

SHADOWY HAND DISTURBS TOWN

Appears on Wall Near Picture of Dead Man.

Aosta, Italy.—Priests and spiritualists, using respectively exorcisms and mediums, are seeking to probe the mystery of a shadowy hand, which for some weeks now has been disturbing the family peace of a modest workman, Giuseppe Della Villa, who lives here with his wife and four children.

Some months ago, a brother of Della Villa, who lived in the house, died, and a few weeks ago, the family hung up a photographic enlargement of the deceased in the room in which he slept.

The first signs of the psychic phenomenon were noted by Della Villa and his wife one night about ten o'clock. The clearly defined shadow of a hand appeared on the wall close to the photograph, and the fingers opened and closed as if trying to grasp something.

The neighbors were called in, and the phenomenon was repeated in the presence of half a dozen people. The dead hand was shadowed on the wall near the photograph on several other occasions, always at night time, and the parish priest was called in to pronounce an exorcism.

This seems to have produced no effect on the shadowy hand, which continued to show up every other night about bedtime.

Some local spiritualists then interested themselves, and brought a medium to the house. According to the medium, the hand is a spirit manifestation from the dead brother, who is trying to convey a message to the family. What this message is, the medium does not pretend to know.

Plan to Strengthen Plane Wings Found

Washington.—Patient work at the bureau of standards is gradually evolving a solution for the problem of aluminum corrosion which may greatly increase the utility of aircraft.

Airplane wings constructed of "doped" cloth stretched over wooden frames are fragile things. To the layman it has long seemed that the strength and durability of the wings would be greater if the frames were made of steel or some aluminum alloy.

The possibilities of metal wings, however, have been greatly restricted by the disposition of the complex alloys to corrode and ruin the expensive fabrics even more rapidly than the conditions of operation have worn out the cloth and wooden structures.

The bureau workers, aided by industrial laboratory experts and equipment, have been seeking a solution of the metal difficulties for some time.

They have determined that, if duraluminum, one of the aluminum alloys of sufficient lightness and strength for plane wings, is coated with pure aluminum by a metal spray process, it can stand even salt water exposure for a year without deterioration.

Some experts are hopeful that by adding a corrosion resistant to the material through special treatment of the alloy during preparation it will be possible to produce all-metal aircraft that will be fireproof and durable.

Exhume Shakespeare for Science, Demand

London.—The body of William Shakespeare may at last be unearthed in the interest of science. For 300 years his grave has been protected by the awe-inspiring verse which says:

Good Friend for Jesus Sake Forbear To Dig the Dust Enclosed Here, Blest be ye Man yt Spares These Stones, And Cysst be he yt Moves My Bones.

But now a movement is on foot to ask for a "revertent and scientific official examination" of the poet's grave and a measurement of his skull.

A British scientific journal, the Antiquarian, calls attention to the fact that while the remains of Ben Jonson, Milton and Cromwell were subjected to indignities, on the other hand, a number of famous men's bones have been disinterred in a manner which made the ceremony a tribute to their greatness.

New Problem

Washington.—A new problem for officials in cities with a colored lighting system for traffic control has developed—color blindness of automobile drivers.

Watermelon a Vegetable

The Department of Agriculture says that while the watermelon is botanically regarded as a fruit, the horticultural and legal aspects of the case classify it as a vegetable, so that it would be known as a vegetable. It is grown as a vegetable and marketed as a vegetable, and the court decisions have been that it shall be considered a vegetable.

Bonus for Babies

In Australia every child born entitles the mother, regardless of wealth or station, to a sum of £5, or \$25, from public funds, toward the cost of the child's birth. The government of France gives to every mother who nurses her own child a monthly pension during the first years of the child's life.—School Life.

SMALLEST MOTOR TALL AS A DIME

Maker Spent Three Years in Manufacture.

Lincoln, Neb.—What its modeler insists is the smallest electric motor ever made is in the possession of E. Kahm, who has put in most of his spare moments for the last three years cutting out its parts and putting them together. It is now complete and running. The machinery run by the motor and the motor itself are mounted on a block of wood that is two and a half inches long and an inch and a half wide. The "belt" is made up of strands from No. 60 cotton thread. It makes 400 revolutions a minute.

The motor has 58 parts, made of gold, silver, copper, brass and iron and is on the conventional lines of standard motors. It is held together by 19 screws, the smallest of which has 260 threads and the largest 220 threads. Many of the parts, especially eight fiber washers and the binding posts, are so small that they cannot be seen by the naked eye. Kahm used a jeweler's glass while making the parts.

The motor is half as high as a 10-cent piece and weighs 100 grains. It took five feet of wire to wind the armature and three feet for each electric field, making a total of eleven feet. Kahm is a garage man and an expert electrician. This is the second miniature motor he has made, the first one being twice the size of this one. It was stolen during a fire, and was never recovered.

Kahm said that if he had charged for day labor at the customary price, the labor cost alone would have been \$150.

Finds Music Best Means of Training Children

Philadelphia.—Music is the best means of gaining the understanding of children in all campaigns for Americanization, believes Mrs. Mary Louise Curtis Bok, who has spent many years working among the residents of Philadelphia's foreign quarters.

"We find music the best way to reach out for the sympathy of these young people," says Mrs. Bok. "While visiting the settlements I saw how many talented young musicians were compelled to give up a promising career because of poverty."

Her work in the music settlement schools of the city inspired Mrs. Bok to give a permanent endowment of \$12,500,000 to the Curtis Institute of Music, founded three years ago to aid in the development of musical talent in America.

This fund is one of the largest ever devoted to this purpose. Josef Hofmann is the director. Funds are available for living expenses of needy students. Tuition, use of musical instruments and tickets for concerts and operas are offered, without cost. The institute also meets the cost of launching students upon their professional careers.

Among the teachers engaged by Mrs. Bok are Mme. Marcella Sembrich and Emilio de Gogorza, voice; Josef Hofmann and Moriz Rosenthal, piano, and Carl Flesch, violin.

Says Earth Will Cease to Rotate Eventually

London.—The earth eventually will cease to rotate and will become a stationary object, one-half with sunshine and the other half with eternal darkness, according to Dr. Andrew Crommelin, formerly assistant astronomer at the Royal observatory, who recently retired after 36 years of service.

Doctor Crommelin declared here recently that at the present rate of "slowing" in its rotation the earth would cease to rotate in some "few millions of years." He attributed the "slowing" to friction of the tides.

"The world is safe enough, however," he said, "so far as everyone who is on it now is concerned."

Referring to life on other planets and heavenly bodies, Doctor Crommelin declared so far as science knows at the present there is no life on the moon. "Life on the moon," he said, "would be impossible unless there is some animal there that can live without air."

Rat-Killing Record

Cardiff, Wales.—Claims to having killed 2,500 rats in eighteen months are laid by Charles Rees, an official at the Llanhilleth House colliery, near here. He used a Sealyham, a fox terrier and a ferret in his work.

Giant Magnet Clears Roadway of Nail Perils

Olympia, Wash.—New equipment for removing nails and metal matter from highways has just been perfected by the engineering department of the State College of Agriculture, at Pullman. It consists of a specially designed magnet built especially for road work. Each magnet is strong enough to pick up a loose nail a distance of six inches or more and in operation the magnet is carried about two inches off the road. It has in demonstration picked out nails buried two inches in the gravel or mashed into the tar divisions of the concrete. The equipment has four four-foot magnets sweeping a strip eight feet wide.

Her Own Fault

It is said there never was a woman philosopher. The saying got a start, probably, because women believe all the gallant things men say about them; in all the idealism they read about. Men are philosophers because they discount such things as idealism, gallantry, patriotism; it was a man who said patriotism is the first resort of a scoundrel.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

All Diamonds Cut Alike

A local jeweler says the cut of diamonds is standardized, and there should be no difference in appearance between an American cut and Euro pean cut diamond of the same type and size. Regulations for a good diamond cut are one-third above the girdle (edge of stone) and two-thirds below.—Washington Star.

Oyster Not a Scavenger

Oysters when feeding open their shells. In shallow creeks where the water is very clear it is often possible to see oysters with their shells open. When oysters are artificially propagated they are fed with minute organisms such as they are accustomed to feeding on in nature. Oysters are not scavengers.

Spreads as It Flows

The Mississippi river commission says that according to the latest survey the widest point on the Mississippi river at bankful stage was found 77 miles below Cairo, Ill., where the river was 14,420 feet across. It is narrowest near its source, being less than 50 feet between Lake Itasca and Minneapolis.

Tactics and Strategy

Tactics is that branch of military science which deals with the movements of troops when they are face to face with the enemy or actually engaged in battle. It must be distinguished from strategy, which deals with the general conduct of a campaign.

In the Dialect

A negro passenger in the steerage, who was very seakick, was bantered by his friend as being a landlubber. "Dat's correct," said the mal-de-mer victim weakly. "Dey ain't no ahgyment dere. Ah's a landlubber an Ah's jes' findin' out how much Ah lubs it."

Road to Salesmanship

Think right. Acquire knowledge of your wares, talk tactfully, persevere. Be confident and sincere. Keep alert, practice system and develop personality. In these are the winning qualities of successful salesmanship.—Psychology Magazine.

Easy to See Saturn's Rings

The Naval observatory says that the rings of Saturn and the satellites of Jupiter can be detected with a good opera glass in favorable weather, and appear quite plainly in a small field glass with magnifying power of five to ten diameters.

To Remove Musty Odor

In order to remove the musty odor which lingers in the drawers of old furniture, take them out into the sunlight, if possible, wiping out all traces of mold. After the wood has thoroughly dried, paint with a coat of orange shellac.

Getting Down to Cases

After reading learned disquisitions upon optimism and pessimism we are still of the opinion that the differences between them are mainly a question of how the digestive apparatus is working.—Shoe and Leather Reporter.

Yet a Mystery

The reason why a chicken crosses the street has been discovered. It is the same reason as that which makes a driver try to beat the train to the crossing.—Minneapolis Journal.

The High Hatter

It's all right to be dignified, but don't go through life on stilts. The unbending chap bangs his head against the tunnels that other folks duck.—Farm and Fireside.

Generous Bank

Wife (with her first checking account)—Oh, John, the bank has sent me back all the checks I drew last month, so I haven't spent anything.—Boston Transcript.

Full-Blooded Negroes

The only real African negroes, un-mixed with any other race, are in the northern Congo and the Guinea coast, says a well-known anthropologist.

One Point of View

To conceal anything from those to whom I am attached is not in my nature. I can never close my lips where I have opened my heart.

Hear! Hear!

It must be tough to be hard of hearing and not have your ear trumpet handy when opportunity knocks.—Farm and Fireside.

Information Needed

"Yes, the dear old class! Are you diving up to our class motto?" "I hope so. What was it?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Easily Satisfied

The man who is proud of small things shows that small things are great to him.—Exchange.

FIND AUDUBON BIRD PAINTINGS ON WALL

Priceless Art Treasures May Be Lost.

New York.—Hitherto undiscovered paintings of bird life by John James Audubon, world famous ornithologist and artist, who died in 1831, are believed to lie concealed beneath paint and dingy wall paper on the plaster walls of his old studio in the Audubon mansion at One Hundred and Fiftieth street and the Hudson river, it was learned recently.

James McGrath, a railroad worker, who occupies the first floor of the now rickety frame house and uses the former studio for a kitchen, uncovered the paintings several years ago. Having no idea of their origin or their value he covered them over and perhaps obliterated them forever with lead paint and wall paper.

McGrath, who has lived with his family in the old Audubon house for seventeen years, cheerfully admitted that he had painted out the scores of bird pictures and sketches which had adorned his kitchen walls.

Calls Them Right Pretty. "Sure," he said, "I remember them well. Soon after we moved here I took off the dirty old wall paper in the kitchen—several layers of it—and underneath on the plaster were all kinds of bird pictures. Every sort of bird I ever saw and a whole lot I never saw, painted in all kinds of colors. There was a whole bunch of them and a bowl of fruit painted right there over the sink. They were right pretty."

"About two years ago, though, I got tired of looking at them, so I got a can of good lead paint with a little linseed mixed in and put a nice coat of paint all over the walls. A little later I got tired of the paint and put up that green wall paper. Those birds are dead now all right—flooded away for good."

Alexander A. Kelly, an expert on the restoration of paintings, made an examination of the walls of the studio a few days ago. From such study of the plaster as he could make, where the wall paper was peeled or abraded, he concluded that the paint used by McGrath had aged to such a point that its removal might at the same time remove or deface the paintings beneath. Whether any recovery or restoration is possible cannot be learned without a thorough examination.

Reginald Bolton Pelham, whose grandfather was a close friend of Audubon, and who himself is a historian and an authority on Audubon's life, was questioned about the paintings.

"McGrath's statement checks exactly with what I have heard from my grandfather and with rumors which from time to time have come to me," Mr. Bolton said. "Audubon was fond, my grandfather said, of covering the walls of his studio with bird sketches, often as well executed as his best work. And I have heard that at the time of his death, through some unpardonable oversight, these sketches were papered over."

"I have often thought of trying to confirm the report, but have been unable to obtain further information. McGrath's own statement in the matter seems conclusive. If the pictures cannot be restored it is a tragedy."

Mansion to Be Destroyed. The memory of Audubon is revered by thousands of bird lovers and naturalists throughout this country and abroad. The Audubon societies, the Junior department of which alone is said to have several hundred thousand members, was organized in his honor in 1886. His drawings of birds in a complete series of life-sized colored figures, published in his "Birds in America" in 1838, marked an epoch in ornithology. Original copies of this work, in good condition, bring today thousands of dollars.

The Audubon mansion, nearly a century old, is doomed to destruction within a few months by the straightening of Riverside drive at One Hundred and Fifty-seventh street. Audubon park and "Garage Village" will be eliminated, and a series of modern apartment houses will rise upon the site.

Justice of King's Bench Ranks High in Dignity

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PRESIDENT JUDGE. We are authorized to announce that W. Harrison Walker, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of President Judge of the courts of Centre county; subject to the decision of the voters of the county as expressed at the primaries to be held on September 20th, 1927.

To Democratic Voters of Centre County:— I am a candidate for the office of judge of your courts, subject to your decision at the primaries September 20, 1927. Sincerely yours, W. D. ZERBY

FOR SHERIFF. We are authorized to announce that Harry E. (Dop) Dunlap, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Sheriff of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Centre county voters as expressed at the primaries to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that Elmer Breen, of Bellefonte borough, will be a candidate for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Sheriff of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Centre county voters as expressed at the primaries to be held on Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

FOR PROTHONOTARY. We are authorized to announce that Claude Herr, of Bellefonte, will be a candidate for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Prothonotary of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primary to be held Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

FOR TREASURER. We are authorized to announce that Lyman L. Smith, of Centre Hall, will be a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held September 20, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that D. T. Pearce, of State College Boro., will be a candidate for the nomination for County Treasurer subject to the decision of the Democratic voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held September 20, 1927.

FOR RECORDER. We are authorized to announce that Sine H. Hoy, of Bellefonte, is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Recorder of Centre county, subject to the decision of the voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that D. Wagner Geiss, of Bellefonte, Pa., is a candidate for nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of Recorder of Centre county, subject to the decision of the voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held Tuesday, September 20th, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that D. A. McDowell, of Spring township, will be a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the office of Recorder of deeds of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primary on Tuesday, September 20, 1927.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER. We are authorized to announce that John S. Searly will be a candidate for the nomination for County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket subject to the decision of the voters of the party as expressed at the primaries on September 20th, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that John W. Stork, of Marion township, will be a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Democratic voters as expressed at the primaries to be held September 20, 1927.

Republican Ticket.

PRESIDENT JUDGE. We are authorized to announce that M. Ward Fleming, of Phillipsburg, Pa., is a candidate for nomination for President Judge of the Courts of Centre county subject to the decision of the Republican voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held September 20, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that James C. Furst, of Bellefonte, Pa., is a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of President Judge of the Courts of Centre county; subject to the decision of the Republican voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held September 20, 1927.

We are authorized to announce that Arthur C. Dale, of Bellefonte, Pa., is a candidate for the nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of President Judge of the courts of Centre county, subject to the decision of the Republican voters of the county as expressed at the primary to be held September 20, 1927.

TREASURER. I hereby announce that I am a candidate for nomination as the Republican candidate for Treasurer of Centre County, subject to the decision of the voters of the party as expressed at the primaries to be held Sept. 20, 1927. Your influence and support is earnestly solicited. JOHN T. HARNISH Boggs Township.

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