

**CORNWALL LAND OF FAIRIES**

People of That English County Firmly Believe in Existence of the "Little People."

A Cornish handbook recently published mentions that there are five distinct varieties of fairies in Cornwall and enumerates them as follows: The "Small People," who were supposed to be the pre-Christian inhabitants; these are gradually fading away.

The "Spriggans," attached to cairns, cromlechs and other ancient monuments, with which it was unlucky to meddle.

The "Piskies," full of mischief and finding great joy in leading mortals astray.

The "Buccas," spirits of the mines, associated in local legend with men from the East, doomed to work underground until the Resurrection.

The "Brownies," kindly and good, the spirits of the household, ever ready to do what they could to assist mankind.

There are numerous legends of the adventures of mortals with these fairies and only a few years ago men returning from Redruth, Truro, Penzance and some other market town would turn their coats inside out before venturing to cross the wild moors or downs, in order to guard against being led away by the Piskies.

Once a miner, working in one of the levels, heard his name called distinctly. He was afraid to follow the voice and went on with his work. His name was called again and this time more vehemently. The miner threw down his hammer and went to investigate. Almost immediately a mass of rock fell on the spot where he had been working. The warning had saved his life.

The Buccas or Knockers were so feared at one time that people who had to pass a disused mine after dark took special precautions to prevent their presence being known.

**Variation in Opinion.**

One woman was telling another about a birthday gift she had just given her husband, and how she had saved for weeks from her house money to get it. The other woman was shocked:

"Why, Nellie, how could you! I wouldn't dream of giving my husband a present out of his own money! I earned every cent for his Christmas gift, made kimonos and dressing sacks for some friends.

And a man, who was near enough to overhear, said to his companion: "If I had a wife like that, I'd frame her."

"I wouldn't want her at any price. She's too good to be true. My old girl cheats me out of every cent she can lay her hands on. I'm used to it. It's one of the rules of the ring. Wouldn't want her to be different."

Which seems to show the variety of opinions—undoubtedly a wise dispensation of nature, since life would be somewhat monotonous if all of us were made in the same mold—like candles.—Washington Star.

**New Ideas for the State.**

It is reported that a play entitled, "The Island of Monkeys," in which the players are all to be dressed in the guise of various sorts of apes, is shortly to be produced in Milan, Italy. In view of Rostand's successful dramatization of the dwellers of a barnyard, one will wait until after the premiere to say that it can't be done. Then there was the operetta "Woodland," in which all the characters were birds. David Belasco's press department for some time nourished a rumor that the producer had in preparation a drama in which all the characters were insects. This manager secured very nearly as much publicity for this odd notion as William Gillette did for his persistently reported intention to play Hamlet. Dramatic editors in many cities devoted many columns to argument that the ideal impersonator of Sherlock Holmes would not make an even passable prince of Denmark.—Christian Science Monitor.

**Business Girls Park High Shoes.**

"Do you know the latest thing the girls are 'parking' in our office?" asked the office boy.

His mother, at home, couldn't guess.

"Their high shoes. The girls that live in the country have to wear high shoes to get through the snow and slush on the way to the train, but they can't afford to be seen in anything but low, French heeled pumps in town. It isn't being done. They bring in the pumps in a handbag without their mothers knowing it—I bet—and as soon as they take off their hats and coats go off the high shoes and on go the slippers. They leave the glory of walking out at noon with them on and then they return to the high shoes at 5 o'clock.—New York Sun.

**Question of Jurisdiction.**

Judge Solon Carter, of Superior court, recently was called on to hear the divorce case of George vs. Martha Washington. When the combatants or matrimonial freedom arrived they were colored folks. Judge Carter, with his fine sense of humor glanced at the complaint, smiled at the attorney for the plaintiff, and said:

"George versus Martha Washington, I don't believe this court will have jurisdiction. Shouldn't this be in Virginia?"

George Washington looked at the judge, and his head bowed in dejection. The judge then said:

**NATIONAL PARKS**

There are 17 national parks in the United States.

Hawaii, area 56 square miles, contains three volcanoes and a lake of blazing lava.

Glacier, Montana, area 1,534 square miles, has 250 glacier-fed lakes and 60 small glaciers.

Mt. McKinley, Alaska, area 1,408,000 acres, contains the loftiest mountain summit in America, 20,300 feet above sea level.

Rocky Mountain, Colorado, area 358 square miles, contains mountain peaks that reach to an altitude of 11,000 to 14,250 feet.

Platt (near Sulphur) in Oklahoma, area one and one-half square miles, contains sulphur and five other medicinal springs. Hot Springs, Ark., area one and one-half square miles, contains 46 hot springs.

Mesa Verde, area 77 square miles, in Colorado, preserves the ruins of the cliff dwellers, and Casa Grande Ruin, Arizona, area three-fourths of a square mile, contains prehistoric Indian ruins.

Wind Cave, South Dakota, area 161-3 square miles, contains one of the largest natural caverns. Sully's Hill, North Dakota, is a wooded, hilly tract with an area of six and one-fourth miles, on Devil's lake.

**EVERYDAY HOKUM**

- "Below cost."
- "Absolutely free."
- "Easy payments."
- "As good as new."
- "Fresh every day."
- "Hand-laundered."
- "Painless dentistry."
- "Slightly used cars."
- "Today's weather—"
- "Cheaper than paying rent."
- "We'd love to hear you sing."
- "Five minutes to the car line."
- "Two can live cheaper than one."
- "We'd love to have you call again."
- "I was too young to remember that."
- "We've got something just as good."
- "When in a hurry use the telephone."
- "Three treatments make you beautiful."
- "Tickets bought of speculators not accepted."—Chicago Herald Examiner.

**WORTH KNOWING**

- Chinamen are appearing in Paris, where they seek work as domestic servants.
- Cobalt, one of the rarest minerals, is chiefly used in coloring glass and porcelain.
- Unexecuted orders for telephone instruments, etc., it is stated, now number 200,000 in England.
- In the year ending June 30 last, Great Britain built 594 vessels, United States 430 and Japan 105.
- Motor cars placed in a new cradle-like device may be turned over at any angle for inspection and repair.
- Mail-carrying aeroplanes in this country are now fitted with asbestos containers to protect the letters from fire.
- From eight seed potatoes Mr. H. Niel, of Liddington, Bedfordshire, Eng., has grown 596 pounds of potatoes in one year, it is said.

**BRIEFLY STATED**

- When a man is a little mellow he thinks he is ripe for anything.
- Some people are criticized because they won't talk and some because they will.
- Many a man invests in a gold brick under the impression that it is a golden opportunity.
- A woman wouldn't mind being poor so much if all her acquaintances were just a little poorer.
- Any man who thinks more of a dollar than he does of his self-respect is in the insult-proof class.

**MUSIC**

Music requires inspiration. The composer should not be afraid of his art. The perfection of music and the necessary are...

**NORMAL CROP YEAR IN SIGHT**

Practically normal crop conditions the world over are reported by the United States Department of Agriculture. Argentina's wheat harvesting is making progress. The yield is of good quality but the area planted was approximately 1,000,000 acres less than for the preceding year. With European demand somewhat lighter, as a result of increasing home production and a tendency to curtail imports, even so large a reduction in the case of Argentina, which exports heavily, does not appear to be out of the ordinary. Australia, on the other hand, will have a harvest approximately equaling that of 1920-'21. Germany's winter crops are showing some deterioration and France also reports a recession from earlier estimates, while Hungary and several neighboring states indicate favorable conditions. India and Egypt probably will grow more rice this year than last. In the United States, winter wheat is generally in good shape throughout eastern and northern states, while the situation in the Southwest is less promising. Canada anticipates a satisfactory crop.

One hundred and seven persons were killed in the Alps last year, mostly by falls.

Reading these figures, one can understand why so many primitive peoples feared the higher mountains, and looked upon them as the abode of evil spirits. Generally speaking, primitive man had no better physique than civilized man, and vastly less equipment. Yet more than a hundred persons, with all the advantages of civilization, were killed in a single summer by the mighty mountains which rise in central Europe.

"God was good to make the mountains," sang a poet of the late Nineteenth century. Earlier peoples did not regard these upturnings of earth as signs of heavenly beneficence—and small wonder.

It is not a little remarkable that the old-time Mississippi steamboat which figured in the career of Mark Twain should still endure on the river which it has helped to make famous. Though few and far between, these oddly-fashioned wooden boats, with their tall, narrow funnels and their end-on gangways which can be elevated like drawbridges, still "shoot the shoals," carrying the observer back in fancy to the days when their rolstering crews caused the tall stacks to spout fire as they raced the boats for all they were worth against one another. But he who would catch a glimpse of the ancient river craft must needs hurry. A new type of boat is being put on the river by the United States government in order to re-establish navigation to and from the Gulf of Mexico.

An international authority declares that of all earth's races the American woman wears her clothes best. She may not necessarily have the best clothes, but wears them well and smartly. She keeps herself clean and neat and knows how to put the chic in chicken. This is a bit of a surprise, as most Americans themselves thought the French girls had a clever and modish way about them that could make a gingham gown look like georgette, says the Los Angeles Times. But the American woman no longer looks to Paris for her designs. She is able to dress with taste on her own account.

The Russian foreign minister says that communism failed because foreign hostility compelled the soviet government to go on alone, but maybe the hostility of the peasants, who constitute close to 90 per cent of the Russian population, had something to do with it.

The life of a window washer who fell three stories was saved because he fell upon several bags of peanuts, but others desiring to try it are reminded that it is almost impossible for one to get enough peanuts.

The population of soviet Russia has decreased 18,000,000 since the war began, according to a Red census, but it is probable that some of the falling off may be due to causes other than Red bullets and starvation.

Blood-curdling as was the experience of the four fishermen who were rescued from a drifting ice floe, it was nothing to what it will be when they are telling about it while waiting for bites next summer.

The elimination of poison gas from warfare may assist in disposing of the tendency to regard a stenchful demonstration as a legitimate argument in disposing of a dispute.

The new Peace dollar is said to be stronger on one side than it is on the other. We probably will have to use it as a paper for those things that come along.

Not back on the pre-war price.

A failure, all on a paying basis.

**There Is No Nation That Cannot Teach Us Something About Farming**

By FRANK O. LOWDEN, Former Governor of Illinois.



We know that no commodity will be long produced below the cost of production, and therefore it ought never be necessary to market any farm commodity below such cost; for if that commodity can be stored and held, the world will have to pay the cost some day.

These problems have been met and solved, in a large measure, in Holland and Denmark and among the fruit growers of California, by the organization of farmer's co-operative societies. These societies do not attempt arbitrarily to fix prices. They do study the probable demand and attempt to adjust production to meet that demand.

Instead of throwing the entire season's crop upon the market within a few short weeks, they provide for orderly marketing of their products. The tendency of this is to stabilize the market. And stabilizing the market of any product is in the end best for the consumer and the producer.

It is never a good thing for anyone when any useful commodity is sold for less than the cost, for under the inexorable laws of economics curtailed production will follow until prices abnormally high are the result. Any commodity that is produced profitably year after year will in a long series of years be produced more cheaply than where there are violent fluctuations.

While in every other industry we are abreast of the most advanced nations—in commerce, in manufacture, in banking and merchandising—there is not a nation in the world that cannot teach America something about farming.

Papering a house in Russia is not expensive. One can buy 110,000 paper rubles for \$1.

France wants some American plays. America has some that it would be glad to export.

Indications are that the next naval fashion will be collapsible ships with demountable guns.

The Princeton professor who says wealth is a disease hasn't the nerve to prophesy an epidemic.

Cheer up! A doctor says we are going to live a hundred years. That plumber will be back yet.

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**LITTLE RIVER RIPPLES**

Quite a number of our people are suffering from severe colds. We hope for them a speedy recovery.

Rev. Carl Blythe is conducting a revival meeting at Holly Springs.

Clyde Hamilton and Homer Orr made a business trip to Greenville, S. C. Monday.

Miss Sue Smith visited friends at Blantyre Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Orr spent

the week-end with Mrs. J. L. Pickelsimer.

Walter Nicholson has purchased a new Overland car.

Mrs. C. Gardiner made a business trip to Hendersonville Saturday.

Misses Annah and Julia Merrill spent Sunday with Mrs. L. M. Hart at "The Pines."

Robert L. Merrill and Miss Myra Pickelsimer attended the singing convention at Boyleston Sunday. They reported a nice time.

Wilson McCall is visiting relatives in Greenville, S. C.

Miss Lula McCall has returned from visiting friends at Hendersonville.

Homer Orr and Miss Salome Boyd visited Misses Zella and Hazel Brown at Brevard Sunday.

D. H. Pickelsimer and wife visited relatives at Blantyre Sunday.

Lee Kilpatrick has purchased a new Ford.

Lena McCall was a visitor at Mrs. Kilpatrick's, Sunday.

Mr. Eugene George has accepted a position at Brevard.

Miss Flora Merrill of Hendersonville is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. F. Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Beddingfield recently visited Mrs. Rachel Merrill. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mackey were Brevard visitors last Friday.

Avery McCrary and Randall Scott were Brevard visitors Saturday.

Joseph Heath and Virgil McCrary made a business trip to Hendersonville Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCrary—a son, Frank, Jr. Misses Ruth and Sophia McCall visited Mrs. Couch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Merrill are visiting relatives at Greenville, S. C.

Mr. R. M. Hawkins and family visited relatives at Asheville Sunday.

Miss Salome Boyd visited friends at Asheville Tuesday.

Mr. George H. Boyd of Canton, N. C. visited his father B. M. Boyd on Monday.

Mr. Harold Hart was a visitor at Mr. Hamilton's, Sunday.

F. C. Hamilton of Brevard, visited his parents Sunday.

Misses Nadine and Nellie Nicholson went to Hendersonville Tuesday.

John and Virgil Merrill made a business trip to Hendersonville Friday.

C. C. Orr is spending the week in Brevard.

Geraldine McCall is visiting relatives in Hendersonville.

"DIMPLES"

**EVERYDAY**

You read something similar to this in the newspapers

"Besides losing his home by fire, a large amount of money and valuable papers were destroyed by the ravages of the flame. It seems that he kept all of his money and papers in an old trunk, hidden away in the house. It was a disastrous loss to the owner, as the contents of the trunk were more valuable than the house."

Guard against being a similar victim as these unfortunate people. It is dangerous to keep a large amount of money at home. Money at home is an open invitation to robbers. Open a savings account with us, and then you can bank on us.

**Brevard Banking Company**

"SAFETY AND SERVICE"