

**REBUILT BY BENEDICT MONKS**

One of the Oldest of English Abbeys to Again Open Its Doors.

Buried in the heart of Devon, between Buckfastleigh and Ashburton, at a place called Buckfast, a very old abbey is on the verge of reopening its doors, London Answers says.

For many years a body of Benedict monks have been busy rebuilding what is perhaps one of the oldest monasteries in Great Britain.

The very early history of Buckfast abbey is unknown, so the date of its foundation will always remain a secret, but documents that are at present in existence prove that it was before the coming of the Normans.

A grant by Canute of the manor of Zeal Monachorum is the earliest authentic document now in the possession of the monks, and it is recorded that this abbey was occupied by monks until the time of the Reformation.

In 1538 the abbey was suppressed and for over three hundred years the buildings were in the hands of private individuals, until in 1882 the monks of St. Benedict of La-Pierre-qui-Vive of France bought the site.

When the monks again took over the property the buildings were made up of a modern house which had been built from the ruins of the original wall.

None other than the monks of St. Benedict have had anything to do with the rebuilding of this abbey.

**ZERO EQUALS ZERO**



Boy—Does chewing tobacco spoil your teeth?  
Old Man—Well, I've been chewing for fifty years and I have all the teeth I was born with.

**LAKE OF BEAUTY**

The legend of Iracema, princess of the Tabajaras, in Brazil, is a tale of the northeastern state of Ceara, and of Martim Moreno, who married Iracema (in the story), and who (in history) founded the colony in 1611.

Iracema leaves her people and her high place among them, and goes with the white warrior; she fights by his side against her own brothers. While Martim was away on the hunt Iracema used to swim "among the white herons and the red jacquans," in Lake Porangaba, called ever since the Lake of Beauty, because it had bathed the most lovely daughter of the race of Tupan.

Why is the land of beach and forest where she died now called Ceara? From the ara, parakeet, that sings in the tree above the place in the river bank where Martim left her.

**THAT MUCH SETTLED**

"Uncle, what did that mule try to do to you?"  
"I don't know, boss," said the old negro, who was feeling himself all over to find out where he was hurt, "but de minute dat mule h'isted his heels I knew he warn't tryin' to do me no favor."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**THE MUSIC LOVERS**

"Why do you go to the concerts if you don't know anything about music?"  
"I like to watch the faces of the people who don't know anything either."—Fliegende Blätter.

**TIME TO VISIT MOTHER**

Mrs. Green—The doctor has ordered my husband to stop smoking.  
Mrs. Wyse (from experience)—Better visit your mother for a few weeks, my dear.—Boston Evening Transcript.

**A MATTER OF FIGURES**

Blackstone—Why did you fire that young bookkeeper? Couldn't he balance his accounts?  
Webster—Yes! but he started to juggle them!—New York Sun.

**MOST PRIMITIVE OF BIRDS**

The Hoatzin Has Many Characteristics Linking It With the Remote Past.

In certain restricted portions of northern South America lives a bird known as the hoatzin. It is a fairly large, mottled black and brown in color, and with a conspicuous crest of long, narrow feathers on the head.

In British Guiana the hoatzin is confined to short stretches of scrubby growth along the banks of sluggish savanna streams. This limitation of range is due to the fact that it is a very weak flyer and cannot sustain itself in the air long enough to bridge long gaps between patches of scrub. This failing would long ago have resulted in its extermination if it had not been held in bad repute as food by the natives, the alleged unpleasant odor of its flesh causing it to be tabooed. In Guiana it lives in thorny trees, which give it protection against other enemies than man.

Of all known birds of the world the hoatzin is by far the most interesting to the evolutionist, observes the Detroit News. Closely confined in a favorable environment, the years have touched the hoatzin but lightly. It retains the most primitive of living birds, and retains many characters that link it with the past.

**NO WORRY OF CIVILIZATION**

Care-Free Pigmy Indians of Border of Colombia and Venezuela Always Jolly.

No one with authority, no apparent government, no ceremonies, no religion, a carefree people, always smiling, jolly, with nothing to be jolly about.

These are some of the main characteristics of a newly discovered pigmy race of naked red-skinned South American Indians, four feet high, who inhabit the mountain border of Colombia and Venezuela.

Details of this strange tribe are given in the World's Work by George P. Bush, who, with a party of prospectors, were the first white men—with the exception of a Spanish padre—ever seen by the tribe.

Of the world outside they know nothing and have no curiosity.

The bow and arrow is their only weapon, carried by the men wherever they go, because they never go anywhere except to get food. Wading into the water they wait for a fish to hover near, then, like a flash, they pierce it with an arrow.

**EXPLANATION OF "BLUE BLOOD"**

Two explanations are given of how the term "blue blood," to describe a person of aristocratic descent, came into use. One is that it merely was borrowed from the Spanish, where "sangre azul" had long been used to denote the aristocracy of Castile and Aragon—persons who traced their pedigrees from ancestors who had never intermarried with the more swarthy Moors, who had at one time conquered Spain.

The other explanation is that it was founded upon the noticeable fact that families which for generations have not had to "rough it" in any way develop fair skins through which the veins show blue, whereas families who for long periods have had to work hard physically, develop thick skins through which the blue veins cannot be seen.

**THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE**

"Rastus," said the judge sternly, "you are found guilty of having stolen two chickens from Mr. Robinson's coop last week. The fine will be \$5."

Smiling complacently, Rastus approached the clerk of the court and laid a \$10 bill on the desk.

"Yessuh, judge," he said, "so Ah gives you ten bucks which will pay you up and includin' nex' Sattiday night."

**UP AND DOWN, UP AND DOWN**

One of the elevators of the Washington monument at the capital is in charge of J. B. Evans, who has been on the job for forty-two years. The distance he has traveled up and down the shaft would be equal to three trips around the world.

**SAVING ON SHOWS AND SWEETS**

Ethel—Now that we are engaged you must give me a party.  
Ethel—Yes, I'm not call-

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