

PETS BELOVED BY SAINTS

Dr. Douglas Hyde, in Series of Lectures, Deals Interestingly With Medieval Irish Lore.

Dr. Douglas Hyde recently delivered a series of lectures—the Margaret Stokes lectures—in the Alexandra college, Dublin, dealing with medieval Irish lore. He told anecdotes about the Irish saints and their love of birds and beasts.

He took the three Irish saints, St. Patrick, St. Brigid and St. Columcille, and spoke of their affection for their pet animals. St. Patrick's kindness to the fawn was well authenticated, and the fawn returned the love to his master.

St. Brigid had her pet dog, a most faithful animal. She also loved birds, and the birds, especially domestic fowls, loved her in a remarkable manner.

The crane was St. Columcille's pet, although his love for dumb animals surpassed that of the other saints. It was recorded in the life of the saint that dumb animals, too, were in love with him, especially birds, and that some of the latter followed him from Ireland to the island of Iona.

Dr. Hyde mentioned a large number of other saints, Irish and Latin, about whom he told stories, showing their love for animals, making special reference to St. Kevin, St. Comgall, St. Molna, St. Moling, who had made friends of wolves, foxes, partridges and herons.

FELL TO ROOSEVELT'S SPEAR

Big Devilfish a Victim of the Colonel's Love of Sport, Either on Sea or Land.

The fame of the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt as a big-game hunter is well known, but he was equally as adept at killing big fish of the sea, according to Russell J. Coles, noted big-fish killer. Attracted by one of Coles' articles about killing the devilfish, the colonel appealed to him for instruction in the art.

Auberge du Pigeon.

Strasbourg, French once more, is unfolding, like a rose to the sun. The old life has begun again, as it was lived before the interruption in 1871. Houses are throwing open their shutters and hanging up once familiar signs.

Rather Warm in the Deepest Well. The deepest well in the world is six and one-half miles southeast of Fairmont, W. Va., drilled by the Hope Natural Gas company of Pittsburgh. It is 7,579 feet deep. The well had to be abandoned because the drilling tools stuck in the drill hole, the cable parted and left the tools and 4,000 feet of cable in the hole.

Didn't Need More.

Lady Jane—"Have you given the goldfish fresh water, Janet?" Janet—"No, mum. They ain't finished the water I give 'em t'other day yet."

TIMES "SURE HAD CHANGED"

Doughboys in France Hailed as Friend Man Whom They Had, When "Kids" Feared Greatly.

The story of how two doughboys found their old enemy in France is told by Mike Nolan, former police lieutenant of New York city, who served as a K. of C. secretary assigned to the Sixteenth Infantry, First Division. Nolan is fifty-two years old and put in 23 years on the New York police force.

On his breast is a victory ribbon with two bronze major offensive stars and three silver citation stars. He has been recommended for the D. S. C. by the commanding officer of the Sixteenth Infantry.

He had wandered up to a "little bunch" of doughboys who were "shoot-ing craps" and gave each of the boys a pack of K. of C. cigarettes. The game was an exciting one, and a soldier who was about "to roll the ivories" looked up at him and asked him to "kiss 'em for a five."

One of the unlucky boys who had lost on the toss of the dice looked up at Nolan and recognized him as an old enemy.

"Holy cat! Look, it's Tenderloin Bull Nolan!" he said to his pal. "Don't you remember, he's de cop who used to chase us from doorways for shoot-ing craps when we was kids?" "Shure," said the lucky soldier, "and he pulled us once for smoking butts. And here he is shelling out packs of real cigarettes and kissin' de bones for us. Damn'd if it ain't right dat de war changes de whole world!"

INSIGNIA OF ANCIENT ORDER

That Now Worn by United States Army Medical Officers Goes Back Four Thousand Years.

The caduceus, which was introduced in 1902 by Col. John Van R. Hoff, M. C., U. S. A., editor of the Military Surgeon, as part of the medical officers' insignia, dates back 4,000 years, according to F. H. Garrison, M. D., U. S. A., writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association. For a number of reasons the serpent was always the symbol of medicine in antiquity.

Laber Troubles in China.

The \$40 a month which the Chinese coolie with his family drew from the Chinese government during his period of enlistment in the army is the basis for the labor disturbance which is rocking China at the present time, says C. C. Thompson of Shanghai in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Mr. Thompson explains that prior to the war the average coolie made a monthly wage of \$12 to \$15, while having become accustomed to the new standards of living made possible by the \$40 allotment he declines now to return to the old basis.

Owes All to Uncle Sam.

Building upon his past experience as an employee in a shoe factory, the federal board for vocational education placed a young chap of 24, who was disabled at Soissons, in a shoe manufacturing plant for training. His left hand and arm were severely injured by a high-explosive shell, but he finds he can carry on, in spite of the handicap, and is fast becoming an expert shoe cutter.

Movies Set Distance Record.

Two moving picture records were broken recently, according to the Popular Mechanics Magazine, at the centenary celebration of the Methodist church in Columbus, O. An ordinary projecting machine, equipped with a special lens, a rapid shutter, and a 150-ampere light, was used to throw pictures 100 by 75 feet, on a screen 850 feet away from the machine. The light exposure was three times the strength of those commonly used.

WORK OF PLANT INVENTOR

His Skill Produces Variations That Nature Would Require Thousands of Years to Accomplish.

With a watch glass and a fine camel's-hair brush the plant inventor performs miracles. He causes more changes in six generations than Nature, unaided, would produce in 100,000 years. Two plants may be growing in his garden, native of countries separated by continents. Their structures, habits, hereditary tendencies and identities have been preserved through thousands of years.

Luther Burbank chose one seeding out of 65,000 when he invented the primusberry. The rest were remorselessly destroyed. The new primusberry is a cross between the raspberry and the blackberry, but has a fruit much larger and finer than either. Mr. Burbank has produced 300,000 varieties of plums, 60,000 peaches and nectarines, 500 almonds, 5,000 walnuts, 3,000 apples, 2,000 grapes, 2,000 pears and thousands of different kinds of berries, flowers and vegetables in equal profusion.

WEALTH IN BAMBOO GROVES

Their Cultivation in the Southern States is Expected Soon to Be a Recognized Procedure.

One thinks more readily of an American farm with a wood lot than of one with a bamboo grove, but bamboo groves may yet become common in the southern states, if the idea of "instruct the farmer" in the desirability of planting them makes reasonable progress. It will be a new idea to the farmer, and he will have to think it over.

Hard to Account for Figures.

Statistics have recently been published in Germany which are so striking that the Medical Record's Geneva (Switzerland) correspondent says they "need confirmation." It is stated that for every 1,000 boys born in the later years of the war, 1,086 girls have been born. Before the war the ratio was 1,000 boys to 1,024 girls.

Koran Brought Up to Date.

It is not surprising that most of the Arab population should be illiterate since the language used in writing and printing is literary Arabic, the very same in which the Koran was composed 12 centuries ago. It has been preserved intact, while the spoken tongue has gradually changed, as spoken tongues will.

An interesting experiment has been begun by Rev. Percy Smith, a missionary in North Africa, who is translating the Bible and the hymns of the church into the ordinary speech of the people, instead of in literary Arabic.—Christian Herald.

New Power is Wanted.

In the field of research in connection with automobile underwater torpedoes, there needs to be developed a new source of power, said Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of ordnance, at a recent meeting of the American Chemical society. The present source is compressed air and the new source must be of greater potential per unit volume and weight and be nearly as safe to handle and store on board ship.

Quite Henglish, This.

"Hout!" cried the umpire as the wicket keeper made a catch. "Look 'ere," protested the batsman. "It wasn't off my bat, it was off my 'ead." "Oh!" said the umpire. "My mis take, I 'eard the ball 'it wood and I sup posed it was off the bat."—Boston Evening Transcript.

GOT INSPIRATION AT PIANO

Immortal Melodies Evolved by Masters While Their Fingers "Wandered Idly Over the Keys."

A story is told of Mendelssohn to the effect that the charming arpeggio figure in the Spring song of his "Song Without Words," came to him on a day when he played with his children at the piano, and allowed them to catch his hands, as they wandered over the keys; and it is a fact that many of our most beautiful musical productions owe their origin to extemporizing on the piano.

This is not to be wondered at for many of our greatest musicians have poured out their heart's deepest feelings as their fingers have flitted, in a desultory fashion, over the keys, producing corresponding notes and chords to their ever-changing moods; finding at the keyboard a vent for their inmost thoughts and desires, often meeting with that triumphant response that time can never diminish.

We can see in the works of Chopin and Schumann a proof that in the piano is the origin of many of their most beautiful productions, while in the great symphonies of the old masters their shape, form, and color have been gained at the piano where their fingers "wandered idly over the noisy keys."

This is not so hard to understand when we consider that the method of composing a melody is, in essence, but the picking out and assimilating some melodic tune to which the harmony is afterward added. From this primitive instinct is ultimately produced the immortal tone pictures of the great musicians.

FISH LIAR WORKS OVERTIME

Here is One Concerning a Salt Herring That is Challenge to the Imaginative.

That is the worst of those fish stories. Somebody always comes along with a better one.

Recently the Evening News told the V. A. D.'s story of the frozen fish that came to life in the cooking pot. Then a correspondent—a naval officer, it should be said—easily puts that to shame.

"An interesting experiment was tried some little time ago," he writes to us, "with an ordinary herring. The fish was put into a large bowl of salt water and every day a small quantity of water was removed and an equal quantity of 'fresh' was substituted, until eventually the fish lived and thrived in purely fresh water.

"The owner was so pleased with the success of his experiment that he then tried removing a very small quantity of water daily until the bowl was empty, and found that the herring did excellently, entirely without water, and as he was so lively in the empty bowl he had to put him in a cage.

"Here he lived happily, hopping from perch to perch just like a bird, until one day some sudden noise startled him and he fell into his water trough and—was drowned!"

Words and Music.

The value of words is going up, at least in Rouen. There the courts have decided that the artistic values of the words and music of a poem are equal. At present in the United States and Canada the writer of the words of a song gets only a pittance of the royalties or a small sum outright at the start. In England many of the most popular ballads have brought their writers no more than two or three guineas, while the composer goes on cashing his royalty checks for years.

Unusual Methods Used.

With the end of the war have come many revelations of the unusual methods used by the Germans to spread their harmful propaganda in the countries arrayed against the central powers, and of the clever work which often frustrated their well-laid plans. In one case, mentioned in Popular Mechanics Magazine, what appeared to be an old and worn copy of the works of Homer proved to be a volume of attacks on British rule in India. Only the first few pages of the book were printed with the words of the ancient poet. The remainder, though in Greek type like the beginning, was filled with the diatribe. The volume was addressed to an educated Hindu capable of translating the Greek into an Indian dialect.

Costly Parking Space.

Tired of being taken into court by traffic policemen, because at the time he goes to business his car has to be parked in the street, as day storage is at a premium and access to a public garage at those hours is difficult, Philip Rosenbach, art connoisseur of Philadelphia, has just paid \$18,000 for a stable property which he will convert into a private garage for himself. It is near his place of business.

Babies More Pientiful Than Houses.

"It is easier to find a baby than a house in Sydney now," reports the Bulletin of that Australian city, continuing thusly: "Writer knows a young bride who went to live with her mother pending the discovery of a suitable residence. She has two infants now and is still living with her mother."

Advertisement for Yeager's Shoe Store. Features the year 1920 and text: 'Fully appreciating your courtesy and patronage in the past we extend to you the greetings of the season and wish one and all a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!' The store is located at Bush Arcade Building 58-27 Bellefonte, Pa.

Large advertisement for Lyon & Co. featuring a 'Clearance Sale of All Winter Goods'. Includes sections for 'Ladies' Coats', 'Furs', 'White Sale', and 'Rummage Table'. Text: 'All that are left must be sold now. A big assortment of all sizes and colors, including black, at Clearance sale prices.'