

NELLE GYWNNE NOT ALL BAD

Good Qualities of Famous Personage Shone in a Circle and Age Notoriously Immoral.

Nelle Gwynne, orange girl, tavern singer, successful actress, and later mistress of Charles II, the "restored Stuart" to the throne of England, is a character in English history.

GREEK PERFECTION IN ART

Infinite Labor and Patience Expended on Even the Most Insignificant Coins and Gems.

The delicacy and minuteness of Greek work is of course most obvious in the reliefs of coins and gems.

India's Sacred River.

The Ganges is the sacred river of the Hindus. On its banks are many temples and holy places such as Benares, Allahabad, Hardwar and Gangotri.

Ancients Knew of Asbestos.

It is said to have been established that the ancient Greeks and Romans were aware of the fireproof properties of asbestos and made use of it in burying their kings.

Marco Polo, in 1250 A. D., visited the Great Khan of Tartary and found a fireproof material being manufactured from what he believed was the skin of the salamander.

Commoner Who Made Many Lords.

William Pitt, the younger, when he first became prime minister of England, found 250 peers in the house of lords.

DADDY WAS NOT CONCERNED

Information Must Have Been of Considerable Importance to Woman Who Was Returning Home.

The woman was evidently returning from a trip away from home. When she came into the waiting room at the station three youngsters swooped down upon her and all but smothered her with hugs and kisses.

"My, I'm glad to get home!" the mother exclaimed. "And how is Harry?" she asked.

"Oh, Harry did just fine while you were gone!" Virginia put in. "He didn't tease me a bit, and he helped with the work, and he took his music lesson, and he practiced every day, and—and everything."

"That was fine, Harry!" mother praised. "And you, Virginia; how did you do?"

Of course it was up to Harry to do his part here.

"Say, mamma, Virginia's a brick!" he exclaimed. "She can cook 'most as good as you can, and sweep—say, mamma, you ought to see her sweep!"

"Well, I'm certainly glad to hear that," mother told them. "And little Rosemary, of course she was all right—but how mamma did miss her!"

"I helped Virginia cook!" Rosemary told her mamma, with evident pride.

"Well, you all did just fine, I can see that," mother repeated. "And, now, what about daddy? You haven't told me a thing about him!"

"Oh, daddy's all right," Harry assured her. "Why only last night dad said you needn't come back for three months as far as he was concerned."

LAST ANALYSIS OF SUCCESS

Some Worth-While Thoughts That It May Pay the Busy Man to Ponder Over.

It isn't success if it costs you the companionship and chumminess and love of your children. Very often busy, wealthy men of momentous affairs discover too late that they have sacrificed the finest thing in life, the affection of their family.

Alas, he died two weeks later. I work at least an average of twelve hours a day, but I never fail to find time to romp with my little fellows or to tell them stories—"grand new ones"—after they are ready for bed.

Rat Campaigns Successful.

The biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture conducted an anti-rat campaign in Georgia during December, and followed it with a similar campaign which is in progress in Virginia.

Cactus as a Fodder.

The cactus is first exposed to a torch which burns away the thorns, and is then carried to the slicing machine, of the type that is used in sugar works.

French Workmen's Houses.

French workmen's building and loan societies, "Habitations a bon Marche," have been started to help the construction of buildings for the working classes and to improve the sanitary conditions of those already existing in France.

In addition, the state will lend 75 per cent of the balance required, to be reimbursed within forty years, at an annual interest of 2 1/2 per cent on the amount borrowed.

OLDEST ARTICLES IN WORLD

Chipped Stones, Found in England, Believed to Be Most Ancient of Made Implements.

According to an English antiquary, the oldest manufactured articles in the world are probably some chipped stones found on the Kentish Weald, in England.

Far back, countless centuries before any attempt at civilization, men were chipping stones into tools and weapons.

Knives, axes, hammers, scrapers, spearheads, arrowheads, even awls for piercing skins, and roughly notched saws for cutting bone were made of flint or chert or obsidian—any stone that would chip to a cutting edge and hard enough to stand wear.

Some are clumsy things, some beautiful in design and finish, and their varying workmanship indicates far greater differences between the men who made them than exists between an Egyptian king of 1400 B. C. and an English citizen of this age.

Solutrean "laurel leaves," or "shouldered points"—spearheads from Solutre, in France—are exquisite things, graceful in shape and finished in a manner which would be a credit to any modern craftwork.

Earlier still, Mousterian implements from the cave of Le Moustier, varying in shape and size, all have the businesslike wavy cutting edge distinctive of their period.

"CANNON" PROVED A FAILURE

Indian War Party Suffered Through the Inventive Genius of One of Their Number.

One of the most peculiar pieces of ordnance ever invented was that which was tried for its sole occasion at the storming of Fort Henry, in what is now West Virginia, by Simon Girty, the famous renegade, and his several hundred Indian followers, on September 1, 1777.

All day long, without success and with considerable loss, the savages and their still more savage leader had been attempting to carry the little stockade with its handful of defenders.

A maple log, already hollowed by the process of time, was bound with chains, plugged at the breech with wood, filled to the muzzle with stones, pieces of iron and other missiles.

What and Where Kent's Hole Is.

A cavern in the vicinity of Torquay, England, famous not only for its relics of primitive man, but also for its remains of extinct animals, is known as Kent's Hole.

Battle for Fruit of Durian Tree.

Desperate fights over the ownership of durian trees are of yearly occurrence in the Malay peninsula. Sometimes, when a tree has been found near a borderline, entire villages have been wiped out in the struggle to possess it.

It is impossible to compare the fruit of the durian tree with its extraordinary odor and flavor, to any other. The fruit is creamlike in substance. If the meat of a banana were squashed and mixed with an equal quantity of rich cream, a small quantity of chocolate and enough garlic to lend a strong taste to the whole, the result would be about the nearest possible approach to the flavor and consistency of the durian.

Origin of the Ring.

In the course of a lecture on "Precious Stones," Professor Gordon said that early jewelry did not seem to have been set in rings.

One of the earliest examples of the use of rings in statuary was in the statues of Prometheus, who, when released from bondage on the intercession of Venus, wore a ring with a small piece of the Caucasus in it to show that he was still chained to the Caucasus.

Bishops and doctors wore rings by right because they had signed away their independence in order to benefit mankind.

EVEN PERSIA SEES THE LIGHT

Frightful Conditions of Child Labor in That Country Have Been Greatly Ameliorated.

Child carpet weavers of Persia are to have an easier life hereafter. According to the London Daily News, by an agreement between the carpet trading companies and the Union of Master Weavers in Kerman, no boy may now work in a factory before eight years of age or a girl before ten.

In addition, not only must the sheds be properly heated, but the little workers are to be given seats with backs on which to sit as they work, singing the song which tells of the pattern they are making; they are often too young to remember it by any other method.

Bishop Linton of the Church Missionary society, in his "Sketches on Persia," tells how in low, unheated sheds the children from four or five upward have hitherto sat knotting threads all day and every day.

As the pattern climbs the loom the rough beam on which the children sit is raised. To prevent themselves falling to the ground they cross their legs underneath, and at the end of the day's work they have to be lifted down, as they are too cramped to walk.

More horrible still is the custom of marriage at eight or nine years. Motherhood for these little cripples means certain death.

Fire Truck Has Four-Wheel Drive.

Fire-fighting apparatus has been improved upon to the extent of equipping large trucks with individual motor drives in each wheel and raising or lowering the ladders by air and hydraulic pressure, says an illustrated article in Popular Mechanics Magazine.

What Men Will Wear.

Waistcoats exposing a small expanse of shirt and the passing of the permanent turned-up trouser ends are the principal feature of the new spring suit styles for men.

Sartorial experts have decreed that jackets shall be a trifle longer, but the increase in length will be made with due regard to the perils of sitting on the hem.

Mainly chest development is not to be advertised by the wasp-waisted, close-fitting jacket; instead, comfort and easier fitting are promised.

Another season of sober grey is promised, but the old business style of striped trousers and black coat and vest is said to have definitely returned.

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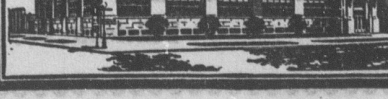
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