

BELL CASTING IN OLD JAPAN

People Gather in Thousands to Witness Ceremony Which Has Deep Religious Significance.

The making of the bell in old Japan was accomplished by great and solemn rites, Marjorie Latta Barstow writes in Asia. For months, sometimes for years, the community had been contributing of its bronze and copper ornaments and precious possessions. For many days before the casting there were prayers to determine the auspicious moment at which to begin, and to put all spiritual beings and ministers of grace in a propitious mood. Pilgrims came from all the surrounding country, for the Japanese of long ago loved a pilgrimage as much as do their descendants today; and made of their act of piety an opportunity to enjoy a little festivity and see something of the great world. On the appointed day, men gathered in their finest attire. The priests appeared in rich ecclesiastical brocades and the workmen in robes beautiful and sanctified. With prayer and ceremony the work reached its climax. The great molds were prepared and the flaming, molten mass, into which had gone so many precious things, was to them what the dedication of a cathedral was to the believers of the middle ages. Before their eyes and with their own co-operation, something intangible and divine assumed shape and tangibility. Many went away to become heroes in their villages because they had participated in the making of the great bell, which became more precious and mysterious as time went on, and they passed on to their children's children, even down to this day, the souvenirs of the occasion, inscribed with prayers by the presiding priests.

RETAIN THEIR WILD INSTINCT

Herds of "Tame" Buffalo Have Much in Common With Their Brethren Who Have Freedom.

The "tame" buffalo of Yellowstone National Park, are tame only in the manner of speaking. They retain all the habits of the original wild species. For instance, they are able, without fail, to predict a heavy storm for one or two days in advance. As the buffalo of the old plains were known to do, they point the storm, standing with the head toward the point from which it afterward breaks. Another sign of uneasiness induced by heavy weather is the stiff-legged leaping and running about in circles which often mark the herd just before a storm breaks on their range. They live practically in all respects the wild life of the so-called wild herd of the park, with the exception that they are watched by horsemen and are fed hay during the most inclement weather of the winter. The ranges of the tame and wild herds overlap to some extent, and without doubt they occasionally interbreed. The original hope, which has not been realized, was that some of the tame herd would drift off and become members of the wild herd.

Ant Engineers

It has been found that the population of an ant hill has solved many complicated mining problems. Thousands of ants working instinctively perform marvellous engineering feats with amazing efficiency and without profiteering. Each ant finds its own work and the team work when the big problems must be solved is surprisingly efficient. When one shift of workers tires or must stop for food or rest its place is taken by other workers equally skillful so that not a moment is lost. When an ant becomes covered with dirt others immediately clean it by washing and brushing. During their mining operations in digging holes and removing stones an ant is often injured, whereupon others rush to its assistance and carry it to a quieter gallery where first aid may be administered. The resourcefulness of these little engineers has been found to anticipate many of our recent efficiency methods.—Boys' Life.

House Names.

I liked the English habit of naming their houses; it shows the importance they attach to their homes. All about the suburbs of London and in the outlying villages I noticed nearly every house and cottage had some appropriate designation, as Terrace house, Oak-tree house, Ivy cottage, or some villa, etc., usually cut into the stone gate post, and this name is put on the address of the letters. How much better to be known by your name than by your number! I believe the same custom prevails in the country. . . It is a good feature. A house or a farm with an appropriate name, which everybody recognizes, must have an added value and importance.—John Burroughs.

Was Sunday Your Birthday?

People born on this day may not live long, but will achieve many great things and win much renown while they do. They will learn many trades and will make and spend much money, their chief trouble coming through their marriage. They will be subject to headache, toothache and fever, and may be in danger from fire and plagues. They will be much beloved, will marry more than once and will be lucky in dealing with horses.

NO SUBSTANCE TO DREAMS

Writer Gives Reasons for Her Refusal to Have Any Belief in Common Superstitions.

The mind during sleep reminds me of a naughty child, writes Marion Holmes in the Chicago Daily News. With a normal person during waking hours reason controls it and when it seems inclined to let loose a foolish train of thought rebukes it with "Nonsense! behave yourself!" But when reason goes to sleep the mind has seasons of wild capering. It makes you do things that when awake would scorch you with blushes. It causes you to go to church dressed in your very best except your shoes and stockings, which you find you have left at home. It makes you marry a dark man with big black whiskers when you already have a perfectly satisfactory husband who is blond and smooth faced. There is nothing that it will not do uncontrolled by reason. Therefore I never have had much faith in the prophetic quality of dreams, although there are persons who pin their faith to those so-called warnings. We have heard them say, "I dreamed last night that I had lost a tooth. That means bad news," or "I dreamed of walking among ruined buildings. That means that somebody in the family is going to be ill," and, like fortune telling, the predictions that do not "unlike good" are forgotten.

A recurrent dream is of no importance. I have known the same stage setting with its incidents to be presented over and over in sleeping visions without ever reaching its counterpart in reality. An uncomfortable position during sleep, or the fact that you are not feeling well often occasions troubled dreams.

NEW THEORY IN ASTRONOMY

Possibility That There is a Tail Attached to Our Earth Leads to Ingenious Suggestions.

Opposite to the sun there is a very mysterious glowing patch, which is thought to be attached to the earth as a cometlike tail.

The highest regions of our atmosphere consist of very light gases, and the impression is that some of these were driven away by the sun or by other means, and that they stream off from the earth into space just as the light gases do from the head of a large comet.

Naturally, this theory has aroused much controversy, and has led to all sorts of ingenious suggestions. One of these is that a swarm of meteors (of the kind we know as shooting stars) keeps us company through space at a distance of about a million miles, or four times the distance of the moon. But a tailed earth is an ideal vehicle for imaginative flights.

It might be argued that if our globe has a tail why should not the planets Mercury and Venus, and even Mars, have one. Well, perhaps they have, for all we know to the contrary. Our earth's tail would be much more easily seen by us because of its nearness and brightness.

Soft Beds in Ancient Days.

According to Athenaeus, effeminate gentlemen in ancient Greece some-

times slept on beds of sponge. Fashionable people in Athens slept under coverlets of dressed peacock skins, with the feathers on. Clearchus, the author of a treatise on sleep, described the bed of a Paphian prince in such a way that it is difficult to keep awake while reading it. "Over the soft mattresses," he writes "was flung an expensive short-grained Sardinian carpet. A coverlet of down texture succeeded, and upon this was cast a costly counterpane of Amorginian purple. Cushions variegated with the richest purple supported his head, while two soft Dorian pillows of pale pink gently raised his feet."

Democratic Cigar Names.

The nomenclature of the cigar trade is one of the very interesting phases of democracy, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. No agent intent upon building up a market for a 10 cent cigar ever named it for a statesman. He complimented, instead, an actor, a philanthropist, a race horse, a hypothetical Indian maiden or a supposititious Spanish grandee. To have named a 10 cent cigar for a statesman would have been to "queer" both the cigar and its involuntary patron. The people would not have stood for that sort of thing. It would have presumed a certain superiority which they would have rebuked both at the cigar stand and at the polls.

Cure for Flat Feet.

Are you flat-footed? If you don't know, the next time you take a bath, observe the impressions that your wet feet make. If your feet are normal, there will be a narrow line from heel to toe on the outside; if they are flat, the entire bottom of the foot will show.

How can you cure flat-footedness? Buy a handful of marbles, place them in two rows, and start picking them up with your toes. To do this you must curl up your toes; as a result the muscles of the feet will be exercised and thereby strengthened.—Popular Science Monthly.

Time to Go.

"She said 'No'?" "Yes," said the dejected suitor. "Cheer up. A woman's 'No' some times means 'Yes.'"

"Not in this case. The door bell rang and she produced the other man."

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Bees Eaten for Revenge.

Bees are usually employed as manufacturers of honey, which is everywhere considered a delicious food, but there are places where the bees themselves serve as a food.

The negroes of Guiana, when stung by a bee, proceed to catch as many as they can and in revenge eat them. It would be interesting to know what happens as an effect of the sting thus taken internally.

In Ceylon the natives hold a torch under the bee swarm hanging to a tree, catch them as they drop, then carry them home, boil them and eat them.—Popular Science Monthly.

Turned Down.

Clothesman—Sorry to refuse you, old man, but my money likes company. Burrows—What do you mean? Clothesman—It can't bear to be a loan.—Boston Transcript.

HOW ASIATICS TAME EAGLES

Spirits of Fierce Birds Are Driven by Deprivation of Sleep for Long Periods.

The Asiatic eagle is the golden eagle. It is a big bird, many pounds in weight, and exceedingly swift in flight, as well as fierce when attacked. Indeed, to see the natives on horseback carrying golden eagles on their arms is a strange sight, for the birds are usually tame, when one considers how they act when free.

The eagle fancier has a problem in taming, much less training, a golden eagle. The eagle frequently rests during the day. He climbs to this place and ties a live fox there, trailing the rope into some heaped-up stones to form a cavern in which he hides, firmly grasping the rope.

When the attention of the soaring eagle is attracted by the fox, the eagle drops down and kills it. So intent is the greedy bird on tearing his prey that he doesn't notice the dead fox is slowly being drawn along the rocks. When it is within easy reach the hunter casts a net over the eagle and secures him.

Kept absolutely in darkness, and with drums beating night and day so it cannot sleep, the spirit of the eagle is broken. When he shows signs of submission the trainer feeds him a little at a time and gradually wins his respect, if not his affection. With the passage of months the eagle attaches itself to the man who feeds and trains him.—Detroit News.

IGNORED WEALTH UNDER FOOT

Spanish Treasure Seekers Mocked by Fate When They Overlooked Vast Mountain of Iron.

Near Mercado mountain, Mexico, a legend goes, Spanish soldiers slew an Aztec chief, who said that the hill was the upthrust finger of the Spirit of Fury, and that it would some day avenge the folly of Spain. The incident was in time related at court, and the fine men and women there laughed over it.

Like the gold seekers who overlooked the fortunes that were under their feet in the wonderful soil of the English portions of the United States, the Spanish silver sleuths looked with unseeing eyes upon a naked, blood-colored hill worth more than all they were to take out of Mexico and Peru in a century. Mercado used it to hang his name on, and rode away after the metal he had come to regard as the only form of real wealth.

Just what effect the discovery of this greatest body of iron ore above ground in the world would have had, had the explorers grasped its real value, is hard to say. But there is hardly a more mocking incident in history than that of the Spanish soldiers, when Spain was surfeited with silver and destitute of iron, circling around one of the most perfect iron supplies on the face of the earth, and cursing their luck because they had found nothing of value beyond the mountains.

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