

Savage Plants

A little fellow from England spent his vacation in Nantucket with his aunt who was taken for his first ride around the island. He soon called his attention to the Dutch moss and sweet paper bushes that were growing along the sides of the road—telling her that the leaves of the bushes were poisonous.

Veneration for Salt

The veneration of salt spread in a most remarkable manner throughout the whole Eastern world. Thus, even among pagan tribes to this day, we find salt springs being saluted as gifts from the gods. On the Sahara and Libyan deserts, where the great caravan tracks, like the chief of the Roman roads, were opened for the conveyance of salt, the salt springs are used for effecting supernatural cures, covenants are sealed by a simple consecration over their bubbling waters, and repentance is offered and protection implored of their lonely brink.

Softening the Blow

A wealthy business man, who, incidentally, has insured his life for \$10,000, went on a trip to South America. Shortly after a report was published that the ship had sunk, and there was no news of the safety of the man in question.

Took Refuge in Silence

There was once a newspaper editor who made it a rule never to say anything but good of any person. But he was subject to the usual human limitations, this editor, and had what are termed off days, as a result of which there were issues of his paper in which little was said of anybody.—D. H. Talmadge, in the Portland Oregonian.

NOTICE

By virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust executed to me by B. C. Simpson to secure a note to A. L. Bunker, which said deed of trust is recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Surry County, in trust deed book 82, page 71, and default having been made in payment thereof, at the request of the holder, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Dobson,

on the 26th day of Dec., 1928, at one o'clock P. M., the following real estate, lying and being in Dobson township, Surry County, N. C., and bounded as follows: Beginning at a poplar S. Y. Simpson's line and runs N. 5 1-2 deg. E. crossing a branch 7.35 chs. to a stake and pine pointers, thence N. 54 deg. W. 16.80 chs. to a holly bush near the branch; thence North 61 deg. west 4.56 chs. to a large poplar in the head of the hollow; thence north 53 1-2 deg. west 5.90 chs. to the center of the old Dobson sand clay road; thence with the center of the road S. 32 deg. west 8 1-2 chs. south 65 deg. west 4.05 chs. to Lottie Wood's line; thence with her line south 11 1-2 deg. east 6.70 chs. to a stake near a holly, then south 55 1-2 east 5 1-2 chs. to a rock on bank of old road; thence east 80 links to a stake in an old line; thence south 2.20 chs. to dead chestnut stump thence east (4 deg. variation) 24 1-2 chs. to the beginning, containing 39.02 acres more or less.

Sale made to satisfy the said deed of trust which is past due and unpaid. This the 26th day of Nov. 1928. W. M. Jackson, Trustee.

W. L. SYDNOR

Real Estate Over Turamyre & Lamm Mount Airy, N. C.

PAIN IN SIDE

Black-Draught Brought Relief and Helped Indigestion.

"For several years I suffered with indigestion," says Mr. W. M. Barber, of Crystal, W. Va. "I had a pain in my right side, which rarely ever left me. At times, I would have headache so bad, I would have to leave my work. Black-Draught was recommended to me by a friend and so I began taking it. Before very long I was feeling much better. I kept up the medicine for some time, and my improvement was so great, I felt better than I had felt in years. The pain in my side left me, and the sour stomach quit altogether."

Hold every bottle, 25c. Theodor's BLACK-DRAUGHT For Constipation, Indigestion, Bloating

Suber-Toothed Tiger Victim of Toothache

Studies being carried on at the Los Angeles museum show that the suber-tooth tiger traditionally associated with the struggle of early man, had tooth disturbances, which they bore without the benefits of painless dentistry.

More than 7,000 jaws of this mighty feline are in the possession of the museum and some thirty observations are being made on each jaw. A difficulty in the work is that so many teeth dropped out after the animal's left their bones in the asphalt pits, at Rancho in Iran. Scarcely a half dozen jaws in the whole 7,000 possess full complements of teeth.

Caries, or tooth cavities, have not been found in the suber-tooth jaw, although there are many jaws where the teeth are greatly worn. Pyorrhea is probably present, but rare. In position, the base of modern human "wisdom-tooth" sufferers, is tooth shown in jaws of the suber-tooth. Alveolar abscesses show clear in some of the X-rays.

Dead teeth are known in which the root-canal is filled in. The root itself becomes bulbous and acquires excessive growths, as in human teeth. The dead teeth are always blackened.—Kansas City Star's Science Service.

Wedding Cake Made Symbolic by Romans

Some one has credited the invention of cakes to a certain Theonon, a baker, who lived in Sicily in the Fifth century B. C. Certain it is that the Romans were extremely fond of pastry. Cakes or "galettes" appeared on the altars, at the tables of the wealthy, and in the scanty repasts of the poor. When the Romans invaded England they took with them the custom of breaking a cake or biscuit over the bride's head.

The fragments were picked up and given her to distribute among her friends. The custom betokened fruitfulness, hospitality and prosperity and was in vogue many centuries after the Romans left England. Wedding cakes came to be composed of many rich and aromatic ingredients and were crowned with an icing of sugar and bitter almonds—eumbematical. It was said, of the mingled pleasure and pain that attends married life.

The Teutonic pagans also had their customs of offering Yule cakes of the flour sweetened with honey to the god Thor, which in time became our Christmas plum cake.

Origin of Playing Cards

Many nations claim the invention of playing cards, but it is generally believed that they came from Asia, probably China. The great Chinese dictionary (1678) states that they were invented in the reign of the Emperor Sun-ho in 1120 A. D. Some authorities are of the opinion that they were invented in 1390 to amuse Charles VI, king of France, who was subject to fits of melancholy. The inventor proposed to represent the four classes of men in the kingdom—the clergy of hearts; the nobility and military by the points of spears, now known as spades; white diamonds, stood for citizens, merchants and trades people, the clubs referring to peasants and farmers.

Ocean Temperatures

The weather bureau says that available figures of ocean surface temperatures for a five-year period for the North Atlantic ocean only, show the greatest annual ranges as between August and January to occur over that section of the ocean extending between Newfoundland and southern New England. Within this area the average annual extreme is about 25 degrees. The maximum range is 25 degrees, over the 5-degree square covering the western end of Massachusetts bay and the waters immediately south of New England. Here the extremes—mid-summer and midwinter—are 68 degrees and 43 degrees.

The Call

The late Marcus Loew, the movie millionaire, said one day to a New York reporter:

"When a man don't like his work his work don't like him."

"A friend of mine hurried into his office and found his clerk asleep one morning at ten o'clock. It wasn't the first time, either."

"My friend waked the clerk up and said:

"You can go, Meyer, at the end of the month."

"My gosh," said Meyer, "what need to call me so soon for that?"

Gems From Doctor Johnson

On this occasion Goldsmith, Boswell, and Doctor Johnson were making merry in a hay field.

Boswell—Sir, how does a horse take his hay?

Goldsmith—Sir, a is cart. You might know that.

Doctor Johnson—Why, sir, I don't know as to that. Some horses like it a is mowed.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Sure Sign

Little Robbie was bragging to his small chums that they had a new little girl at his home.

"Why, Robbie?" exclaimed his mother, overhearing the conversation, "baby's not a girl, he's a boy. What made you think he's a girl?"

"You can't fool me," stoutly maintained Robbie. "Of course it's a girl; isn't you powdering it all the time?"

Wonderful to Effect of Mind Over Matter

Atmosuggestion is a powerful force. Several times I have seen people grow colder immediately when they found no heat in a radiator after touching it. When, in fact, they had been fairly comfortable before that discovery. Likewise, I have been comfortably in a room myself until I discovered that all the windows were closed tight. I was too hot to do anything until I had opened one or two of them.

All this reminds me of a story that perhaps many of you have heard. It is about a novelist who, while describing in one of his stories an Arctic snowstorm, grew about as cold as the make-believe characters who were fighting the blizzard. It was in the middle of summer, but he was so cold that he built a fire in the grate in warm his room.

It is possible to become cooler in the summer by having pictures suggestive of winter hanging on the wall—pictures of snow-capped polar bears, frozen streams, winter sports, icy peaks of snow-capped mountains—all will help to make an impression.

One should read a story of the Far North and imagine that he is the character in the book, whose ears and nose are freezing from a biting northern blast and that his hands are blue with the cold and teeth are chattering. If one takes in the details and shudders as though with the cold, it won't be long before he is feeling decidedly cooler. That's the effect of mind over matter.—Salem News.

New Light Shed Upon Origin of Languages

It is now suggested that the student of language must look for origins in Africa. Doctor Marr, of the Russian Academy of Science, has announced that from the early Stone age, when peoples of African type picturesquely dotted the European fringe of the Mediterranean, language has been brought down with the retention of some of the Africoid elements and words. The Hottentot language was a highly sophisticated speech, instead of a crude and primitive one, although, perhaps, not as formidable as the agglutinative Tagalog of the Philippines. Hottentot seems likely now to charm etymologists away from the progenitor tongue of the Teuton and from Sanscrit. It may make the Scythian plains but tarrying spots for speech, rather than the homeland of modern related languages.

Introduced

When Gen. Hugh Lefox Scott was superintendent of West Point he frequently visited the White House to see President Roosevelt. Once he arrived to find the President conferring with many different groups. After progressing around the room from group to group, Roosevelt turned suddenly to Scott.

"I announced myself as 'Colonel Scott from West Point,'" relates the general in "Some Memories of a Soldier."

The President took the skirts of his long frock coat in each hand, and making a curtsy like a girl said—quick as a flash:

"I am Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, and then laughed loud enough to be heard outside."

Value of Courtesy

Courtesy, or an expression of thanks can offset a mistake many times. The other evening I saw a man drive in front of another car at the corner of Lynde and Washington streets when he had no right to do so. The party who had the right of way appeared to be peeved at first, but as soon as the other motorist shouted, "I beg your pardon," the reply came forth: "That is perfectly all right." Courtesy is never out of place and it is well to use it at all times even if only to keep the peace.—Salem News.

Ancient Jewish Feast

Hunukka is the Jewish feast of the dedication instituted by Judas Maccabaeus, his brothers, and the whole congregation of Israel, in 165 B. C., to commemorate the dedication of the new altar set up at the purification of the temple of Jerusalem to replace the altar which had been polluted by Antiochus Epiphaneus. The feast is held for eight days (beginning with the 25th day of Kislew, corresponding to December), and is celebrated, chiefly as a festival of lights, by the Jews everywhere.

English Policewomen

England's discussion about the modern policewomen that is appearing in that and other European countries has disclosed the fact that 1928 is the centenary of the real state of "petticoat government" in the village of Minshull Vernon, England. There the supervisor, or surveyor of highways, the overseer of the poor and the constable were all women. As the centenary is being observed, records have been found showing that policewomen were accepted as a matter of course at that time.

True to Form

A certain continuity writer, recently given his liberty in the divorce court, declared in his petition that his married life had run in perfect continuity from start to finish.

"I don't think I quite understand you," remarked the court.

"Well, your honor, it was this way: she at 'ed off with sofa pillows and now it's hairpins and rolling pins."

Mrs. Herbert Hoover

Here are a few facts about Mrs. Hoover that bring her to life: She never wears jewels, even at formal functions.

She wears low heels all the time. She dresses in dark blue and black, even when she is not in mourning, as she now is for her father.

She never reads fiction, but pores over books on economics and sociology every night before going to bed.

She takes motion-pictures herself. She is the family chauffeur, driving the car for her husband in Washington and even across the continent.

She is known as a finished carver of any joint or bird. She speaks five languages. She is fond of knitting.

She has no fear of anything, even of ridicule, and excited much comment several years ago when she went off on geological trips with her young son, Allen, in an awkward automobile which he made himself, and which was not thought safe or respectable for the wife of Herbert Hoover to ride in.

But it matters very little what any one thinks if Lou Henry Hoover has come to a decision she believes in. Newspaper reporters have begged and begged the kindly lady for interviews, only to be refused flatly, and so graciously, they did not object.

NOTICE

By virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust, executed to me as Trustee, by Mary Jane Spence, to secure a note which is now held by the estate of S. P. Badgett, deceased, which said deed of trust is recorded in the office of register of deeds for Surry county, in trust deed book No. 67, page 136, and default having been made in the payment thereof, at the request of the holder, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash at the court house door in Dobson, on

the 26th day of Dec., 1928, at one o'clock P. M.,

the following real estate lying and being in Rockford township, Surry County, N. C., adjoining the lands of Joe MacCormick and others and bounded as follows:

Beginning on a stake on the south side of the south side of the sand clay road (formerly a white oak) runs South 72 deg. west 3.16 chs. to a pine a corner of another lot; thence south 8 deg. west 19 chs. to a white oak sapling near fork of road; thence south 88 deg. East 14 chs. to a stake in an old line; thence north 47 deg. west 6.40 chs. to a double dogwood near a hollow; thence north 15 1-2 deg. west 17.20 chs. to the beginning. Containing 14 acres more or less. Sale made to satisfy the said deed of trust which is past due and unpaid. This the 26th day of Nov. 1928. W. M. Jackson, Trustee.

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