

Horrible Case Near Lexington—George Holmes the Victim.

George Holmes, a negro man and son of Calvin Holmes, died Sunday night in a house located near Pinnix's hall, less than one mile of Lexington. Holmes had been sick for some time and had been visited during his illness by scores of colored people, and it is feared there will be a general epidemic of the disease among the colored people in that section of the community. His illness or its nature had not been reported to the county superintendent of health and the man actually lay at his home for days with smallpox in its deadliest form, without one of the many negro visitors having sense enough to report to the proper officials.

Early Monday morning it became noised around that a negro man had died near Lexington the previous night and that his death was due to smallpox. Some one notified the county superintendent of health, Dr. Joel Hill, and he immediately went out to investigate. Dr. Hill found that Holmes had a "flu" of smallpox, the most deadly form of this loathsome disease. Holmes' face was a solid mass of sores and eruptions and was the most loathsome object imaginable. There was not a space on his face as large as a pin head that was not covered by an eruption. The house was promptly quarantined and arrangements made for the burial of the dead negro. His race would not allow the body interred in their cemetery near Lexington, neither would any private citizen submit to its burial on his land. Finally it was ascertained that Holmes' father owned a tract of land a few miles from Lexington and on this land the negro was buried.

Holmes, in company with a negro named Will Hayden, recently returned from some place up north, where they had been at work. Hayden lives near Linwood. He, too, has a bad case of smallpox, but this was reported to the superintendent of health Tuesday of last week and the place promptly quarantined.—Lexington Dispatch.

**Roosevelt and Maryland.**  
The Providence (R. I.) Journal, one of the largest independent Republican papers in the East, says of the recent Democratic victory in Maryland:

"This result ought to have some effect upon Mr. Roosevelt. There is no need to question the honesty of the belief which he apparently holds that the negro is a totally different being from what everybody who understands him knows him to be. But to Mr. Payne and Mr. Clarkson, and others of Mr. Roosevelt's managers, to whom the negro is simply a political asset at nomination and election time, the result in Maryland ought to signify that there are perhaps not quite so many Northern voters in the negro question as they thought there were. These gentlemen have great influence with the President, and it is not unreasonable to think that such representations as they might make to him would result in the application of the same rule of conduct to a negro postmistress in Mississippi, who happened to be obnoxious to a white postmistress in Delaware what happened to be 'personally offensive' to a benchman of J. Edward Addicks, and in the showing of more consideration to the people of a state that will not vote the Republican ticket in 1904.

There is bound to be a squint in the sermon when it has one eye on the creed and the other on the cash.

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### JAMAICA'S MYSTERY.

THE FINGER OF FATE IN THE FALL OF HER CAPITALS.

Tragedies That Are Written in the History of Her Ruined Cities—Two of Them Vanished Utterly From the Face of the Earth.

There exists in Jamaica, in the West Indies, a universal superstition that a curse rests upon any town chosen to be its capital. Since 1509, when the first chief city was founded, no fewer than three capitals have been ruined in mysterious and terrible ways. Two have vanished utterly from the face of the earth. Some of the more superstitious of the colonists, brooding over the strange history of their country, fear that Kingston, the present capital, is fated to share the fate of its predecessors.

The first capital was Sevilla Nueva (New Seville), otherwise called Sevilla O'oro (the Golden Seville), on account of its marvellous wealth. It was founded by Don Juan d'Esquivel and Diego, a son of Christopher Columbus. In a few years it became the greatest Spanish city in the New World. It then flocked the blue blooded but impetuous nobles of Castile, eager to rebuild their family fortunes at the expense of the poor Arawak.

Cathedrals, palaces and monasteries, rivaling those of Spain in splendor, were erected. The marble streets were crowded with gay clad courtiers and Indian slaves, who toiled for them and brought their tribute from mine and jungle. Then, in a night, the city vanished, and no one can tell today what happened to it. No survivors and no records were left behind to tell the tale. Today one can see, buried in tropical jungle, a mile of marble pavement and a few broken columns and arches. Nothing else remains of the Golden Seville, once so prosperous and splendid, except a few contradictory traditions. These traditions variously ascribe the destruction of the city and its inhabitants to a mutiny of the oppressed Indians, an earthquake, a sudden visitation of millions of red ants and an attack by French buccaniers. The very memory of what was once the greatest city of the new world has almost perished. Even in Jamaica few people know anything about the Golden Seville.

The Spaniards made Saint Jaco de la Vega, now called Spanish Town, their second capital. Time and again it was devastated by hurricane and plague, harassed by Indian revolts and massacred by adventurous pirates. Gradually it sank from its high estate until now it is merely a squalid village.

When the English conquered the island they made Port Royal their real capital, though Spanish Town remained for some time the official seat of government. The earthquake of 1692 and the Spanish main, the market for the ill gotten gains of 10,000 buccaniers, Port Royal soon became the richest and most splendid city of the world. At the height of its splendor and its vice it was destroyed within the space of two minutes by an earthquake.

"The ground opening in Several Places at once," wrote an eyewitness in 1692, a few days after the catastrophe, "swallowed up Multitudes of People together, whole Streets sinking under water with Men, Women and Children, and nothing to be seen of them, such Crying, such Shrieking and Mourning I never heard, nor could anything in my Opinion appear more Terrible to the Eye of Man." Here a Company of People swallowed up at once, in a whole Street tumbling down, and in Another Place the Trembling Earth opening her Ravenous Jaws, let in the Merciless Sea, so that this Town became a Heap of Ruins. Several People were Swallowed up of the Earth, when the Sea breaking in before the Earth could Close, they were washed up again and miraculously saved from Perishing. Others the Earth received up to their Necks, and then Closed upon them and squeezed them to Death, with their Heads above Ground, many of which the Dogs Eat; Millions of People Floating up and down, having no Burial. The Burying Place at the Palisades is quite Destroyed, the Dead Bodies being washed out of their Graves, their Tombs bent to Pieces and their Boating up and down; It is said to think how we have Suffered.

"The Earth hath still fits of Shaking, with very much Thunder and Lightning, and dreadful Weather; yet this had no little effect upon some People here that the very same Night they were at their Old Trade of Drinking and Swearing; breaking up Ware-houses; Pillaging and Stealing from their Neighbors, even while the Earth quake lasted, and several of them were destroyed in the very Act; and indeed this Place has been one of the Luckiest in the Christian World, a sink of all filthiness, and a mere Sodom."

Old Port Royal lies buried beneath the sea. The present town of Port Royal, a place of no importance except as a coaling station, was built after having been destroyed the houses left standing.

Kingston was not founded until the early part of the eighteenth century, but it has already been thrice destroyed by fire and several times ravaged by hurricanes. The inhabitants naturally wonder what catastrophe will happen next.

Many men have been capable of doing a wise thing, but very few a generous thing.—Pope.

### WORKING OFF A GROUCH.

The Operations of a Curious Phase of Human Nature.

John was grouchy and cross and found fault with his dinner. His wife surveyed him calmly.

"I know there is some reason for your grouch—what I call it? Well, for your unhappy frame of mind," she said. "Probably things have gone wrong at the office, but why should you come home to work off your anger on me? I'm not to blame in the slightest. It's a curious trait of human nature that when one has been whipped here at once wants to turn around and whip somebody else."

"I suppose that trait was left out of your nature," remarked John sarcastically. "No, indeed," replied his wife. "When things go wrong in the kitchen I am rather inclined to scold the children. If you reprimand me for extravagance, my impulse is to fuss with the first person I meet. If I have been out of my mind, I feel very much inclined to raise you for coming home so early. I've watched this same trait in the children. When I scold Alice, she always finds occasion to shake Mary on the sly. If you scold Jim, he generally goes out and makes faces at the little girl across the way. If the children come home from school saying 'teacher was awful cross today,' I jump to the conclusion that the principal had been criticizing the teacher. If you tell me I'm not economical, I know you have just suffered from a slump in the stock market, and I suppose after you and I have had a little heated discussion you go down to the office and make things unpleasant for the clerks."

"To be frank with you, Mary," said John, "do not often find you guilty of working off a grouch on me. Tell me what you do instead." "I wait until you go out of the house; then I run for my lock the door, throw myself on the couch, burrow my head in the pillow and have a good cry."—New York Press.

### HEALTH'S DECALOGUE.

1. Rise early, retire early and fill your day with work.
2. Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.
3. Frugality and sobriety form the bestelixir of longevity.
4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cure for machines just the same.
5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.
6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.
7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.
8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement; when it leads to dissipation and dissipation to vice.
9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.
10. Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickaxe? Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—French Medical Review.

**Useful Wood Lore.**  
If you are lost in the woods sit down the moment you realize it and think it over. If you start off at random you will be sure to walk in a circle. None but the most experienced woodsmen can keep a straight course, and even they go in a circle when they get really lost.

**The Mexican Boundary Line.**  
The international boundary line between the United States and the republic of Mexico is marked by pyramids of stones placed at irregular distances along the line all the way from the Rio Grande to the Pacific ocean. Wherever it was found practicable to do so these pyramids were built on prominent peaks at road crossings, fords, etc. The line was not surveyed, as is the usual custom, the location of the monuments being based on astronomical calculations and observations.

**All His Eggs in One Basket.**  
Goodman Goung—We don't get nothin' at that house. I asked the woman for some cold vittles, a cup of coffee, some clothin' in a place to sleep in the barn, an' by gum, she says 'I was comin' lit a little too strong, an' she shot the door in my face.'  
Tuffold Knut—That's wot ye git, ye blame fool, fur puttin' all yer eggs in one ask it.—Chicago Tribune.

**Considerate.**  
"Have you ever done anything to make the world happier?" asked the solemn looking person with the unbarbered hair.  
"Sure," answered the jolly man with the double chin. "I was once invited to sing in public and declined."—Indianapolis Sentinel.

**Plenty Dropped.**  
Flyter—I suppose there's money to be picked up in the stock market.  
Frutterer—The ought to be. Why, I myself have dropped considerable of it there.—Boston Transcript.

### OUR FIRST HUNT CLUB.

It Was Organized in Pennsylvania Away Back in 1760.

The year 1760 is far back, but it is interesting to think that the mutterings of the coming war storm were not yet so engrossing even then but that the sportsmen of Pennsylvania could turn their attention to a more systematic organization of their fox hunting forces and then established the first hunt club in the country, the Gloucester Hounds. Not that this was the beginning of the sport in Pennsylvania, that eminently horse loving country, for fox hunting had held a high place in the pastimes of the people many a year before. It was rather the evidence that the sport had become so important that it needed systematizing, so that districts might be thoroughly hunted in turn and contentions, rivalry and clashing dates be avoided.

All the early fox hunting clubs had their origin in the pre-existing ownership of a greater or less number of hounds by private owners. Every county had its landowners in the south kept the good dogs they were, not the orthodox, according to the standard of the Belvoir and the Quorn of today, but nevertheless bounds derived from the best English and European stock and continued by judicious selection of those who showed the instincts by conformation suitable to the country in which they were called upon to work. Washington may be quoted as one of the southerners who kept hounds and hunted them too Lafayette, moreover, sent him from France a splendid pack of French foxhounds, such qualities which still survive and are considered the most perfect animal for American fox hunting, the American hound.

From the formation of the Gloucester Fox Hound club in 1760 until today clubs have played the most important part in preserving the sport and regulating its practice. Not all clubs of equal importance, it is true, but all of the same spirit.—Illustrated Sporting News.

### NEW YORK TIME.

It is the Standard Used in All Our Weather Bureau Stations.

When we read a report from any of the 100 regular weather bureau stations throughout our land belonging to the United States, we are told to make no mistake or some other meteorological phenomenon began at a certain hour we need not suppose that the hour mentioned refers to the time at the place where the observation was made. The hour given is the exact New York time, for every clock at the regular weather bureau stations all over the land is set to the seventy-fifth meridian, or eastern standard time, which is exactly five hours behind Greenwich time.

Only this standard of time is used in the text of the Monthly Weather Review, and all weather bureau observations are required to conform therewith by it. The reason for this is that the best scientific deductions from the weather reports must be based upon the simultaneousness of the atmosphere existing simultaneously in different parts of the country.

It would be very ludicrous if all the hundreds of reports sent daily had to be made up at the various offices in Washington from local to eastern time, and so all the regular observers are required to use the New York, or eastern time, in making their reports.

There are a few volunteer observers and newspaper correspondents who in reporting weather phenomena use other standards of time. If the weather bureau has occasion to use their reports, they are always corrected to agree with the eastern standard or the local standard as mentioned.—Detroit Free Press.

### Women Who Dress Like Men.

Tourists in the Austrian Tyrol and the remotest regions of the Swiss Alps often come across strange peculiarities of dress among the women in those out of the way places. In the little village of Champéry, which nestles almost under the frowning Dent du Midi, the women dress like men and may often be seen in the fields. Naturally they are objects of much interest to tourists, but the women do not seem to be at all uncomfortably conscious of the peculiarity of their garb.

The peasants of Champéry are a simple, kindly folk, and doubtless find this novel dress more accommodating to the hard work they have to do.

**Poor Conditions.**  
"Ask papa tonight," suggests the gentle girl to her adorer. "He is in such a good humor because he got the better of some man in a business transaction today."

The adorer shakes his head doubtfully. "I believe I'd better not," he sighs. "I am the man he got the better of, and he would be sure to say that he couldn't let his daughter marry a man so unsuccessful."—Judge.

**Tells How.**  
"And aren't you married yet?"  
"No."  
"Well, well! I thought you were engaged to a certain young lady in Germantown?"  
"No, I was engaged to an uncertain young lady, and that's why I'm not married."—Exchange.

**Amusing.**  
Layzee—My attorney, exactly an an architect, but she annoyed me this morning with one of her incendiary speeches.  
Jenks—You don't say so?  
Layzee—Yes, she said, "Henry, get up this minute and make the fire."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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