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Ancient Peoples Had Odd Belief Concerning Otherwise Unaccountable Shower of Frogs.

Showers of frogs must have been common enough in ancient Greece, seeing that Aristotle gives them a particular name. Alluding to the prevailing idea of his time, which supposed them to come from Heaven, he called them messengers of Jupiter.

Two carefully observed instances in modern times have especially wrought conviction among the learned. The first was attested by a whole company of soldiers, who during the French Revolution, were on a march towards the north of France. In the open country they were assailed by a shower of little toads which were dashed in their faces, falling with torrents of water. Astonished at such an unwonted attack, and desirous of satisfying themselves as to whether this living shower came from above, the soldiers spread out their handkerchiefs on a level with their heads, and found they were soon covered. After the storm, the astonishment was general when the soldiers saw this unexpected brood leaping about in the folds of their cocked hats.

The second well-attested shower of toads fell in 1834, in the town of Ham, in Germany, when the streets, roofs and gutters were immediately filled with a great number of these young creatures.

HAD HIGHEST SOCIAL IDEAS

Marriage Relations Among Early Assyrians Subjected to the Strictest Code of Human Laws.

Marriage relations among the early Assyrians were subject to a strict code of laws, it is now learned from a valuable cultural document made accessible to the scientific world in a German translation of the cuneiform text preserved in the Asiatic division of the Berlin Ethnographical museum.

The early Assyrian lawmakers had this code inscribed on a set of clay tablets, unearthed during the excavations of the German Asiatic society in Mesopotamia. By comparing this find with other prehistoric documents, the date of these tablets has been established around 1100 B. C., which would coincide with the reign of Tiglat-Pile-sar I.

The rights and duties of married women and the punishments imposed for the infringements of these laws, and as the marital relations of a nation have always been regarded as a reliable barometer of its culture, this discovery throws an interesting light upon early Assyrian social conditions.

Fuses Prevent Fires.

When an electric current flows through a wire it makes the wire warm, explains Popular Science. Different materials resist the flow to different extents and are accordingly heated to different degrees. Fuse wire is made of an alloy containing a large proportion of lead, which gets very warm when large currents pass through it. Furthermore, since this alloy melts easily, the current, if large enough, may cause the fuse wire to melt.

Wherever current is being consumed in the house or factory, a piece of fuse wire is put somewhere in the circuit. If through accident or design too much current should be used, the fuse wire will melt, or, as is usually described, "blow," and stop the flow of current before the copper wire inside the walls can heat up and set fire to the house.

Philistine Described.

The philistine is a man without intellectual pleasures, he will inevitably be bored, despite the fact that against boredom he has a great many fancied remedies—balls, theaters, parties, cards, gambling, horses, drinking, traveling and so on.

Yet nothing really pleases or excites or interests him. For sensual pleasure is quickly exhausted, the society of fellow philistines soon becomes burdensome and one may even get tired of cards.

The great affliction of all philistines is that they have no interest in ideas, and that to escape being bored they are in constant need of realities. But realities are either unsatisfactory or dangerous; when they lose their interest they become fatiguing. The ideal world is illimitable and calm.—From Schopenhauer.

Perhaps She Was Wise.

When I was in my teens, I was going with a young man. He called unexpectedly one afternoon while in town. As we had a fire only in the kitchen, I invited him out there. He stayed all afternoon; also my cake stayed in the oven all afternoon, with the gas turned out. I would not take it out while he was there. I was afraid it might be a failure. I now cook for him all of the time.—Chicago Journal.

Says He Can Make Diamonds. Most precious stones can be made artificially, but until recently no one had succeeded in manufacturing diamonds of a usable size. Now a Frenchman says that he has discovered a new process by means of which he can make diamonds of all sizes up to a quarter of an inch in diameter.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

BROTHER BEECH TREES

"I am used for floors and tool handles," said Brother Red Beech.

"I am used for fire," said Brother White Beech.

"When I was but a little tree I stood near enough to some other trees so that their shade kept me cool and comfortable and made me feel like growing well and becoming strong," said Brother Red Beech.

"So many trees which are young are looked after in that way by bigger and stronger trees," said Brother White Beech.

"So many trees do what they can for younger trees. It is very nice and kind of them, but then, trees are kind, anyway, it seems to me.

"Trees give such lovely shade. Now we have beautiful leaves. Our foliage or leafy dresses are very thick and plentiful. There is nothing stingy or selfish about a beech tree."

"True," said Brother Red Beech. "Our cousins, the Oak trees and the Chestnut trees, are fine trees. We have every reason to be proud of our relatives. I am so glad that my relatives never make me ashamed of them.

"Suppose they should! It would be so horrible. Of course it wouldn't be my fault if they did, but it wouldn't be pleasant at all.

"What if one of the Chestnut trees should be ugly and not nice at all; it would be very sad.

"And it would be very sad if the Oak trees weren't so fine."

"Well, if I were you," said Brother White Beech, "I wouldn't worry about something that doesn't exist.

"Besides, even if the Chestnut trees were not so fine it wouldn't really be our fault."

"Still it is nice that they are so fine," said Brother Red Beech.

"I believe we are called red and white beeches because of our wood," said Brother White Beech.

"You are correct," said Brother Red Beech.

"We make our own forests," said Brother White Beech.

"And why shouldn't we?" asked Brother Red Beech.

"Well," said Brother White Beech, "there are some creatures who don't."

"I've never heard of boys making their own forests; I've never heard of that."

"I've never heard of girls making their own forests, either."

"And I've never heard of animals making a forest, though many live in the forests, it is true."

"How we grow up and grow up, and sometimes the birds scatter our seeds and other beech trees grow up. We grow well and we're strong and we make fine timber."

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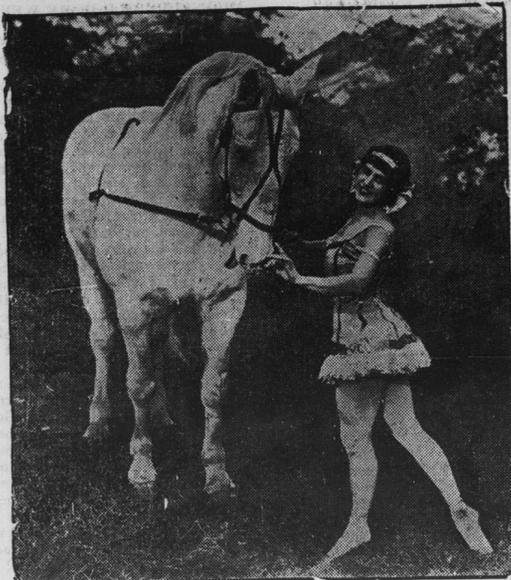
"Yes," said Brother Red Beech, "but you see, even the birds help us. Yes, very often they help us in making our forests."

"Birds are fond of the forests, and they help to make them. You must give them due praise."

"What is due praise?" asked Brother White Beech.

"It is praise which is due some one or some two or some three or four."

"Of course, I see," said Brother White Beech. "And it is quite true that I should give praise to the birds, for they have helped us."



MISS BEDINI STAR EQUESTRIENNE.

Most of This Little Lady's Life Spent Under "Big Top."

There is no circus of the present regime that has catered to the amusement going people of the United States much longer than that of the Sparks Three Ring Circus which comes to Bellefonte on Friday, May 19th.

It will be the 34th annual tour of this aggregation which has steadily grown from a two car affair, to the magnitude of the three ring class and this year finds it more complete in extraordinary features than ever before.

Probably one of the show's strongest features is Miss Flora Bedini reputed to be the most daring and accomplished rider in this, or any other country. There's a reason—Miss Bedini comes of a family of noted riders, in fact her family were all riders of repute even before the Sparks circus was in existence.

When but a little girl she was brought to this country by her father who at that time was one of the featured riders with Ringling Brothers.

The Sparks Circus is coming to Bellefonte on their own trains of double length cars and will pitch their tents at Fair grounds. Two performances will be given in the spacious tent which has a seating capacity of 10,000. The street parade, which is one mile in length will pass through the principal streets of the town at 10:30 a. m. and will be a kaleidoscopic procession of glitter and color, all cages being open to view.

Infamous Tree Grows on Island.

For one of its features Christmas Island, in the Indian ocean, may be said to be infamous rather than famous. A bulletin of the National Geographic society tells of a tree, believed not to exist elsewhere, which is described by one disgusted visitor to the island as emitting "the most disagreeable odor in the world." With a trunk as sturdy as an oak, and leaves as graceful as those of an aspen, it gives to the eye no indication of its true character. But its scent permeates the air for hundreds of feet in every direction, and if one is unfortunate enough to so much as touch its bark or leaves, nothing short of repeated scrubbing with strong carbolic soap will make him again fit for human society.

The island is a British possession, having been annexed in 1888 after the discovery of rich fertilizer deposits.

Aztec.

In a prehistoric ruin near Aztec, N. Mex., excavators found a basket-work shield, for warding off the enemy's spears.

The owner cunningly had coated it with flakes of mica, fastened with gum. In the sunlight this worked like a mirror, blinding the enemy. Behold, there, one of the earliest manifestations of the inventive spirit, chief thing that separates us from the savagery of the past. Our finest modern inventions will be considered crude when they are unearthed by future archeologists.



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"Ah! but it is a fine thought to think of the forests we've made by ourselves and with the help of the birds at times. We don't have to go into a forest all ready for us, but we can make our own."

"Yes, we can make forests, just as people can make houses. It's splendid to be able to do that."

"And we can help people build, too, by giving them of our fine timber."

"We can give them pleasure by the shade of our leaves, and we can give them pleasure, we hope, by looking so fine for them."

"It is nice to be a beech tree," said Brother Red Beech. "I am so glad that I wasn't born a weed or a small bush. I'm extremely thankful I'm a beech tree!"

War Worker Compensated.

Miss Julia Driscoll, a coed of the University of Pennsylvania, is believed to be the only girl student being sent through a big eastern university as a result of disabilities incurred in the World War.

Miss Driscoll, who served in the army nurse corps, became deaf from the continuous bombardments near the hospital in which she was working at the front

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