

Indian Workers Left Tools in Salt Mines

Three great caves in a mountain of salt in Nevada have yielded relics of Indian miners who worked there as early as 1000 B. C.

World Eagerly Seeks Great Men's Letters

Immortality and letter-writing go hand in hand, and those who make it their business to keep green the graves of the departed great pursue an eternal quest.

John L.'s Signature

R. F. Dibble in his biography of John L. Sullivan records that once a dainty little miss asked the famous pugilist to write her a few autographs so that she could sell them at a church fair.

Made Goldfish Popular

Goldfish first appeared in England about two centuries ago, but it was Luigi Cura and his father who made them popular in the parlor windows of the nation.

Finding the fishes interested their neighbors, they began to import them and sell them. After a time they added tortoises to their stock-in-trade.

"Tidy" Philosopher

Many of the world's greatest philosophers are known to have had very little concern for their personal appearance. One notable exception, according to a biography written about 1688 and recently reprinted, was Spinoza who, says the author, "was extremely tidy."

Seaweed for Food

Japan appears to be the only country where seaweed is cultivated for human consumption.

Differences in Hair

It is an unexplainable biological fact that curly hair does not grow so long as straight hair.

Modern Proverb

The way the fenders are bent shows how the car is driven.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE UNLOVED WIFE

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MARGARET BINNER walked slowly home. She had been to the post office for the mail and had stepped into one or two stores to do some necessary shopping.

Upon reaching home Margaret entered the house—she hardly thought of it as home now—and throwing aside her hat sank down upon the big davenport.

She and John had been married almost two years. He had been an ideal lover and husband up to within a few weeks, when suddenly he had seemed to change.

John forgot his paper long enough to growl over his shoulder: "Say, girls, tomorrow afternoon I'll say off and we'll all do the town. In the evening we'll take in a good show, too, if you say so," and then he relapsed into silence.

"Run along alone! What wife," thought Margaret bitterly, "if she had a proper pride, would air the fact to her friends that her husband no longer found joy in her society?"

"Dearest: I will arrive on the 2:40 this afternoon. I am taking this opportunity of spending a few days near you. I am on my way East and cannot go through Spencer without seeing you. Now, honey—"

Cousin Fanny! And then Margaret looked up the discarded envelope and saw that it was directed to her and it was without doubt from her very own frivolous cousin Fanny.

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That night when John came in, big, brusque, and found Cousin Fanny he was simply overjoyed. "I'm so glad you've come, Fan," he said in his hearty way. "I am afraid it's been a little dull for Margaret here lately, but I've had so blamed much to do at the office that when I get home all I could think of was to sink into a chair and read. I tell you home is a great place to be in."

Never in all her life had Margaret eaten such a good meal, never had she been so happy in all her life. She felt as if John had been restored to her, and when after dinner he seized the floor lamp and placed it behind his favorite chair and settled himself with his newspaper and pipe for a quiet evening she never even noticed that he had ruffled up a corner of the rug in his haste to get settled comfortably.

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But for Margaret there was no silence, for within her heart was the singing as of a million birds.

Many Factors Unite to Shape Literature

A literature is the spiritual interpretation of an age. It is the expression and illumination of the sorrows, the conflicts, the burdens and the aspirations of one's own time. True literature shows us the eternal laws operating under common and fleeting forms of life around us.

Each man is born with all the momentum of his race within him. We look big because we stand upon the shoulders of all the preceding generations. We are the fruit of the past and the seed of the future.

A great writer must have some message for the world—a great truth that is even higher than his own era. But the form which that message shall take depends chiefly upon his epoch.

But in the building of a literature there is a final, strange force beyond race, environment, and epoch; it is the ineffaceable element of personality in man. What is called genius is the highest, keenest manifestation of personality which evolves it.

April Fool's Day

Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable suggests that as March 25 used to be New Year day, April 1 was its octave when its festivities culminated and ended. "It may be a relic of the Roman 'Cerealia' held at the beginning of April. The tale is that Proserpina was sporting in the Elysian meadows and had just filled her lap with daffodils, when Pluto carried her off to the lower world.

Lures Humming Bird With Bottled Sugar

With an artificial flower and a bottle of sugar, Miss Althea R. Sherman, ornithologist, of McGregor, Ia., has transformed the elusive ruby-throated humming bird into a constant and friendly visitor to her garden.

Her study of the bird has attracted the attention of European and American ornithologists. She discovered, by attracting humming birds with artificial nasturtiums and tiger lilies, that the birds often absorbed in a day more than twice their weight in sugar dissolved in water and that they preferred the artificial nectar to that of flowers.

Miss Sherman's country place contains an untamed acre filled with nest-boxes and an old barn which is a year-round feeding place for birds.

To study chimney swifts she built a 20-foot tower with a chimney at the top and a box below it for nesting. It was three years before the first pair of swifts moved into the nest. She studied them by means of mirrors arranged in the tower.

She has succeeded, for perhaps the first time in ornithological history, in observing the nestlife of four other hole-nesting species—the northern flicker, the screech owl, the sparrow hawk and the western house wren. Sometimes during the hatching season she has spent 20 hours a day watching the birds.—Lititz Record.

Heavy Loads on Streets are Quite Destructive

In passing a resolution urging that a law be enacted prohibiting the use on city streets of motor trucks carrying loads of more than eight tons the Illinois Federation of Labor has brought to the front a subject that ought to be dealt with definitely in the light of ascertained facts, says the Chicago News.

The heavy motor truck and the hard-surfaced thoroughfare make a combination of extreme value to shippers and consumers of all manner of commodities. But the combination must be adjusted with reason and knowledge. Chicago trade unionists, who proposed the resolution approved by the Illinois Federation of Labor, asserted that trucks carrying ten tons or more are destroying city pavements and working serious injury to buildings by vibration.

—Lawns should be gone over now

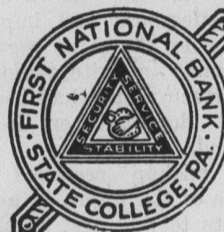
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