

EARLY HAIR BOB NOTICED BY GODS

Legend Calls Constellation Queen's Shorn Tresses.

Washington.—Possibly not the first, but certainly one of the earliest maidens to bob her hair, achieved immortality, in the sky. Look overhead this evening, if it is clear, and there you will see a swarm of rather faint stars. These are the locks which were sacrificed by the Queen Berenice, and are known as Coma Berenices, or Berenice's Hair.

Berenice was the wife of Evergetes, who was the third of the Ptolemies and ruled Egypt about 243 B. C. Previously there had been no such constellation in the sky, but the fall of the near-by lion, Leo, stretched straight into the space that it now occupies.

One day the king went to war against the Assyrians, and fully aware of the danger to him, Berenice was much alarmed for his safety. Going to the temple of Venus, the goddess of love, to pray for his safety, she vowed on the altar of Venus that if Evergetes returned victorious she would cut off her beautiful hair and give it to the gods.

The king did defeat the Assyrians, and when Berenice heard of his victory she was true to her promise, and bobbed her hair. Like modern husbands who learn that their wives have cut off their tresses, the king was distressed at the appearance of his wife with bobbed hair, even though he appreciated her kind intentions.

Astronomer Explains It. But his anger was aroused the next day when it developed that the queen's tresses had been stolen from the temple of Venus during the night, and he consulted his court astronomer and sage, who seems to have been one of the original "yes-men," Conon by name. He had to explain what had happened, and after due consideration he announced that Jupiter had himself removed the locks from the temple and placed them among the stars. Pointing out what had previously been regarded by astronomers as the end of the lion's tail he told the king that this was his wife's hair. And as the king was not familiar with astronomy, he took Conon at his word, and he and his queen were highly flattered at the approval thus shown by the gods. But as the lion had to have his tail, it has been represented ever since as curled into a loop.

Orphan Wins \$100 As College's "Smilingest"

Fort Worth, Texas.—Miss Willa Mae Lee, an orphan earning her way through college, won this year's \$100 prize for being the "smilingest" girl on the campus at Texas Woman's college here. Before entering college last year, Miss Lee lived at the Waco Methodist home.

As the climax of a contest instituted last semester, Willa Mae was elected "T. W. C. Smiles Girl" by vote of all the student body this spring. Despite the fact that most of her extra-study time is occupied with earning expenses in school by serving in the college dining room, she participates in much of the social life of the campus.

She is president of the Teacup club, composed of girls who assist the college dietitian and is a member of the Susan M. Key Literary society and Y. W. C. A.

Flemish Art Gem Is Sold for \$125,000

New York.—Jules Bache has added to his gallery of old master paintings a portrait by Petrus Christus, leader in Fifteenth century art in Flanders. The picture carries the title "Cathasian Monk as a Saint." It had a conspicuous place in the recent Flemish exhibition, the most important of the season in London. It measures only 11½ by 8 inches, but its rank with the best is indicated by the price of \$125,000 that Mr. Bache is understood to have paid for it.

Collectors of old Flemish art have set store by the work of Vermeer, because of its rarity as well as its excellence. Work by Petrus Christus is of similar quality and is rarer, his known existing pieces numbering only 23, while 50 of Vermeer's are known. Americans own four of the Christus examples, counting the Bache acquisition.

Seattle's Woman Mayor Hits at Circus Parades

Seattle, Wash.—Securing reports from numerous western cities Mayor Bertha Landes is investigating her theory that circus parades with unfettered elephants should be barred from the streets of large cities. During the past year, she cites, there were numerous instances where elephants broke and threatened serious damage. Traffic conditions here also compel the reduction of all parades to the minimum.

Treble Joy

New York.—After much sorrow in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Orchowsky of the East side there is treble joy. Two years ago their twins died, then a boy was drowned in the East river. Now they have triplets

PORTUGUESE STILL LOVE EXILED QUEEN

Banished 16 Years Ago, She Enjoys Lasting Honor.

Lisbon, Portugal.—Queen Amelie of Portugal, who was exiled from this country 16 years ago with the rest of the royal family, left her name associated with so many charitable institutions that she still is loved and respected in the Portuguese republic.

This princess of Orleans is very democratic. She founded many children's hospitals and homes, where she helped doctors to tend the sick.

At home she supervised the educations of the princes, Louis Philippe and Manuel.

Amelie de Braganza, exiled from her native France, lived in England until her marriage to Carlos, the crown prince of Portugal.

Prince Manuel, who became king of Portugal, owes his life to his royal mother's courage. When King Carlos and the crown prince were assassinated as the royal family drove through the streets the assailants shot at the younger prince. The queen, seeing the gun aimed at her son, rose in the carriage, and with a bouquet caused the bullet to swerve, so that it merely grazed his hand.

Since the proclamation of the republic in Portugal the exiled queen lived for many years in England with her son. But now that the French republic has annulled the ban against the former royal family of France Amelie of Orleans lives in seclusion in a small house near the palace of Versailles, where her ancestors once reigned.

U. S. Land, Just "Found," Slated for Park Site

Washington.—Land that the federal government has possessed for 80 years in the mountains of northern Alabama has just been "discovered" by search in the records of the federal land office.

"The surveyor who mapped the territory in 1847 for allocation to settlers seems to have been daunted when he came to the brink of May's gulf, a beautiful gorge ten miles long and a quarter to a half-mile wide. Or perhaps he concluded that no one ever would want it. Anyway, he mapped only to the brink on either side, drew two lines marking the bluffs and labeled them "perpendicular bluffs 300 to 500 feet high," and let it go at that.

The state legislature is expected to ouy the territory for a park in accordance with a federal law passed last year permitting transfer of such tracts to the states.

Wedding Scene Skips, Bridegroom Skips Out

Liberty, Mo.—Rev. H. H. Luetzow of the Methodist church in Liberty was astonished when a prospective bridegroom left the minister's home on a pretext of "saying a word to the taxi driver" and never returned.

The prospective bride, a thirty-five-year-old widow from Kansas City, barely had enough money to pay her fare back to Kansas City.

A man giving the name of Morris J. Long, forty years old, appeared before the county recorder with the woman and obtained a license. The taxi driver said the man told him he had changed his mind about getting married.

He drew a revolver and held it against the driver's head, saying: "I won't hurt you if you drive me back to Kansas City just as fast as you can."

The man left the taxicab in Kansas City.

Air Mail Service Shows Big Increase

Washington.—Use of the air mail has shown marked increase since the new 10 cents per half ounce rate went into effect and April business established a record, Second Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover announced.

Approximately 1,800,000 letters were carried over the 14 contract air mail routes during April and contractors were paid \$133,129 for their services. Air mails over the transcontinental and New York-Chicago overnight routes have shown a corresponding increase because of the new rate.

Finds Fortune in Her Back Yard! Fish Farm

Watts, Calif.—A 50-foot back yard is a gold fish "factory" for Mrs. Anna G. Gray, who once kept a few peis in one glass bowl and since her first experiment in breeding, has built up a market for 12,000 goldfish, 130,000 snails and 2,500 water lilies annually.

She has developed an infinite variety of fish strains. The results show fish of silver and gold tones, some striped with black, others spotted. Some are totally black with only the glints of the virginal gold tone.

The raising of snails was a by-product of her first hatchery. The scum accumulated at the bottom of the tanks is used for their food, and the snails, in turn, sold to gardeners as scavengers.

Nickel Pinchers Not Exponents of Thrift

I have never known a stingy person who was nice, who was one of those persons the thought of whom makes your heart expand with warmth and affection. I am not inveighing against those who are sensibly economical and thrifty. When a man or woman says: "No, I can't afford that. It's only a dollar, but a dollar is important to me," that is all right. The quality of being unashamed transfigures almost anything into something all right, even charming.

But a stingy person tries to pretend that the expense is nothing; that isn't what interests him. Oh, no! Yet his worry over the slipping away of nickels is so intense in him that it makes your flesh creep. When there is a restaurant check to be paid, when you invite a tightwad to have a soda with you, click, click, you intuitively feel the cerebations going on in his anxious brain as to which of you will have to give up the mazuma for the indulgence.

"I don't want to embarrass them by taking them to the Ritz," the very rich girl rationalizes her economy, "so I will just take them down to that interesting little place under the elevated with the sawdust on the floor."

"I don't want persons to get to care for me only for my money," says the very rich snob, who as often as not is the richest debutante of the season. So she always makes it a point to "go Dutch."—Elizabeth Barbour in the Saturday Evening Post.

Normal Span of Life May Yet Be Century

One of the greatest advantages of the modern civilization is the way in which the span of human life has been increased, points out Brenda Ueland in an article in Liberty.

"The span of useful life used to be only forty-five years," the writer explains. "Now people are living until seventy in full usefulness and vigor. In the future they will be living until eighty or ninety or a hundred. And the result is that the center point of humanity has shifted from the twenties to near the fifties."

"At the court of Louis XV," the writer continues, "a man's prime was twenty-five. After that—the downward slope. Today a man of twenty-five is one whose father is wondering whether to send him to a law or a medical school, or set him at work. Formerly a woman of twenty-two was an old maid; a woman of thirty-five often was a grandmother."

The Exact Witness

A barrister was cross-examining a rather innocent-looking countryman.

"So you had a pistol?" the barrister asked.

"I had, sir."

"Whom did you intend to shoot with it?"

"I wasn't intending to shoot anyone."

"Then was it for nothing that you got it?"

"No, it wasn't."

"Come, come, sir! By virtue of your solemn oath, what did you get the pistol for?"

"By virtue of my solemn oath," said the countryman, "I got it for ten-and-sixpence."—Weekly Scotsman.

Too Observant

Frequently in restaurants and other places where a certain rule is continually being ignored, we are reminded of an incident related by a friend of ours. While wintering in Spain he lunched at the monastery of the Benedictines. After lunch he took out his cigar case.

"I don't suppose you object to smoking here?" he said to the white-robed monk attendant. "Yes, sir, we do," was the prompt reply. "There's a law against smoking in the refectory."

"Then where," said our friend, "do all the cigar and cigarette stubs come from that I see about me?" "From men who didn't ask about the law," the monk replied, mildly.—Boston Transcript.

Worked by the Tides

A water-mill that is nine miles inland, yet obtains all its power from the tides, is claimed to be the only one of its kind by the inhabitants of Woodbridge, Suffolk, formerly one of England's great shipbuilding centers. Just how long this wheel has been answering to the rhythm of the tides no one is certain, but about 740 years ago a mill, standing on the same spot, was leased for a yearly rental of a pound of cummin, valued in those days at about twopence. When the tides of the River Deben are at their highest and lowest the little mill rests, but at any other time the great wheel is turning.

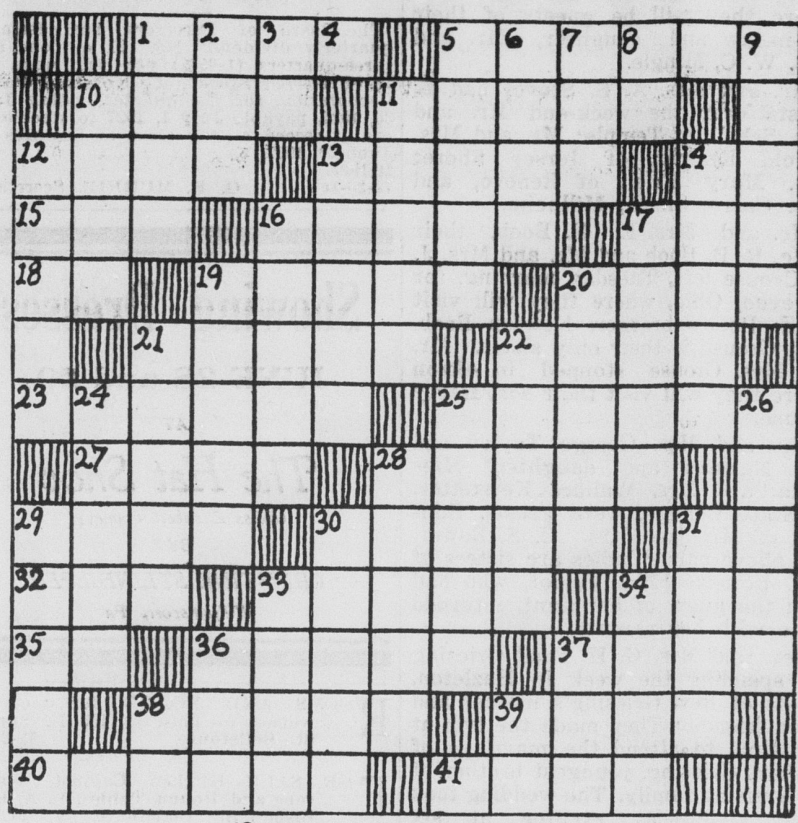
—The Watchman publishes news when it is news. Read it.

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle.

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O AIDED EWER
RD POWER NAIL
COT REVEL SPA
HURT ROMAN EM
GAIT NICER B
SHINES TEPEES
H TENTS SOAR
OF SEAMS SPRY
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HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are ordinary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1.



- Horizontal.
- 1—Anything to eat
 - 5—Circular floral piece
 - 10—Grizzly
 - 11—Inclination
 - 12—To be impressed through the ear
 - 13—Vessels
 - 14—Greek letter
 - 15—Auditory organ
 - 16—Components
 - 17—Possesses
 - 18—Preposition
 - 19—Trust
 - 20—Companion
 - 21—Harbors
 - 22—Tardy
 - 23—Games
 - 25—Employers
 - 27—Preposition
 - 28—Rows
 - 29—Three in a suit of cards
 - 30—Comical
 - 31—Father
 - 32—Across (poetic)
 - 33—Half a quart (pl.)
 - 34—Tool box
 - 35—Like
 - 36—Rents
 - 37—Coal pit
 - 38—Borrowing animals
 - 39—Sheet of glass
 - 40—Three-legged standard
 - 41—Difficult
- Vertical.
- 1—To be afraid
 - 2—Rowing implement
 - 3—Conjunction
 - 5—Anger
 - 6—Soaks
 - 7—Printing measures
 - 8—Commercial announcement
 - 9—Residence
 - 10—To whip
 - 11—Branch of law
 - 12—Understands audibly
 - 13—Sets a trap
 - 14—Mother (Latin)
 - 15—Social affair
 - 17—Detests
 - 18—Raid
 - 20—To wed
 - 21—Ability
 - 22—Mortgages
 - 24—Feels
 - 25—Suggests
 - 26—To glide on ice
 - 28—Adjusts a musical instrument
 - 29—Scorched bread
 - 30—Put away for future reference
 - 31—Fir tree
 - 32—Game played on horseback
 - 34—Sort
 - 35—To jump
 - 37—To deface
 - 38—Note of scale
 - 39—Father
- The solution will appear in next issue.

West Penn Electric System Acquires New Properties.

W. S. Finlay, Jr., president of the West Penn Electric Company, announces that a contract has been entered into for the purchase of the public utility systems serving Morgantown, W. Va., and vicinity, a territory having a population of approximately 40,000. These include natural gas, electric light and power, street railway and water works properties, formerly owned by the West

Virginia Utilities Company, a subsidiary of Southern Cities Utilities Company. The combined gas, electric and water properties have more than 15,000 consumers. It is probable that the electric light and power, natural gas and street railway properties will become a part of the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company, and operating unit of the West Penn Electric system. —Subscribe for the Watchman.

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