

TRACES CARTOON TO HOLLAND

Charles Dara Gibson Says This Form of Art Originated There in 1688.

In the modern sense, the cartoon originated in Holland, stimulated by the revolution of 1688, says Charles Dana Gibson in the Mentor.

Benjamin Franklin was the first American cartoonist. His work was crude; still it inspired the colonists. His most famous cartoon was that of a snake cut up into sections and named after the thirteen colonies.

Following Nast came Keppler, Victor and Gilliam, Rogers, Walker and Herford, followed by men who have given the American cartoon a permanent place in our national history.

BLIND FIDDLER IS WISE MAN

Psychology Teaches Him Where to Play to Get Coins From the Public.

It is the fad to talk psychology these days, but few put it to such practical use as does one blind fiddler. Somebody told him that a well-known violinist was to give a recital at one of the large concert halls.

Nobody knew what the old fiddler ruttered as he packed up his fiddle and went on his way. Maybe it was "They know good music when they hear it."

Queer Probation Suit in India. Twin babies of unequal size are the starting point of a unique probation suit. A rich Indian merchant, Devkaran Nanji, died leaving his fortune to his male children, of which he had several by his first wife.

World's Onion Seed. In Santa Clara valley, Cal., on the lowlands the world's onion seeds are produced. The seed is not, of course, employed for edible purposes.

The Victim. "Yes, my husband's laid up, a victim of football." "But I didn't know he ever played the game."

The Snowshoe Glider. "Are you from the Far North?" "No, why do you ask?" "You dance as if you had snowshoes on."—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.

Pay as You Go. Paul—I'd go through anything for you. Pauline—Let's start on your banking account.—Melbourne Punch.

ARTISTS OF FRANCE

Student of Toulouse Makes Remarkable Discovery While Swimming in an Underground Stream.

A romantic discovery has just been made by a student of Toulouse university who swam along an underground stream for a mile with an electric torch in his hand, and found some relics believed to be at least 25,000 years old.

In the south of France and in Spain, and to a less extent elsewhere, drawings on bone, and modeling in clay, and painting on rocks have shown that 20,000 to 30,000 years ago men who lived in caves had the knack of representing, by a rude kind of art, the animals they knew.

The student of Toulouse university, Carteret by name, discovered what might be called the studio of an artist of the cave-dwelling period.

On the walls of the cave were rough drawings of animals, and around were models made in clay, some in the early stage of being shaped and others more fully formed.

Among the animals represented were lions, tigers, wolves and bears. This is the first time lions have been found among the animals known to the cave artists who once lived in France.

The animals of the prehistoric sculptor appear all to be wounded, and it is believed the hunters must have damaged the models before setting out on a hunting expedition.

PORCELAIN MADE FOR KINGS

China Was So Beautiful That It Was Never Exported, but Was Reserved for Emperors.

The Arabs mentioned porcelain factories and stores in their writings about 800 A. D. The Arabian geographer, Mohammed-el-Efridi, who lived in Sicily at the court of Roger II, published, about 1154, a geographic work in which he told of the town of Djankow, where "Chinese glass" was made.

Lady Nicotine's Star Part.

Why leave Lady Nicotine out of the dramatic personae of the modern drama, when she plays such an important role? She figures large in the action and situations of comedy and tragedy, of farce and melodrama.

She gives away the villain in the manner in which she goes up in smoke from his sneering lips. She helps the comedian put across his "stuff." She fills in gaps in action and in lines. She labels the beautiful woman who holds a cigarette between her pink fingers.

Lady Nicotine identifies them all. In some plays she has the star part. Why not put her name in the cast?—Washington Post.

Stymied at Lunch.

Golf is a game that has a special vocabulary of its own, and beginners are at first a little at sea with regard to the meaning of some of the terms. You are "stymied," for example, when your opponent's ball lies directly in the path of your own ball.

A gentleman was playing on a certain links in Scotland when he turned to his caddy and said: "I say, caddy, why couldn't that fellow get his ball into the hole?"

"He was stymied, sir," was the reply. "He was what?" "He was stymied, sir," repeated the caddy.

Tough on Daddy.

Daddy was confined to the house with Spanish influenza, and mother was busy sterilizing the dishes which had come from the sick-room. "Why do you do that?" asked four-year-old Donald.

Donald turned this over in his mind for several minutes. Then: "Mother, why don't you boil daddy?"

GUARD AGAINST TIDAL WAVE

U. S. Weather Bureau Sends Out Warning to Certain Regions When Earthquakes Occur.

While seismological or earthquake records cannot be used directly in predicting quakes, they have other practical uses. When the records are collected and studied they throw a great deal of light on the nature of earthquakes generally, and it is conceivable that at some future time this information may lead to successful methods of prediction.

In one way, however, which is illustrated in the practice of the Hawaiian volcano observatory, conducted by the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture, seismological records are of immediate practical utility. Severe earthquakes within oceanic areas frequently are attended by so-called tidal waves.

FIRST SUBWAY IN LONDON

Enormous Difficulties Experienced in Construction of Underground Railway Opened in 1863.

In October, 1860, London's first underground railway was approaching completion, but it was not until January 10, 1863, that the first passenger train ran. Enormous difficulties were experienced during construction.

The third-class passengers traveled in trucks, but the first-class carriages were lofty and comfortable. The carriages held ten persons, and were lighted by gas. They were high enough to allow a tall man to stand wearing his silk hat.

Sir William Hardman, in "A Mid-Victorian Peeps" (Cecil Palmer), describes the first time he took his wife to visit "The Drain," as the new Underground was called. "It goes very smoothly and rapidly," he writes: "it feels very safe and quiet. I am spirited away to Rayswater before I know we have started. The only difficulty is not to pass your station, for the stations are all precisely alike, without any distinctive features of surrounding streets or country to guide you, and if you are not carefully looking out you are carried farther than you intended to go."

St. John River Falls.

One of the show places of Canada is the famous "Reversing Falls" in the province of New Brunswick, at the mouth of the St. John river, although they are really not "falls" in the ordinary acceptance of the term.

The "falls" result from the narrow and shallow outlet through which the tide, which rises with great rapidity, and to an altitude of twenty-eight feet, has to pass. The outlet is not sufficiently broad or deep to admit the tidal waters with their rise, hence a fall inward is produced during the flow.

At the ebb the tide recedes faster than the outlet of the river can admit of the escape of water accumulated within the inner basin; hence a fall outward.

The falls are passable four times in twenty-four hours, about fifteen minutes at each time, when steamers, sailing vessels and rafts pass up or down.—Montreal Gazette.

Taking No Chances.

An Englishman staying at a Nevada ranch suggested that his host should take a walk with him to a mountain that looked close at hand. The Englishman was deceived in the appearance of the distance owing to the rarity of the atmosphere.

Returning by a different route, the pair came upon an irrigated field. At the first ditch the Englishman sat down and began to remove his shoes.

"What are you going to do?" inquired the Nevada man. The Englishman contemplated the ditch and said, "Why, I'm going to swim this blooming river."

Tell Time by Cat's Eyes.

The Chinese peasant, who has neither watch, clock nor sundial, tells the time from the eyes of a cat. The degree of dilation of a cat's eyes varies through the day, contracting and expanding as the light grows strong or dim. The Chinese peasant has merely to note the size of the pupil in order to know at once the hour of the day. This method, which has not a little originality, must, however, be somewhat inconvenient if the feline timepiece should happen to be out somewhere on business of its own.—Le Petit Parkinson.

Sticking to Ethics.

The professor swims from the sinking boat and climbs up on the bank. Then, dashing in again, he returns to the wreck and rescues his wife. "But why didn't you save her before?" asked the listener in wonderment.

"Ah, my dear sir," was the learned man's reply. "I was bound to save myself first. Self-preservation is the first law of nature."—Pittsburgh Post.

GET IODINE IN SEA FOOD

Increased Consumption of Fish Will Lessen the Thyroid Disease, Doctors Claim.

According to a fisheries service bulletin of the Department of Agriculture, it has long been known that the proper functioning of the thyroid gland in man and animals is conditioned upon the presence of an adequate amount of iodine and that the lack of iodine is associated with disorders such as goiter, cretinism, etc. Iodine usually is administered in some form as a preventive or treatment for thyroid enlargements, but as a general preventive of such troubles in a whole population it is recognized that some more generally applicable means must be found.

In order to supply exact information on this subject an investigation of the iodine content of sea foods has been undertaken in the fishery products laboratory of the bureau of fisheries. The iodine in oysters, clams, lobsters, etc., several important species of food fishes from salt water and fresh water, and those that pass part of their lives in salt water and part in fresh is being determined quantitatively. Dr. Donald K. Tressler is conducting the investigation, which is expected to continue for two or three months. At present the only precise information available on the subject deals with species of fish found in Europe.

LEGEND OF GOLD IN RHINE

Lorelei, Its Guardian, Dragged Down the Misers of Old to Their Doom.

According to the story, at the bottom of the Rhine was the vast Rhinegold, a treasure of incalculable richness. It glistened beneath the waters and the Lorelei were its guardians. Those crabbled masculine souls who prized the beauty of gold above the beauty of charming women, who preferred gold in metal to the golden skins and golden hair of the Lorelei, were dragged down to their fate.

The hair of the Lorelei was said to be spun of impossible fine strands of the golden store and the gold of their lovely cheeks was supposed to be a powder made of the mass of gold at the bottom of the stream, beaten by pebbles.

But this gold the miserly did not see, and their punishment was to see the treasure below them on the clear bottom of the river and becoming crazed with the sight of it, to try to dip their hands in it and fall in, lamented by nobody.—Detroit News.

Over the Fence Is Out.

A Scottish farmer was noted for his strength and skill. A young peer, a great pugilistic amateur, had come from London to fight the athletic Scot. The latter was working in an enclosure a little distance from the house when the amateur arrived. His lordship tied his horse to a tree and addressed the farmer thus:

"Friend, I have heard a great deal about you and I have come a long way to see which of us is the better wrestler."

The Scotchman, without answering, seized the young man by the middle of his body, pitched him over the fence and returned to his work. When his lordship recovered his breath he stood silent.

"Well," said the farmer, "have you anything more to say to me?" "No," was the reply, "but perhaps you'll be so good as to throw me my horse!"—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Some Block System.

A man traveling in a train that had made several abrupt stops and sudden jerks, became a bit anxious. There had been numerous accidents on the line of late, so he had been told, and there was cause for fear. Calling the porter aside, he said: "George, is this train safe?"

"Safe as any, suh." "Is there a block system on the road?" George's grin extended from ear to ear.

"Block system, suh? Why, boss, we has de greatest block system in de world. Ten miles back we was blocked by a load of hay, six miles back we was blocked by a cow, and I reckon when we gets farther south we'll be blocked by an alligator. Block system, suh? Well, I'll say it is!"—Country Gentleman.

That Was Different.

O'Halloran rushed up to a cottage, shouting: "Lend me a spade! Lend me a spade!"

"What for?" asked the owner of the cabin. "To dig my friend out of the bog," replied O'Halloran. "He's just fallen in and he's up to his ankles!" "Up to his ankles?" replied the other. "Then you don't need a spade. I'll lend you a rope."

"Begorra, but a rope's no good," replied the would-be rescuer. "He couldn't catch hold of it!"

"Why not?" "For several reasons," replied O'Halloran: "but the chief one is that he went in head first."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Advertisement for Men's Work Shoes. Features two \$3.00 shoes and a guarantee: "Every pair guaranteed to be solid leather, or a new pair given in their stead....". Promoted by Yeager's Shoe Store, THE SHOE STORE FOR THE POOR MAN, located at Bush Arcade Building 58-27 Bellefonte, Pa.

Advertisement for Lyon & Co. Linens. Features "Gift Suggestions" including Madeira Luncheon Sets, Tea Napkins, Pillow Cases, and Handkerchief Cases. Also promotes "Stamped Linens" like Table Scarfs, Guest Towels, and Children's Dresses. Special Holiday Prices on Winter Coats for Ladies, Misses and Children.