

QUAKES IN BRITISH ISLES

Seismic Disturbances Not at All Uncommon, Though They Seldom Do Much Damage.

Although not frequently reported, earthquakes are quite common in the British Isles, but rarely do sufficient damage to attract wide attention...

Some years ago Colchester, near the east coast of England, was subject to an earthquake which did considerable damage to buildings.

Professor Milne's subsequent explanation of the apparently unusual occurrence was that a considerable portion of the channel now occupied by salt water, dividing Great Britain from the continent of Europe...

HOUSE RICH IN TRADITIONS

Bradford Homestead, Built in 1674, Is Preserved as a Memorial of Colonial Days.

One of the oldest houses in Massachusetts and one rich in Mayflower traditions is the Maj. John Bradford homestead at Kingston, in Plymouth county, about thirty-three miles south of Boston.

The house is a large plain frame structure with deep, slanting rear roof, and recently was renovated and furnished by a community organization known as the Jones River Village club...

College Bars Ministers as Visitors.

Girard college bars ministers. When Stephen Girard, noted merchant, died in 1831, he left \$5,200,000 for the establishment of a college for "poor white male orphans."

However, the institution is required to instruct its pupils in purest principles of morality, leaving them to adopt their own religious opinions.

The founder explained that exclusion of clergymen was intended to keep the minds of the boys free from confusion of denominational controversies.

Rune Stones.

Every one admits that runes were among the earliest forms of writing, and some claim Odin the Old was the inventor. The common people attributed all sorts of mysterious powers to runic inscriptions found on stones over the dead and in other places.

Demand Made by World.

The orator's words come forth with power only when he puts himself into them. The artist lifts men to the highest apprehension of beauty when soul-power and mind-power, when heart and conscience, are put into the painting, the music, or whatever that one is producing.

Far above anything and everything which man's outward life yields is man's inner life, his deeper self, his true self. The world wants, needs, asks not for yours, but for you.—Grit.

—Santa Says Buy It At Fauble's

BEGAN WITH TEOSINTE PLANT

Botanists' Theory of the Origin of Maize—Enormously Developed by Cultivation.

The Indians found teosinte covering our plains. It bore grains or small kernels something like small wheat grains, not connected together, but loose in a tiny husk.

Discovering that the kernels were good to eat, the Indians began to cultivate the plant. Since they always saved the best kernels for seed, teosinte ears gradually became longer and bigger round, so as to take care of extra rows of kernels.

Such, the botanists believe, was the history of our maize. Mr. Burbank made his experiment in order to test the theory. Starting in 1903, he gradually developed the teosinte plant with its miniature kernels into a much larger plant with a round cob and several rows of large, fat kernels.

He bred only those kernels and in a few years more the sheaths had entirely disappeared. At the end of the eighteenth year he had produced ears of Indian corn. Though the ears do not equal the superior varieties now grown in America, they compare favorably in every way with those that the first white settlers found the Indians cultivating.

PREPARATION FOR OLD AGE

Physician Advises Each Individual to Plan for the Coming Decade of His Life.

To live to be very old is not always a pleasant experience. The numerous aches and pains that come to mortals after eighty are not agreeable. Of course, young-old men may not know what rheumatism or gout means.

Dr. Stanley Hall suggests that as the young have ideals suitable to maturity, the mature should plan for the next stage of their lives. Thus at forty we should plan for fifty, at fifty for sixty, at sixty for seventy and at seventy for eighty.

People Necessary to a Tale.

I have always held the old-fashioned opinion that the primary object of a work of fiction should be to tell a tale and I have never believed that the novelist who properly performed this first condition of his art was in danger, on that account, of neglecting the delineation of character—for this plain reason, that the effect produced by any narrative of events is essentially dependent, not on the events themselves, but on the human interest which is directly connected with them.

The Masonic Order.

The Order of the Freemasons, in accordance with its principles and constitutions, is undenominational. It embraces Jews and Mohammedans as well as Christians of all churches. It is nonpolitical. The discussion of political matters is forbidden at its meetings.

End of Time.

There entered a jeweler's shop an old man with an ancient clock under his arm. This he laid on the counter with the request, "I wish you'd see what's the matter with this."

"Nothing is the matter with it—now; its sufferings are over."

"Well, how much do I owe you?"

"Nothing," answered the jeweler. "This is not professional treatment. This is a coroner's inquest."

Opportunity for Selection.

"There are a remarkably large number of issues now before the people."

"The situation has its advantages," replied Senator Sorghum. "Whenever you find you are getting the worst of an argument you can change the subject."

EMOTION AND THE APPETITE

Old Theory That People in Love Are Seldom Hungry Has Been Pretty Well Exploded.

The theory that young men and women in love lose their appetites for good and all been exploded.

The newly engaged pair who preferred to spend the quiet darkening hours of dinner time on the lawn rather than partake of the meal in general company was the most prominent example that led up to the belief that lovers found food unnecessary.

Now, however, doctors have proved that any emotion that creates pleasure, as love and hope, tends to stimulate the action of the heart and other organs.

A more brisk circulation occurs, producing healthy appetite.

On the other hand, it stands to reason that opposite emotions are liable to impede the action of the heart. Thus, fear, grief and despair put the brake on the working of the digestive organs.

The emotion produced by fear enfeebles the muscular and nervous systems, sometimes to such an extent that indigestion may set in for seemingly no reason at all.

So, before allowing yourself to get angry, remember the injurious after-effects.

The longer you can make love or any other state of happiness last the greater your chances of living to a ripe old age.

FIRELESS COOKERS NOT NEW

Housewife of Prehistoric Bronze Age Applied the Principle in Her Primitive "Kitchen."

The prehistoric bride in the early Bronze age could boil water without burning the wood-and-hide containers which her hunter husband furnished her. Miss Nina F. Layard has discovered primitive cooking places at Buckenham Tofis park, Norfolk, England.

Ancient kitchens, now being excavated by her, are marked by thousands of flints cracked by fire. These rocks were apparently used as heaters for boiling water in vessels which would not stand the fire. They are found a foot or two beneath the soil and invariably a few yards from a stream.

Either a wooden trough or a stretched hide was in all probability the utensil used. This was filled with water and then the red-hot flints were shoveled in. In this way the water was soon brought to a boil. The bones and teeth of oxen and horses found between the heaters and the stream show where the cooking took place while with these flint heaters implements were found which fix the time as being in the early Bronze age.

Stones Once Used in Casting Lots.

The custom of deciding doubtful questions by lot is one of great extent and high antiquity, recommending itself as a sort of appeal to the Almighty, secure from all influence of passion or bias.

In the primitive method of casting lots stones were often used. These, marked in some way, were placed in the fold of a garment or more often an urn, helmet or a vessel of some sort. The shaking of the garment or vessel would throw a stone out on the ground, according to which the decision was given.

The lot was used to determine such cases as the inheritance of the tribes, hence each tribe's portion was called "the lot of its inheritance."

A mode of divination among heathens was by means of arrows, two inscribed and one without mark.

Says Girls Should Play More.

Girls require more opportunities for play than they get and boys should share domestic tasks with girls, in the opinion of Dr. W. H. Hamer, London's school medical officer. He has come to the conclusion that schoolgirls have too much work to do and that in consequence they suffer more than boys from defective vision, heart disease, anemia and spinal curvature.

"These can all be traced to the same set of causes," he says, "less opportunity for play than boys, less time spent in the open air, the performance of household duties, and, in regard to school, a different curriculum."

Coconut Shell Mandolin.

Compared with the rest of their achievements, the African natives have reached a high development in music. Their instruments, while made of crude materials, are often ornamented with remarkable decorative skill, and the sounds obtained are highly effective. Coconut shells chosen for their size and shape are especially favored for the bodies of mandolins, and with these quaint instruments musicians, who are privileged characters, wander about like the ancient bards and minstrels and exert a great influence over the chieftains.

Radiation From Sun.

Experiments made last summer in Europe show that the amount of radiation received from the sun on the surface of the earth in a clear day is greater with a dark blue than with a light blue sky. In the latter case there is a higher tension of the water vapor in the air. It is suggested that some instrument capable of measuring accurately the intensity of the blue of the sky would be useful in observations on the variable transmission of the sun's heat through the atmosphere.

Thinking of a Sixth.

A certain actor who has been known for his matrimonial adventures, one day approached a physician and asked for a thorough physical examination.

"I want to see that I'm fit for a good many years yet, doc," he said. "You know I'm to be married again soon, for the fifth time."

"H-m," muttered the examiner as he put the stethoscope to the actor's heart. "Of course, this fifth lady is the only girl in the world for you, and this is positively your last matrimonial venture?"

"Oh, come, doctor," cried the thespian, much alarmed. "I'm not as bad off as that, am I?"

HOOD'S SARSAPARILLA.

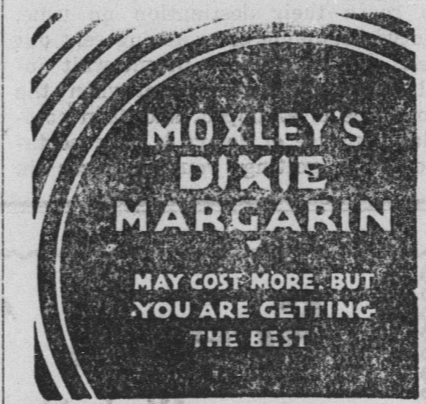
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