



Dr. Jack

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Tonight

CANNOT MASTER SHORTHAND

Men of Acknowledged Ability Have Failed in Efforts to Learn Even Simple Systems.

Lord Beaverbrook, speaking at the annual prize-giving of Pittman's school at the Royal Albert hall, says the London Morning Post, said that it was a curious fact that some men of great ability had failed in the attempt to learn shorthand.

He mentioned that Lord Carson was one example, and the present prime minister another. It was not a question of cleverness, or even of memory. Bonar Law possessed an extraordinary memory. When he first became leader of the conservative party, it was his habit on the occasion of any great set debate in the house of commons to dictate to his secretary the speech that he intended to make. He would read it through, and then go down to the house and repeat it with scarcely the alteration of a word. He would sometimes quote long mathematical calculations entirely from memory, yet be confessed to having striven very hard to learn shorthand, and without success.

T. M. Healy, now the governor general of the Irish Free State, used to make use of shorthand in the debate.—New York Tribune.

MUCH LIKE MEN IN AMERICA

Quilts Pige in Peru Are Kept to Serve as Provisions for the Unsettled Visitor.

Wm. Bingham, the new lieutenant governor of Connecticut, has just published a book, "The Quilt," in which he discusses the famous quilt expedition into Peru, of which he was the director. Life as he lived in the Andes has a number of points of difference from that in the New England states. For instance, he says that in Peru the housewife keeps fat little guinea pigs running around her kitchen floor to fill in for any emergency, such as the American will have a few lbs. of cardinals and cans of preserves on hand. A guinea pig, he points out, is in spite of little Father Time, not a pig, and it does not come from Guinea. It is more of a rabbit than anything else, and for thousands of years it has been a prized article of food in the Andes of Peru. Why, he wonders, should the North American guinea pig be kept only as pet or laboratory victim? The next he says, is delicious and not unlike quail.

Baby Had a Bark

The porter on the Pittsburgh-Detroit sleeper may have heard a gentle yapping in berth No. 2 during the night but there was a \$5 bill in the pocket of his white coat and so the Pullman rule book might have been written in Sanskrit for all he cared. In the morning, when the train reached Detroit, he even avoided the inevitable platform meeting between the fair traveler in the mint coat who held a little package, wrapped in a pink sanctifier, to her shoulder, and the old lady in the seal jacket who had slept in berth four. "I heard your baby last night," the old lady said. "It's hard for such little babies, traveling, isn't it?" "Yes," answered the young woman as she stooped down, smoothed the pink comforter, and released a squint-eyed, rat-tailed poodle. "Weep, dear, insisted on barking every time the train stopped."—Detroit News.

When Bitten by a Mad Dog

Hydrophobia in man and rabies in dogs can be prevented by a course of injections of dried spinal cord from rabbits which have died of experimental rabies (fixed virus). The treatment is available in every community in the United States and every physician knows how to order the treatment by telegraph from the state board of health. One out of six persons bitten by a mad dog dies in hospital if not treated. If bitten by a dog, make that dog at all hazards, and you can get assistance to catch it. Do not kill it, but place it in a secure place for observation. If symptoms of rabies appear, apply only the anti-rabic treatment through your family physician. If the dog is rabid it will die—send the head packed in ice to the board of health laboratory for diagnosis, says Harold L. Allison, M. D., in the Health Bulletin.

Two States to Be Combined

Fluorine is called the mother of all and the mother of apple orchards in Colorado, and the West. The oil field was located in 1922, and the first well was drilled in 1924. James Fraser in 1884 hauled apple trees across the plains and planted them near Florence, and they are still standing. From them has been developed the famous Colorado orange apples, and they were the parent of the extensive Florence and Ocala City apple orchards. Florence has 60 producing oil wells, and is the only developed oil field in Colorado.

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NEW STATE ADDED TO UNION

Interesting Fact, Unknown to Many, Was Brought Out by Recent Reclamation Report.

It has been found possible to add a state to the Union without increasing the number of commonwealths. The answer to this enigmatical statement is found in the annual report of the reclamation service, declares the Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. In the twenty years of its existence it has made 1,675,000 acres to blossom and produce, where up to the time the service was inaugurated the land grew only sage brush and was inhabited only by the jack rabbits, the coyote, the prairie dog and the rattlesnake. Where there was desert now there are nearly 82,000 farms. The crops produced last year on reclaimed areas were of value of nearly \$100,000,000. From an agricultural standpoint a state, measured by productiveness, has been added equal to that of West Virginia or the combined values of the crops of Vermont and Connecticut. It is significant, too, that the value of the crops grown on irrigated land averaged \$48.25 an acre, against \$14.52 an acre for the ten leading crops on non-irrigated land in the United States. This but recounts the achievements of the reclamation service and does not include projects under private enterprise.

While it is true that the enterprises which have been carried out were the most feasible, probably, by no means have the possible projects for reclamation through irrigation been exhausted.

Bible Outlay Increased

The 1923 budget of the American Bible society for the translation, publication and distribution of Bibles will be \$1,160,000, an increase of \$40,000 over 1922, Frank H. Mann, general secretary, announced recently. Estimated requirements totaled \$1,405,244, but a cut of \$244,667 was made because income for the full amount was not in sight. The amount voted will be used in furnishing the Scriptures in more than 150 languages and dialects in practically every country in the world.

UNDERWOOD WILL BE CANDIDATE IN 1924

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Senator Underwood of Alabama may again be a candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination, he informed friends that after his return from Europe he will give "very careful and thorough consideration" to any suggestions to enter the race for the 1924 nomination of his party.

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