

LIKE THE EGYPT OF OLD

Country Has Seen Little Change While the Rest of the World Has Been Advancing.

In journeying to Assuan from Thebes the traveler cannot fail to be impressed by the two beautiful temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo. The former, situated almost midway in the journey, is of special interest because it is the best preserved of all the Egyptian temples. It was a center of the cult of Osiris, whose death and rising again was celebrated every spring within its close. The festival began with deep mourning. Processions of priests marched around the walls deploring the death of their god in the contest with the evil one. In the sanctuary lay the mummy, personified by a priest, while a priestess who represented Isis wept over her dead lord and begged for his return. At last the resurrection morning came, the mummy arose, and joy reigned among the worshipers. Again processions formed upon the walls and, marching with banners and musical instruments, proclaimed the risen lord to those who stood about.

A few miles away is Kom Ombo, the beautiful temple of Sobek, the crocodile god, whose devotees hated the worshipers of Osiris as fiercely as in later times the followers of the prophet hated the Coptic monks whom they found before them in this very valley. Like Edfu, it dates from the days of the Ptolemies, who built both buildings on ancient sites. The rulers of that time were Hellenists, but their architecture was that of ancient Egypt, so firmly rooted in the land were the old dynastic traditions. Persian, Greek and Roman came and carved their names upon the temples, but left no mark upon the unchanging spirit of Egypt. Not even today is there any alteration, for still the houses in the villages are built as of old, and over them rise the pigeon towers, veritable pylons, exactly like the towered gateways of the ancient temples.—"Royal Temples of the Nile," by William Warfield in Travel.

Coal From the Arctic.

A few years ago, the idea of getting coal from Spitzbergen, one of the most desolate islands of the Arctic ocean, was a topic for romancers of the Sunday supplement type. Now it is a fact of considerable moment in many of the world's markets. A single company, financed chiefly by American capital, mined nearly 40,000 tons of coal from Spitzbergen last year. The deposit of fuel in the far North is said to be singularly easy to work. It comes in a single seam about four feet thick, stretching along the coast for 30 miles. The surrounding rock is so solid that timbering is not needed. The temperature is always below the freezing point in the present workings, which does away with the need of pumps. In fact the only real difficulty is that of getting men—and motion pictures have gone far to solve that problem. Yet for every ton of coal in Spitzbergen there are ten in Alaska of at least equal quality, closer to a hungry market. The arctic zone won't make a real dent in the fuel market till our big northwest territory gets in action.

Stop Slavery in Papua.

Our attention is called by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection society to the fact that following the publication of an article by our Melbourne correspondent in the Daily Chronicle which declared that slavery was flourishing in Papua (British New Guinea), an investigation was made by the Australian government and severe action has now been taken to bring an end to the conditions we described.

Among the allegations made were that native police threatened men with the destruction of their villages if they refused to sign on for a term of years; that many "boys" in one division were actually handcuffed for declining to come away at the bidding of certain professional recruiters, and that all of the able-bodied males of one village had been captured.—London Chronicle.

Largest Steamship Cargo.

On its last trip to the Pacific coast from Oriental ports, the Great Northern's steamship Minnesota carried what its owners say was the largest cargo ever shipped in one bottom in the history of shipping. The total of the cargo is estimated at nearly 30,000 tons. Included were 37,500 bales of hemp from Manila bound for Chicago, and 2,730 bags of peanuts for the Pacific coast. From Kobe came 37,500 chests of tea for overland points via the Great Northern road, principally Chicago, New York, Montreal and Toronto. There were 43,430 bags of Manchurian maize and more than 5,500 cases of porcelain from Japanese ports. From Yokohama was shipped treasure amounting to 1,500,000 yen in gold coin.—Wall Street Journal.

Center of Population.

For more than a century a careful calculation has been made every ten years to fix the exact center of population. When the census was taken in 1790 the center of population was found to be near Annapolis, Md., well east of Chesapeake bay. A decade later the center had moved to a point just above the city of Washington. Throughout the history of the country the population center has moved steadily westward at the rate of about 100 miles every ten years. The center of population of our 100,000,000 lies in Illinois near its western boundary. In another decade it will probably cross the Mississippi river.—Christian Herald.

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Gov. Ferguson of Texas and Gen. Venustiano Carranza, head of the de facto government of Mexico, have pledged the co-operation of their forces in maintaining order and evolved plans to rid the lower Rio Grande Valley of outlaws.

Eight-Year-Old Kills Two.

Huntington, Pa., Nov. 24.—Howard, the eight year old son of John Prough, a farmer last night shot and killed his brother 4 years old and his little sister 5 years old, in the absence of his parents, at Calvin, a remote hamlet. The father was hauling logs and the mother had gone on an errand to a neighbors.

The eldest son obtained a shotgun from an adjoining room and, returning to the kitchen where his brother and sister were playing on the floor pointed the gun at them and pulled the trigger.

The charge of heavy shot entered the heads of the children and killed them instantly.

Emperor William to Make Peace Offer, Says Report, Well Founded.

London, Nov. 23.—A Pall Mall Gazette dispatch from Berne says: "There is declared to be undoubted foundation for the report that the Emperor of Germany will make an open offer for peace through President Wilson after the emperor's state entry into Constantinople.

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Mrs. Jennie Miner, Davidson, Ind., writes: "I can truthfully say that Foley's Carthatic Tablets are the best I ever used. They are so mild in action. I feel like I was made over again." They keep the stomach sweet, liver active and bowels regular. They banish constipation, indigestion, biliousness, sick headache.—Torrence

Declares Against the Preparedness Idea

Durham, Nov. 25.—Declaring that the idea of "preparedness" was ill founded, in fact since it was unscriptural throughout, the North Carolina-Virginia Christian Conference placed itself squarely on record against President Wilson's preparedness program today. The incorporation of a resolution condemning the program was among the closing acts of the conference.

President W. A. Harper, of Elon College, secretary of the conference was authorized to memorialize Senators Simmons and Overman and the other Congressmen from this state relative to the measure and register the protest of the Christian denomination from the two States. The resolution as endorsed was introduced by J. O. Atkinson, editor of the Christian Sun. Prolonged discussion followed the introduction of the resolution, but the conference voted almost unanimously against military preparedness.

Locating the Trouble.

ache, rheumatism, lumbago, biliousness, sharp pains, sore muscles, and stiff joints, it is not always easy to locate the source of trouble, but nine times out of ten it can be traced to overworked or diseased kidneys. Foley's Kidney Pills have benefited thousands of sufferers.—Torrence Drug Co.

PREVENT FIRES IN HOME

Number of Simple Rules That if Followed Would Practically Eliminate All Fires in Homes.

Fires in the home are easier to prevent than to extinguish.

Practically every fire originating in a dwelling house is due to carelessness or neglect.

The attic, cellar, and all clothes closets should be cleaned at least once a year and all useless material and rubbish removed and burned.

In storing clothing, remove all matches and other material from the pockets. Do not hang clothes near hot chimneys.

Do not go into clothes closets with lighted matches or candles.

Use only safety matches and keep them away from the children.

Never throw burned matches on the floor or into waste baskets.

Do not use inflammable shades on lamps, candles or electric light bulbs.

Coal oil lamps should always be filled by daylight. They should be kept clean and properly trimmed. A dirty lamp is unsafe.

Special care should be taken in the home to prevent fires from starting, because when they do start there is seldom a man about to extinguish them. Where women and children are housed, the utmost vigilance is necessary on the part of those responsible for their welfare.

A fuse in the "safety valve" of an electric system, and should never be replaced by one of larger size or of any other material.

Do not allow paper or rubbish to accumulate behind steam coils or radiators.

Gas stoves should never be connected up with rubber tubing. Gas pipe, rigid and secure, is the only safe connection.

Rags and cloths saturated with cleaning and polishing oils may ignite spontaneously in a few hours. Burn them at once.

Be careful of ashes. Do not deposit them against wooden buildings or fences. See that there are no live coals. Far better to pour a pail of water over them than to take the risk of a strong wind carrying live coals and starting fires.

Never allow little children to carry lamps, and never set lamps on a table cover. Children may pull them over.

SCHOOL EXITS.

The best means of escape in case of fire for a school building where most of the pupils are small children is, in my opinion, a horizontal escape through an opening in a fire wall intersecting the building, the opening properly protected on both sides by self-closing fireproof doors. There should preferably be on one side of the opening a sliding door held back on a fusible link, and on the other side a self-closing swinging door. This means of escape is the most efficient not only for a school building, but also for any other kind of a building. If a vertical escape must be provided instead of a horizontal escape, a Philadelphia fire tower is best. If this cannot be provided an interior enclosed stairway is next best. Outside from balcony fire escapes are subject to serious objections.—J. D. Hammitt.

UNSAFE FLUES.

Statistics show that at least 26 per cent of the fires in this State are caused by defective chimneys and flues. Of course all of these fires could have been prevented, if the parties building the chimneys and flues had followed our building laws governing these matters, especially in regard to lining these chimneys and flues with fire clay lining. There is no question in my mind as to the advisability of lining chimneys and flues with fire clay lining.

In our state we are requiring this now in our State building law, and practically all of the trouble is coming from chimneys and flues built prior to the enactment of this law or where it is not fully enforced.—James R. Young, Insurance Commissioner.

A FABLE FOR BUILDERS.

Last summer a GOOD CITIZEN of a certain town, not over a hundred miles from almost EVERYWHERE built a WOODEN house for a WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN. HE built the chimney of BRICK because HE HAD TO DO SO. The chimney was able to STAND ALONE, so he did not have to PROP IT WITH WOOD. But the FLOORS of the house would not STAY UP without props. The GOOD CITIZEN SAVED A DOLLAR by using the chimney as a SUPPORT for the floors. He nested the ENDS OF THE FLOOR JOISTS nicely into the brick of the chimney. He then COVERED UP THE JOB and GOT HIS MONEY.

The rains fell and the winds blew in the most Biblical manner and Winter came after its usual fashion. The chimney SETTLED a little and there was a tiny crack.

One morning the WOMAN woke up with FIRE ALL ABOUT HER. She tried to GET TO HER CHILDREN. IF she got to them, NO ONE EVER KNEW IT. The GOOD CITIZEN who built the house, WAS NOT ARRESTED FOR MANSLAUGHTER. He is still building OTHER HOUSES of the SAME KIND for OTHER WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

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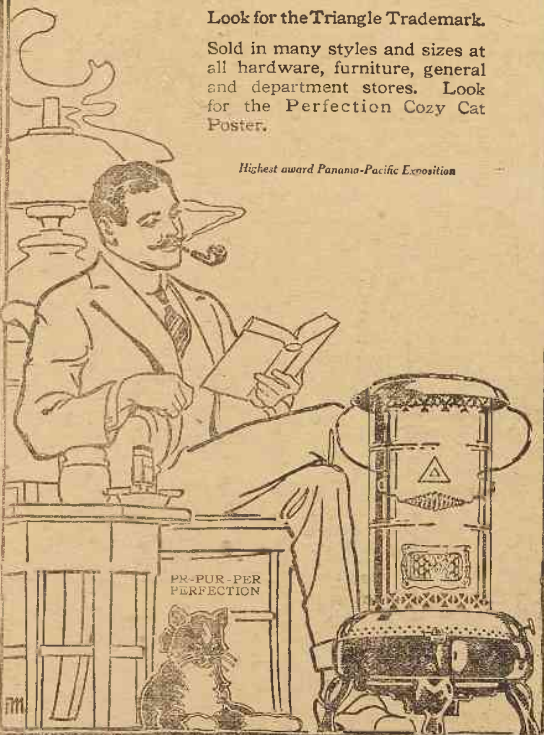
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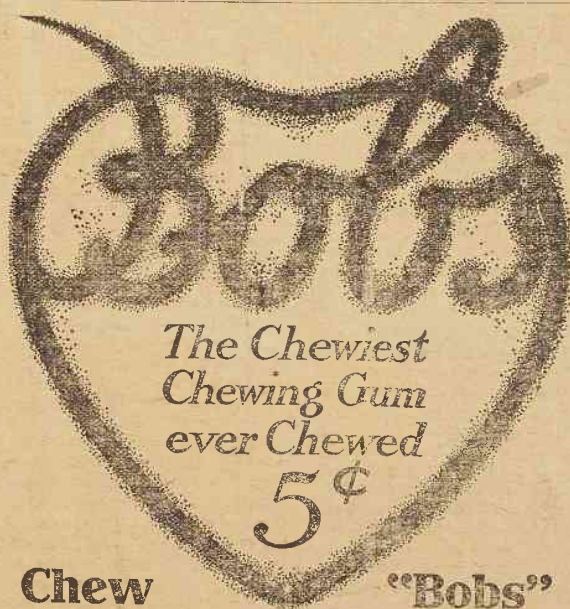
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