

DEVIL'S TOWER LONG KNOWN AS LANDMARK

Pretty Indian Legend Concerning Its Origin.

Devil's Tower national monument is one of the most conspicuous features in the Black Hills region of Wyoming.

The tower rises 600 feet above a rounded ridge of sedimentary rocks, which itself rises 600 feet above the Belle Fourche river.

The great columns of which the tower consists are mostly pentagonal in shape, but some are four or six-sided.

The white pioneers of civilization later used the tower as a landmark in their exploration of the great Northwest.

Football on the Roof

Within a stone's throw of that cathedral dome the preservation of which is now the business of the whole world, there is a sports ground on which cricket and football have been played regularly for the last 50 years.

You might search for this long time without finding it—it is on the roof of St. Paul's choir house.

Confess—But What?

He was consulting his lawyer, more in a personal than in a professional way, "I don't know what to do, John."

Right to Salute Brides

Kissing the bride appears to have been an old Scottish custom, according to which the person who presided over the marriage ceremony uniformly claimed it as his inalienable privilege to have a smack at the lips of the bride immediately after the performance of his official duties.

Title He Gave Himself Stuck to Great Showman

Probably the greatest showman the world has ever known was Sanger, famous for Sanger's circus.

In his book, "Studio and Stage," Mr. Joseph Harker, the famous scene painter, tells how this "title" came about. It was the outcome of a deal in horses with William Cody.

Sanger, who had the gift of giving neat replies, and who also was not going to be outdone, without more ado sent back this terse message:

"If you are the Hon. W. F. Cody, then, hang it, I'm Lord George Sanger—and I won't give a ha'penny more than I stipulated for the horses."

Elephant Noted for Keen Sense of Smell

What the elephant lacks in vision is more than compensated for by the animal's keen sense of smell.

It is entirely flexible at every point and it can turn in any direction and has tremendous strength.

From it an elephant can shoot a stream of water that will put out a fire, and with it he can lift a tree trunk weighing a ton or pull a delicate blade of grass.

Relations to Nature

In general one may say that the husbandman's is the oldest and most universal profession, and that where a man does not yet discover in himself any fitness for one work more than another, this may be preferred.

The American Outclassed

The American truth teller was in form. "Talking of ants," he said, "we've got 'em as big as crabs out West. I've seen 'em fight with long horns, which they use as lances, charging each other like savages."

"They don't compare with the ants I saw in the Far East," said an inoffensive individual nearby.

"Elephant-ants," replied the inoffensive individual.—London Tit-Bits.

Old Mirror Frames Made New

When mirror frames become scratched or tarnished they may be made attractive again by gluing to the old frame ribbon or silk that harmonizes with the color scheme of the room.

Good Business

A watchmaker and jeweler got a sign painter to fix up a new and decorative sign for him. The sign painter evolved an elaborate "W" with so much scroll work that it looked more like an "M."

Fine Collection of Books on Far East

On a high hill on the very edge of Tokyo stands the world's finest library on the Far East in languages other than Chinese, Japanese and their kindred tongues.

Baron Iwasaki not only placed the library at the disposal of those interested in the Far East, building and equipping a home for it at a cost of 1,500,000 yen, or \$750,000, but he endowed the institution with 2,000,000 yen, the interest on which is to maintain the library, assist in the promotion of research work on oriental subjects, and purchase additions from time to time.

Doctor Morrison's collection includes works on China, Tibet, Mongolia, Manchuria, Kashgaria, Sibiria, Korea, Formosa, Japan and the neighbors of China, and a comprehensive set of works on central Asia and the rivalry between Great Britain and Russia on the western frontiers of China.

Petrified Wood Has Beauty Akin to Gems

The petrified national forest, one of the 29 national monuments established by Presidential proclamation, is the only region of hundreds of places in the Southwest in which silicified wood occurs in such abundance as to deserve the name of a petrified forest.

There are three principal groups or forests in which trees or blocks of the petrified wood lie scattered about in profusion. Many tree trunks, exceed 100 feet in length and cross sections reveal the fact that these trees, which are cedars, did not grow there, but probably beside an inland sea, and upon falling became water-logged on the bottom at this point.

Coach Properly Defined

Now that the coach has become a large factor in motordom, the question is raised as to what is meant by the term. The Society of Automotive Engineers defines it:

"An enclosed single-compartment body, similar in general appearance to the sedan, with two close-coupled cross seats for four passengers. There is a luggage compartment or space for a trunk at the back of the body. There is no glass in the rear quarter. The conventional type has two doors only, the forward seats being divided and the right-hand seat tipping forward to give access to the rear cross-seat. Some models have two doors on the right-hand seat, there being two fixed cross-seats."

American Bulldog

The American bulldog—or pit bulldog, because of the old sport of fighting him in pits—is one of the few breeds of dogs of distinctly American origin, and one of the first developed in this country.

A Stone Which Weeps

Truly awful is Fyvie castle, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, the ancient home of Lord Leith. It possesses a secret chamber which has not been opened for centuries; a "Green Lady" ghost, which appears when misfortune or death threatens the family; and, built into the wall, a "weeping stone," made famous by Thomas the Rhymer, which weeps in wet weather and dries its tears in fine.

Frightened

Jimmy, who was inclined to be a braggart, was telling his father and mother of his experiences while out camping. "And all of once I stepped on a big rattlesnake," he began. "How did you know it was a rattlesnake, Jimmy?" asked his father. "I could hear its teeth chattering the minute it saw me."

MUCH DIFFERENCE IN MORAL ATTITUDE

French and English Do Not See Eye to Eye.

The English language and the Anglo-Saxon temper distinguish sharply between manners and morals. Manners are desirable things, excellent things; they should be taught early and constantly maintained; but they are superficial, secondary; and the possessor of commendable morals may be sometimes excused if his manners are inadequate.

The French attitude is quite different. In fact, the French have the same word for manners and for morals, and there is, if not a confusion, at least a constant interplay between the two. In French a moralist is not a person who passionately preaches improvement of the spiritual nature, but a student of human life and character and motive.

The Anglo-Saxon is naturally scornful of the Latin attitude, assuming that it implies mistaking mere courtesy for solid virtue. At the same time it is by no means certain that there is not a deeper truth in the French view of the matter.

For some time there has been a prevalent idea that more people die at midnight than at any other hour. This has led to an investigation of the 24,742 natural deaths that occurred in the borough of Manhattan, New York, during 1923.

Hour of Death

For the 24 hours of the day, the number of deaths were as follows: 1 a. m., 1,254; 2 a. m., 1,114; 3, 1,074; 4, 1,085; 5, 1,118; 6, 1,089; 7, 1,014; 8, 1,024; 9, 1,043; 10, 1,046; 11, 1,088; noon, 878; 1 p. m., 986; 2 p. m., 1,013; 3, 1,042; 4, 1,090; 5, 1,028; 6, 991; 7, 1,100; 8, 919; 9, 952; 10, 989; 11, 991; midnight, 801 deaths.

Fighting Japanese Beetle

Seeking for a strenuous lure for the scourge of New Jersey and Pennsylvania orchards and gardens, the Japanese beetle, the bureau of entomology, United States Department of Agriculture, has discovered that geraniol sprayed in plants brings every Japanese beetle for a long distance to windward to the tree.

Invisible Light

A demonstration of how opaque objects can be rendered transparent by "invisible light" acting through a special instrument called the "super retina" has been given by the famous Indian scientist, Sir Jagadis Chandra Bose.

Keeps on Keeping On!

When last I went West by way of the "Broadway Limited," I was sitting on the observation platform watching the scenery dash by, when the porter came out to straighten the chairs which had been left in some disorder by a group of young folks.

Ancient French Title

The title "dauphin" was borne by the heirs-apparent to the crown of France, under the Valois and Bourbon dynasties. In 1349, Humbert II, the last of the princes of Dauphine, having no issue, left his domains to Philip of Valois, king of France, on condition that the king's eldest son be called the dauphin.

The first dauphin was Jean, afterwards John the Good, and the last the Duc d'Angouleme, son of Charles X, who renounced the title in 1830. It is said that Guy VIII, an ancestor of Humbert II, was surnamed Le Dauphin, because he wore a dolphin as an emblem on his helmet or shield.

Laugh

The silverware salesman gave a laugh. "Do you see that dame with the diamond stomacher?" he said. "Well, she must be one of them new-rich millionaires."

"Yes? Why so?" "She's been buying sugar tongs—solid silver, you know. She chose our most expensive tong, and then she said:

"'I'll take a dozen.' " "A dozen?" I said, surprised. "Yes; one for each person," says she.

"Then she kind of reddened. She misunderstood my surprise. " "I never give big parties," she says. "A dozen'll be quite enough, young man."

Go Up Into These Mines

One usually thinks of mines as deep and far below the surface of the earth. But in South America many of the most famous mines are not only deep but also high in the air, being situated in the lofty ranges of the mighty Andes. At this place, where one of the largest and richest copper mines in the world is being worked by an American copper corporation, the mine is 1,000 feet deep and more than 14,000 feet above sea level.

Disposal of "Dead Letters"

Letters and other mail matter which cannot for any reason be delivered are sent to the dead letter office. Where possible the dead letter office returns this mail to the senders. Otherwise the letters are destroyed. Valuable articles are kept for a certain length of time in the office. Some time ago the Post Office department sold at public auction a large number of such objects.

Women's Wig

White wigs are to be the vogue for the women of Berlin this winter, according to the Philadelphia Ledger. The natural blond hair of German women was popular in classical antiquity with Roman women, who wore wigs made of it to cover up their own black tresses. "Transformations" began to be used in Europe in the sixteenth century, and Queen Elizabeth owned no fewer than 80. The full-bottomed wig, similar to the imposing headgear of English judges today, reached its apotheosis in Queen Anne's day. A wig in that epoch often cost \$600 or \$700.

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Modern Life

Martinsburg is a little town away from the railroad and the small children know very little about riding on the train. One day Elmo Wyman and his mother went to New Albany in an auto, but returned via Borden on the train. It was Elmo's first ride on the train. The train went a short distance and stopped. At the same time Elmo heard the noise of steam escaping, and with a look of disgust he leaned back in his seat and said, "Oh, gee, there goes a tire, now we will have to wait another half hour."—Indianapolis News.

What the Deacon Said

This is credited to the Osborne Village Deacon: "Deacon," said a half-baked chump to me the other day, "why don't you take more of your own advice?" "My benighted brother," I replied as softly as my temper would permit, "I am fixing up this medicine for your ailments and not for my own. No doctor takes his own medicine, any more than a banker pays 8 per cent for money."

Flour From Wheat

The amount of flour obtained from wheat depends very much on the size and weight of the kernels and varies from 65 to 80 per cent. A fair average is 4.7 bushels of wheat to one barrel of flour, weighing 190 pounds, or one bushel of wheat to 41 pounds of flour. The shorts or middlings average 11 to 12 per cent of the wheat, and the bran 18 per cent.

Autos Not Castles

The Supreme court holds that a man's automobile is not his castle, and many a man realizes that his automobile isn't even his vehicle. It's the rusty old machine which hurts the pride of members of the family who use it while paper families dig up the seeds for gas and garage bills.—Louisville Times.

Rail Lights Needless

All switch and signal lights on the Alaska railroad are discontinued even at night during the long summer season, when the "sun never sets." This is the only railroad in the world operating on a 24-hour daylight schedule even a part of the year. It runs between Curry and Fairbanks.

Enables Blind to Read

Braille is a system of dots embossed on paper, which the blind read with their finger tips. The Braille alphabet was devised by Louis Braille, a blind Frenchman, about 1834, and has been adapted to the language of every civilized nation.

Was Civil War Veteran

Emil Frey, who was president of the Swiss Confederation from 1894 to 1897, was a sergeant in the Union army during the Civil war, and was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, and confined in Libby prison.

Reason Most Powerful

The voice of reason is more to be regarded than the bent of any present inclination, since inclination will at length come over to reason, though we can never force reason to comply with inclination.

Tailor's Hell

The tailor's "hell" is the name of the large box tailors kept under the board on which they sat while at work. The word is thought to be a corruption of the French word "oell" (pronounced oil).

Busy Factories

Every week the factories of the great English industrial city of Birmingham turn out 14,000,000 pens, ten tons of pins, 6,000 metal bedsteads, 7,000 tons of rifles and numerous other articles.

Many in Ill Health

About 400,000 patients are cared for annually in the hospitals of New York city, in addition to more than 1,000,000 treated at dispensaries and outpatient departments.

Term for Shirker

The slang term cooberger is commonly used in the navy in speaking of one who shirks his work or one who is always looking for easy jobs and does no more than it is absolutely necessary.

In Wrong

The worst thing about being a pedestrian in a town where the majority of inhabitants are motor car owners is that you get no sympathy when you start cursing the chronic cut-out fenders and the horn-blonkers.

The Whole Truth

"That man called me a liar, a cad, a scoundrel and a puppy. Would you advise me to fight for that?" "By all means. There's nothing nobler in this world, young man, than fighting for the truth."—Tit-Bits.

Argument for Industry

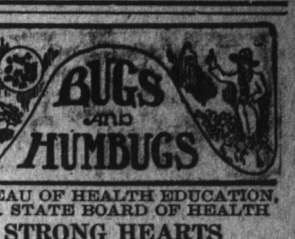
Old Hen—"I'll give you a piece of good advice. Young Hen—What is it? Old Hen—An egg a day keeps the butcher away!—Progressive Grocer.

Talkers' Word Records

A rapid and experienced talker making a speech on a subject which he fully understands will speak at a rate of about 8,000 words an hour.

Country Uses Much Chromite

Use of chromite by American leather and steel industries has made the United States the world's largest consumer of the mineral.



BUREAU OF HEALTH EDUCATION, N. C. STATE BOARD OF HEALTH, STRONG HEARTS

True-hearted; whole-hearted; hard-hearted; tender-hearted; chicken-hearted; lion-hearted, are all common and very expressive terms denoting character.

The human heart is little different from the hearts of animals so familiar in the meat markets. The average weight is a little over one-half pound, and it is about the size of the individual's own clenched fist.

It is a pump which by its contractions and relaxations pumps the blood stream through the miles of varying sized blood vessels in the body. Its action is exactly like that of the hand grasping and squeezing the rubber bulb of a syringe.

Normally it squeezes a little over seventy times each minute while awake and sixty times when asleep. While beating at this rate, the heart pumps an average of about five quarts of blood per minute. Often it is beating much faster and may pump as much as twenty quarts per minute.

Would your hand get tired squeezing the rubber bulb of a syringe if you had to pump seventy-five gallons of water per hour and force it through little tubes so small the eye could not see them? Suppose there was added to this labor the knowledge that if you stopped squeezing for even one minute, day or night, year after year, it meant instant death.

When you realize all of this you get a faint idea of what your heart must do. Isn't it worth a little special thought and care to see that such a hard working little engine is treated fairly? Over two million people today in this country have serious heart trouble. Is YOUR heart alright?

The main causes of organic heart diseases are rheumatism (so-called), certain contagious diseases of childhood, syphilis, and improper habits of living.

Very serious and permanent damage to the heart may result from getting up too soon after diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, influenza and, in fact, any infection. The poisons of these diseases are very irritating and destructive to the valves of the heart and if there is added to this the extra exertion of getting up in the weakened condition, it may be the "last straw that breaks the camel's back."

Some other causes of heart trouble will be discussed next week.

Another Jury Needed. Hoffy was drawn on a summer jury, reported and was duly qualified. He then formed one of a panel which was directed to try a lunny case.

After the testimony was in and the verdict was rendered, the judge, who knew him, called Hoffy to the bench. "Well," asked his honor, "what do you think of this kind of work?" "Seems a sort of standoff to me."

"What do you mean?" "We declared that man insane."

"Yes?" "And he thinks we're crazy."

When the Nights Were Long. The successful man was addressing a class, exhorting the members to cultivate a taste for good books. "My young friends," he said, "you should not only read good books but you should own them in order to have access to them at all times. Why, when I was a boy I used to work all night to get money to buy books and get up before dawn to read them."

Shifting Values. "It takes an expert accountant to know how much German marks are worth." "It takes more than that. It takes a lightning calculator."

The Case Isn't Proved. The Stricken One—I tell you, Dolly, I simply can't live without you. The Filthy One—Oh, I don't know, old thing, all the others are pretty healthy.—The Magpie.

New Time Piece. "Where are you going, Lou?" "Up to visit a friend of mine, Sue." "How long you gonna stay?" "One permanent wave."

Covetous. We never envy another man his money. It is the guy whose fountain pen functions successfully that we are indebted to for our green complexion.—Houston Post-Dispatch.