

"Ghost-Fear" Strong

Among Real Romanys

If, during a country stroll, you come to a clear-running stream or river, and notice at the bottom a collection of broken crockery, kettles, pans, and so on, you may be sure that a gypsy camp is near, and that a gypsy has died there.

On that day after the funeral of a real Romany, the relations burn all the clothes and other consumable belongings of the dead person. Then all the crockery and utensils are broken and solemnly thrown into the nearest running water.

Behind this queer custom lies "ghost-fear." It is believed that, so long as any of the possessions of a dead gypsy remain intact, his ghost will "walk," and ill-luck and misfortune will dog the camp. Sometimes, so strong is this superstition, even the horse of a dead gypsy is destroyed.

Gypsies never utter the names of the dead, and for a long time after a death will not eat or drink anything that was a favorite with the departed. This is "ghost-fear" again.

Rarely, if ever, are flowers placed on a gypsy's grave. Some little possession that they loved in life—a toy for a child, or a blackened teapot, broken first, for an old woman, and so on—is the usual choice.

Filial Devotion That

Dared Tyrant's Rage

Margaret More was the daughter of Sir Thomas More, lord chancellor of Henry VIII, the bigamous monarch. At the time of the Reformation and the king's divorce and subsequent marriage with Anna Boleyn, Henry demanded that More, an ardent Catholic, should give his assent to the marriage, which Sir Thomas refused on principle and law. He was committed to the Tower and beheaded and his head stuck upon a pike and exhibited on London bridge. Margaret, his beloved daughter, undaunted by fear or danger, had a trusty servant row her at nightfall to the bridge. She kept the boat steady in the current while the servant climbed to the pier, loosened the precious head of her father and dropped it into the lap of his devoted daughter. She buried the head in the garden of the house in Chelsea, and with no realization of the heroism of her act, she became the mainstay of the afflicted family.—Advertiser Magazine.

Old Traditions Kept

Many of the old traditional English expenditures are still to be seen on the London city accounts for the year. The lord mayor draws his salary "in lieu of all ancient fees and emoluments." He has at the same time a "furniture allowance for the Mansion house," and a "robe allowance."

The official city swordbearer, the city trumpeter, the ancient ale conners and the vergers of St. Paul's cathedral are still on the list of salaried officials.

Another item of expense is labeled "open spaces," which being translated means the cost of parks and commons.

Another entry says "For cloth delivered, according to ancient custom, to ministers of state and others," while there are expensive entries under the entertainment of foreign royalty "for the cost of writing and illuminating the (presentation) scroll."

Parent of Languages

Sanskrit is the ancient classical tongue of the Hindus, and the oldest preserved form of Aryan, or Indo-European, language in existence. It ceased to be spoken about the fourth century B. C., and is preserved only in the Hindu sacred writings. Sanskrit is the parent of all the modern Aryan languages of India, and the language most closely related to the original tongue of the ancient Aryans, from which have descended the Celtic, Graeco-Latin, Teutonic, Slavonic and Persian languages. Sanskrit literature, which begins with the Vedas, extends back as far as 2000 or 1500 B. C. Sanskrit is still cultivated as a classical language by the Hindus, and remains the sacred language of the Brahmans.—Kansas City Star.

Has a Boiling Lake

The Grande Soufriere, of which the chief feature is the remarkable Boiling lake, in the West Indian island of Dominica, is but little known even to the islanders who are constantly reminded of its presence, says Nature Magazine. Clouds of steam indicate where it lies in the mountains, and to Roseau, the island's port, the detentions from its steam vents proclaim its close proximity. It is only six miles from the town as the crow flies, but until an air route is established, man must foot it over a difficult and even dangerous mountain trail.

Old Shop-Windows Gone

Paris shopkeepers still talk of "putting up the shutters" at closing time, but actually they pull them down. The quaint, many-paned shop windows familiar in the old illustrations to the "Songs" of Beranger and the Cruikshank and Phiz drawings for Dickens' works, have disappeared to make way for great, solid iron "curtains," which are hauled down with a lever. The old windows, charming, cob-webbed and gassit, remain in a few out-of-the-way parts of Paris.

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Finest Ivory Taken

From Male Elephant

Strictly speaking, ivory is a term confined to material represented by the tusk of the elephant, and for commercial purposes almost entirely to that of the male elephant. Both male and female African elephants produce good-sized tusks. In the Indian variety the female is much less bountifully provided, while less than 1 per cent of the elephants of Ceylon have tusks of any value. Ivory is a very dense substance; the pores are close and compact and filled with a gelatinous solution, which contributes to the beautiful polish that can be given to ivory. The tusk of the elephant, from which alone true ivory is obtained, may be placed between bone and horn. It is more fibrous than bone and, therefore, less easily torn or splintered.

The tusks of the walrus correspond to the canine teeth of other mammals, and they are not true ivory although so called. They are inferior in quality to the ivory of the elephant.

Great Voices Called

Accidents of Nature

Great voices are rare and undoubtedly owe their wonderful purity of tone to an accidental combination of those physical characteristics which lead to the production of song. The human musical instrument, though built of living tissues, resembles in structure the reed organ pipe fitted with a vox humana stop. In both cases the note depends on the vibrations of a column of air produced in the organ by a reed and in the voice by the vocal cords. The human air chamber corresponding to the organ pipe is composed of the larynx and the bronchial system beneath it.

The throat, mouth and nasal cavities form the resonators which, by alternation in shape and size, are able to pick out and emphasize certain component parts of the fundamental tones produced in the larynx. The lungs form the bellows which produce the upward blast of air, and upon their quality depends the loudness of the voice.—London Daily Mail.

Famous Eastern Conqueror

One of the most delightful spots in the vicinity of Kabul is the high-walled garden known as the Baber Bagh. In the corner of which is the grave of one of the greatest men that ever lived, Baber, "The Tiger," who founded the dynasty of the magnificent Moguls. This shrine is a place of pilgrimage not for Afghans alone but for people from all parts of central Asia. It was in this garden or just such another, says Mr. Lowell Thomas, that Baber made his plans to lead his Tartar horsemen and burly nomads down to the rich plains of Panipat, near Delhi, where he fought one of the most decisive battles of Asia in 1526. Such colossal booty fell into his hands that he was able to give \$10,000 to each of his chief officers, and corresponding rewards in silver and rare silks to everyone not only in his army but in his kingdom.

Significant Nickname

Professor von Valentini, who was chief of the kaiser's civil cabinet of Germany and who was credited with exerting a powerful political influence over the kaiser, died in Hamelin, Prussia at the age of seventy-one. He was known as the "Angel of Political Death," and it was said that he was responsible for the downfall of Count von Bethmann-Hollweg, and for the appointment of Dr. Georg Michaelis as chancellor. The professor's resignation in January, 1918, was hailed by the Pan-German newspapers as a triumph for their cause, and it was stated later that he had been forced out by the militarists because he predicted catastrophe for the German arms.—The Argonaut.

Journalist Scored

Anatole France said that actors have the vanity and brains of peacocks. From which it follows that they are not adept at repartee. A journalist and an actor become involved in an argument as to the intelligence of the stage craft. To support his case, the journalist quoted the statement by France. The discussion was long and heated, the actor finally accusing the journalist of lack of intelligence because the latter denied possession of brains to actors. He said: "Now I know what it means to have a peacock brain." To this the journalist retorted, "Then you must have learned through introspection."

Milk Products Old

Butter was known for at least 2,000 years before the Christian era. It was not used as food, however, but mostly as a medicine and ointment, and in some parts was employed as an illuminant for lamps. The butter was churned crudely in skin bags or pouches, and was a very inferior article. Cheese has been known since the earliest times, the oldest mention of it occurring in 1400 B. C. It was used as an article of food before butter.

Difference in Law Terms

The Pathfinder Magazine thus defines the difference between adjective and substantive law: Substantive law consists of the general and fundamental principles of law. Adjective law consists of certain rules and regulations governing court procedure and the administration of the substantive law. In other words, adjective law is a set of rules by which the substantive law is executed.

Old-Time Press Censor

of Reactionary Mind

The first Englishman of any distinction to take up journalism as a profession was Sir Roger l'Estrange, who died 221 years ago.

He was an ardent pamphleteer on the epoch of the Restoration, and in 1662 was made "surveyor of the press," the censor of all books and pamphlets and the editor of a monopolistic newspaper, called the Intelligencer.

The reactionaries and die-hards of today would certainly welcome Sir Roger with open arms, for he wrote that the publication of any but the most carefully edited news "makes the multitude too familiar with the actions and counsels of their superiors, too pragmatical and censorious, and gives them not only a wish, but a kind of a colorable light and license to the meddling with the government."

He failed miserably in his attempt to stamp out the freedom of the press—or its early ideal—and when deprived of his monopoly, he himself turned to the publication of an unofficial "catchpenny" sheet, called the Observer.—Chicago Journal.

Deodorizing Cigar Box

If the cigar box is made from Spanish cedar, as the good ones are supposed to be made, it would be rather difficult to deodorize it completely, since the odor is due to a resin in the wood which is fairly well distributed throughout the wood structure. If the box is made from some other wood which does not have much natural odor, but which may have taken up some odor from the tobacco, it might be that a thorough airing or perhaps washing with gasoline would remove the odor. The odor of Spanish cedar is due to a volatile oil in the resin, and this oil can be removed at least from the surface of the wood by steaming. Since, however, a very little steaming might warp the box or discolor it, or soften the glue, this method is not practical. Probably long-continued exposure to the air and sunlight is the most practical method.

Seek More Nicotine

Nicotine, not less of it, but more, is wanted by tobacco-breeding plant scientists at the state agricultural experiment station at Geneva, N. Y. This reversal of usual tobacco requirements is being sought for the benefit of the insecticide industry, which makes

large use of nicotine in the manufacture of insect poisons. Certain "wild" tobaccos are being found more promising than the cultivated varieties and are being experimented with to learn ways of increasing their already high nicotine content.

Courage Crowning Virtue

Courage is a gem of the first water. Its association is with the brave and noble. Its contrast is the coward and his meanness. It is the virtue that makes the difference between a true man and one living below the line of his privileges.

Courage means something more than bravery. Bravery belongs to the battlefield, but courage moves in quiet places and grows like the ferns, rather in the shade. It takes grit to be courageous. It is more telling than thrilling.—London Tit-Bits.

Reason in Animals

Whether animals think or not is a moot question among philosophers and scientists. The higher animals show considerable intelligence in certain matters, such as in getting food and escaping from enemies. Modern science is inclined to think that the difference between the intelligence of human beings and animals is one of degree and not of kind. In animals instinct plays a much larger part than it does in people.—Pathfinder Magazine.

The Selfish Sex

"Women are such selfish creatures! There was an extra chop at breakfast and my wife insisted upon my eating it. It was all because she wanted to revel in the satisfaction of self-denial. A case of pure selfishness."

"And what did you do?" "Oh, I let her have her own way and I ate the chop. You won't find many husbands as indulgent as I am."—Boston Transcript.

Install Traffic Lights at Lock Haven.

A set of traffic signals have been installed at the intersection of Vesper and East Main Streets and are attracting considerable attention. They are entirely automatic. There are three colored lights, red, orange, and blue. The red halts traffic, the orange is a warning to start and the blue is the signal to move forward. They work interchangeably on the two streets, thus guarding against all accidents.

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One-Tenth of Telephone Receivers in Pennsylvania Left Off Hooks Every Month.

An average of 33,000 telephone receivers or one-tenth of all in service are left off the hooks each month by the telephone subscribers in Philadelphia according to a special survey recently made by the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania. This holds good to practically the same degree in all other portions of the State where the Bell system operates, remarks the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee.

The disadvantage of the practice is pointed out by Bell officials. They say that when the receiver is off the hook, the line is practically disconnected and that subscribers so disconnected cannot receive incoming calls.

When the receiver is left off the hook, the young woman operator receives a signal at the switchboard in the same manner as when a call is made. If she receives no answer to her "number please" she attaches a so-called "howler" in the manual office switchboard.

This "howler," a device for attracting attention at the telephone on the subscribers' premises, is operated for 15 minutes. In those cases where the subscribers' attention is attracted and the receiver hung up, no report other than an entry in the Traffic "log" book is made.

If the receiver is not restored after a fifteen minute interval the line is connected to a test desk and a "trouble" card is made out. The man at the test table makes further efforts

to have the receiver restored by applying the "howler" and if unsuccessful, sends a repairman to the premises.

In machine switching offices the procedure is much the same with slightly different modifications for the other type equipment. During the recent survey, the results showed that of the 33,000 receivers left off the hooks each month, 24,000 were restored by the use of the "howler," 7,700 were restored at the test desk and 1,300 required the services of a repairman.



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Large political advertisement for Pinchot vs. Vare. Text: "A VOTE FOR PINCHOT - IS - A VOTE FOR VARE. BISHOP BERRY, PINCHOT'S FRIEND, SAYS: PINCHOT CANNOT WIN—HE KNOWS THAT HIS CAMPAIGN IS A BLUFF. PINCHOT CANNOT TAKE VOTES FROM VARE. PINCHOT HOPES TO KEEP VOTES FROM PEPPER - WHY - Pinchot DOES NOT DENY HE WILL RUN INDEPENDENTLY, if Beaten May 18. IN NOVEMBER, AS A SEMI-DEMOCRAT, Pinchot MIGHT WIN IF VARE IS NOMINATED - BUT - What About President Coolidge and His Administration? What About the Republican Party? Are WE TO SACRIFICE THE PARTY for PINCHOT, WHOSE REPUBLICANISM IS BUT A CLOAK? THIS IS THE ISSUE. There Is No Other. A Vote for Pepper Will Spoil This Plot."