

Palestine Stony Land, as Told in Scripture

The Arabs have a legend that when God made the world he put all the stones which were to cover it into bags and gave them to an angel, and while the angel was flying over Palestine one bag broke.

I never understood the many passages in Scripture about stones until I went to Palestine. Readers of the Bible will recall many passages where stones are sacred, but not everyone will have noticed how frequently in the Old and New Testament alike their commonness, cheapness, and troublesomeness are implied.

King Solomon made silver to be in Jerusalem "as stones." This is a meaningful picture of wealth when one has lived even a little while on the Judean ridge. Dashing one's foot against a stone is a symbol of trouble; having a stony heart is a picture of impotence; gathering stones out of the highway or out of a vineyard is a metaphor of spiritual preparedness. The Master pictured an unreliable life as a stony ground, and described a disdainful request as asking for bread and receiving a stone.—Doctor Fosdick.

Men of Thirty Beyond Fear of Many Diseases

Thirty is the critical year in the life of the average man, a writer in the Philadelphia Record asserts. Once you have passed a score and ten, according to a medical authority, you have outgrown many serious diseases. On the other hand, you become liable to many others that seldom or never attack people in the teens or twenties.

Anemia, for instance, is practically unknown after thirty. If you have not had it by then you may never. If you have, you will have outgrown it at thirty or so. Acne, too—that spottiness of complexion so common among young people, has vanished by then.

Thirty, too, may see you out of the reach of the gravest of all diseases, consumption. If you have shown no sign of it by then, in all probability you never will. If you have hitherto escaped rheumatic fever, you are also fairly safe from it for life. Epilepsy and goitre, too, usually do not make their first attacks on anyone who has reached thirty.

"University Wits"

Five pre-Shakespearean authors, John Lyly, George Peele, Robert Greene, Thomas Lodge and Thomas Nashe, all graduates of Oxford or Cambridge, were sufficiently versatile to be called university wits. Amid various other activities, all of them were impelled by the spirit of the age to write plays. These intellectual aristocrats hurled the keen shafts of their wit at those dramatists who, without a university education, were arrogant enough to think that they could write plays. Because Shakespeare had never attended a university, Greene called him "an upstart crow beautified with our feathers." Thomas Lodge (1558-1625) was author, among other things, of the story, "Rosalynde," which Shakespeare used to such good advantage.

Alsace Architecture

Alsace, the incomparable province which two nations have often fought for, is green and lovely between river and mountain, with Strasbourg its capital. Whether you direct your journey towards the south, where you can visit Colmar and Mulhouse, or even smaller towns such as Thann and Turckheim, or whether you go to the north, to Haguenau, you will find towns and villages all crowded together with little resemblance. There are towers, steeples, churches with porches, wells, fountains, oriel windows, loggias with projecting corbelling and every kind of architecture.

Remarkable Bird Species

An amazing account of his visit to one of the haunts of the strange birds called hoatzins is given by William Beebe in his book, "Jungle Peace." Mr. Beebe says the hoatzin is probably the most remarkable and interesting bird living in the world today. It has successfully defied time and space. There has been less change in it than in any other form of organic life. Mr. Beebe says that these queer birds renew for our inspection the youth of bird life upon the earth.

Gave Name to University

James McGill was born in Scotland in 1744. He came to Canada in 1770 and entered the fur trade. He accumulated a fortune as a merchant at Montreal, became a member of parliament and was a brigadier general in the War of 1812 against the United States. He died in 1813, leaving a will providing for the establishment of the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning. This official name has given place to the name of McGill university.

Joint Government

The New Hebrides islands have the rare political status of a "condominium," that is to say, they are under the joint administration and sovereignty of two countries—France and Great Britain.

This situation is in effect the political harmonization of century-long rivalries of explorers, missionaries and traders which were not susceptible to a final and definitive solution to the complete advantage of either country.

Bread, From Prehistoric Times to the Present

However it came about, it seems likely that some ages after the discovery of fire, prehistoric man in his hunt for food found that by picking and eating the heads of the grain, that grew in the fields, he could satisfy his hunger. To avoid eating the whole plant, he learned to grind the grain a bit between stones, and it is apparent from the worn off teeth of mummies that he also ate some of the ground stone along with his grain. However, there we had the first flour.

To make the cracker grain go down better, some one thought of adding water, and, ergo, the first dough.

A few generations later one of the youngsters grew careless and dropped some of his grain and water mixture on a hot stone. Every one looked and tasted—and started dripping more dough on more hot stones. They had discovered that bread was good.

Then one day a careless cave lady forgot and left her dough sitting out over night. She didn't know it, but in that time it picked up some wild yeast floating in the air. In the morning when she started to make up the day's dry, flat pancakes, she discovered that the batter bubbled and rose on baking and the bread was delightfully tender and moist instead of hard and dry. Then dough was left out over night—and leavened bread was born.

City of Halifax Linked With American History

Halifax claims to be one of the most strongly fortified cities in the world. Its citadel, or Fort George, standing on an eminence above the city, took nearly thirty years to build. Its splendid harbor is spacious enough to hold the whole British fleet. Point Pleasant park is reserved by the crown for purposes of defense, but is leased to the city for a pleasure ground for the sum of a shilling a year for 99 years. Its Martello tower was built under the direction of the duke of Kent in 1796.

The Northwest arm, famous for its scenery, and its facilities for all kinds of aquatic sports, also boasts a memorial tower, built at the time of the advent of representative government in 1758.

St. Paul's church, Halifax, is the oldest Protestant church in Canada, and contains memorial tablets to such historic figures as Sir John Wentworth, a governor of New Hampshire before the Revolution, and afterward governor of Nova Scotia; and Right Reverend Charles Inglis, D. D., first Protestant Bishop of British North America.

Vaccine's Beginning

It must have been at a date almost coincident with Jesty's and Jenner's experiments with vaccine that Lady Mary Wortley Montagu brought to England the Turkish method of inoculation for smallpox, writes a correspondent to a London paper. The inoculation was not with vaccine, but with the poison of smallpox itself, as stated on her epitaph in Lichfield cathedral, in which Henrietta Inge, daughter of Sir John Wrottesley, wishes to express her gratitude to Lady Mary for the benefit she herself received from this "alleviating art which softens the virulence of this malignant disease." Lady Mary like Jesty, first tried the experiment of inoculation on her own family. The epitaph is dated 1789. For a time, one supposes, the two methods of inoculation went on side by side, but the Turkish method, proving injurious in too many cases, was dropped.—Detroit News.

Happy to Oblige

Two Englishmen in India spent their leave shooting bear. Their first day they had no luck until sundown, when one got a chance of a shot and killed. It transpired, however, the victim was an old native woman, and no bear. As they were discussing the matter the headman of the village appeared. They pointed out how sorry they were such an accident had happened, and offered to make a reparation. The headman suggested the sum of 200 rupees—or just over \$60. Three years later they went to the same district again shooting bear. They arrived at the bungalow at night, and once again the same headman appeared. He made a simple request. "If you sahibs have another 200 rupees, I have another old woman for you to shoot."

"Pilgrim Fathers"

The term "Pilgrim" is used in reference to the earliest immigrants to Massachusetts, but more especially to the settlers at Plymouth in 1620. The term must be distinguished from Puritan, which was that given to a body of religious reformers who sought to reform the Church of England. The Pilgrims were separatists from the first, who had already left England and formed an independent congregation in Leyden, whence they came to New England.

English "Public Schools"

The term "public school" does not mean the same in England that it does in the United States. Eton, Harrow, Winchester and the like are the famous public schools, but tuition is charged. The schools in England which compare with our own public schools are called "free schools." Only the poorer classes attend for the most part. They are not considered as having as high standards as the thousands of private schools in England.

A FATAL ERROR

A rookie in the cavalry was told to report to the Lieutenant.

"Private Rooney," said the officer, "take my horse down and have him shod."

For three hours the Lieutenant waited for his horse. Then, impatiently, he sent for Rooney.

"Private Rooney," he said, "where is that horse I told you to have shod?"

"Omgosh!" gasped the private, growing pale around the gills, "Omgosh! Did you say 'shod'?"

She: "It's so sweet of you to bring me this lovely mistletoe."

He: "Don't mention it—the pleasure's going to be mine."

DOUBLE DUTY

The chief constable of a small town was also an expert veterinary surgeon. One night the phone rang and the constable's wife answered it.

"Is the constable there?" asked an agitated voice.

"Do you want my husband in his capacity of veterinary surgeon, or as chief constable?" inquired the woman of the household.

"Both, madam," came the reply. "We can't get our new bulldog to open his mouth, and—there's a burglar in it."

"I hear you dropped some money on the Stock Exchange. What were you, a bull or a bear?"

"Neither. Just a simple ass."

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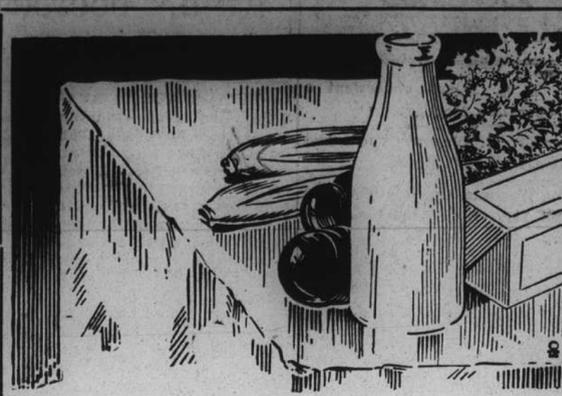
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