



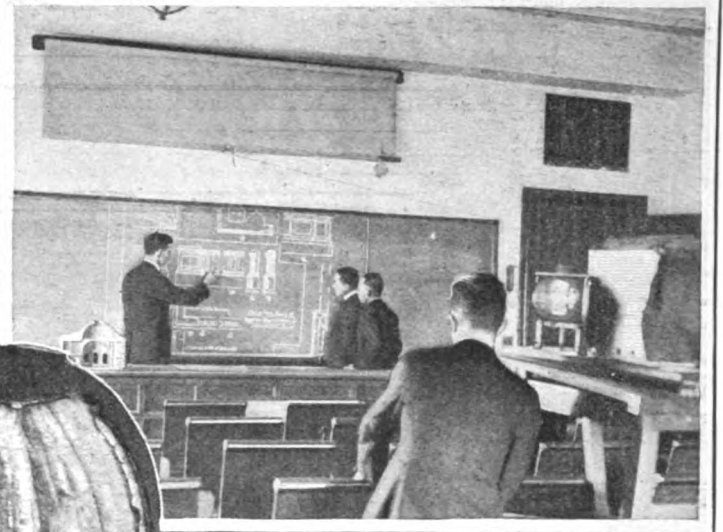
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### Men with Yokes of Crime

JAPAN and China are great countries for making the punishment fit the crime. In fact, they are keen on punishment in general.

In China it is still the custom for criminals to stand in the public market place with a great wooden block around their necks on which is written the history of their crimes. Passers-by may stop, read, and make whatever comments they wish.

From the number of police necessary to guard the six criminals in the picture above, it would seem that they were truly desperate characters, and yet one would think their neckwear rendered them helpless.



### Stone-jointing Taught by Lantern

AT the School of Architecture, Columbia University, New York City, there is an entirely new method of teaching stereotomy, also known as architectural stone-jointing.

A drawing is made of a typical joint and then a slide is made from the drawing. This is projected on the blackboard at the front of the classroom, as shown above. The instructor and pupils fill in the various sections with chalk, just as if the drawing were actually made on the blackboard. When the lesson is over the slide is removed for future reference and the chalk fillings are rubbed off the blackboard. This method obviated the necessity of drawing a new plan for each class. The same one, in slide form, can be used over and over again.



### A Four-in-One Banana

HAVE you ever peeled a fat banana and found four complete bananas within? Such a quadruplet is shown herewith. Each banana, naturally, is small, but is completely developed. Just why freaks of nature like this turn up every so often, no one really knows.

Next time you see a very fat banana, investigate it.

To find two nuts where only one should grow is a common experience, and one that causes no surprise; but this banana is a unique case.

### Umbrellas for Swiss Sharpshooters

IN Switzerland, when the soldiers practise target shooting, they make use of umbrellas to protect their eyes from the sun. Artists, the world over, use umbrellas for the same protection.

In hot countries the umbrella is an important part of the day's equipment. In the jungle one may see a savage king carried on state occasions upon the shoulders of his naked attendants, holding aloft a ragged, rib-protruding umbrella, the relic of some missionary.

And an umbrella has also been known as the shoplifter's friend; a handy receptacle for stolen articles.



### A Railroad Run by One Man

SOME men cannot resist the desire to run a train. W. Cecil Gage, a broker, took up railroading as a hobby, and built a complete system, from tracks to rolling stock, himself.

From second-hand lumber and old wheels he constructed the remarkable little train seen in the illustration below. It is by no means a mere toy. The track runs around his estate, making connections with the barn, the wood-house, the ice-house, etc., so that a flourishing freight business is the result.



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