

Thirteen-Month Calendar Advocated by Scientists.

New York, Sept. 6.—Changing the number of months in the year from 12 to 13, of 28 days each and making the extra day a holiday, is one of the most important steps to be considered at the meeting of the International Geodetic and Geophysical Union, which will meet soon in Madrid.

The question, said Dr. Cox, will be taken up by the astronomical division of the conference. If the plan favored by the scientists is adopted, the months will be four weeks each, the first will always fall on Sunday, while Saturdays will always conclude the week, falling on the 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.

A strong advocate of this change is Professor Charles F. Marvin, head of the United States Weather Bureau. It also has the tentative approval of the Catholic and Episcopal churches, said Dr. Cox, who added that the change will not only interfere with church calendars, but make for a permanent Easter.

The leading weather man of the world will attend the conference in Madrid, which will be opened by King Alfonso, of Spain.

Dr. Cox expressed the belief that the 13-month calendar should be approved also by business men, who could, with complete accuracy, compare their business of one period with another.

Real Estate Transfers.

Johnstown realty company to Bethlehem Steel realty company, tract in Centre county, et al; \$45,000.35.

Midvale realty company to Bethlehem Steel realty company, tract in Centre county, et al; \$.

Adam B. Krumrine, et al, to borough of State College, tract in College township; \$600.

S. David Slagle, et ux, to B. Cordelia Keiser, tract in State College; \$1,500.

I. G. Gordon Foster, et al, to Pearl R. Morgan, tract in State College; \$700.

Frederick Zettle to L. C. Snyder, tract in Gregg township; \$1.

G. M. Nearhood, et ux, to Edward M. VanSant, et ux, tract in State College; \$6,480.

Keystone Auto Gas and Oil Service company to C. R. Armstrong, tract in Bellefonte; \$4,293.

Charles Dale, et ux, to R. J. Witmer, et ux, tract in Harris township; \$4,100.

Clara Heisler to Charles E. Wetzel, et ux, tract in Bellefonte; \$6,650.

Justus C. Leathers, et ux, to Toner Funk, tract in Howard township; \$1,000.

Western Maryland Dairy Inc., to Sheffield Farm company, tract in Bellefonte; \$1.

Solving a Problem.

A Scottish laird used to get befuddled every Saturday night, says an English periodical. Then with his servant, Saunders, in the same condition, he would mount his horse and set off for the castle. While fording the stream one night the laird fell into the water. He got to his feet and spluttered: "Saunders, mon, something fell off. Did ye noo hear the splash?"

"That I did," admitted Saunders, and he climbed into the water up to his waist. Of course he soon found his master. "Why, laird, it's yourself," he said.

"No, no, Saunders" insisted the laird stoutly. "It can't be me, for here I am."

Saunders helped the laird to mount again, but in the darkness faced him the wrong way round.

"Thank ye, mon; now give me the reins.

Saunders fumbled around the horse, finally got hold of its tail, and cried in a shocked voice:

"Laird, laird, it was the nag's head that fell off. There's nothing left but the mane."

The Modern Farmer Makes Out Best.

This is a good year to show that the farmer who follows modern methods is the one who makes out the best in the end, says Dean R. L. Watts, dean of the school of agriculture at The Pennsylvania State College, and director of the Pennsylvania agricultural experiment station.

He adds that Pennsylvania farmers are much better off than their middle western brethren this year, and that in this section the farmer's dollar is steadily increasing in purchase value.

Grading and packing the farm, truck and orchard products and their proper marketing form the big problems for Pennsylvania tillers of the soil, Dean Watts contends. The college through starting extension and resident instruction in agricultural economics, is doing all it can to help farmers with their phase.

Orders are Orders.

The German soldier does exactly what he is told to do and no more. An officer was drilling recruits and had just given them the order, "Quick March," when he noticed his sweet-heart coming across the square. Forgetting all about the recruits, he entered into conversation with the girl and walked away with her.

Six days later the same officer was walking down the main street of the same town when he saw some tattered and tired soldiers approaching him. One of the soldiers recognizing him, went up to him and saluting said: "Please sir, what about a halt?"

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Good Motto for Life: "Bring Out the Best"

Did you ever stop to think what kind of a woman your wife would have been if you had not asked her to marry you? Or did you ever imagine what type of man your husband would have been if you had not answered "Yes"?

Have you ever crushed any ambition, chased away any talents or driven inspiration from your household? What have you done to increase or develop your life partner's talents? Whether you are aware of it or not, you have either brought out the best side of this partner's life or buried it that was good in him or her.

A good many of us possess two sides. There are more Doctor Jekylls and Mr. Hydes in the world than we realize. How frequently your opinion of a man and some one else's do not tally! You will often say: "I can't see how Brown tolerates Jones; he's the meanest man in the world!" And yet Brown has found the better side of Jones.

Have you found the better side of your husband or wife? Have you done anything to bring that better side to the front?—Chicago Journal.

China Had Great Ruler in Ch'in Shih Huang

Fifty miles south of the Chinese city of Peking has been discovered the walls of an ancient city, which flourished over 2,000 years ago. The walls embrace greater area than the walls of Peking and lie buried at an average depth of four feet.

Late in the Second century B. C. there arose a king in the then comparatively small China who compared favorably with Alexander in conquests and empire building and whose empire lasted almost until the present day. This was Ch'in Shih Huang, or Shih Huang Ti ("The First Emperor"), whose rule ending in 209 B. C. marks the close of the feudal period and the beginning of the empire in Chinese history. Shih Huang Ti subdued the feudal princes, built the famed great Chinese wall and successfully defended the country against the Tartars from the north, standardized money, transportation, writing and other things which aided centralization, and destroyed as much of the ancient classics and traditions as possible, with the idea that the history of the Chinese empire should begin with his reign.

Guiana Blow Gun

Perhaps the most elaborate form of blowgun is that made by the Indians of the Guianas. It consists of an inner tube fashioned from a certain palm which grows very thin and straight.

The pithy center and the knots are knicked out with a hardwood stick, and the bore, about one-half inch in diameter, is ground to a machine finish with a rough leaf which cuts like sandpaper. This barrel is then incased for protection in an outer casing made of two lengths of hardwood grooved down the center, glued together and bound with ornamental cane and beadwork, says the Detroit News.

A lip piece of carved wood is carefully fitted, and sights are added—actual front and rear sights, the latter open, the lower jaw and canine teeth of some small jungle cat—and the weapon is then a completed zarabalan, a field piece of some eight to ten or twelve feet in length, according to the available length of the original inner tube.

Joke on Archeologists

Fossils of prehistoric animals which lived during the great Ice age are found in certain layers of blue clay in Tennessee. Man, it has been claimed, arrived on the scene thousands of years after these blue clay deposits were made. Recently, however, geologists working near the site of an old Indian earthwork found some of this same sort of blue clay. Underneath this clay were human bones. The discovery was exciting—the geological evidence seemed to place the first Tennesseans back with Ice age fossils. Then some kill-joy in the party discovered that the Indians had evidently transported this clay from some distance and packed it down into flat layers resembling geological strata.

Valuable Black Walnut

A number of native black-walnut trees have been discovered whose nuts possess superior cracking qualities. By means of scions or buds from the original trees, these are being propagated in greater numbers each year, since the value of the nut crop is thereby greatly enhanced and the timber is of the same high quality as that of other walnut trees. Stocks of these selected trees are available in limited numbers from the owners and make possible the growing of valuable nut trees about the home or in nut orchards, says the American Forestry association.

Forced to Beg Off

An indefatigable traveler, arriving in New York, did not go to the palatial caravansary he usually patronized but put up in an obscure hotel on a side street. But the very next day he bumped into the manager of the down-to-the-minute hostelry where he had always stopped and where he was known so well.

"Why, Mr. Blank," was the shocked greeting, "in New York and not stopping with us?"

"It's this way, old fellow," explained Blank contritely. "I'm too tired this trip to live up to the unparalleled service you give."

Women Surely Have Keen Sense of Money Values

If the average woman were without a sense of money values, as charged by a budget expert, the average American family would have less money in the bank than it has. Eliminating the girl who lives at home and can spend her earnings for pretty things, and whose extravagance is one of the manifestations of her youth, it would have been fairer to say the average housewife of America has a very keen appreciation of the value of money and how hard it is for the husband to earn it. It is probably quite true that women do not budget their expenses; neither did the great United States government until a few years ago. If the budget expert would go into the stores patronized by the wives of wage earners and note with what care and anxiety the customers spend their money and how anxious they are to get full value, she might revise her judgment a bit. With due respect to the paragraphers, the women are shrewd buyers. The hardly saved dollars which bulk so large in savings fund reports and bank deposits are where they are because the women of the country have put them there, often against the will of their husbands. The average man is a much swifter spender than a woman, and despite the jokes of the paragraphers and comic artists, all women do not throw away money on innumerable hats and gowns. The budget expert did less than justice to her own sex when she criticized their financial acumen.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Italian Houses by No Means Things of Beauty

The clay walls which surround a Ballnese farm in Java are usually two or three meters high. Very often they rest upon a foundation of stones and are covered with a heavy layer of rushes which are to protect them from destructive tropical rains. A door in the wall is closed at night with wooden or bamboo planks, the Detroit News states.

The walls around farms of "poeng-gavaas" or district mayors, are usually built of more substantial material. The same is true of the homes of Ballnese princes. Yet while these latter houses may be elaborately decorated they resemble the more humble dwellings in that they are exceedingly filthy. The numerous members of the family—parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, married or unmarried—live in a single house.

The pigs, dogs and goats found on every Ballnese farm are kept in a separate hut. The loan huts are usually built upon wooden elevations and are exceedingly ugly and ungalnly.

On each farm one will also find bamboo baskets to house the fowls.

Words We Have Clipped

A few years ago a music-hall comedian made a great hit by clipping familiar words, and we still hear him imitated in colloquial conversation, London Tit-Bits says. People say "im poss" for impossible, "bliz" for business and "pash" for passion.

But such clipped words are not destined to appear in any dictionary, and we must go back much farther in the history of words to find that when we say: "He led the van," we mean the "vanguard"; when we speak of a pair of van horses, we mean "cervant"; when we retire to the "drawing room," we ought to say the with-drawing room; when we talk of a "hobby" we refer to riding a "hobby-horse"; when we talk of sport we mean "disport," of "tending" we mean "attending," or a "cute" lawyer we mean acute, and of a "still" we mean a distillery.

Refuge in Silence

Mrs. Scrubbs, whose highly colored imagination was well known in her neighborhood, was called as a witness in a damage suit.

"The evidence which you will give to the court shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," said the clerk.

"Yes," quavered Mrs. Scrubbs, now thoroughly frightened and unable to think of one word of the story she had resolved to tell—a story in which she was the heroine.

"Well," asked the judge, "what have you got to say about the case?"

"Well, Judge," she replied, "with the limitations I've just had put on me, I don't think I've anything at all to say!"

Fair Enough

Rents were exceedingly high in that part of the city in which the young couple felt they had to live. After looking at apartment after apartment they began to get discouraged.

At length, after looking at one that just suited them, they expressed indignation when the agent told them the rent would be \$150 a month.

"I can't ask less, because of the view," the agent said.

"Well, I'll tell you what we'll do," the young husband replied, "You knock off \$50 a month and we'll sign a contract never to look at the view."

Circles Around Moon

Circles around the moon are caused, by moisture in the atmosphere. It frequently happens that the sunlight reflected from the moon to the earth is so refracted by the atmospheric moisture that a ring or circle is formed. The more moisture there is in the atmosphere the smaller the circle will appear. The form and size of the ring will depend entirely upon the particular condition and quantity of moisture in the air.

TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION AMONG CHILDREN.

From the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

Many children are referred to State Chest Clinics as being suspected of having pulmonary tuberculosis in its early stages.

Tuberculosis is infectious and communicable. When a tuberculosis individual coughs, tubercle germs may be thrown out in the droplets of the accompanying spray. A child in such an atmosphere is liable to inhale these germs, or it may be that they fall and accumulate on the food which he eats. Under such conditions the risk of infection is great. Kissing and fondling of children by tuberculosis adults increase the likelihood of infection. The danger of contact with tuberculous patients cannot be overestimated, especially when the contacts are children, ignorant and incapable of protecting themselves from overwhelming exposure.

Children suspected of having tuberculosis are frequently under-nourished and pale, with soft and poorly developed muscles and little fat beneath the skin. They are 7 to 25 per cent. or more under the average weight for a child of the same height and sex. The majority of such children present the picture of extreme fatigue; many are so tired that they cannot stand straight. They assume a characteristic posture with head bent forward, rounded shoulders, flat chests, hollows beneath their collar bones, protruding abdomens and a tendency to rest chiefly on one leg while standing. Frequently they have colds and show little resistance to disease. In school they may be one to three grades below the average for their age. The beginning of impaired health and malnutrition often dates from either measles, whooping cough or pneumonia—a very significant fact.

All parents are urged to have their children given a thorough physical examination by their physician three times a year. Malnutrition can be prevented and cured by following the physician's advice as to care, correction of defects, daily routine and diet. Fatigue can be overcome by preventing strenuous exercise, an hour's rest in bed during the day and nine hours' sleep at night. Poor posture can be corrected readily by training.

Malnutrition and fatigue are strong factors in lowering resistance, preparing for and developing active tuberculosis in the presence of exposure to the disease.

The State chest clinic, in Bellefonte, is held every Tuesday afternoon in the W. C. T. U. room, Petrikin hall, and is conducted by Dr. David Dale, assisted by the State Health Department nurse, Miss Campbell. Examinations are free.

Chivalry.

"What's the matter, Captain?" asked an excited passenger. "Is the ship in danger?"

"In danger?" shouted the chief officer of the boat, "we've been captured by pirates and they are going to make all of us walk the plank. Run below—quick, my man—and warn the other passengers!"

The man rushed below and a few minutes later the captain was startled to hear him shouting:

"Women and children first!" he was screaming, "women and children first!"

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