

## PAPER NOTES

Substance we know as paper was invented by a Chinese, Ts'ai Lun, in 105 AD. This paper was made from the bark of a mulberry tree.

In 1490, almost half a century after printing was discovered in Europe, books were costing the equivalent of \$2000 each. One Nobleman paid \$40,000 for 29 books which were sold 30 years later at almost 100 percent profit.

Paper manufacturers in Florence, Italy, in the closing years of the 15th century had to pay a tax of 30 percent of the selling price on all exports. In addition they had to pay a sales tax.

Large posters were printed in Italy in the 8th and 9th centuries by use of movable wooden and iron blocks. The letters ranged from three to six inches high. As paper was almost unobtainable at that time, animal skins were used.

In 1653 Charles DuPles wrote a poem about a lady friend of Louis XIV. Some of the King's friends got several copies of the poem and forced DuPles to eat them—with salt. DuPles challenged each of them to a duel, defeating three and forced them to eat paper.

The Romans improved the brown or yellow Egyptian papyrus by sizing it with flour, making it white.

Samarkand, Iraq became a paper center in the 8th century after Arabians had captured experienced paper makers in the battle of Tharas River. One reason that Samarkand became a paper center was on account of the flax crops there. In later years flax and hemp were used to make paper in Italy and Spain.

Paper manufacturing was established in the United States in September, 1690, nearly a century before we became an independent nation. The Associates founded and operated the first American paper mill at what is now Fairmont Park in Philadelphia.

In 1860 another fibrous plant, resembling flax, was used to make paper in Algeria. It was useful for making coarse linen. Its growth was encouraged in Africa to replace scarce rags, for paper, thus a new cigarette paper was found. Cigarettes were just coming into a small popular demand on the continent, later to be followed by a greater demand in the United States. A mill was established in Algeria to manufacture cigarette paper.

Jones was having his hair cut when his boss walked into the barber shop. "Well, Jones," snapped the boss, "I see you're having your hair cut on company time."

"Yes sir. It grew on company time."

"Not all of it did."

"No sir. But I'm not having it all cut off."

## THE QUIZ COLUMN

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Do you know all the Presidents of the United States? Of course, everybody does! We have had 32 different ones, and its easy to name them. Well, figure out a President's name that fits each phrase and allow yourself 3 1-8 points for each one you fit correctly. Find answers on page 13.



Incidentally, this quiz is entirely original and I hope you have as much fun putting the names together as I had taking them apart.

1. A building material plus r.
2. To annoy and an offspring.
3. The first man plus s.
4. The leader of the Knights of The Round Table.
5. The highest mountain peak in America.
6. A great tennis champion and a little preposition.
7. A well known watch.
8. Co-author of a recent labor bill.
9. To adhere to and the good earth.
10. The Ford's big sister.
11. To cut deeply.
12. One who sews.
13. To replenish before an encore.
14. An old funny paper character, er and a male heir.
15. A famous big game hunter.
16. The great rationer.
17. What sophomores do to freshmen.
18. To give.
19. Handy tools plus on.
20. A kind of fish and a tract of land.
21. A weekly chore plus 2000 lbs.
22. An edible herb.
23. Not easy and a participle.
24. An icy ledge.
25. Honest plus homo sapien.
26. His fireside chats were heard around the world.
27. Angry, an important organ and a boy.
28. What it takes to buy fish eggs.
29. The great Biblical Baptist and son.
30. A male deer, the first letter of the alphabet and a girl's name.
31. To plunder before son.
32. An apple everybody has.

Convict: "How long you in for?"

New Cellmate: "99 years."

Convict: "I'm in for 75 years."

Cellmate: "Then you take the bed near the door. You're getting out first."