

NO "BEST" MONTH

Time of Birth Has Little to Do With Genius.

Statistics Show That Nature Practically Plays No Favorites in Her Production of the Gifted Ones of the Earth.

Astrologers believe that the planets "reigning" at the time of birth govern us throughout life, and that, from a literary point of view certain months are more favorable than others in which to be born.

Taking the hundred best British writers since the day of Chaucer, no less than forty-eight were born in the four months February, May, August and November.

In February were born Charles Dickens, Pepps the diarist, and Thomas Moore, while of more modern date and fame are George Meredith, Israel Zangwill, Anthony Hope, Harrison Ainsworth and Wilkie Collins.

Pope and Addison were both born in May, as also were Browning, Rossetti, Moore, Bulwer Lytton, Thomas Hood, Jerome K. Jerome, and Sir James M. Barrie.

August seems to be the birthmonth of poets, for in that month were born Dryden, Herrick, Scott, Shelley, Southey and Tennyson.

Apparently November is an unlucky month for literary people, for among those who were born in November are Thomas Chatterton, who, in disappointment and poverty, committed suicide at eighteen; William Cowper, who suffered from melancholia and suicidal mania, and finally died insane; Oliver Goldsmith, continually in prison for debt; John Bunyan, who spent 12 years in prison, thereby giving us "Pilgrim's Progress"; Swift, subject to fits of passion and ill-humor, died insane; Robert Louis Stevenson suffered from almost continual ill-health, and died at forty-four.

So much for the "favored months." Of the others, January saw the birth of Bobbie Burns, Byron and Lewis Carroll, author of "Alice in Wonderland," who was also a famous mathematician.

March was the birthmonth of Smollett and Steele, as also of Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

In April was born the greatest genius the English language has known, William Shakespeare, while among others born in this month were Wordsworth, Keble, Heber, Swinburne and Herbert. Charlotte Bronte and Anthony Trollope were also born in this month.

June is not a very good month, Charles Reade and Charles Kingsley being the only two writers.

July gave us Thackeray and George Bernard Shaw, and those interested in astrology may find a resemblance between the two satirists.

September and October were both poor months, Mrs. Hemans and H. G. Wells being born in September and Coleridge, Keats and Sheridan in October.

Finally Milton, Gray and Matthew Arnold were born in December, as were also Jane Austin and Carlyle.

So there is hope for most people as far as birthmonths are concerned.

Reproducing the Talmud.

One of the circumstances due to the war is that it has been found necessary to reproduce the plates for printing the Hebrew Talmud, originally produced in the town of Wilna, Russia. When this city was captured by Germany the electrotypes of the Talmud, it is reported, were used for ammunition. To reset the work in Hebrew would take years with an ordinary outfit.

It was found necessary that the plates should be made by photo-engraving, and this work is now being done in Montreal under the auspices of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada.

The Talmud contains 9,000 pages, 8 by 14, and it is divided into 18 volumes. The first volume is finished, and the second is in print now. It is estimated that it will take about two years before the work is completed.

Army Animals Bought Abroad.

Not all of the animals used by the United States expeditionary forces in overseas service were taken from this country. More than twice as many were bought abroad. The total number of animals purchased overseas to January 11, 1919, is 152,336. Purchases of horses in France amounted to 109,845; in Spain, 1,531; and in Great Britain, 11,898. The value of purchases in France was \$43,122,094; in Spain, \$589,160; and Great Britain, \$5,314,711, or a total value of \$49,025,965 for 123,277 horses purchased overseas. The total number of mules purchased overseas amounted to 29,069, with a value of \$11,115,847. There were 9,341 mules, valued at \$2,895,928, purchased in France; 12,941 mules, with a value of \$5,619,156, purchased in Spain; and 6,777 mules, valued at \$2,600,763, purchased in Great Britain.

Willie's Joke.

"Pa, what a funny word 'wholesome' is."
"What's funny about it?"
"Why, take away the whole of it and you have some left!"—Boston Transcript.

WHY HE QUIT "THE ROAD"

Ex-Drummer Voices Regret for the Disappearance of Oldtime Boniface and Clerk.

"Oh for the old-fashioned hotel clerk, smiling, accommodating, always friendly, who never forgot a face, obliging and always making a fellow feel like he was at home," said Frank Whitsell of Portland, Ore., according to the El Paso Herald. "What a difference between the old professional hotel clerks of 25 years ago, even up to 15 years ago, and the automatic, mechanical clerks who never try to oblige—I might call them automatic grouchers—of the present day behind the hotel registers. If you ask one of them a question he or she, nowadays, intimates that you get your room and meals, just exactly what you pay for, and not a thing more, please understand that. I was a commercial traveler for a quarter century up to six years ago, and I know. Why, we old drummers, as they used to call us, felt at home in those old hostleries of the western states, just on account of the clerks. Say, they were God's noblemen, those old-timers. They seemed to anticipate a fellow's wants and would go to all sorts of trouble to accommodate one. The milk of human kindness flowed in their hearts. And it made business, too. I have stopped at an inferior house, many a time, because I had been treated so well by the clerk. And I can say, too, the proprietors were much the same way in those days. Hotels were made homelike, not a big box with compartments, where you are to be tucked away at so much per. That was one of the reasons I quit the road, the chilly, purely mechanical hotels of the present day."

CANNOT BE TAKEN ALIVE

Gorillas Will Fight to the Death, and Are to Be Feared, Even When Mortally Wounded.

The most perilous job that any one can undertake in the jungle is the capture of a full-grown gorilla. It is said that no gorilla has ever been captured alive after he was full grown. He would be a bold man who would attempt such a feat. Gorillas fear nothing. Even when mortally wounded they show an agility, strength and ferocity which is astonishing. A famous traveler once stated that it would take 150 men to hold down a gorilla with any degree of safety.

On the other hand, all other apes are said to be pathetically easy to capture. The usual method is for a trapper to seat himself where he is certain to be observed by these creatures and pretend to drink from a bottle of crude spirits. When he is sure that he has been observed, he leaves the bottle and goes away.

The moment his back is turned the monkeys rush to appease their curiosity concerning the contents of the bottle. They like the taste of the spirits, and quarrel among themselves for it till the bottle has been emptied. They are soon overcome by the intoxicant, and the trapper returns and gathers them in.

Change of Fashion.

Indeed, so completely have fashions and materials changed in a century that the articles included in the following advertisement of goods to be sold on Fishbourne's wharf, "back of Mrs. Fishbourne's dwelling," have scarcely any meaning for us. Among the numerous articles to be disposed of were: "Tandems, isinghams, nuns, hag and gullkall shirtings, huckabacks, quilted hum-hums, turkettes, grassetts, single allopeens, children's jumps and bodice, whalebone and iron busks, men's Newmarket caps, allbantes, dickmansoy, cushloes, chuchloes, cutanees, crimson dannador, chained soosees, lemeones, byrampauts, moree, maffermany, saxlingham, prunelloe, barragons," etc.

Humhums was a sort of towel made of coarse Indian cotton cloth; cutanee a kind of piece goods of silk and cotton, also imported from India; barragon is the barracan of today, a fabric made of camel's hair, used widely in the Levant for robes and mantles; but for the most part the articles named in the advertisement have long become obsolete.

Length of Arms and Legs.

According to many measurements made at the Anthropological laboratory in London, the right arm in human beings is in a majority of cases longer than the left arm, while, on the contrary, the left leg is longer than the right leg.

Sometimes, however, the relative proportions are exactly reversed but seldom does perfect equality exist between the two sides. The tendency of the right arm to exceed the left arm in strength is sometimes greater in men than in women, while equality of strength in the two arms occurs almost twice as frequently with women as with men.

Time to Reform.

The sailor, returning a trifle fuddled from a peace celebration, found his hitherto respected and respectable ship newly camouflaged in the most modern cubist style.

Running his eye over the whole mess of conflicting squares, triangles, lines, circles and sundry other nameless blobs of paint which graced the sides of his "home," and blinking stupidly at the hideous screaming color scheme, he slowly raised his hand while the tears coursed down his cheeks and murmured, wearily: "Never again!"

DIDN'T KNOW CURLING IRON

Easy to Understand That Youthful Member of Chicago Jury Was Not a Married Man.

Every man knows what a curling iron is, but does every man know whether or not a curling iron is a deadly weapon?

The question was raised in Judge Guerin's court in Chicago recently in the Otto Mathis murder trial. Otto said he stabbed his brother, Edward, when Edward attacked him with a curling iron, which he thought a dangerous weapon. The judge ruled a description of the implement was unnecessary, as everybody knew what it was.

"Sure, I know," one spectator whispered to another. "A curling iron is one of those hot things that burn your fingers when you are fumbling around among the things on your wife's dressing table."

"It looks like a pair of scissors with wooden handles," said the other.

"And it's deadly, too," a woman whispered. "Mazie got hers too hot the other night and the way it killed a lot of her hair was a caution."

"Fortunately," another woman answered, "the curling iron hath no miseries that peroxide cannot cure."

Assistant State's Attorney Daniel Ramsay insisted there might be single men on the jury. The judge glanced knowingly at the jurors. The youngest looked bewildered. So Judge Guerin ordered a description of the weapon supplied. The youngest juror appeared relieved when he heard what it was.

WORK FOR HIGH EXPLOSIVES

French Scientist Suggests Their Use in the Reclamation of War-Devastated Orchards.

The vigorous growth of wild plants about shell holes has suggested to M. Andre Piedallu a novel plan for quick-

ly restoring war-devastated orchards. The vigor of the weeds is attributed partly to the fissuring of the soil by the shell-fire and partly to nitrogenous substances introduced, and in the proposal to the French Academy it is concluded that an ideal orchard soil could be produced by breaking up the rough surface with dynamite in such a way that fertilizing material would be driven into the soil. The fertilizer would be compressed in paper or celluloid cases around cylinders of the explosive, which would be fired by a fulminating charge. Holes for the cartridges about two feet deep would be bored with a stick or iron rod, and in the spherical cavity about 30 inches deep produced by the explosion, the young tree would be placed and covered with the fertilizer-charged soil. Perhaps some of the enormous stores of high explosives left over from the war could be utilized in this way. A suggestion already made is that the United States could put to use some of its 50,000,000 or 100,000,000 tons of TNT for reclaiming arid deserts, irrigating ditches being dug and roads graded by firing trains of the explosive placed along the surface.

Special Naval Uniforms.

Uniforms having distinctive insignia have been designed by the shipping board for the young apprentices now in training at the various school ships. An embroidered anchor under the national shield, worked into the cloth of the mouse pocket, and two broad white stripes on collar and cuff, instead of three narrow ones, as worn by the navy, will constitute the insignia by which one may discriminate between the men of the merchant marine and resembling those worn by the regular men of the navy.

Right on the Job.

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"Eh?"
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