

PERFUMES THAT ARE MENACE TO HEALTH

Even Deadly, Sinister Scents Not Uncommon.

The tremendous craze for perfume at the present time is, in a way, an echo of the age of King Solomon;

Foreign countries abound in sinister scents of many and deadly kinds.

On the hill slopes of Chili, for example, is a tree which the natives look upon as being possessed of an evil spirit.

The trumpet flower, or datura, found in most tropical countries, although not deadly in the open air, is highly dangerous in a room.

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His Unknown Friend

In his book, "My Cricket Memories" (Heinemann), London Tit-Bits says, Jack Hobbs mentions that he once received a letter from Begwal, on the Gold Coast, in which the writer stated:

Peculiarly American

The big circus is an American development essentially. There is nothing like it elsewhere in the world.

But such an institution would not remain intact year after year if the owners had not mastered the intricate art of what the showman calls "moving the circus into the money."

"Any boob can run a circus. The trick is to know where to put it."—Earl Chapin May, in McClure's Magazine.

Game Birds Increase

As a result of continued activities on coyote control in the North Park country, Colorado, the number of sage hens was greatly increased during the summer of 1923, according to a report received by the biological survey, United States Department of Agriculture.

Status of Fox Trot

Pavlova, the famous Russian dancer, says that the fox trot, now so universally popular in all parts of the world, and of modern dances the one that has remained popular the longest, is dying rapidly.

Kipling's Verse Made Substitute for Bible

The American army of occupation in the Philippines used to have a song-forbidden by Washington—in which one of the noisiest lines was "Civilize them with the Krag," says London Answers.

One of the famous exponents of the Krag form of civilization, Colonel Cloman, died recently and has left behind a book of memoirs published under the title of "Myself and a Few Moros."

Among other things it tells of the colonel's visit to the sultana of Sulu in the absence of her lord the sultan. The colonel had to present his government's compliments, and a graphophone that not merely played records, but made them.

Not to be outdone in courtesy, the sultana thereupon insisted that the colonel should recite into the instrument the first chapter of his Koran, the Bible, so that she might play it over for the consolation of future guests from the land beyond the waters.

The colonel was stumped for a moment. He revered his Bible at a distance. Yet he dared not hesitate. The only thing he could recall was one of Kipling's ballads, and this he intoned with all solemnity, rolling out the lines: "I've taken my fun where I've found it; I've rogued an' I've ranged in my time."

The colonel said the sultana was impressed, but he wondered ever since what the first missionary who came along said when the sultana let loose the graphophone to show how familiar she was with the religion of the Americans.

Concerning the Bible

Most persons think that the Bible was first written exactly as it appears today. But such is not the case. It was originally one continuous piece of text, with no divisions of any kind—no sections, no chapters, no verses, no divisions of words even, or punctuation.

Venus' Basket

Venus' basket is a glass-silk sponge which grows in the tropical seas of the Pacific, from the Fujiyama region to the Indian ocean. By the Japanese it is called the mineral silk sponge, and is used for its fiber, which is woven into chemical fiber cloths, into fireproof candlesticks and into delicate fireproof curtains.

The specimens are raked up from the ocean bed, and the framework, which cannot be separated into fiber for weaving, is employed in the covering of steam pipes and in cold-storage insulation, where it has been found equal to asbestos.

Sacred Canon of Egyptians

The Hermetic books was the name given to the sacred canon of the ancient Egyptians, consisting of 42 books, divided into six sections. They derive their name from their reputed author, Hermes Trismegistus, and are an encyclopedia of theology, religion, arts and sciences.

Their authorship and time of production are alike unknown, but they are supposed to have been written by Egyptian Neo-Platonists in the Fourth century after Christ.

Jamblichus gives their number as 20,000 and Manetho as 38,525. According to some of the ancients, Pythagoras and Plato derived all their knowledge from these "Hermetic books," the Detroit News states.

Elephants Increasing

Laws to protect elephants in Africa have apparently begun to accomplish their purpose, for the animals are again increasing in numbers. Only a few years ago more than 50,000 elephants a year were slaughtered for their tusks and it was feared that they would become as nearly extinct in other parts of Africa as they are in the region south of the Zambesi.

Heifers Had to Swim

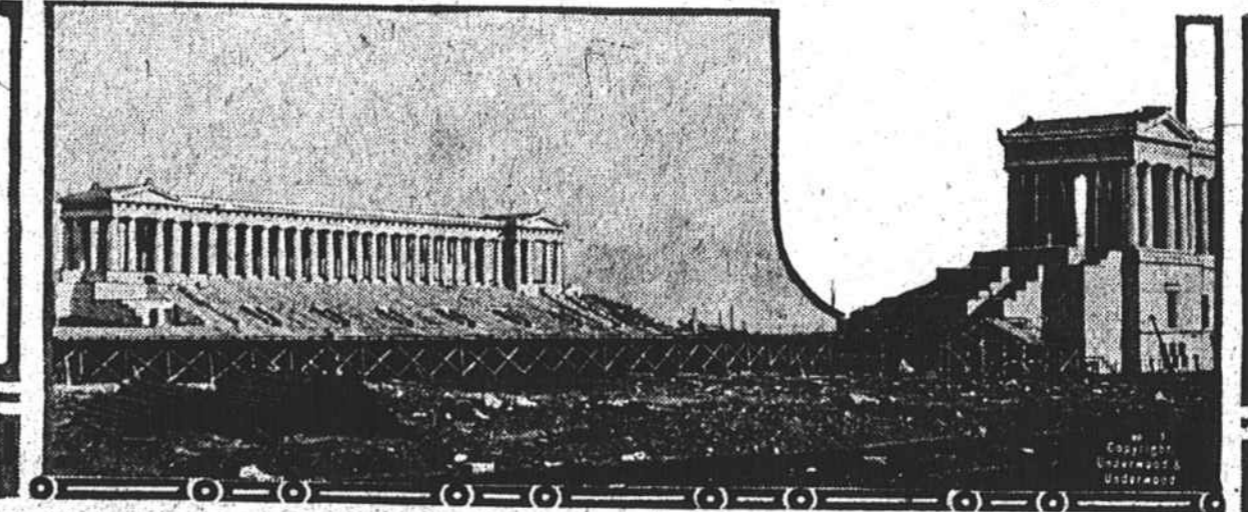
Four heifer calves belonging to Sam Carson of Hermiston, Ore., involuntarily made a record long-distance swim. The heifers strayed away from the herd and fell into a concrete-lined canal. The water was too deep for them to wade and the sides were too steep for them to scale, so the animals had to swim or perish. They were noticed by a farmer nine miles below the Carson place and removed by use of ropes.

Future Farmers Have a Trip to Washington



A group of 300 boys and girls who are attending the University of Maryland for a summer farm course being addressed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace at the Agriculture department.

Municipal Stadium of Chicago Nearly Completed



View of Chicago's new municipal stadium in Grant park, near the Field museum, which is nearly completed. It will be formally opened early in September by the policemen's athletic carnival.

Davis Honored by Iroquois Club



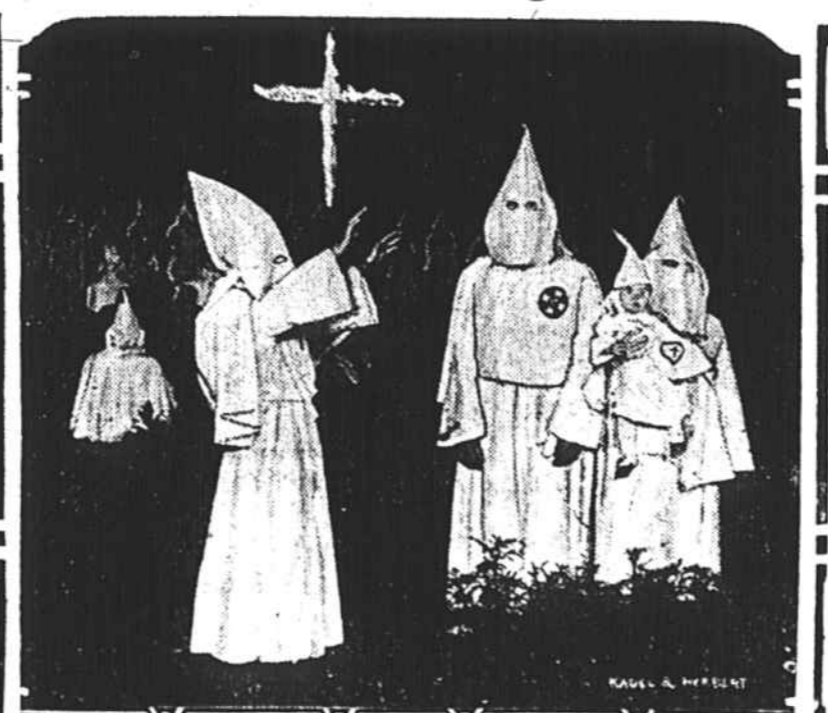
Members of the Iroquois club of Chicago at Clarksburg, W. Va., making John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential nominee, an honorary member of the organization. He is the eighth man to be so honored.

MAKES RECORD CATCH



In view of the previous champion, H. J. Mallen, a Los Angeles stock broker and sportsman, caught a 528-pound brodbill swordfish and broke the world's record. Mallen's catch was 12 feet 6 inches long and had a girth of 4 feet 10 inches. Its bill was 48 inches long. Photograph shows Mallen being congratulated by Mack Bennett.

Omaha Baby Made Youngest Klansman



An Omaha baby was made the youngest Ku-Kluxer in the United States. The baby was one of a class of candidates initiated at a big open air Klan meeting recently held just outside of Omaha, Neb. The photograph shows a klansman holding his baby son, clothed in tiny white robes, while the tot takes the oath of the Klan.

SHE IS POLICEWOMAN



Mrs. Douglas McArthur, wife of General McArthur, has just been appointed a special officer of the Manila police force. Her first arrest was of a Filipino accused of beating his horse.

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