

Knowledge Spread by Ancient Playing Cards

A collection of 18 varieties of playing cards was recently shown in London, where they were viewed with much interest. The earliest pack is of the Thirteenth century. It has crude fanciful figures etched on thin plates of horn, backed with paper. Several packs, dated between 1714-1765, are known as geography packs. They have complicated maps of much information on foreign countries. The 1780 cards are adorned with sketches, showing incidents in various fables with verses. There is a natural history pack, one dealing with astronomy, and one with words and music. The more modern pack, the simpler the design. A playing card expert suggests that the decline in adornment was due to modern brains being more active than those of old. "Three hundred years ago, people's brains worked much slower than they do now," he says. "Consequently, card games took longer, and it was natural that there should be some interesting matter for players to read. The speed of card playing has undoubtedly increased tremendously."—Exchange.

or printing being found too great, two copies were made about the year 1507. The original and one of the copies were destroyed when the Ming dynasty fell in 1644. The remaining copy, except five volumes, was destroyed in a revolutionary outbreak.—Dearborn Independent.

Phrases That Are Old

A phrase frequently heard is "necessity is the mother of invention." But few realize how old it is. We find it in the "Republic" of Plato: "The true creator is necessity, who is the mother of our invention." When Disraeli gave the alternative title of "The Two Nations" to his novel "Sybil," to emphasize the gulf which lay between the rich and the poor of the same country, he was echoing Plato. "Any city," said Plato, "however small, is in fact divided into two, one the city of the poor the other of the rich." Another very modern note is struck by Sir Thomas Moore in "Utopia," where, talking of education and environment, he says, "You first make thieves and then punish them."

Measuring in Tons

Two men were disputing as to the weight of an inch of rainfall. "I read somewhere that it is 101 tons of water to the acre," said one. "No," said the other, "I'm positive the correct figure is 115 tons." The weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture says that both are right. The rainfall in the first instance was reckoned by the long ton, or 2,240 pounds, the common ton in Great Britain. The long ton is used for some purposes in this country, but the short ton of 2,000 pounds, which gave the second result, is more usual here.

Confucius "Written Up"

In the year 1403, Yung Lo, emperor of China, ordered that there be compiled in a single work all that had been written about the Confucian doctrine, together with an account of the life of Confucius and all collateral matter connected in any way with the teacher and his philosophy. To complete the task there was a staff of 2,141 scholars, 20 sub-directors, five directors and three commissioners, and the work took five years. The finished work consisted of 22,877 sections bound into 11,100 volumes each half an inch thick. The exten-

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Model Realized That Work Had Drawbacks

The late John S. Sargent, the artist, used to tell a story about an old man who once called at his studio, saying he had just been discharged from a hospital, and asked for a little food or money. Mr. Sargent gave the old fellow a small sum, and then decided that he would make a good model, and sent a maid out to call him back. "Hi, come back," said the maid, as she overtook him. "The master wants to paint you." The old fellow hesitated. "Will he pay me well?" he asked. "Oh, yes," said the maid. "He'll probably pay you a pound" (\$5). The old fellow took off his shabby old hat and scratched his head. Still he hesitated. "It's an easy way to earn money," said the maid. "Yes, I know that," said the old man with a troubled smile. "I was only wonderin' how I'd get the paint off afterward."

Notice of Delinquent Taxpayer.

Notice is hereby given to Mrs. Pearl Shaw and all persons that may have a lien on the land herein described that the undersigned purchased at a delinquent Tax Sale in Cooper's Gap Township, Polk County, N. C., on the 4th day of May, 1925, 8 acres of land listed in the name of Mrs. Pearl Shaw and taxed for the year 1924. You are further notified that application will be made to the Sheriff of Polk County for a deed to said land if not redeemed by the 4th day of May, 1926.

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This 5th day of December, 1925.
MRS. J. M. RUPPE,
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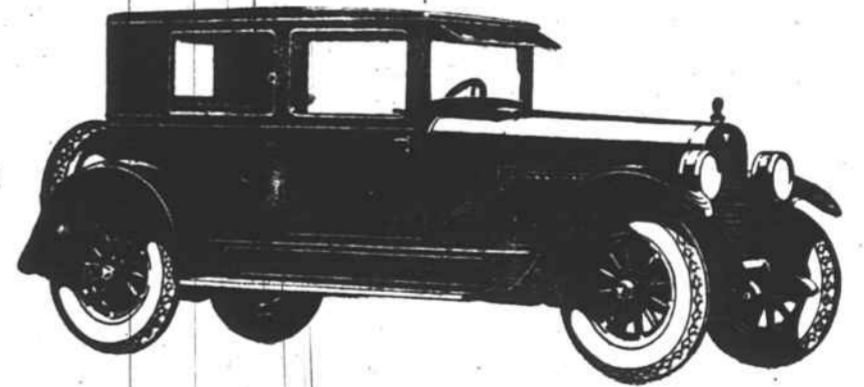
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