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#### Menace of Vesuvius Today as Yesterday

A queer life they must have lived in those little houses of Pompeii, whose rough masonry and stained patches of color were first created when Germany was a savage forest, Britain a moist land distant from civilization "the whole globe away," and America had never felt the tread of a shod foot. In the sunny courtyard the master dreams away the hot hours to the splash of the tiny fountain, listening to the sleepy gabble of his slaves from the rooms round the atrium. The rattle of the two-horsed chariots over the lava blocks of the street, the oaths of a driver who fails to negotiate the huge stones placed like massive policemen to regulate the traffic at the entrances to the crossroads, disturb his slumber, and he remembers the gladiators, "heroes of ten fights," when the aedile Pansa is to exhibit in the arena on the Nones of April. A dull roar, and a vertical column of pearl-white smoke, bellying out into fantastic shapes and floating majestically away on the light wind, shows him that Vesuvius is angry. He glances for reassurance to the picture of the Lares and the snake of fortune, painted on the wall of the entrance porch to avert ill-luck. No need to worry; it has always been like that and always will be.

It is like that today. The monster snorts fire and smoke innocuously into the blue sky. Visitors on sturdy ponies go fearlessly up to gaze into his black, evil-looking jaws. But will it always be like that? Or, when the last bucketful of cinders has been painfully sifted, and the last house cleared, will he again mock human labors and human hopes and cover all once more with dust raining from a lurid sky?-Washington Post.

#### Seek Treasure Under Sea

The harbor of ancient Carthage is to be thoroughly explored in search of treasure which is now definitely known to exist there, its presence having been revealed by observers in airplanes. For years the sponge divers in that vicinity have repeated stories about seeing an ancient galley reposing on the bottom, but the matter was never given any very serious attention. But from a height the bottom of the sea may be scanned very thoroughly and some aerial observations revealed the presence of a boat of ancient construction very clearly, and some preliminary examinations have shown that it is at least partially filled with valuable specimens of Greek art. Explorations on modern plans will be commenced at once and the cargo systematically recovered. The old harbor will be further searched for treasure ships which are known to have gone down during the Punic wars. In this work the airplane will play an important part.

## God, Love and Money

I was greatly struck, approaching Pittsburgh on the train, passing through a black, cindered region where life must lack many of its most harmless pleasures, to notice the astounding number of churches. These, surely, are not there without some sound social reason. There are three prime consolations known to man in the difficulty of his life: God, love and money. Of any two of these you may deprive him without hearing much grumble, provided he has plenty of the third. But if he lacks all three, there is sure to be trouble.—Christopher Morley in the Century Magazine.

## The News

"Well, no," said Tobe Sagg of Sandy Mush, in reply to the inquiry of the able editor of the Tumlinville Torch of Liberty and Tocsin of the Times. "I don't reckon there's no pertickler news out my way-come to think, though: Some fellers dug up a nest of rattlesnakes tuther day, killed fourteen and hung 'em on the fence beside the road. About six or eight moonshiners and bootleggers came along in course of the day, gave a yell apiece, tumbled over the bank on tuther side of the road and into the creek. Looks sorter like rain off to the south'ard, don't it?" -Kansas City Star.

## Pat's Smart Bank

Pat had opened his first bank account and had taken to paying most of his debts by check. One day the bank sent him a statement, together with a packet of canceled checks. Of the statement Pat made neither head nor tail, but the returned checks greatly pleased him.

"Mike," he said to a friend, "sure an' it's a smart bank I'm doin' business wid now." "How's that?"

"Why, Oi paid all me bills wid checks, an' be jabbers if the bank wasn't slick enough to get ivery check back for me again."-From Life.

## Carving Aged Timber

Alois Lang of Manitowoc, Wis., who ranks among the foremost of America's wood carvers, is working on a block of oak taken from the timbers of York cathedral in England, which was built 900 years ago. He is making beautiful panels to be placed in the sanctuary and chancel of St. Paul's cathedral in Los Angeles. Records in England show that the oak timbers were given by William the Conqueror to Bishop Walkelin during whose episcopate the edifice was

## Pirate Put Treasure

Beyond Human Reach Surcharged with wild romance is the tale of Duval's hoard on the Rock of Perce, which lies off the coast of Gaspe Peninsula, province of Quebec. So many people have lost their lives in trying to climb up and recover the treasure supposed to be hidden there that the legislature of the province to try to scale the height without per

The rock is one of the natural wonders of the North American continent. Thousands of years ago some terrific convulsion of nature must have torn it from the near-by mountain and left it standing 500 feet high with a flat top and unscalable sides. At one time two caverns pierced the base on the seaward side, but one of them has collapsed and left only the larger, through which the sea thunders ir

stormy weather. When Captain Duval, the French pirate, was hard pressed by the British, he collected all his treasure and sailed for the rock. A Micmac Indian with whom he was friendly wormed his way upward through an opening in the greater of the caverns and, reaching the top, threw down a light line with which he hauled up a block and fall. He pulled up two British prisoners, then the captain himself. Boats cor

taining the treasure stood by below. Tradition says that the men were a day and a night in getting it all up. Then the Indian and Duval came down. The captain's sword was bloody. With muskets he and his men shot at the tackle until they had cut it through at a point so high on the rock that no one could reach it. Captain Duval never returned; nor did any of his men.

For two generations the rains rotted the stout hemp ropes on the side of the cliff until at last they disappeared. Though there are fishermen in Perce whose grandfathers saw the ropes, no one knows what happened to the two prisoners and the chests of treasure

#### Which Proved It Right

L. D. Edie is a professor of economics at the State university, and incidentally is the author of the textbook used in his classes. He has a way of "catching up" his students. after they have made recitations. A few days ago, one of his students was as clever as he was. The usual procedure is that the professor asks a question, and after the student has answered it, the instructor says, "Now, are you sure about that?" and adds, "Isn't it thus and so," or "don't you really mean something entirely differ ent from that?"

The student usually believes that he is wrong and "hems and haws," trying to correct his first statement which usually is correct.

But this time a young man recited and when Mr. Edie asked, "Are you sure about that?" the student said. "I don't know whether it is right or not, but that is what you said in your book?"-Indianapolis News.

### The News

"Well-p'tu !-no," said Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge in reply to the inquiry of the able editor of the Tumlinville Torch of Liberty and Tocsin of the Times. "I don't believe there's nuth'n' special in the way of news been going on out my way. Come to think, though, at the dance at my house tuther night the floor broke down and killed a dog that had crawled under the house.'

"Ah! Your dog?" asked the scribe "Nope; belonged to Newt Strodder, over beyond Slippery Slap. Newt cussed and cut up so much about itclaimed he had only nine dogs leftthat before the evening was over I had to shoot him in the leg to give him something else to think about. No, I don't know no pertickler news." -Kansas City Star.

## Rush-Bearing Festival

In a little-frequented village in the heart of North Wales, the ancient custom of rush bearing is observed annually on a Sunday in mid-July. Village girls pass into the churchyard through the old lych gate before morning service, bearing in their arms large bundles of green rushes and sheaves of all the sweetest-smelling flowersmignonette and gilly-flowers, lavender and "Old Man," pansies and lilles, pinks and roses, which they place reverently upon the various graves. At the feasting which takes place after the service on every guest's place is laid a sprig of rue, which he or she must wear forthwith or be guilty of great discourtesy. "Rue-that's for remembrance."

Makes Music in the Sky

One of the queerest orchestras in the world plays music up in the sky. The players are members of a flock of pigeons carrying various kinds of light air whistles attached to their tails by fine wires. Flocks of the birds flying through the air provide a unique and melodious aerial concert, says Popular Science Monthly. The originators of this unusual idea are the Chinese. The musical instruments used are of two different types-bamboo tubes and gourds with tubes attached. They are made to whistle by the rapid passage of the bird through

Chilean Women Up-to-Date In Chile, all the universities are open to women on practically equal terms with men, and nearly all professions are open to them if they choose to avail themselves of the opportunity. Chilean women have already distinguished themselves considerably in medicine, in dentistry, and

#### Pen Picture of Sultan by No Meuns Flattering

In the Menorah Journal, Marvin Lowenthal in writing of Herzl's Diaries, a three-volume work which recently appeared in German, describes the founder of Zionism's entertaining experiences with Abdul Hamid during the last days of his notable court.

"The sultan stood before me exacthas passed an act forbidding anyone by as I had pictured him, small, thin, with a great hooked-nose, full dyed beard, a weak, trembling voice. He wore his imposing Selamik uniform, diamond-studded decorations, gloves. . . He gave me his hand, and we

seated ourselves. I sank deep and comfortable in the cushions. He sat on a divan, his sword between his knees. Ibrahim sat and stood. When the sultan spoke to Ibrahim I watched my lord carefully, and he retaliated when I spoke to the interpreter in French.

"The sultan impressed me as a weak, cowardly, but thoroughly goodnatured man. I believe him to be neither clever nor cruel, but an unhappy prisoner in whose name a thieving, infamous scoundrelly camarilla commits the vilest wrongs. Abdul Hamid Khan II is a generic term for the shabblest gang of rascals that ever rep dered a land unsafe and unhappy. . .

I see him before me now, the sultar of this declining robber empire. Small, mangy, with his badly dyed beard combed apparently once a week for the Selamik, the hooked-nose of a Punchinello, the long, yellow teeth with a big gap in the upper set, the fez pulled low over his obviously bald head, his big ears serving, as I say to my friends, as a pants protector, to keep the fez from slipping down over his trousers, the weak hands in their all too big gloves and the colored cuffs that do not match his costume, the bleating voice, restraint in every word and fear in every glance. And this

#### Famous "Devil's" Bible

One of the most remarkable books in the world, called "the Devil's Bible," and also the "giant of books," has been brought out of its hiding place in the royal library of Stockholm, following a request for a photostat copy from the city of Prague, where it was captured at the Swedish conquest in 1648. It was written 800 years ago, and legend says that it was completed during a single night by a monk who was doomed to die. He had to have assistance from the devil, however, and in gratitude made a fullpage portrait of him, horns, cloven hoof and all, which has ever since remained in the Bible, according to the

Detroit News. The book is probably the largest Bible in the world, the pages being a yard high by a foot and a half wide. It is written on 309 parchment sheets, for which, according to tradition, 100 donkey hides were required. The lettering is beautifully illuminated in gold and bright colors.

## Training Women Doctors

The jubilee of the London (Royal Free hospital) School of Medicine for Women, part of the University of London, will be celebrated in October, says London Tit-Bits.

At the present time there are nearly 400 women students who pass on for their hospital training to the Royal Free hospital, the governors of which institution made possible from the first the training necessary for fully qualified woman doctors.

This is the only center of medicai craining exclusively for women in the British empire, and today its medical students include women from eighteen

A thousand graduates of the London, School of Medicine for Women are now practicing in various parts of the world.

## Friendship Strained

An amateur in Professor Karr's play-acting class at the summer session at Indiana university did not have a dress that she thought suitable for the part of the extravagant wife she was to play. Going to one of the girls in the house where she roomed, she asked, "May I borrow your tan and red dress? I want to wear it in the play tonight."

The other girl replied, "Why, that h my very best dress. I hate to lend it. Haven't I anything else you would care to borrow?"

"No, that is exactly what I want I am supposed to look sloppy," the new actress admitted before she realized what she was saying.-Indianapolis News.

## Strange Bedfellows

The big house on the hill was filled with company. Phil, one of the younger sons of the large family, was sharing his bed with his father because of the crowded conditions About the middle of the night the father was awakened by . Phil, who was looking under the bed and in the covers. He was almost on the verge

"I caught a pretty snake down alona the creek today and put him under my pillow when I came to bed, but now he's gone," the child sobbed .-Indianapolis News.

## Increasing Uses for Paper

New uses for paper are being con stantly discovered, making further inroads upon the already dwindling supply in this country. Durable and flexible garments are now being manufactured from paper made from the mulberry tree, and cooking bags, horseshoes, bottles and grain sacks, all made of paper, have been procurable

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