

Climbers of Table

Mountain Pay Toll

News of a mountain tragedy rings through Capetown like a funeral bell. It becomes almost a personal tragedy to everyone. Table mountain looms into the clouds so close to the city that every detail of its great rock face can be seen from the main street, and that makes the fact of a death on its slopes very close and vivid.

Table mountain has a dark history. From the earliest days climbers have met disaster, and there is one precipitous part, known as Skeleton gorge where the bones of a number of long-dead men have been found.

The noted white cloth of clouds which settles over Table mountain has been responsible for many fatalities. Inexperienced people lose their way and, finding darkness approaching, stumble madly downward toward the city lights. Falls of hundreds of feet await them.

Whenever a person is reported missing parties composed of members of the Mountain club leave their work and set out to search the dangerous ledges and ravines. An appeal for a search party never fails. If the missing person is not found by the weekend, hundreds of people join in the quest.

Table mountain attracts scores of new climbers on every public holiday, and it is then that the most tragedies occur. Often the body of a lonely climber is not found for several weeks, so vast is the area to be searched.—From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail.

What the Fairy Told

Three Married Women

Three women once went to the Marriage Fairy. The first woman said: "My husband is not very charming or entertaining, but he is proud of my beauty, and sends me abroad in furs and satins and jewels. How long will it last?" And the fairy answered: "It will last till the next panic in Wall street, when your husband will lose his money and put a bullet through his head."

And the second woman said: "I do not care for wealth or luxury if I can be adored. And I am. I have been married fifteen years, and my husband still thinks me the loveliest woman on earth. How long will it last?" And the fairy answered: "You have already had it longer than nearly all the most-loved women. It will last for eighteen months longer, and then cease quite suddenly, you will never know why."

And the third woman said: "I don't seem to need what most women need. We are poor, and I never had a really beautiful dress in my life. But I don't care. My husband never pays me a great deal of attention. I don't remember that he ever complimented me in his life. I sit with him in the evening after my work is done. And if by chance he meets my eyes and smiles, I am perfectly happy. How long will it last?" And the fairy answered: "It will last till the day of your golden wedding, and then longer still. Do you really want it forever?"—Kansas City Times.

High-Sounding Names

It seems to be the practice for leading towns or cities to adopt titles in self-praise. The old Venetians used to say, "See Venice and die," and Rome has always styled itself the Eternal city. Boston calls itself—the American, not the English town—the Hub of the Universe, whilst London has not shrunk from calling itself the Metropolis of the World. It is a moot point whether Brighton or Scarborough was first in the field with the subtitle "Queen of Watling Place," but it is certain that both use it and believe in its truth. Edinburgh styles itself the Modern Athens, and Glasgow boasts that it is the second city of the empire. Seville says that he who has not seen Seville has seen no marvel. Manchester calls itself Cottonopolis, and Liverpool the Gateway of the West.

Italy Guards Antiques

In Italy one of the most serious crimes is the stealing or unauthorized excavation of antiquities. The government claims as its property all objects of artistic or archeological interest over 100 years old, and permits for their exportation are obtained only rarely and with difficulty. Rights to excavate or even to study while excavations are proceeding are rarely granted to foreign students. The other day some archeological pickpockets who removed some ancient vases and marbles from tombs that were being excavated near Comacchio were convicted in court. The leader was sentenced to seven years in prison—a punishment rare in Italy for any crime less than murder.

Food of Butterflies

Butterflies feed on the nectar of flowers and the sap of trees and plants. The various flowers, etc., vary with those found in a locality. All adult bees feed on saccharine juices, particularly the nectar of flowers. It is the habit of bees to devote their searching to a single sort of flower as long as it serves their purpose, each individual visiting blossom after blossom of that kind, instead of searching flowers indiscriminately. This varies with the locality.

French Woman Famed

for Skill as Cook

The famous Brillat-Savarin died February 2, 1826. He was celebrated for his book called "The Physiology of Taste," wherewith he established the French tradition for good cooking says the Detroit News.

At a banquet held in Paris recently in his honor it was remarked that there was no woman guest. Somebody has been explaining the omission on the ground that both the great epicures and the great cooks have all been men.

That may be broadly true, but not long before Brillat-Savarin's days there was one woman cook who achieved an almost unparalleled popularity. This was Marie, the cook of the Paris fermier-general of the period, whose dinners at the Elysee palace had a wide celebrity. The host would not employ a man cook, and though this at first caused astonishment among the people whom he asked to dinner, Marie's achievement soon became famous.

According to an historian of the time, she used to be called like a "prima donna" at the end of a course, and she was enthusiastically toasted as "Le Cordon Bleu." Cordon Bleu, though usually applied to men cooks in our day, was originally used of French women cooks, and was probably derived from the blue apron which they wore in the kitchen.

Proper Ventilation

Vital for Kitchen

Ventilating the home is receiving an increasing amount of consideration in connection with renewing the vitiated air in the kitchen, and in some instances, the entire house.

The time has long passed since the popular conception existed that fresh air, particularly night air, was injurious to the human system and that the windows should by all means be hermetically sealed against the infiltration of fresh air. Electricity, available in every wired home, offers a very economical means for operating mechanical ventilators and can be utilized at a surprisingly low cost.

The kitchen, of course, is the room where proper ventilation of air is most essential in order to remove the heavy cooking odors which otherwise permeate the entire home. Not only this, but the grease-laden air flying freely through the house attaches itself to hangings, upholstered furniture, walls, ceilings, etc., and necessitates a very heavy annual cleaning expenditure in order to remove it. Anyone who has entered a home where cauliflower, cabbage and other similar foods are being prepared knows that it is extremely unpleasant to smell the aroma of mingled cooking for a long time after the repast.

Odd Eastern Customs

Some queer kinks in Chinese civilization are described by Thomas Steep in "Chinese Fancies," a book on Chinese customs published by the Century company. Here is a prohibition kink: "A total abstainer, not wishing to be remiss at a banquet, delegates his drinking to a servant. The servant, standing at a respectful distance, advances whenever a toast is proposed, lifts his master's cup, and drinks. The master is thus vicariously able to drink indefinitely. The servant, drunk, may be replaced by a sober one." This might be called a sex kink: "Students, when informed by their teacher that a Western man proposes directly to the girl he wishes to marry, were astonished, for they could not understand how the man, in the event of a refusal, could survive the loss of face."—San Francisco Argonaut.

The Case for Books

Why books, anyway? The answer is simple. Books, as yet, afford the only existing means of constantly and continuously enlarging the individual's range of experience; the only means of giving the individual thoroughgoing understanding of any of the great aspects of life; the only means of giving the individual that enduring perspective, broad vision and real knowledge which are necessary for his security, growth and happiness under civilized conditions. Other devices may give the same mental or emotional stimulation or delight. But no other devices can so thoroughly and enduringly link men's minds together, link men into man.—Jesse Lee Bennett in the Bookman.

Dogs That Do Not Bark

Siberian sled-dogs are reputed to be the best in the world, are short-haired and generally a kind of gray—might be called mouse-colored. They seem to be more wolf than dog, and never bark but howl like a wolf. Considering their short hair, I believe you will find them to average larger than the Alaskan sled-dog, writes Captain Oliver in Adventure Magazine.

Teams generally average about eight dogs and they pull sleds across the tundra in summer as well as winter.

Her Idea of "Art"

A New York "artistic photographer," whose work adorns the pages of many "art" publications, has numerous requests for private engagements. One such came from the wife of a newly rich man, who telephoned for an appointment. "And how much do you charge?" she asked. "One thousand dollars," was the reply. The photographer heard a gasp, and then came, "One thousand dollars! Why, how large a picture do you take?"

Farmer Had Strong

Faith in Black Art

Frederick Riek, a farmer, has been telling the magistrates at Marggradowa, in East Prussia, the extraordinary things he had to do at the command of a witch who undertook to bring him prosperity.

He had to write in honey on a thin cake of bread the magic words, "Adonis dear, Adonis my own! Thou canst do all. Thou art friendly and thy goodness is eternal. Help me this once. Thou art the Lord!"

Then he had to wash his hands and face in water on which the morning sun had not shone, to say a prayer to Adonis seven times and tie a cake of bread round his neck.

At the same time he had to lend the witch a carriage, he had to get the heart of a white toad and tie it with three feathers under the seat of a bicycle he had bought for the wizard who assisted the witch. He provided 30 yards of English cloth to darken the room in which the witch called up spirits, and 1,200 marks of good money went from his pockets to hers.

If the witch, in private life a farmer's wife, and the wizard, a shoemaker, had been genuine Frederick Riek would not have complained, but they were nothing less than a false witch and wizard, in fact, common swindlers.

They were unable to prove their qualifications to practice the black art, and the witch got three months' and the wizard six months' imprisonment for fraud.

Deep Canyons That

Lie Under the Sea

Out in mid-Atlantic is a tall and stately peak named, for some forgotten reason, Mount Laura Ethel. Put it down in the midst of the Rockies and it would tower up with the best of them, but because its highest point falls just a few score fathoms short of reaching sunlight, thousands of transatlantic passengers each year sail over the hidden mountain top without ever knowing it is there, says Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Off the western coast of Africa lies the Congo canyon, bigger and deeper than the Grand canyon of Arizona and more strangely beautiful; but no man has ever seen its depths, and it is improbable that any man ever will. For the Congo canyon is at the bottom of the Atlantic, one of the vast valleys between the giant mountain peaks whose tops fall to break the surface of the sea, and so remain unknown to all but the hydrographers who plot the mystery land under the waves.

Lumber Substitutes

There are three substitutes for lumber being made—one of bagasse and two from wood fiber. The properties of these synthetic boards are much different from those of ordinary lumber. The material is not usually so hard and is of a more porous and open texture. It is claimed by manufacturers of these materials that when used in certain ways it develops satisfactory strength. For instance, it is used for sheathing for houses. The bracing effect of the large pieces nailed to the studding is claimed to be about as good as where diagonal sheathing is used. It is apparently a better insulator than ordinary lumber because of its open texture. The material is not so strong as wood in bending. Another advantage for it is that it can be obtained in large sheets which, for many purposes, is quite worth while.

Room's Center of Interest

Every room, according to the decorators, must have a center of interest, a colorful, interesting point to which one's eyes are immediately drawn as he enters the room. This center of interest may take in the fireplace and the assemblage of furniture that goes with it; or, where there is no fireplace, a wall of books and a comfortable chair or two may be the general drawing point; or, again, the davenport with the tapestry or mirror and pictures that hang above it may be the king group in the room. But certainly, there should always be one setting that, by its size or color strength, or comfort value, keeps all the other groups subordinate to it.

Physical Perfection

The Society of Directors of Physical Education has set the following standard of measurements of the physically ideal American student of twenty-two: "With a height of 5 feet 9 inches he carries a weight of 159 pounds. The girth of his neck, knee and calf are the same, with the upper arm 1 1/2 inches less. The girth of his thigh is 1/2 inch less than that of his head. His expanded chest is 40 inches, the girth of his waist is 10 inches less, his hip girth almost the same as his unexpanded chest, while the breadth of his waist barely exceeds the length of his foot, and the stretch of his arms measures 2 inches more than his height."

Unkind

The man and the girl were sitting out at a dance, and for some time there had been silence between them. "Do you know," he said at last, "that every evening, before I go to bed, I write down my thoughts in my diary? Interesting, don't you think?" "Oh, most," she answered. "How long have you been doing it?" "About a couple of years," was the reply. "Indeed!" said the girl, sweetly; "then you must have the first page nearly full."

Life's Turning Point

in Wonderful Career

Shortly after John W. Gates—"Bet-You-a-Million" Gates—became head of the Illinois Steel company, and was just coming into recognition as an important figure in finance, he lost almost his entire fortune through speculation in grain on the Chicago board of trade. Though Gates made no mention of his loss to his private secretary until many years later, he made no attempt to keep secret from his wife the details of his reverses.

"Dell, I guess they got me at last," Gates told Mrs. Gates that evening as he unfolded the story of his unfortunate speculation, according to O. A. Owen, who was private secretary to the financial wizard, writing in the Saturday Evening Post.

"You are not whipped," she exhorted. "Your credit and reputation are intact. I am the only one who knows you are cleaned out. Tell no one else, strain your credit and you can raise enough money to keep you going until the tide turns."

That appears to have been the true turning point in the career of "Bet-You-a-Million" Gates. Never again after that time was he within \$50,000,000 of destitution, and at the time of his death in 1911 his personal fortune aggregated more than \$100,000,000.

Sayings That Cannot

Be Termed Gallant

A Spanish rhyme runs—Were a woman as little as she is good, a pea pod would make her a gown and a hood.

An old English saying—If a man lose a woman and a farthing, he will be sorry he lost the farthing.

French adage—A man of straw is worth a woman of gold.

German—There are only two good women in the world—one dead, and the other can't be found.

Scotch—Honest men marry soon, wise men never.

In Fife they say—The next best thing to no wife is a good wife.

Arabian—Words are women; deeds are men.

A Persian sage says that a woman's wisdom is under her heel.

The Persian asserts that women and dragons are best out of the world.

Corsecan—Just as a good and a bad horse both need the spur, a good and a bad woman both need the stick.—London Tit-Bits.

Great Opportunity Lost

Some things are worse than death, worse than death by Chinese torture, worse than being buried alive; eye, worse than seven times seven deaths and forty-nine funerals. For example, there is the Chicago man who held thirteen diamonds at bridge, then never had a chance to play the hand.

He was bid down because an opponent ultimately bid seven spades and the fault was all his own; he took a peep, spoke too soon, and opportunity was gone forever.

The hand of a century did not take a point. It spent its great life force following the dummy's lead and when the tumult and the shouting died was a sorry pile of scrambled tricks. Oh, the pity of it! Imagine the despair of his children, his children's children, his posterity to the doomsday generation. Paradise gained and paradise lost, the thrill that comes once in a lifetime, life's darkest moment thrice-darkened with gloom!—New York World.

Africa's Treasure Tree

The most important tree of Africa is the oil palm, being first in beauty, in utility and in fertility.

If the traveler is athirst and weary, its luxuriant foliage gives him shelter, while from its tree trunk pours forth a draught of foaming wine. Its nut oil and palm cabbage provide a meal fit for a sylvan prince. Among its leaves are the source of the West African wealth, the bunch of olivnuts.

The kernel of the nut, the size and shape of an almond, gives a white oil, which forms the basis of much of the "pure Spanish olive oil" of commerce. The kernel is inclosed in a hard shell, which is in turn clothed with a mass of oleaginous fiber, the whole inclosed in a strong red-and-black skin. From this fiber are obtained lubricating oil, raw material for soap, margerine and an ingredient for explosives.

Origin of Eskimos

Dr. H. Rink, who made a life study of Greenland and its people and is the greatest authority on them, held that most Eskimo weapons and implements are of American origin. He advanced the theory that even though the Eskimos originally may have come from Asia, they developed as a race in the interior of Alaska, whence they finally migrated northward and spread out along the coast of the ice sea. He said that their speech is closely connected with the primitive dialects of America, while their legends and customs resemble, or at least suggest, those of the Indians.

Paper Storage

The Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry says that it is its opinion that paper in bulk can be stored any length of time without danger of spontaneous combustion. This would be borne out in the experience of fire insurance companies as well as paper dealers. If, however, the paper is of a kind that has been treated with oil and the storage warehouse were heated, there might be some danger of spontaneous combustion.

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