

DESPISE THE "HIGHER LIFE"

South Sea Natives Satisfied and Joyous Among the Primitive Surroundings of Their Islands.

Doctor Osler suggested nothing new — if he ever said it at all — for down among the South Sea Islands the old are buried alive when they pass the period of usefulness.

Martin Johnson showed motion pictures of natives dancing on the newly made graves of the victims of this South Pacific "efficiency," when he and Mrs. Johnson spoke before the National Geographic society at Washington.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson went "gunning" for the pictures among the numerous unexplored islands which dot the South Pacific, an area that covers a tenth of the globe's surface, and contains 20,000,000 inhabitants.

Native dances, which seemed amazingly like the steps of a Broadway chorus, were danced by maidens attired in nose sticks, huge earrings and necklaces, which seemed to comprise the complete attire dictated by the spring fashions of the Solomon Islands.

The "open work ears," which had been distended by disks that look like ear drums, often hung down to the shoulders. In Malatia they are wearing strings of human teeth, and nothing else, this season.

Mrs. Johnson told of the distinctive variety of "pidgin" English spoken by the shore natives of various islands. There are as many as 400 different tongues spoken by the various islanders, Mr. Johnson stated.

Mrs. Johnson usually made friends with the natives, among whom, she naively stated, there probably was little more danger than among the white lights of Broadway. But this popularity occasionally had its disadvantages.

The pictures showed the four coal-black wives of one native chief, who courteously offered to take them all for the explorer's wife.

Canibalism still exists in many of these islands, and Mr. Johnson showed one picture of natives bearing a huge bowl to the grove where they observed their ceremonial in connection with their human roasts.

Amid a background of some of the most beautiful scenery to be found in the world, the speaker said, exist peoples of almost animal-like savagery and ferocity, to whom torture and murder seem the favorite pastimes.

Ants on Peonies. For a number of years many persons in various parts of the country have complained of ants destroying the buds on the peonies.

To rid peonies of these ants, cut a circular piece of heavy paper or heavy cardboard, about two feet in diameter, and put a hole in the center just large enough to allow the stem or main stalks of the peony to pass through, and then slit from the center to one edge, to enable you to place the circular rim of paper round the plant.

Smear molasses on the surface of the cardboard, and then scatter a little arsenic powder over the sticky molasses.

The ants will eat of the sweet as they go or come, and it will not be long until you have stopped the constant stream of destructive ants from visiting the peony buds.

In some localities similar trouble has been experienced with ants on dahlias, and the same remedy may be successfully used.

If a very thick solution of arsenate of lead is used with plenty of molasses, it will do the same work as the arsenic.

Crossed Arctic to Help Red Cross. Many strange things happen in the course of Red Cross activities, and not a few occur in that most versatile territory, Alaska.

The office of the Northwest division of the Red Cross was mildly surprised recently when Mrs. Sophia Redmond of Nolan, Alaska, walked in and turned over \$300 as the proceeds from the auctioning of a sweater she had knit for the Red Cross.

This statement itself is only of passing interest perhaps, but take your map of Alaska and you will locate Nolan well within the arctic circle, between the sixty-seventh and sixty-eighth parallels.

Mrs. Redmond, who is the only white woman at Nolan, left there August 10, mauling to Bettles, 70 miles away. From there she went to Nulato by river boat, a journey of almost 500 miles. There she boarded a Yukon river steamer to connect with the ocean steamship for Seattle.

Cuba's Neglected Resources. Though an agricultural state, there are important branches of agriculture that are all but wanting in Cuba. Thus cereals are not raised on a large scale, the hay crop is unimportant and large quantities of flour, potatoes, meats, beans, canned goods, apples and other agricultural products are imported.

Though many cattle are raised on the island, the dairy industry is as yet undeveloped, and much milk, butter and cheese are brought from the United States and other countries. The rural population largely engaged on the great sugar plantations is essentially different from an agricultural state of the United States.

EXPLAINED ONLY BY THEORY

Origin of Band Called the Wedding Ring is Wrapped in the Deepest Obscurity.

Why is a wedding ring? Why does a man slip a ring on the finger of the woman who becomes his bride? Why doesn't he give her a bracelet or a necklace, or a pair of earrings? Why is a ring the universal symbol used at weddings? And what is it a symbol of? Ever stop to think about all this? Probably not. When you were ready to marry, you hustled off to the nearest jeweler's and bought a ring for your bride, and, as far as you were concerned, that ended the matter.

The origin of the wedding ring is wrapped in obscurity. A number of theories have been advanced to explain it. One harks back to ancient Egypt. Before the time of mints and coinage in Egypt, gold money was made in the form of a ring, and the fingers of a man's hands were his most convenient bank. He wore his money. When an enamored swain slipped one of these money rings on his bride's finger, he did it to symbolize that he gave her not only himself, but his fortune. He meant, in fact, just what the modern bridegroom means when he says in the ceremony of the ring at the altar, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

The styles today are bands of gold or platinum, plain or engraved, for wedding rings, and solitaire or cluster rings of any kind of gems, preferably diamonds or pearls, for engagement rings.

Pat Question. "Joe married a cooking school graduate."

"How did she pan out?"

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Time to Square Up.

"It says here that a Missouri man boasts that he has an umbrella that has been in his possession for twenty years," said Smith.

"Well," replied Jones, "that's long enough. He ought to return it."

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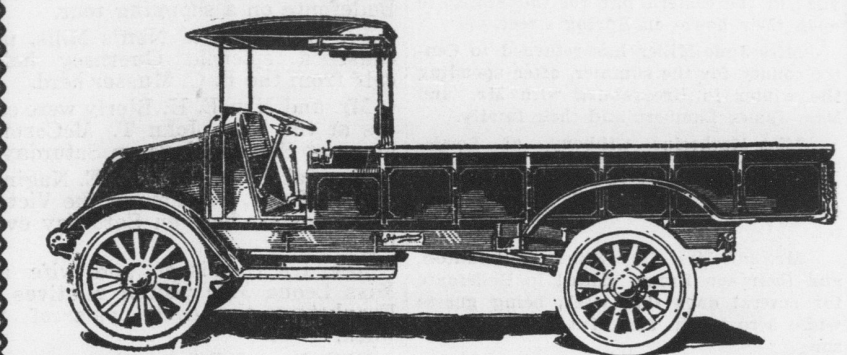
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