

Aviator's Story Old

to Enoch and Elijah

An aviator who had broken the world's altitude record, but who had lost his life in the attempt, was sitting on a celestial corner telling a wide-eyed circle of friends of his exploit.

"Who are these two old birds?" asked the aviator, somewhat chagrined.

"Why," replied a bystander, "don't you know them? That's Enoch and Elijah."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

One Form of Salute

That Franklin Liked

"It was charming to see the embraces of Solon and Sophocles," wrote John Adams, present when Benjamin Franklin and Voltaire were introduced to each other at the French Academy of Sciences.

Wanted All the Goodies

Teddy was about to enter his tenth year. His mother told him he might invite his little friends to a birthday party, and she made the necessary preparations.

"Certainly not, dear," she replied. "We must wait until your little friends are here."

"Well, I'll tell you the truth, mother," Teddy began, "I just thought that for once in my life I'd like to have all the ice cream and cake I wanted, so I guess we'd better begin now, 'cause I didn't invite anybody."—Boston Transcript.

Rockets Travel Far

Many different types of rockets are made. The distance to which they will range and the height to which they will ascend depend upon the type. An ordinary sky-rocket, such as used on the Fourth of July, will probably not ascend more than 500 feet if fired from a vertical position.

Where Man Is Vain

Among the Kavirondo negroes of Central Africa a man wears as many coils of iron as his arms and legs will hold, and keeps them brightly burnished with oil or fat.

Metal is so fascinating to the men of this tribe that telegraph wires are sometimes torn down to be made into armlets or anklets, or to be twisted in imitation of European travelers.

On festive occasions the numerous coils of iron are specially polished for the occasion. Then the Kavirondo man adds a string of empty cartridges, a piece of chain mail, anklets of bells, and any odd scraps of metal he can find.

Wished They Hadn't

As she tripped blithely across the roadway the celebrated actress noticed an old friend, a playwright, who was heavily bandaged, coming toward her.

"Good gracious!" she exclaimed. "My dear, have you been in an accident?"

Her friend regarded her a moment. "No," he answered; "but you remember that play of mine which came on the other night?"

"Well, they called for the author at the end and, unfortunately, I didn't realize how much they wanted him."

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HEART SECONDARY, ASSERTS DOCTOR

Cell Activity Forces Blood in System, He Says.

Berlin.—Prof. Martin Mendelsohn, who has occupied the chair of diseases of the heart in Berlin university since 1899, has put forward the extraordinary theory that the heart is not the prime power for life, but as an organ plays only a secondary part.

In support of his theory Doctor Mendelsohn calls attention to the fact that many persons with exceedingly weak hearts continue to live, although in these particular cases it is impossible to believe that their hearts can pump the blood through the body.

Professor Mendelsohn first propounded his theory in the new medical weekly, Die Medizinische Zeit, in a recently published article, which subsequently was taken up by Alfred Kerr of the Berliner Tageblatt.

The author of this new theory contends that "the human body's motive power is represented by the cellular activity of the glands and skin in absorbing and excreting liquids which furnish the requisite fuel for the human motor, whereas the heart and blood circulation merely play a regulative role in distributing such fuel and resulting refuse to and from the various motors throughout the body, namely, the internal, glandular and epidermic cells."

Doctor Mendelsohn says that this explains many cases of the burial of persons apparently dead, and he argues that other tests besides cessation of the heart beat are necessary to establish true death.

Special Outfit Saves

Fallen Totem Poles

Vancouver, B. C.—The dominion government totem pole preservation outfit has arrived at Skeena Crossing, B. C., with a flat car load of hoisting gear including the huge derrick used for erecting fallen poles.

The northern end of the Pacific highway is at present within four miles of Gytseyuella, a village about a mile below Skeena Crossing, where there are 18 huge totem poles close to the river bank plainly seen from the railroad car windows for over half a mile on the opposite side of the Skeena river.

The northern end of the Pacific highway is at present within four miles of Gytseyuella so that automobile parties from many parts of the United States can now come close to this remarkable collection of totem poles and in a few weeks the road gang will resume work on the highway and push it on past Skeena Crossing, Gytseyuella and well toward Kitwanga during the present season.

Dig Up Ruins Believed

to Be Timur's Palace

Samarkand, U. S. S. R.—Remains of walls of what is believed to have been one of the palaces belonging to Timur or Tamerlane, the renowned Oriental conqueror of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth centuries, have been unearthed by excavators here.

"Timur the Lame," who carried his victorious arms from the Volga to the Persian gulf and from the Hellespont to the Ganges, had his capital in Samarkand, once the richest city in the Orient, and it was from there that he started on his famous expedition to conquer India.

Briton Finds New Way

to Get Auto Repaired

London.—A new way to get one's automobile repaired has been discovered by a London man. The formula is to leave it standing alongside another one of the same make in the hope that the owner of the other car will mistake it for his own and put it in order.

Anyway this happened at a seaside resort recently. A Londoner returned in the evening to the place where his car was parked but on getting into it he found that it wouldn't start.

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Odd Legends About Inhabitants of Moon

The weird marks seen on a full moon, and today known to be mountains and valleys on the face of the Queen of Night, have given rise to many quaint legends, peculiar to different countries.

The German version deals with a peasant who was reprimanded by an angel for gathering fagots on a Sunday. He replied, "Sunday on earth, or Monday in heaven, it is all the same to me."

The earliest English version appears in the writings of a St. Alban monk. Here it was Moses who found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath, and expelled him to the moon.

Captive Wild Beasts

Have Strong Appeal

Long before Christ the desire of the public to view wild animals, birds, reptiles and fish at close range manifested itself. Royal preserves and menageries are as old as the civilization of Assyria and Egypt.

Cultivate Good Mind

Worry produces indigestion and dyspepsia; the gastric juices are not formed. Hate thoroughly, and you will be a martyr to neuralgia. Be violently jealous, and the upset to the glands sows the seeds of cancer.

American Ideas Abroad

Emigrants returning to their native towns in Europe after having made their "fortunes" in the United States, carry back with them American ideas and the American language, which has supplanted French and German as the international tongue among the European masses.

Doubles—and Quits

They were sitting out a dance. Great pain throngs hid them from view. The saxophone wailed and moaned and in the dim light the girl's head rested on her partner's shoulder.

"How much do you love me?" she asked.

"As much," murmured the young man, "as much, darling, as you love me."

"Humph!" she said.

Whole Alphabet in Name

Here is a simple way to learn the letters of the Hawaiian alphabet. A son was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Alohikea of Honolulu.

The Vicious Circle

Prisoner—I admit, your honor, that I was exceeding the speed limit, but I was afraid of being late at court.

ODD WAYS YIELD TO MODERN TREND

Americans Cause Important Changes in Albania.

Tirana, Albania.—Picturesque costumes of Albania are succumbing to progress, and America has a large share in causing the metamorphosis.

Albanians have been called "more Turkish than the Turks" because of their faithful adherence to traditions imported by Mohammedan invaders centuries ago.

The United States government came in conflict with the Mohammedan faith in its purchase of a site for a new legation. The woman owner of the site refused to allow herself to be seen unveiled for legal identification.

H. F. Fultz of Washington, a graduate of the University of Chicago, is busy Americanizing young Albanians in the American vocational school here.

American shoes are popular with all classes. The peasants and mountaineers cling most avidly to ancient custom, but even at weddings Albanian shoes may be seen worn in odd contrast to native costumes.

Of the country's 700 motor cars, 600 are American, the preference being explained by the statement that "American cars are the best climbers and swimmers," which in this mountainous country, laced with streams, is the best of recommendations.

An American who tried to introduce modern farming methods was vanquished by the old-fashioned donkey and stunted Albanian ox. With tractors and the latest American agricultural machinery he produced an excellent crop.

Free Comes to Meet

Farmer at the Barn

Pomeroy, Ohio.—Alonso Kesterson has never believed in fairies, but now—well, consider the evidence:

Mr. Kesterson, who is past the age of believing in fairies, owns a farm just outside Pomeroy. As is a habit of farms in that vicinity, it runs mostly up and down.

Just back of the house the Kesterson farm turns sharply upward for several hundred feet. Three hundred feet up this steep clay slope stood an apple tree. Its apples were of a variety particularly prized by Mr. Kesterson and he bemoaned their inaccessibility.

"I wish that old tree was down it, the barn lot," he confided to his grandson the other morning. "I like them apples special and it's gittin' too hard to climb up there."

A few minutes later the two heard a rumble, a clatter and a crackling of timbers; they turned to behold the apple tree, its roots still buried in a gigantic clod of earth fifteen or twenty feet in diameter, settling itself in the barnyard. A bare slippery expanse of clay on the hillside revealed its path.

The tree crashed through a fence and demolished a shed. It was in bloom at the time and now is preparing, Mr. Kesterson said, to bear a crop of apples.

Yet He Failed

Cracow, Poland.—Stanislas Schwarc, chief of the political police, was ordered to run down a gang of counterfeiters. He failed. Other detectives were put on the job. They reported Schwarc was head of the gang.

Got Relief

Budapest.—Jail promised such a relief from his wife's company that Andreas Kurdi passed himself off as his son, served three months in prison and asked to stay longer.

Show Dog Vaccination Stamping Out Rabies

Paris.—Vaccination of dogs has done much to stamp out rabies, it was agreed by scientists attending a recent rabies congress at the Pasteur institute.

Japan, Italy and the United States, it was said, had vaccinated several hundred thousand dogs. The results have shown that dogs so treated developed rabies in only a small percentage of the cases.

Journalist Defined

A good journalist is one who can expand the material for a paragraph into a whole article, but never does so if he can avoid it; who is widely informed, but respects the limits of his information; who is violent in expressing his opinions, but reasonable in forming them; and who seeks to win the agreement of his readers, but would rather inspire their indignation than their indifference.—London Nation and Athenaeum.

Getting Things Straight

The sentence: "All men are born free and equal" is a quotation from the constitution of Massachusetts which was framed in 1779. The complete sentence says: "All men are born free and equal, and have certain natural, essential, and unalienable rights."

A Safe Investment

Every community is full of people eagerly seeking to save money and to safely invest it so that they may be independent in their old age.

Here are five questions they should ask, before investing.

- 1. Safety. Is the investment safe?
2. Diversification (not too many eggs in one basket)
3. Market. Has it a wide market? Can I sell, if necessary, within a narrow range of my purchase price?
4. Income. Is the rate of interest within the limits of perfect safety?
5. Growth. Is the property in which I am investing, through the purchase of its shares or to which I am lending money through the purchase of its bonds, a growing concern? Is it a staple, necessary business, not subject to killing competition, or change of fashion?

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