

An honorable senator, who had occasion to visit town last August, does not feel the sympathy and interest in Mr. Morgan's undertaking that would be expected from a man of his culture and eminence. And thereby hangs a tale. The senator was not very well when he was in town in August, and never went out in the heat of the day if it could be avoided. One day, just before noon, an urgent message came to him from the treasurer saying his presence was immediately desired. Thinking his opinion was doubtless wanted on some vital topic, he rushed from the Arlington, down 15th street, to that classic building, where Mr. Carlisle stands guard over the national gold and the national credit.

Imagine the senator's chagrin, after he had worked himself up to deliver an opinion upon a vital subject, to discover that the peremptory message was only an invitation from Treasurer Morgan to write in his autograph book. What the senator said was not recorded, and Mr. Morgan insists that he got the autograph.—Washington Times.

Denmark's deep-sea exploring expedition to the coasts of Iceland and Greenland has returned. Bad weather interfered seriously with the scientific work, but the Ingolf took soundings from Iceland to Cape Farewell, the greatest depth found being 1,870 fathoms, and secured much zoological material. The Ingolf will be sent out again next summer.

Siberia.

A graphic idea of the immense size of Siberia may be gleaned from the following comparisons: All of the states, kingdoms, principalities, empires, etc., of Europe (except Russia) and all of the United States, including Alaska, could be placed side by side in Siberia and yet but little more than cover that immense country.

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LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES.

That Day Now Seems Not Very Far Off.

Inventors Are Asking for Patents for Cof- fers, Stairways, Barrels, Closets, and Even Dwellings of Crystal-Glass to Be Used for Everything.

There is an inventor who is known at the patent office in Washington as the "Glass Man." His name is C. W. McLean, of New Bern, N. C., and during the last few years he has obtained patents for a surprising number of devices in glass. Among these is a glass coffin, which is guaranteed proof against decay and rats. So long as no deliberate attempt is made to smash it, it ought to last forever. Another contrivance is a staircase made wholly of glass, steps, landing and newelpost being all of that material. Yet another is a glass barrel. But perhaps the most remarkable invention of the "Glass Man" is a billiard table of glass.

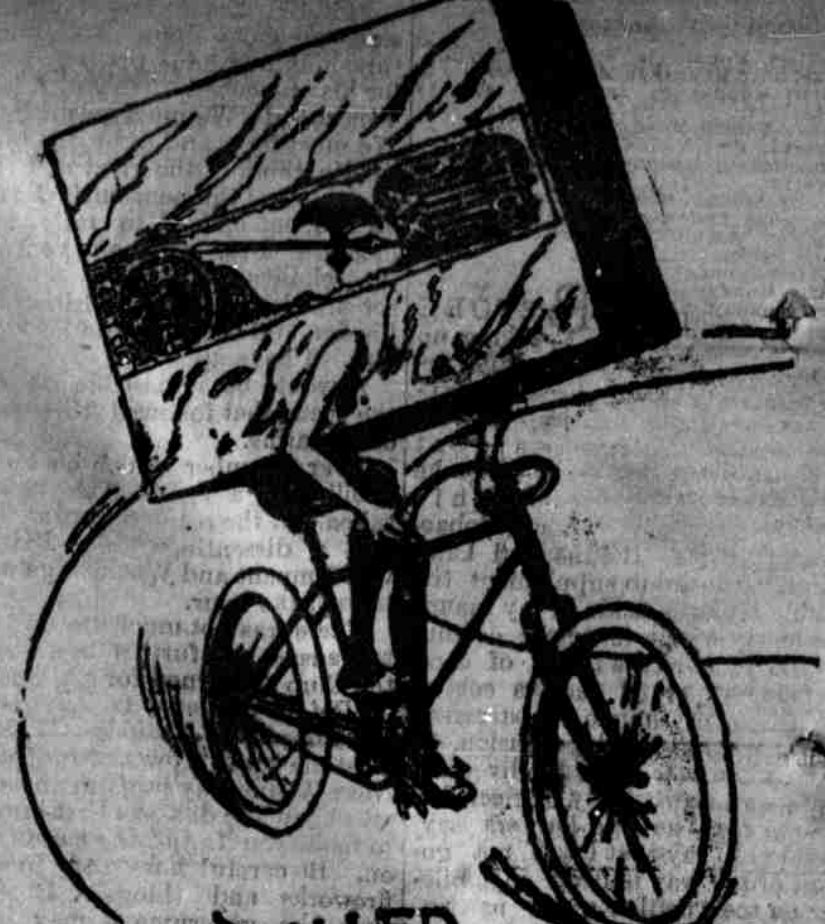
The day may yet arrive when people will live in glass houses. A patent has been secured by another inventor for glass bricks of a peculiar pattern. The material of which they are composed being a first-rate non-conductor, these bricks will keep the cold out of a dwelling built of them, while admitting the light. It is claimed that they will exclude noise, being hollow. Furthermore, the inmates of a glass house need not be afraid of being under too close observation by neighbors, inasmuch as it is not requisite that the bricks shall be transparent. They may be of opaque ground glass, or of any color that may be suitable for decorative effect.

Thus, before many years have passed, it will be considered the height of luxury perhaps to occupy a dwelling of glass. Glass bricks, of course, are expensive. People who live in glass houses will be able to afford to wear clothes of glass. That sounds like nonsense, but the fact is that beautiful and most delicate fabrics are made out of spun glass. Nearly 20 years ago there was shown at the centennial exposition in Philadelphia a bonnet composed entirely of glass. It was a love of a bonnet. The flowers on it were glass, and so were the ribbons, which looked like the finest satin. The patentee of this process describes it as suitable for the manufacture of neckties, shawls, tablecloths, etc.

In fabrics of this kind a very fine quality of glass is used. It is spun in threads of exceeding delicacy, and of these several colors may be produced at the same time. They are woven in a loom of ordinary pattern. Anybody may observe that a thin sheet of glass is somewhat elastic. The threads employed in weaving are of such fineness as to be perfectly pliable and not at all brittle. With a gown of glass would naturally go a pair of glass slippers. Not like Cinderella's. Oh, no; Cinderella did not wear glass slippers. Her slippers in the original French story were of "vair," which means fur. Vair and "verre," meaning glass, are pronounced exactly alike. Hence the corruption.

A Pittsburgh man named Smith has invented a process for making glass slippers in molds. They would not do very well for dancing. There is no reason why a glass gown should not be woven of iridescent glass, so that the wearer would look like an animated rainbow on a ballroom floor—one dazzling shimmer of ever-changing hues. Until recently the manufacture of iridescent glass was set down in the list of the lost arts. But in 1873 it was rediscovered, and now it is a common commercial article. It is made by exposing the melted glass to the vapors of salts of sodium. At the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York city are exhibited great numbers of bottles, plates and other articles of glass which were made and used long before Christ was born. They were dug up in Cyprus and elsewhere. Many of them have a beautiful iridescence, but it is the result of decay. Glass will rot like anything else, and decay has split the structure of this ancient glass into laminae or flakes, which interrupt the light, so as to produce brilliant red, green, purple and other rainbow colors.

The window blinds of the glass-house of the future will be glass, of course. That is another patent, and the inventor suggests that such blinds may be made of whatever colors are desired. Baby in the nursery, perhaps, will play with glass building blocks, and at a suitable age he will receive a Christmas gift of a pair of roller skates with glass rollers. Both of these ideas have been patented. When he is old enough to go fishing, he will not dig worms in the garden, but will be provided with artificial bait in the shape of a hollow minnow of glass, coated on the inside partly with a solution of gold and silver and partly with a luminous paint. The originator of this minnow says that it is a brilliant object in the water and calculated to compel the attention of any fish that has a particle of appetite.—Globe-Democrat.



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