

### AT RISK OF HIS LIFE

REV. DR. PALMORE VISITED THE TOMBS OF AARON.

Mosque is Nothing Much to See, but Religious Fanaticism of the Negroes Makes the Journey One of Great Danger.

Rev. Dr. William B. Palmore of St. Louis, who has just completed a tour of Europe and the Orient, said that his most remarkable exploit was a recent nocturnal expedition at the risk of his life to the tomb on Mount Hor, in Arabia Petraea, which is revered by three religions as the burial place of Aaron, brother of Moses, and first high priest of the Hebrew theocracy.

Late on the last night of his stay in Petra Dr. Palmore silently stole out of the city, attended by his guide and soldiers.

When the little party at last stood alone on the mountain top and saw the desert sleeping far below they found the mosque to be a ramshackle building of white stones rudely piled together and surmounted by a rounded dome. The guide without scruple applied his stolen key to the lock and the door swung open.

"I found myself in a chapel about 40x40 feet," says Dr. Palmore. "According to the Moslem custom, it contained neither seats nor altars. It was completely bare save that in the center stood a cenotaph, or empty sarcophagus, covered by a green cloth. Carved in stone was an inscription in Hebrew so nearly obliterated by time that I could not decipher it. I calculated that the inscription was more than 3,000 years old. There was also a legend carved on the cenotaph in modern Arabic.

"I had little time to waste, for I was confident that if the Arabs in the valley discovered my departure and traced me to the mosque they would kill me. In one corner I discovered a hole in the floor, revealing a flight of stairs cut in the rock and leading downward.

"Holding my candle aloft, I descended the steps and found myself in an unlighted cave of no great size. Like the mosque, it was bare and rude. But across one end were stretched two chains like sentinels against intruders and behind them hung a tattered curtain.

"I stepped over the chains and swept the curtain aside. The sealed entrance to a natural vault was revealed and this vault was the tomb of Aaron.

There was little time for sacred reverie, for, if day broke before he descended the mountain, his errand might be detected and avenged by the Arabs of the valley. So Dr. Palmore, after touching the sealed vault reverently with his hand, ascended the stairs, passed through the mosque and stood again in the open air.

His guide gravely locked the door and concealed the key once more in his garments. The party made its way safely back to Petra without discovery, and within a few hours was miles away on the return trip north.

Safeguarding Letters. From the days of antiquity it has always been a problem unsolved how to insure the secrecy of letters. A Frenchman named Philon claims, however, to have discovered the real method, which is as simple as the egg of Columbus. The invention is thus described: The envelope looks very like an ordinary one, but the tongue is in a kind of loop, prolonged so as to fit the gummed end of the upper right-hand corner, which is slit. The tongue is inserted, and further fixed by the stamp struck over it. The system is simplicity itself, and, except for ripping open the envelope or tearing off the stamp, it is impossible to get at the letter inside.

Her Dislike Too Vigorous. A woman in an English country town took an unusual way of expressing her dislike of the pastor. While the congregation was standing, during the singing of an anthem, she rushed up the chancel steps and began throwing hymn books at the minister, and finally exclaimed: "Take him from the church!" The minister was greatly astonished, knowing nothing of the disorder until he was struck in the back. He thought a stone had fallen from the roof. In court the woman expressed regret.

Not a Strong Argument. Said an advocate of woman suffrage during the recent campaign in California: "A point upon which a great deal of weight has been placed is that women do not want the suffrage and that it would be cruel to impose it upon them. The cry about cruelty to women reminds me of a dialogue that passed between Johnnie and his mother. "Johnnie, your little sister has been hauling you on her sled for half an hour. Why don't you get off, and haul her?" "Mamma," said little Johnnie, "I'm afraid she'll take cold."

Eggshells in Surgery. In a number of skin-grafting operations he has recently carried out, a Philadelphia physician has used the lining of egg shells instead of human skin. One of the patients he is reported to have successfully treated in this way was a woman, who had the skin burned off her back. The physician declares that the suturing which has been imposed on human donors of skin for such operations is unnecessary. Only fresh eggs may be used.

These Times. Ex-Governor Pennypacker, discussing the divorce bill in Philadelphia, said with a smile: "In these times one never, as the saying goes, knows where one is at. An acquaintance of mine extended his hand to me at the Historical society the other day and cried: "Congratulations! I am the happiest man alive!" "I looked at him doubtfully. "I was engaged, married or divorced?" I asked.

### PRESERVED THE OLD STYLE

How One Young Bride Brought Atmosphere of the Past into Her New Home.

A young bride who wanted to keep in her husband's old home was very much disappointed to find that his mother, with the very best intentions in the world had bought a lot of modern furniture and put away some really antique pieces, because she thought they were too out of date to please her boy's city wife.

The wife, however, in a quiet way found out that the new furniture had been purchased with the understanding that the bill be settled within six months. She talked the matter over with her husband and his mother and then with the proprietor of the store, and, in the end, all the "modern" furniture was taken back and the same amount traded out for several beautiful rugs and the curtains for all the rooms on the first floor of the old house.

Then the bride went to work and fixed up all the "old fashioned" furniture which had been stored in the attic. A dining table was found and four chairs to match. These she had scraped and sanded, then a filler applied, and, lastly, a good quality varnish. This, when thoroughly dry was again rubbed down until the final finish was dull, and the effect was splendid. It suggested age, but good condition.

The young wife also removed the screens from the old fireplace and threw away the new heart-shaped of cream brick. And the most delighted feature of the home was the mother, who saw in it all a vision of bygone days.

### LONG IMBEDDED IN AMBER

Dragon Fly, Preserved for Centuries, Is a Most Remarkable Natural Curiosity.

Flea in amber is not uncommon, but a dragon fly, almost perfect, is unique. The piece of amber with its large insect imperishably imprisoned was presented a few weeks ago to an English statesman by a rich Russian merchant.

The piece is remarkable for its size and the purity of its transparent yellow, but more especially for the insect it contains. This particular dragon fly flitted about over the marshes of what geologists call the tertiary period, tens or hundreds of thousands of years ago, and was engulfed by the resin that flowed from a pine tree. This resin, in the course of ages, turned to the stone that we now call amber. Several thousand species of fossil insects have been found in amber but this is one of the finest ever seen.

Life's Healings. Of all the amazing forces of nature—her thunder and cataracts, oceans in wild storm and volcanoes in floods of molten rock, and those hidden monster-powers of electricity, gravitation and chemic affinities—the most wonderful of all is her healing power, her ability to get over anything, her infinite resources of recovery.

Have you often wondered why the whole world did not die of the cholera? And those other plagues no one seems able to stay, the typho, the smallpox, the bubonic plague, besides the awful pests of history, the red death and the black death; why have any of them ceased at all?

One reason of this is that the four huge rooms in nature's house are full of health supply. These rooms are sunshine, water, air and earth.

For Nature's other name is The Healer. She is the original and only cure-all.

And all this is quite as true in the realm of mind and soul as it is in the realm of body.—Woman's World

Horse Up a Tree. Visitors to Ferry Bar were much surprised yesterday morning to see a horse up among the branches of a tree. The animal had got in its uncomfortable position by falling ten feet from a bank that overtopped the tree. The tree probably saved the horse's life.

Blocks and fall were fastened to a tree stump on top of the hill and leather belts were wrapped about the horse. When the work of hitching the belts was completed it was found that the animal could not be rescued until several of the limbs of the tree were cut off. This took considerable time, during which the horse rested and watched the work of the score or more of men who were trying to release him. With the removal of the last limb the horse was slowly drawn to the top of the bank from which he had fallen. A close examination revealed that outside of a few scratches he was unharmed.—Baltimore American.

The Code Feminine. As soon as Mrs. Granger was fairly past, Mr. Compton heard an irritated "There! I knew it!" from his wife, and turned to see what was the matter.

"She's just as provoked as she can be to think that Mrs. Lombard and I didn't ask her to go out with us to see the Williams baby!" said Mrs. Compton. "She thinks that it was on account of her having said that she didn't find three weeks' old babies very interesting, when of course she'd make an exception of Lena Williams' baby. But that wasn't the reason we didn't ask her; it was because we decided all in a hurry, and there was just time to catch the train. She's made up her mind she won't propose our names for the book club!"

"How do you know she thinks all these things?" inquired Mr. Compton. "My dear, didn't you see the way she bowed?" asked his wife in a pitying tone.

"Why, yes," said Mr. Compton. "I thought she gave a rather more pronounced bow than most women do, and smiled quite brilliantly."

"You dear thing," and Mrs. Compton patted his coat-sleeve, "of course she did! That's how I knew exactly what she was thinking."—Youth's Companion.

### FEW HUMMING BIRDS LEFT

Commercial Uses Have Nearly Eliminated the Finest of Feathered Creatures.

Our continent has a monopoly of humming birds, the gems of the feathered creation. Of these there are said to be as many as four hundred species, most of which confine themselves to the tropical regions.

Only eighteen varieties live farther north than Mexico. It is generally thought that humming birds live upon honey. This, however, is a mistake. They do obtain and devour honey, it is true, but most of their food consists of the small insects which inhabit certain flowers.

Humming birds are so small that when they are captured for commercial purposes it is impossible to even the smallest shot for fear of injuring their skins. They are therefore stunned with a drop of water from a blowgun or syringe and fall into a net, when they are quickly poisoned.

Humming birds vary in size from those half as large as a sparrow to those about the size of a bee. Their flight is so swift that they can be well seen only when poised above a flower. The little creatures bid fair to be exterminated on account of the senseless and cruel fashion of using them as trimming for women's hats.—Ave Maria.

Pompeian Venus is Unearthed. One of the latest and most interesting things uncovered during the new excavations at Pompeii under the direction of Professor Splanzola, is a fresco which is regarded as the best which has yet been found. It is very beautiful, and in a perfect state of preservation. It was one of the ornaments of the facade of a house situated in the main public thoroughfare, of which the roof was in an almost intact condition. It represents the Pompeian Venus standing erect, crowned with a diadem, in the midst of flying Cupids, on a chariot drawn by four Indian elephants. Seen from the front, the representation of these animals is strikingly realistic. The archaeological value of the fresco is extremely great, for the colors are very fresh and harmonious.

No Maltese Cats in Malta. James Oliver Lalng, American consul at Malta, informs the state department that many Americans have asked him to give names of breeders of pure blood Maltese terriers and cats. He says there are a few so-called Maltese terriers in Malta and they are not of pure blood. The puppies which the street hawkers offer for sale to tourists are more or less mongrel, with a strain of the old breed. Maltese cats do not exist in Malta, at least not one of the color called Maltese in the United States, has been seen there.

THE MARKETS. October 22, 1912

POULTRY, EGGS, ETC. (Quotations furnished by Coast Line Meat Market.)

Chickens—Grown, pair.....65-80  
Chickens—Half-grown pair.....35-50  
Geese, per pair.....\$1.25-\$1.35  
Ducks, per pair.....70-85  
Eggs, per doz.....24  
Hams, country, smoked, lb.....18  
Beeswax, lb.....22  
Wool.....16 to 17  
Wool.....10 to 11  
Hogs, dressed, lb.....10-10-1-2  
Beef, dressed, lb.....8-9  
Hides—G. S., lb.....9  
Green, lb.....8  
Dry Flint, lb.....12-14  
Dry Salt, lb.....1-0-12

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Irish potatoes new crop.....\$2.25  
Green Corn, per hundred.....\$1.25  
Tomatoes, per crate.....\$1.25-\$1.50  
Okra, per crate.....\$1.50  
Egg plant, per dozen.....75  
Sweet potatoes, bushel.....60  
Lima Beans, quart.....8

COTTON. (Quotations furnished by G. W. Taylor & Son.)

New York.

Jan. Open High Low Closed  
Mar. 10.56 10.56 10.46 10.46  
Oct. 10.75 10.75 10.65 10.65  
Spots 10.90 market steady 5 points  
down port receipts 74,988

Liverpool

Opening Closing  
Jan. & Feb. 5.89 5.87 1-2  
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Good Middling 10 1-2  
Strict Middling 10 3-8  
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Sales 45 bales.

SECURING ATTRACTIONS FOR THE FAIR. Secretary J. Leon Williams, of the Eastern Carolina Fair Association yesterday returned from Raleigh where he attended the State Fair. While there he made a contract for several attractions which will be seen on the Midway during the Eastern Carolina Fair.

WHEEL AND AUTO COLLIDE. Bradford Fulcher, riding a bicycle, and an automobile driven by Mr. Charles Daniels, collided at the corner of South Front and Craven streets yesterday. Bradford who is a messenger for the Western Union Telegraph Company, was thrown to the pavement but did not suffer any injuries further than bruises. His wheel was badly damaged.

### RAILROADS HAVE THEIR SIDE ALSO

Norfolk Will Give Them and The Steamship Companies Opportunity to Explain

BOARD OF TRADE WILL ACT

Special Committee Appointed to Look Into Alleged Rate Discrimination

Norfolk, Oct. 19.—Representatives from the traffic departments of railroads and steamship lines operating to and from Norfolk will be asked to appear before the Board of Trade in the near future to get their side of the much advertised "discrimination against Norfolk."

Believing that the best interests of the city can be conserved only by hearing both sides of the question, the Board of Trade will go thoroughly into the matter and not jump blindly to the conclusion that the railroads are being unfair to Norfolk shippers.

William T. Anderson, secretary of the Board of Trade, said yesterday that the matter will be brought before the board of directors at the meeting next Tuesday night. A special committee has been appointed to investigate the alleged discriminations. They will meet Monday to formulate a report to be submitted to the directors the following night.

There are undoubtedly two sides to the question, he said. Where Norfolk may apparently be discriminated against in certain shipments, there is no question but they receive advantageous rates in other shipments.

"I am not trying to defend the railroads," says the Board of Trade secretary. "In several instances, I am sure, Norfolk should receive better rates. But I do not believe there are more than one or two of these instances which can not be satisfactorily settled.

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