

EDINBURGH WORTH A VISIT

Time of Traveler Can Be Well Spent in an Inspection of the Scottish Capital.

There is generally an east wind blowing in Edinburgh, whipping the fog about, or else it is raining. Other wise the climate is very attractive. When a clear day does come, you appreciate it. It is very calm and clear and bracing. You climb a hill—Edinburgh carries an assorted stock of hills—and you look down on a city that is picturesque in the fullest and broadest application of that overworked polysyllable. Edinburgh is easily the most picturesque capital in Europe.

The castle keeps you from looking at anything else for the first fifteen or twenty minutes. It stands in the middle of things, capping a hill that shoots up almost straight from the level. You cannot see where the hill leaves off and the castle begins; it seems to have grown from the living rock beneath it. They tell you that the castle has never been taken by assault, though it has been perched there for a thousand years or so. You are not surprised at the statement, but you indulge in a little mild speculation as to the particular form of foolishness that led anybody to assault it.

After a while you look away from the castle and size up the city at large. Miles of gray mansions spiked with towers and spires stretch before you, backed and cut off in all directions by hills just rough and rocky enough to be decorative. Hundreds of little blue pennons of smoke arise from the chimneys. They do not consume their own smoke in Edinburgh; the Scots have nicknamed the capital "Auld Reekie."

Edinburgh is running over with historical association and the tradition of greatness. Here the national life of Scotland has centered ever since she had one. All her warriors, all her patriots, all her men of sciences and her poets have left their mark on the capital. As a result, Edinburgh has a personality as clear cut and individual as that of some great actress. She is as Scotch as Robert Burns. If you like the reticence, the mixture of sentiment and resolution that make the Scottish temperament, you will find Edinburgh a never-ending delight.

TELL OF HUMAN SACRIFICE

Significance of Pair of Thongs, in New York Museum, Will Be Apparent to All.

The curator of anthropology at the American Museum of Natural History, New York, values among recent acquisitions in the Pawnee Indian collection a pair of thongs which are, so far as known, the only existing relics of the Pawnees' tribal rite of making a human sacrifice to the Morning Star, god of war. Curiously enough, the Pawnee god of war star is believed to have been the planet Mars.

When life grew dull it devolved upon the Pawnee priests to relieve the tedium of the topees by dreaming that old Morning Star demanded a sacrifice. Then the bloods went on the warpath until they captured a maiden of a hostile tribe. After due ceremony she was bound by thongs to a scaffold, her feet pointing right at old Morning Star himself. When the brave bucks, who rather prided themselves on their sharpshooting, had stuck her so full of arrows that she looked like a hedgehog, and when her heart had been cut out the party was over.

Pencils Made Sterile.

School physicians have recently decided that school lead pencils may do deadly work as disseminators of disease germs. The lead pencils for an entire room are usually in charge of the teacher and are distributed when they are needed for class work. Children habitually moisten the pencils in their mouths, a practice more unsanitary than the use of the old fashioned slate cleaned with saliva. It is now proposed to have the pencils fumigated daily with formaldehyde gas, and a small fumigator has been designed for that purpose. The fumigator is the size of a one burner gas hot plate. The top will hold 50 pencils. They are set in place and the fumigating gas turned on for 15 minutes, which renders them absolutely sterile.

Cab, Sir? Cab, Sir?

Public carriages for hire, or hackney coaches, were introduced into London in 1625 and rapidly grew in popularity. Notwithstanding the opposition of the king and court, who thought they would ruin the roads, they grew to number over 300 by 1650.

In Paris they were introduced during the minority of Louis XIV by Nicholas Sauvage, who lived in the Rue St. Martin at the sign of St. Fiacre, from which circumstance hackney carriages in Paris have since been called "fiacres."

By 1694 there were over 700 of these conveyances in London.

Substitute for Leather.

"I see a substitute for sole leather withstood six weeks' test of the severest character," remarked the proprietor of the restaurant to the man who was paying his check.

"Is that so?" replied the customer. "And did the man who made the experiment buy the steak from you?"—Yonkers Statesman.

RUFFED GROUSE
(Bonasa umbellus)



Length, seventeen inches. The broad black band near tip of tail distinguishes this from other grouse.

Range: Resident in the northern two-thirds of the United States and in the forested parts of Canada.

Habits and economic status: The ruffed grouse, the famed drummer and finest game bird of the northern woods, is usually wild and wary and under reasonable protection well withstands the attacks of hunters. More over, when reduced in numbers, it responds to protection in a gratifying manner and has proved to be well adapted to propagation under artificial conditions. Wild fruits, mast, and browse make up the bulk of the vegetable food of this species. It is very fond of hazelnuts, beechnuts, chestnuts, and acorns, and it eats practically all kinds of wild berries and other fruits. Nearly 60 kinds of fruits have been identified from the stomach contents examined. Various weed seeds also are consumed. Slightly more than 10 per cent of the food consists of insects, about half beetles. The most important pests devoured are the potato beetle, clover-root weevil, the pale-striped flea beetle, grapevine leaf-beetle, May beetles, grasshoppers, cotton worms, army worms, cutworms, the red-humped apple worm, and sawfly larvae. While the economic record of the ruffed grouse is fairly commendable, it does not call for more stringent protection than is necessary to maintain the species in reasonable numbers.

White-Breasted Nuthatch
(Sitta carolinensis)



Length, six inches. White below, above gray, with a black head.

Range: Resident in the United States, southern Canada, and Mexico.

Habits and economic status: This bird might readily be mistaken by a careless observer for a small woodpecker, but its note, an oft-repeated yank, is very unwoodpeckerlike, and, unlike either woodpeckers or creepers, it climbs downward as easily as upward and seems to set the laws of gravity at defiance. The name was suggested by the habit of wedging nuts, especially beechnuts, in the crevices of bark so as to break them open by blows from the sharp, strong bill. The nuthatch gets its living from the trunks and branches of trees, over which it creeps from daylight to dark. Insects and spiders constitute a little more than 50 per cent of its food. The largest items of these are beetles, moths, and caterpillars, with ants and wasps. The animal food is all in the bird's favor except a few ladybird beetles. More than half of the vegetable food consists of mast, i. e., acorns and other nuts or large seeds. One-tenth of the food is grain, mostly waste corn. The nuthatch does no injury, so far as known, and much good.

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By virtue of the several Acts of Assembly relative to the sale of Unseated Lands in the County of Centre, for the taxes due and unpaid, the Commissioners will offer the following tracts at public sale at the Court House, at Bellefonte, Pa., Friday, August 25th, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M. The sale will be adjourned from time to time until all the tracts have been sold. Terms of sale: The purchase price and costs must be paid when the land is stricken off, otherwise it will be put up and sold at an adjourned sale.

Acres Per.	Warrantee Name	Supposed Owner	Taxes & Costs
150	Hale, J. M.	Matilda W. Brower	\$19.53
50	Moore, John	Rockaway Wilson Co.	9.35
150	Lane, Sarah	Matilda W. Brower	18.78
424.78 (1-18 of)	Cottinger, G.	Chas. A. Confer	7.37
433 163	Gray, William	Realty Estates	23.43
433 153	Lewis, David	Realty Estates	23.43
150	Unknown	Wm. C. Heinle	13.34
433 153	Bell, William	Matilda W. Brower	25.55
433 163	Wallace, J. J.	Kennington Realty Co	25.55
433 153	Davidson, Wm. Jr.	Wm. C. Heinle	39.98
309 19	Atwood, N. L.	Matilda W. Brower	20.68
200 120	Carscadden, D.	R. J. Mann	14.45
71	Curtin, Roland	Matilda W. Brower	7.20
294	Godfrey, Martha	Wm. C. Heinle	19.77
169	Godfrey, J. W.	D. Paul Fortney	12.74
100	Kelso, Joseph	Matilda W. Brower	8.79
400	Long, J. Z.	Wm. C. Heinle	25.80
200	Palmer, John	Wm. C. Heinle	14.46
433 148	Atwood, N. L.	Wm. C. Heinle	32.40
309	Atwood, N. L.	Wm. C. Heinle	17.35
415	Brooks, Jesse	Rosanna C. Rogers	62.39
284	Godfrey, Martha	Wm. C. Heinle	22.40
400	Long, J. Z.	Rosanna C. Rogers	56.07
400	Long, J. Z.	Realty Estates	20.30
50	Packer, Job W. & W. C.	Wm. F. Mann	7.41
83	Duncan, Samuel	McNitt-Huyett Lum-ber Co.	34.54
36 47	McCullough, Thos.	Tyrone Mining and Mfg. Co.	5.48
172 128	Carson, Andrew	Wm. C. Heinle	7.81
110	Mosby, Jacob	Wm. C. Heinle	7.07
359	Antia, Henry	Wm. C. Heinle	14.90
106	Lowry,	Matilda W. Brower	6.61
228	Mosby, William	Wm. C. Heinle	10.70
75	Unknown	Lloyd V. Gilliam	5.70
125	Unknown	Lloyd V. Gilliam	7.24
48	Beck, Daniel	Leiderman Realty Co.	6.20
50	Beck, Jacob	Rockaway Wilson Co.	6.14
100	Hoffman, Wm.	Wm. C. Heinle	7.09
50	Irvin, John	H. S. Taylor	7.09
104 63	Bredy, John	Wm. C. Heinle	8.40
104 63	Bredy, John	Wm. C. Heinle	8.40
415	Godfrey, Martha	Celesta Wilcox	24.30
415	Godfrey, Martha	Wm. C. Heinle	24.30
415	Godfrey, Martha	Wm. C. Heinle	24.30
50	White and Nesterode	Matilda W. Brower	5.70
217	Bonham, Sarah	Rosanna C. Rogers	22.05
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40	Burley, Jacob	D. J. Gingery & Jno. I. Miles	10.33
231	Price, —	Matilda W. Brower	19.82
433 163	Prior, John	Wm. C. Heinle	65.12
433 163	Wheeland, John	Wm. C. Heinle	65.12
102	Williams, J.	Rockaway Wilson Co.	23.73
100	Packer, Job W.	Wm. C. Heinle	8.99
100	Leach, Martha	E. D. Middlehauf	20.83
18 120	Lamb, David	H. S. Taylor	3.80
41	Lingle, J. J.	H. S. Taylor	5.84
200	Unknown	Wm. C. Heinle	8.92
190 (1-2 of)	Zantinger, Paul	H. S. Taylor	6.52
50	Harris, James	Diehl Conrad	8.74
123	Barton, William	Wm. J. Weist, Trps.	11.99
100	Benson, Peter	Realty Estates	10.33
156 60	Derr, S. & Stahl, J.	Chas. B. Kline	10.33
156 60	Derr, S. & Stahl, J.	Wm. C. Heinle	10.33
405	Housel, William	Wm. C. Heinle	46.38
407	Lake, Thomas	Wm. J. Weist, Trus.	31.96
217	Miles, Thomas	Matilda W. Brower	17.90
75	Toner, Thomas	Wm. C. Heinle	6.73
30	Berton, Robert	Sarah T. Christ	4.97
20	Diehl, Adam	Sarah T. Christ	4.97
81	Diehl, Nicholas Sr.	Wm. H. Thompson Sr.	5.07
90	Diehl, Nicholas Sr.	Wm. H. Thompson Jr.	11.46
160	Diehl, Nicholas Sr.	Sarah T. Christ	17.12
Unknown	Unknown	Luther Strouse	6.21
195 195	Unknown	Sarah E. Wieland	12.39
10	Gover, Robert	McNitt-Huyett Lum-ber Co.	14.32

Attest: HARRY N. MEYER, Clerk.
Bellefonte, Pa., July 22, 1916.

Preparedness. The bride went into the kitchen of their new home and returned shortly carrying a rolling pin and a flat iron, which she laid beside her twin bed. "What in the world are you doing?" asked the astonished groom. "You aren't afraid I'll beat you, are you?" "I am not afraid of anything," answered the bride. "I have not the least suspicion that you will ever be anything but sweet and kind to me. But I am a firm advocate of preparedness."—Paterson Press-Guardian.

A Real Wonder. Aladdin was exhibiting his wonderful lamp. "It's an auto lamp," he explained, "that won't go out just as a traffic cop heaves in sight."—Pittsburgh Post.

Obvious Reason. "Why do they try plays on the dog?" "To get them licked into shape."—Baltimore American.

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