

Franklin and His Kite.

The ordinary person—particularly the ordinary young person—likes his history in dramatic form. That is the only way in which he assimilates much of it.

Benjamin Franklin, flying his kite in the thunderstorm is the Benjamin Franklin we all know.

But the scholar and the professional historian distrust these bits of drama. They are always poking into the evidence and finding it insufficient.

This is a blow to one of the most cherished of American traditions. Everyone has accepted the Franklin story for a century and a half.

Ben Franklin without his kite would still be a great man—one who did many great and interesting things—but as a popular hero he would have got a knock-down blow.

Restore Lands to Indian Boy.

Washington.—A four years' legal struggle to prevent the transfer of valuable oil lands without compensation from a restricted Creek Indian living at Eufaula, Okla., to private individuals, has resulted in a favorable decision by the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth district.

The name of the restricted Indian is Miller Tiger. In December, 1921, this Indian boy was induced to convey 80 acres of land to his aunt, Rosannah Brown, without any consideration, it being represented to him that the land was valueless.

When the deed made by the Indian boy was submitted for the approval of the secretary of the interior, an investigation was conducted by the bureau of Indian affairs with the result that the attorney general was requested to institute a suit to recover the land.

—The "Watchman" makes it a business to print all the news that's fit to print. It's a home paper.

MIGHTY HUNTER IS THE LITTLE WEASEL

Small Hope for Mice When He Takes the Trail.

No bigger in girth than a walking stick is that nimrod of the hedges, ditches and meadows which hunts the dwellers in the rank tangled jungle of undergrowth and herbage, writes Francis Pitt in the London Spectator.

But it is not his lithe and graceful form, nor his smart and dapper appearance which is the great charm of the weasel—for after all our mighty nimrod is only the weasel, the little red hunter of mice and voles, that, if his quarry be but small, is yet as great a hunter as any man or beast that treads this earth.

When really bent on the chase a weasel is deaf and blind to all else, and it hunts mice and voles with a grim determination that does much to keep these prolific rodents within bounds. No wonder the unfortunate mice flee before it.

A break in the scent may give it a respite for a moment, when the weasel shows what a hunter he is, for as a huntsman casts his hounds in a circle when they have lost the line, so does the weasel seek to recover the scent by dashing around.

Schneiders Are Thorough

The Schneiders of Hoernshelm, Germany, believe in doing things thoroughly. When Wilhelmine Schneider was wed to a tailor named Schneider (which in German means tailor) there was a civil marriage before Justice of the Peace Schneider.

Ice Mine in Black Hills

A huge ice mine has been discovered in upper Spearfish canyon, in the northwestern section of the Black Hills. Workmen, after removing four or five feet of rock and dirt, encountered the frozen soil.

Long Separation Ended

Reunited by the accidental finding of an unopened letter that had lain in a trunk more than a quarter of a century, Mrs. Mary Price of Bremerton, Wash., and Mrs. Cella Gates of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, started a search for their only brother, from whom they had not heard in twenty-eight years.

President and Automobile

According to the American Automobile association, Taft was the first President to make regular use of an automobile. During the latter years of Roosevelt's administration the secret service had a car at the White House, but the President did not care for it and seldom used it.

"Soldiering" on Work Not Modern Monopoly

The cynics, who know that the world is getting worse all the time, are sure that idleness and "soldiering on the job" are faults of the Twentieth century.

But there have always been honest workmen and the other kind just as there are today. There is a curious old French epic written by one who called himself the Grocer of Troyes in the Thirteenth century.

Such is the speech that the Grocer bard put into the mouth of a tiler 700 years ago.—Youth's Companion.

Methods of Naming Newcomer to World

Choosing a name for a new baby is always a matter of anxious consideration.

But in many lands this anxiety has been minimized by the laying down of rules to guide the choice, says a writer in Science magazine.

For instance, in Egypt the parents take three candles and the one that burns the brightest and longest determines the child's name.

The Hindus allow the mother to name the baby. Then, when the baby is twelve days old, if the father does not like the chosen name, he selects another.

Then the two names are written on slips of paper and held over a lighted lamp, the one that burns the brighter being the name adopted.

Egyptians place 12 names in the Koran. One slip is drawn out, and the name on it is the name for the child.

Chinese girls are not named. The boys are named by their mothers. When they reach twenty the father names them over again.

Good Start

Attached to the early morning train going east was a car for laborers. The lattice gate between this car and the one in front was closed, so that no one who belonged in the front passenger car would stray into the special car.

Celtic History

The term "Celtic Renaissance" is applied to the intellectual awakening and the renewal of interest during the latter part of the Nineteenth and the beginning of the Twentieth century, in the languages, literature, history and customs of the native inhabitants of Ireland, the Scottish highlands, Wales, Brittany, Cornwall and the Isle of Man.

Fate's Grim Jest

About the middle of the Seventeenth century, when so-called witches were being persecuted in England, there were many fanatics who went about the country seeking out persons accused of witchcraft and forcing them to confess by means of examination and tortures.

Ancient "Small Ad"

The to-let "ad" in 79 A. D. was not totally like our own in phrasing, but painted conspicuously in red and black letters on the sides of buildings, and was in vogue in Herculaneum and Pompeii, according to the reports of the excavators who have been uncovering the ruins of the ancient cities—buried in 79 A. D.

PREFERENCE IS FOR "CAVE-MAN" HUSBAND

Modern Girls Seem to Favor Strenuous Type.

Answers to a questionnaire circulated among 1,000 college girls of the Middle West are said to show that 65 per cent of them think that the ideal husband should be cave-mannish, but in a "refined" way.

It is not at all clear what kind of caveman the "refined" variety is. Of course some of the things not to be expected of him are apparent.

Undoubtedly he is not to be a perfect amoralist. In primitive times when the troglodyte had wooed his mate with a bludgeon and carried her insensible to his lair it was not denied that he might afterward comfort her with such endearments and tendernesses as occurred to him.

The refined caveman must neither drink nor smoke. In physique he must be muscular. There is grave doubt whether he should be a social worker, 60 per cent of the girls fearing that he might thereby become a "sissy."

From all this it appears that the refinement and the cave-mannishness are subject to qualifications. Happily the 1,000 prospective husbands of these 1,000 college maidens need not be cast down. The probability is that while few of them will prove 100 per cent up to expectations at the outset of the matrimonial journey, the dear girls will train them so to be before the voyage is ended.—New York Sun.

Crook's High Life Ended

That persistent individual who for more than ten years has been wandering about Europe, posing as "the bishop of Warsaw" and collecting board, lodging, alms, loans, raiment and reverence from the pious, has been arrested in Rome.

Wrong Number

When Frank Harris last visited New York he was very much put out by an attack on one of his books. "Only ignorance and misunderstanding," he said, "can see viciousness in this book. Its critics remind me of a story."

Only a Dream

The late Max Hirsch, the noted New York theatrical manager, had a fine library and a fine literary taste. Mr. Hirsch dined with Michael Arlen, the popular but shallow Armenian novelist, during the latter's visit to New York, and in the course of the dinner Mr. Allen, relating his life story, said:

Boss Was Guilty

On returning home from my vacation, I found that a simple set of files that I had, supposedly, left for the office boy to take charge of, was all muddled up. With utter disgust in my voice I said to the office boy, in front of my boss, "Why a baby could keep these files straight."

Child's Marvelous Escape

A child was run over by forty cars at Monroe, La., and was extricated without a scratch on its body and no more than a bad scare was the result of the experience. As a freight train was passing through the town the engineer saw the child, just able to toddle, in the middle of the tracks throwing stones. He was unable to stop the train.

Colony of Beavers Discovered in Lebanon County.

Lebanon county has for many years rejoiced in the possession of honored families of Beavers. Beavers and their kin, but it has just been discovered that there is now not only a family, but a whole colony of beaver residents there.

ago, and no such animal was seen in Lebanon county for years.

About six years ago the State Game Commission placed about twenty-five of the animals in the State, scattered over a wide territory. None were placed nearer than Schuylkill county, however, and it is believed that those discovered migrated from that region.



Merry Christmas

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