

**English Water Contest**

**That Goes Back to 1715**  
The oldest race of which there are records, save the Chester cup, is the sculling race known to this day as Doggett's Coat and Badge. Thomas Doggett, the famous comedian of the early Eighteenth century, caused the following placard to be posted on London bridge on the eve of August 1, 1715: "This being the day of his majesty's happy accession to the throne, there will be given by Mr. Doggett an orange livery, with a badge representing Liberty, to be rowed for by six watermen that are out of their time within the past year. They are to row from London bridge to Chelsea. It will be continued annually on the same day forever." True to his word, Doggett left in his will a sum of money in trust, and with the exception of the years 1915-18, inclusive, the race has been rowed ever since under the administration of the Fishmongers' company, and the list of winners is almost complete. In 1919 those who had not raced during the war were then matched against each other, so there is really no break in continuity.—Washington Star.

**Discoverer Baffled by Composition of X-Rays**

Roentgen, the scientist who discovered the X-rays, died of cancer, a disease from whose ravages many a patient has been saved by treatment with roentgen rays.  
It was on November 8, 1895, that Roentgen stumbled on his discovery. The world's imagination was fired by the discovery, and it is little wonder that it generated the most fanciful thoughts. Antivivisectionists hailed the discovery as a battle won against vivisection, and spiritualists tried to link up Roentgen's discovery with the many nebulous manifestations and theories that the world had pointed at with derision.  
When accosted by a reporter, Roentgen replied to his question: "Is it light?" with "No, for it can neither be reflected nor broken." "Is it electricity?" "Not in any known form." "What is it then?" "I know not."  
It is now known from Roentgen's observations and those of others that X-rays are electromagnetic radiations akin to light. Dr. Claude Lillingston explains in his biography of Wilhelm Konrad Roentgen in Hygeia Magazine.

**"Coral" Islands**

The Great Barrier reef of Australia is 1,200 miles in length, and in places it is over thirty miles wide. It was owing to the thorough exploration of this remarkable reef that our present knowledge of corals is as extensive as it is.  
Darwin's theory was that many islands were formed almost entirely by corals; and borings on some of the tropical islands have proved that he was right. On the island of Funafuti, coral reef-rock was found to penetrate to a depth of over 800 feet. The coral was first formed on the submerged mountain tops at the base of the sea, then as it spread and grew to reach the surface, sand accumulated, seaweed decayed, seeds were washed up by the tides, birds appeared, and eventually in the course of ages a beautiful tropical island was born.

**Cosmic Rays and Heredity**

Dr. Arthur H. Compton of the University of Chicago, in conducting a world-wide series of tests, found about 15 per cent more cosmic rays in temperate than in tropic zones. But nowhere has science found enough cosmic rays to be a really big factor in heredity. They are fewer than the radium rays naturally in the air and much less than the radium rays everywhere emanating from earth.  
Scientists have speculated, however, as to whether there may have been periods in the remote past when cosmic rays fell more thickly. Both this speculation and the possibility that long ago there was more radium have been pointed out as interesting guesses upon the origins of new species of animals and plants many millions of years ago.

**Historic Old Devon**

The English city of Devon might be called the cradle of American history for though neither Columbus nor Cabot had any associations with that county, by far the greater number of explorers and colonizers of Northern America were born and bred there, and set sail from its ports on their adventures in the New world. The very countryside reflects in its contrasting beauties the imaginative genius and unyielding determination which were the chief characteristics of those old-time sea kings, for the coastline has a soft brilliance of contour and coloring which is in fascinating contrast to the wild magnificence of the breezy, rolling uplands and granite tors of Dartmoor.

**Charles Dickens to His Son**

The twenty-sixth annual conference of the Dickens Fellowship was held at Gad's Hill place, Rochester, where Charles Dickens lived during the last 14 years of his life.  
Sir Henry Dickens said he was twenty-one when his father died, and they had the closest affection for one another. He quoted the following advice given him by his father, who had said to him: "Whatever you do, my boy, remember this—do your best. Throw your whole heart and soul into it. I can assure you that in the smallest thing I have ever done in life, I have taken as great pains as if it were the biggest."—London Times.

**Beasts Once Summoned Before Judicial Courts**

Among curious legal cases before the courts, few bear comparison with those recorded in bygone days, when suits were really heard against the lower creation, says the Law Journal of London. While it is difficult to suppress merriment over the quaint ideas of our ancestors, regarding the culpability of animals, there is no doubt that the trials were viewed seriously.  
The warrant for holding animals amenable to the law appears to have been taken from the Judaic law: "If an ox gore a man or woman that they die, then the ox shall be surely stoned and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit."  
Following this command Moses proceeds to enforce the doctrine of the responsibility of the owner of a dangerous animal and to insure his due punishment in the event of his wittingly allowing a harmful beast to run loose. These injunctions, therefore, which sound so strange today, were pursued more or less to the letter in medieval Europe, and, extraordinary though it may seem, in France and other European countries animals in general were held to be amenable to law until the middle of the Eighteenth century.  
By the old law of France, if a vicious animal killed a human being and it was proved that the owner knew of its propensity to attack people and suffered the beast to be at large, the owner as well as the animal was hanged.

**Blood Combination That Has Bred Moron People**

The name "Jackson Whites" probably was formed from the words jacks and whites, a jack being a hybrid. The Jackson Whites of New Jersey are a mixture of negro, Indian and white blood, showing all possible combinations of the traits of these three races. The historical records of the subject show that a number of the freed slaves settled in the Ramapo mountains, where they were joined by occasional whites of very low standing from the surrounding communities. Just how the Indian blood is to be accounted for is uncertain. One theory is that some of these freed slaves were Indians, as it is a well-authenticated fact that at one time some Indians were held as slaves. Another theory is that these were Indians who joined this group of people just as the low-grade white people joined them. As far as mentality goes the average mental age is from nine to ten years. In other words, these people are practically all of the moron level of intelligence.—Washington Star.

**Fascinating Word**

The word "kaleidoscope" is orthographically fascinating, almost alphabetically picturesque. It is no wonder, then, that "kaleidoscopic" is a favorite adjective with critics, journalists, and other writers. Sometimes it is well used, but often its precise meaning is forgotten or neglected. The definition given in Webster's new international dictionary reminds one of the popular children's toy:  
"An instrument invented by Sir David Brewster, which contains loose fragments of colored glass, etc., and reflecting surfaces so arranged that changes of position exhibit its contents in an endless variety of symmetrical varicolored forms. Its figures have been much employed in arts of design."

**Slow to Recognize America**

On February 6, 1778, signatures were affixed to a treaty of commerce and a treaty of amity and alliance between France and the United States. The definitive treaty between the United States and England was signed at the end of 1783. Although Frederick the Great wrote Franklin that he probably would soon follow France in recognizing the United States in 1778, no recognition was extended until about 1786. A treaty of peace and commerce was signed with the Netherlands in September, 1785. A treaty of peace and friendship was signed by Morocco in January, 1787. A treaty had been signed with Sweden in April, 1783. Russia did not recognize the new country or send a diplomatic representative until 1809.

**Fly Plague in Eastern Lands**

Flies of death must swarms of eastern flies be to the people of those otherwise heaven-blessed lands, where sanitation is still almost unknown, and proper drainage is yet frequently absent. It speaks eloquently for the disciplined care of old Rome for the countries it conquered, that in the New Testament the annoyance and dangers of swarms of flies are so little in evidence, although the malaria so fatal to those who spent their summers in Rome itself, according to many writers, was no doubt spread very considerably if not mainly by mosquitoes and other fly pests.

**Stag Hunting as "Sport"**

Stag hunting has been a popular sport among the upper classes in England for almost a thousand years. Sir Walter Scott began his famous narrative poem, "The Lady of the Lake," with the opening line (hinting of a stag hunt to follow): "The stag at eve had drunk his fill." The matter of its cruelty may be open to debate, but it is beyond dispute that stag hunting has had a prominent place in English life and literature for centuries.

**Magistrates Appointed For Yadkin County**

Following is a list of magistrates appointed for Yadkin county by the recent legislature. Some of these are re-appointments and some of them new:  
Boonville township—W. W. Reece.  
Knobs—K. M. Thompson, O. E. Boles, Tom Lineberry, J. M. Myers, S. S. Wagoner and L. W. Weatherman.  
Buck Shoals—A. R. Sale, D. P. Totten, H. C. Myers, S. G. Allen and E. R. Crater.  
Deep Creek—J. W. Brandon, Ralph Haynes, T. E. Haire and F. R. Bates.  
Liberty—C. L. Gabard, Joe Laughlin, W. P. Brandon, Joe Williams and Carl Shore.  
Porbush—A. L. Saylor, L. W. Hobson, C. E. Hartman.  
East Bend—T. A. Poindexter, R. W. Craft, J. N. Miller and W. H. Norman.  
Fall Creek—J. A. Matthews, A. B. Hobson, D. G. Hobson, W. M. Collins and J. M. Chatham.

**First Farm Loan to Illinois Farmer**



The first loan under President Roosevelt's \$200,000,000 Emergency Farm Loan Bill was made at the St. Louis office of the Federal Land Bank. Photo shows E. A. Purvines of Pleasant Plains, Ill., (right) receiving a \$3,500 check from Commissioner E. J. Bodman, (left) as Mrs. Purvines looks on. In the rear is Wood Netherland and O. J. Lloyd, president and vice-president of the St. Louis Federal Land Bank.

Watches were first made at Nuremberg, Germany, at the beginning of the sixteenth century. The Macon, new navy dirigible, will have a gas capacity of 6,500,000 cubic feet.

**86-Year-Old Vet To Go By Plane To Exposition**

Atlanta, May 27.—An 86-year-old veteran of the Civil War, General J. L. Driver, Georgia commander of United Confederate Veterans, will take his first airplane ride Sunday—to the Century of Progress Exposition, Chicago.  
"If I had told General Sherman in 1864, when I laid down my rifle at Durham, N. C., that I would live to fly through the air from Atlanta to Chicago, probably he would have had me shot for poking fun at him," General Driver said here today.  
The General will represent the Georgia Division in a series of informal programs at the exposition. On his way home—by air—he will stop at Cleveland, Ohio, to visit a son.

**TOOK WRONG ROUTE**  
Commander Charles E. Rosendahl, first commander of the ill-fated Akron, testified at the joint congressional inquiry Tuesday that he would have taken a course different from the one which carried the Navy airship to disaster off the New Jersey coast April 4.

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**FRIENDSHIP REPAIRING**  
He passed the building in which his friend had an office. The friend was an executive of a large concern, and he hesitated before dropping in to take up his time, because he knew how busy he was. But, not having seen him for several months, he ventured to make the call.  
He was graciously received and then began to apologize for taking up the time of so busy a man for purely social reasons. The busy man laughed and pushed in front of him a scratch pad on which were written half a dozen names, of which his own was one.  
"What's this?" he inquired. "A sucker list to whom you are going to sell some worthless stocks?"  
"That," replied his friend, laughing. "Is my friendship repair list. Those are a few fellows I know and love who have drifted away from me and that I haven't seen in months."  
"The greatest joy I have in life is my friends. Their friendship is more valuable to me than all the money I can make for myself or for this corporation which employs me. We are all busy these days. We go our several ways, drift apart and lose each other in the mad scramble of business and professional life."  
"Now and then I take a half hour to think over my list of friends and then try to keep those friendships in repair. I write, telephone or go to see those fellows with whom I have not come in contact for some time. As you can see, you are one of the ones with whom I was going to communicate. How are things with you, anyway? How are the wife and kids? Tell me about yourself. I like you and I am interested."  
His caller left half an hour later in thoughtful mood. This busy man had time to keep his friendships in repair. He valued his friends so highly that he would not allow himself to drift away from them.  
The caller was a Kiwanian, and for the first time he appreciated what a repair shop for friendships his Kiwanian club is. Here once each week he comes in contact with his best friends in the city which he lives. At the same time he realized that at Kiwanis meetings he had fallen into a careless habit. Each week he had been sitting at the table with a certain group of particular cronies, and had seen but little of the other members of his club. Their friendships also were valuable to him, and he determined that each week he would change his table and mix with a different group of members, that he might avail himself of the greatest privilege of the club and take full advantage of its facilities for keeping his friendships in repair.  
Methods will vary with each club, of course, but certainly some plan of filling the classifications which have only one member should be devised by each club, that the good Kiwanians who are the only representatives of a classification, may not be suspected of selfishness.

**CIVIC BIGAMY**  
A bigamist is merely a man who wants too much of a good thing. He is so appreciative of the good qualities of women that he wants more than his share.  
There are also civic bigamists in the world, men who are so anxious to serve the home town, who are so civic conscious, so inclined toward service, that they try to do more than their share.  
It is doubtful if the civic bigamist is much wiser than the man with two or more wives. Just as no man can do full justice to a multiplicity of wives, because his attentions must be divided, so also is it doubtful if that man who tries to work in all civic bodies in the community is as valuable to any one of them as he would be if he concentrated his efforts on the objectives of one of them.  
Most civic clubs discourage membership in more than one body. Most civic clubs would get better service from the men whose time and interest are not divided between several organizations.  
In every community there are natural leaders. These men rise to the top of organizations to which they belong as naturally and easily as the mercury rises to the top of the thermometer on a hot day. But care should be taken in the selection of Kiwanis leaders that these leaders are not, at least for their term of service in Kiwanis, dividing their time between Kiwanis and some similar organization.

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**PREVENTIVE MEDICINE**  
The old time medical scientist bent all his energies toward the discovery of cures for diseases. His modern counterpart devotes most of his science toward the prevention of that same disease.  
The tendency of modern thought runs in this same direction in community work. It is necessary to cure criminals, to lift the fallen, to provide employment for the unfortunate of course, and Kiwanis is doing its part in every community on the continent. But even more important is the prevention of these things.  
It is not enough to take care of our own boy's morals. Our boy must associate with other boys, and unless we risk contamination from his associates, we must see to it that Boy Scouts and similar activities in our towns are properly financed.  
The road of prevention lies along the lines of vocational education, for one thing. A boy who is studied as an individual, whose natural bent is discovered and arrangements made so that he has a chance at the vocation to which he is adapted and in which he will be happiest, is certain never to become a criminal or a pauper.  
If he brings her home a cook book instead of a volume of poetry, the honeymoon is over.  
"The grindstone is no man's birthstone." — William Sword Frost.