

GIANT BIRDS OF THE PAST

Discoveries Have Proved That Enormous Feathered Creatures Once Existed on Earth.

In that long, narrow triangle which forms the southern extremity of South America, and which, since the first visits of Magellan and other early navigators, has been associated in the imagination of many persons with the storms of Cape Horn and the mysteries of Terra del Fuego, geologists have discovered the remains of a class of gigantic birds which, in many respects, differ from all birds that are known ever to have existed elsewhere upon the globe.

These birds, it is believed, could not fly, and their great jaws were so like those of some four-footed beast that when one of them—an under jaw about 21 inches in length—was exhibited in England, many naturalists would not admit that it had belonged to a bird at all, and asserted that it must be the jaw of some animal resembling a gigantic sloth.

More recent discoveries, however, have proved that no mistake was made in ascribing the jaw in question to a bird. Specimens of entire skulls and of other parts of skeletons have been found in Patagonia, which show that long before the records of human history began, and possibly before man had made his appearance on the earth, such birds inhabited that country.

Their leg bones were proportionate in size and strength to their jaws. They had wings, but naturalists think that these wings, like those of the ostrich, were not used for flight, but simply as an aid in running.

Gigantic flightless birds, some even larger perhaps than those of South America, are known to have lived in other parts of the world, but there are certain peculiarities of structure which separate the extinct Patagonian birds from all others. This gives them a peculiar scientific interest, because it has been found that many of the four-footed animals inhabiting South America in ancient times were unlike those of the other continents.

Such discoveries are as full of meaning to the geologist who is trying to read in the records of nature the history of the globe as are the ancient inscriptions and human remains found in the tombs and caves and temples to students of the early history of man.

Knew His Business.

Waters walked down the street in the early evening, enjoying his cigar. He stopped to look at a window display. A hand touched him on the shoulder. Waters turned around quickly.

"Begging your pardon, mister." It was a human derelict, about to make a "touch."

"What is it?" Waters asked, not unkindly.

"I'm up against it, mister," the man explained. "I haven't any money. Couldn't you help a fellow out with a dollar?"

"Why don't you go to work?" Waters asked.

"There you go with that fool question!" the man exclaimed. "Mister, there are a hundred reasons why I can't get time to tell you my life history here tonight. I'm broke and need a dollar."

"You ask for too much," Waters said. "If you had told me you needed a quarter I might have felt like giving it."

The man turned away with a snarl.

"If you don't want to give me a dollar, all right, mister," he said, "but don't try to give me any pointers on begging."—Raymond City Star.

Egypt's Marvels.

Prof. W. A. Edwards Peirce, the veteran archaeologist, returning on "Ancient Egypt" workmanship" at King's college, London, the other day, laid stress upon the capabilities and knowledge of the Egyptians as far back as 3000 B. C., as disclosed by the further excavations now being made.

Hand-woven flutes, two inches wide and not more than a quarter of an inch thick, he explained, showed an amazing degree of skill—in days thousands of years before the art of reading and writing. A tombstone at least 5,000 years old, both in line and plane was accurate to the 1-100,000 part of an inch.

Examples of hand weaving showed that the Egyptians 7,000 years ago could produce material equal to our finest machine-woven samples of today. About 3,500 years ago they had practically every tool used by modern carpenters.

Lives Life of Service.

The youngest daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, has dedicated her life, even the honored name she bears, to become a servant of the poor who are victims of incurable cancer. Today she is known simply as Mother Alphonsa of the third order of St. Dominic, founder and mother superior of St. Rose's home, New York, and of the Rosary, at Hawthorne, N. Y., the only free hospitals for incurable cancer.

In the cheerful sun parlors of the hospitals, in the simple gardens, or in the beds, outcasts who were once alone in their terror find that life still holds some comfort and companionship.

Profitable United States Islands.

Trade of the United States with its insular possessions in the first quarter century of our occupation totals about \$5,500,000,000, against a little more than \$500,000,000 in the twenty-five years preceding our occupation, according to the Trade Record of the National City bank.

REAL - LIFE SHEIK

Unlike Fascinating Figure in Novels, Traveler Says.

Almost Universal Type Ragged Gluttons With a Remarkable Lack of Romantic Trappings.

A new light is shed on the so-called fascinating sheiks as described by numerous authors in recent novels, by Dairymple Belgrave, a former member of the frontier districts administration of Egypt, in an interesting article written in the London Daily Mail.

"I have just returned to England after spending seven years in Egypt, Palestine and the Sudan, where sheiks are frequently found," he writes. "During that time I met and was well acquainted with more sheiks than I can easily remember, but not one among them all was like the typical 'sheik' of the modern novel."

"Certainly some of them were handsome enough. I remember one in particular who ruled a district on the borders of Egypt and the Sudan. He was as fine a man as I ever have seen, but he was practically black, and the 'sheik' of fiction are usually 'fairly tanned' and 'scarcely darker than an Italian.'"

"Perhaps Mahdi Abdul Nohi, whose name was an oasis in the Libyan desert, was in appearance more the required type, but then his manners left much to be desired, and his behavior at a meal, which would consist probably of the larger half of a sheep, was neither romantic nor attractive."

"In my experience the usual Arab sheik was elderly, a pronounced 'beaver' and only moderately clean."

"His surroundings, too, would appear very disappointing to the reader of the 'sheik' type of story. One would expect wonderful camps in the desert, huge silken-tent furnished with priceless rugs and sumptuous divans heaped with furthest colored cushions."

"I have camped in the desert with real sheiks from whose wealth one would expect every luxury, but their camps were very like those of the ordinary Bedouin, and one met just as many objectionable insects as in the tents of the common Arabs."

"I think the nearest approach to the sheik of fiction among my acquaintances was a certain Hassan, a very splendid individual who called himself 'Sheik Hassan,' and lived in the neighborhood of Shepherd's hotel, in Cairo. He spoke English perfectly, wore wonderful Eastern robes, and I really believe he took as his model the hero of one of the stories I read."

"But unfortunately Hassan had no experience of the desert; he was born and bred in Cairo, and his occupation was that of a guide who showed tourists round the pyramids and took them out to see the Sphinx by moonlight."

Hattie Ely's Death Recalled.

The much more romantic career of Hattie Ely is recalled by the death in France of that other American beauty of half a century ago, Mrs. Hughes Hallett, "Giltard" writes in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

In her day and prime, Hattie Ely, daughter of a Philadelphia clergyman, outshone as a dazdler of men this other Philadelphia girl whose grandfather was a Hessian officer in the Revolution.

Hattie Ely not only won the casual admiration of great dukes and princes, but her intrigues, recounted by herself in her autobiography, reached right up to the throne.

As a Philadelphia school girl, Hattie was a wonder. I know men who as boys knew her, and they describe her as the most beautiful woman ever seen in this city.

Her extraordinary beauty made life one succession of adventures. Eloping at an early age with a big, handsome railroad conductor, Hattie quickly discovered that her "fatal face" was a fortune.

She was the sensation of Paris and became the particular favorite of a Russian grand duke. Her book, written in French, was once loaned to me by Samuel Bancroft of Wilmington.

The late "Lou" Megargee left on record a fine pen picture of Hattie Ely, whose dazzling career was waning when he began his as a newspaper man.

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For the last 20 years Topeka young women have been overworking the superlatives in conversation. Most everything is "wonderful" or "awful," or they are just "crazy" about it. Now it seems the conversational style is changing.

A Topeka girl recently visited Kansas City friends and a certain wedding came up for discussion. The Topeka girl asked, "Wasn't it an awfully swell wedding?"

"No, no," said the Kansas City girl, "it was swell, but it wasn't too swell."

"Didn't the bride look too sweet for anything?" asked the Topeka girl.

"Yes," said the K. C. girl, "but not too sweet."

"Wasn't that a lovely dress she wore?" asked the Topeka girl.

"It was a pretty dress," said the Kansas City girl, "but not too pretty. If you know what I mean."—Topeka Capital.

Farm Athletics.

"What were you at college, son?" asked Mr. Cobble.

"Quarterback, father. And if I do say it myself, one of the best ever."

"Well, I don't doubt that what you learned about quarterbacking will be useful to you in after life, but your education won't be complete until you are able to do team work with me and the 'bred' man."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Gasoline From German Coal.

Germany has discovered how gasoline may be produced from coal. Experiments have been successful at Mannheim, with a plant capable of dealing with 60 tons per day. The conversion of coal into petroleum is achieved by introducing hydrogen into the coal, thus completely changing its chemical character and converting about 90 per cent into a liquid similar to fuel oil. This oil is transformed into light oils and gasoline, the latter totaling about 40 per cent of the volume of the fuel oil treated, there being also an equal percentage of Diesel engine oil.

Wanted Up-to-Date Santa.

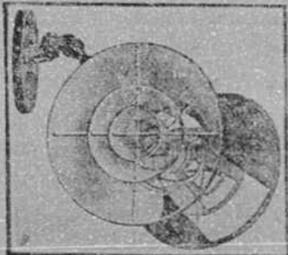
After seeing Santa Claus, his sleigh and reindeer, at one of the large community trees, Betty Ann turned away and said: "Mother, why doesn't Santa Claus use those old reindeer and buy a car?"

Dancing Made Easy.

On Willie's return from his first dancing lesson, his Aunt Amella inquired, "Well, Willie, how did you like your dancing lesson?" "Oh," he replied, "it's easy; all you have to do is turn around and keep wiping your feet."

MAKING MOTOR HIGHWAYS BROAD RIBBONS OF LIGHT

New Novalux Units, With Next Reflectors, Focus Light Entirely on Road—Already in Use in Many Places in the United States.



Parabolic Nest Highway Lighting Unit.

Heavily traveled highways throughout the United States will be almost perfectly lighted before many years have passed, judging from the early popularity of a new type of highway lighting unit brought out within the last two years by the General Electric Company. This is known as the Novalux parabolic nest type of unit, so-called from the arrangement of a series of reflectors grouped about the lamp.

These reflectors are arranged one within another, resembling a nest, and their usefulness lies in the fact that they catch between them all the rays from the electric lamp, throwing these rays directly upon the road. Practically none of the light strays off into the surrounding fields; moreover, there is no glare.

Although the lamps used in these units are only 250 candlepower, the volume of light delivered from the reflectors upon the road is equivalent to nearly 4,000 candlepower.

Motorists and all who travel upon the country highways at night have found from experience that these lights are ideal. They give a continu-

Swampscott (Mass.) Highway Lighted With Novalux Units.

ous illumination of the road, and have been considered a factor in making night travel safer wherever they have been installed.

Where They Are in Use

Early installations were made on the Paradise road, at Swampscott, Mass., and in the village of Colonie, N. Y., on the highway between Albany and Schenectady.

Detroit has installed them upon many of the highways leading into the city through the suburbs and the surrounding country. The Lincoln Highway Association has adopted them for lighting the ideal section of the famous national turnpike, this section now being built in Lake County, Indiana, and a South American metropolis, Santiago, capital of Chile, has placed an order for 150 of the units for lighting the suburban roads approaching a park.

In Florida, a much-traveled pleasure highway, the causeway between Miami and Miami Beach, is to be lighted with a large number of these units.

Most interesting of any installations yet made, however, is the plan of the town of Amherst, N. Y., near Buffalo, to light every mile of roadway within its limits with Novalux highway units. This will require between 1,000 and 1,500 of the units, and the work will not be completed for a year or two. A total of 100 miles of roadway will be illuminated. This will make Amherst undoubtedly the best lighted township in the United States. Two hundred of the units are already being put in, along the main motor turnpike that runs through the town, and the rest will be supplied as called for.

COUNTY AGENT NOTES

I have for distribution a number of bulletins on "Feeding Beef Cattle," by R. S. Curtis. Mr. Curtis has been carrying on a beef feeding experimental work for the last ten years. His conclusion will doubtless be worth close study by the man who is feeding beef animals.

Soy beans should be one of the big crops in Watauga County. The vines make the best of hay; the grain furnishes one of the best foundations for profitable pork; production; the vines, when turned under as green manure, will equal the application of a heavy coat of stable manure. I am getting up an order of soy bean seed, if you are interested see me and Saturday or Monday morning.

All members of the Potato association who have not gotten their seed potatoes should be sure to get them during February. See me any Saturday or Monday.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of the Cove Creek Co-operative Store that on January 15th 1921, D. C. Mast and Mrs. D. C. Mast sold their entire interest in said store to David P. Mast. That on or about June the 20th 1922, through the directors of the Cove Creek Co-operative store, David P. Mast sold his entire interest in said store to J. B. Horton, J. J. Mast, John H. Bingham and A. C. Mast, doing business under the firm name of A. C. Mast and Company. They to pay any and all debts of the Cove Creek Co-operative store and all debts due same to be paid to A. C. Mast and Company.

This January 27th 1923.

D. C. MAST, MRS. D. C. MAST, DAVID P. MAST.

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Who's Your Grocer?

JUST THE SAME as some haberdashers put out good clothing and others better, so there are good grocers and better ones.

And after all is not the item of your food supply more important than of any other necessity of life?

GOOD Wholesome Eats means good health while cheap shoddy groceries tend to invite sickness and disease.

NOTHING leaves my store but the best of everything. Won't keep any other kind.

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