

Old Roman Fountain

Credited to Domitian

Some has the reputation of being the city which possesses the largest number of artistic and monumental fountains, which all help to give her a most attractive aspect.

At the foot of the road leading to the Coliseum there lies the so-called Meta Sudans, a fountain whose name is probably derived from its conical shape, similar to the "metae" of the circus.

Gretna Green Unlike

Town of Olden Days

The big increase in the surplus of English women, as indicated in recent census returns, has robbed Gretna Green (Scotland) of hopes of staging a comeback.

Daughters were far more scarce a hundred years or so ago than now when parents so rarely try to shoot any young sports who purloin them.

One of the popular paintings is that of romantic passengers in a post-chaise hurrying to the town on the boundary line between England and Scotland and showing the pursuing father's vehicle in a ditch with the wheel broken down.

This picture is more in demand than the village blacksmith himself who used to lend a helping hand to parties bent on clandestine marriage to avoid the English law.

Ancient Topography

The road followed by the dead on their way to the Elysian fields, based on the actual topography of the Nile valley, is depicted on one of the earliest maps known.

Careless Letter Writers

Post office employees in congress may be pardoned if their estimate of the public's intelligence is somewhat low. Letters still come addressed to Mark Hanna and Boies Penrose.

Selected Big One

Albert, age six, was very fond of squeezing tooth paste from the tube. His mother warned him not to take too much.

"Yes," said Albert, "this is a string bean."—Youth's Companion.

Happiness in Work

There are social and economic maladjustments, and many of them lead to failures. Failure is unhappiness. But no man fails if he likes the job.

—Subscribe for the Watchman.

Gulf Stream's Width Put at Fifty Miles

The Gulf stream flows out of the Gulf of Mexico between the coast of Florida and the Bahamas, and then northeastward along the American coast.

Beyond the 40th parallel of north latitude and the meridian 60 degrees west, the Gulf stream can no longer be distinguished from the rest of the ocean drift by temperature, motion, color, saltiness or otherwise.

Combination More Than Fifty Per Cent Good

In a sketch of John Hay by Charles F. Thwing, president emeritus of Western Reserve university, included in his book, "Guides, Philosophers and Friends," is this Lincoln story told to Doctor Thwing by Hay:

"I know that most of the anecdotes told about Lincoln are apocryphal," said Mr. Hay, "but this one is true.

"We had a reception given to us in one of the cities of our campaign. In the line there came up a man who getting close to Mr. Lincoln, said:

"Mr. Lincoln, down our way, in Buffalo, we kind o' think if we can have you and God we can pull the old thing through."

"Getting close, himself, to the man Mr. Lincoln replied: "I kind o' think you are more than half right!"—Kansas City Star.

Blessing the Beasts

A quaint ceremony is that still obtaining in some parts of Normandy, the benediction des bestiaux. The oxen and the draft horses are assembled in front of the church.

Power of Love

Once when John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle were discussing the literature of their day, the latter said to his companion: "Can you tell me why it is that works on subjects of vital interest to the race, splendidly written by men of profound scholarship, command scarcely sufficient sale to pay the cost of publishing; while trashy novels, false to history, false to philosophy and false to the facts of human experience, and altogether lacking in literary merit, will sell by scores of thousands?"

After a short pause, Ruskin replied: "There is but one explanation of that fact, but the explanation is all-sufficient; the novel has love in it and the other has not."—Scribner's Magazine.

Good Idea

Copierscope had arrived home tired and hungry, but the beds had not been made and neither was there the faintest sign of any dinner.

"Do you mean to say that dinner isn't ready?" he asked, with dangerous calm. "Very well, I'm going back to town to dine at the Criterion."

"Just wait five minutes," replied his wife, throwing aside her book. "Will it be ready then?" he queried hopefully.

"No," was the cheerful answer; "but I'll come with you."

Bagpipes in Spain

Specimens of bagpipes are found on old Spanish manuscripts. In the beautiful volume of the "Cantigas de Santa Maria," which was made in the Thirteenth century of King Alphonso the Wise, there are 51 separate figures of musicians. These form an introduction to the canticles. There are three pipers among them with bagpipes.

Relic of Indian Art

A relief of the old Mathura school of Indian art is in the possession of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It consists of a thin slab of red sandstone, carved on both sides. It is a pediment decorated with a repeating ornament of three varieties, the same on each side of the slab, and was probably part of the main or only entrance to a temple which may have been entirely of stone, but more likely of brick except for the doorway.

CHINAMAN'S BRIDE CAN'T COME HOME

Dilemma of American Girl in the Orient.

New York.—The wedding ring which sealed the elopement of a beautiful Brooklyn girl, a Columbia graduate, with a native-born Chinese has become the bar which will forever prevent her return to her native land.

The information came from China, where Mrs. Pao is literally marooned and her Chinese husband, formerly president of the National university in Peking, a prisoner in the hands of the Nationalist troops.

"You will have to get a divorce before you get an American passport," Mrs. Pao was told by American consular officers in China, according to the information sent here.

"If you get a Chinese passport you can go to America for only six months and cannot remain permanently. As there is no Chinese quota, you cannot return as an immigrant," the officials further advised her.

Mrs. Pao has protested to her American relatives that she is deeply in love with the Chinese husband whom she met when both were students in Columbia, five years ago.

"I have no intention of divorcing him. I love him, but I want to return to America, and they say I can't without a divorce," the American wife of the Chinese professor insisted. "I have never regretted our marriage."

Since Professor Pao was captured by the Nationalist forces five months ago, his wife seldom has been permitted to communicate with him and has never seen him.

Carried Half Mile in New York Sewer

New York.—Swept more than half a mile by the swirling underground waters of New York's sewers and finally washed into the East river, seven-year-old Anthony Agostino was little the worse for his experience.

The boy fell into a sewer manhole while playing with several companions in a subway excavation at Third avenue and Fifty-third street. Cries of his companions attracted watchmen, who notified the police and fire departments.

Manhole covers along Fifty-third street and Second avenue were opened and firemen lowered with ropes and flashlights. But each time the rescuers were too late—Tony had already shot by.

"Firemen, police and members of the United States volunteer life-saving corps gathered about the sewer outlet on East river to await the arrival of the boy.

Minutes passed. Tony had been in the sewer waters 20 minutes and hope of his rescue alive began to ebb. Suddenly from the outlet from which three to four feet of water rushed came a mud-covered body, which began to kick and squirm as it struck the river. Several firemen jumped into the water and hauled the boy into a boat.

"It was terrible cold in there," remarked Tony as he was rushed to Bellevue hospital. There it was found he was suffering slightly from submersion and several bruises.

Feared Ellis Island

Havre, France.—Fear of detention at Ellis Island was expressed by France's minister of commerce, Maurice Bokanowski, when he sailed for New York aboard the France, because he did not have time to get an American visa on his passport.

Turn to Pharmacy

Madrid.—The feminist invasion of masculine professions has been suddenly turned toward pharmacy. During the last year 250 women received licenses to operate drug stores in Madrid alone.

Church Parade in London Comes Back

London.—The Sunday church parade has come back to Hyde park. For a time it appeared that the important event of olden days, which tourists included in their itinerary along with the Tower of London and Westminster abbey, had become an obsolete function. But the show has returned in all its old-time glory and current styles in feminine dress have made it more colorful than at any other period.

Fifteen or twenty years ago nearly every one who wanted to be somebody took a place in the park on Sunday morning, immediately after church services, sharing in the procession of life and fashion. But during the war the big parade fell off tremendously, and it never became its real old self until this summer.

Time has changed the customs. The best-dressed people do less promenading than formerly, and are content to occupy a back seat or a bench under a tree, watching the other half of the world go by for an hour or so.

Manikins wearing all the latest Paris fashions have added zest to the parade, as have girls with Edwardian frocks. Some are trailed by dogs selected to match their costumes to the dot.

Aristotle Clever in Evading Royal Wrath

Alexander the Great met defeat when he tried to obtain ownership and exclusive control of the writings of Aristotle. During the philosopher's second sojourn in Athens he gave instruction to the youthful world conquerer and prepared a number of compositions especially for his royal pupil's instruction.

"You have not treated me fairly in including with your published works the papers prepared for my instruction. For if the scholarly writings by which I was educated become the common property of the world, in what manner shall I be distinguished above ordinary mortals? I would rather be noteworthy through possession of the highest knowledge than by means of the power in my possession."

To which Aristotle ingeniously replied: "It is true that through zeal of admiring friends these lectures, originally prepared for thy instruction, have been given out to the world, but in the full sense of the term they have not been published. For in their present form they can only be understood when accompanied by the interpretation of the author and such interpretation has been given only to you."—Kansas City Star.

Lightning Thought to Drill Hole in Glass

If any reader should find one of his window panes perforated by a perfectly round hole, without apparent cause, the first question he should ask is, Has there been a thunderstorm in this neighborhood recently? If the answer is in the affirmative, he may conclude that Jupiter Tonans, the lord of the thunderbolts, in playful mood has sent one of them through the glass. In ordinary English, the pane has been struck by lightning.

That is what probably happened to the plate-glass window of a New York building recently. A minute hole appeared mysteriously in the glass. Three employees were at work inside the window, and all three heard a distinct report. Particles of glass fell on one of them. Search failed to reveal any bullet or other object that might have caused the hole. It seems to have been due to one of the mysterious pranks of lightning.

Disraeli's Birthplace

The late Lord Beaconsfield was always very vague in his mind as to where he had been born, but at one time he firmly believed it to be the house at the southwest corner of Bloomsbury square and Hart street. Actually, says Mr. Charles G. Harper in "A Literary Man's London," he did not go to live in that house until he was some twelve years of age, and today a bronze tablet on the house testifies to that. Yet when he was the prime minister he visited this Bloomsbury square house, and sat pondering "in the room in which he was born!" Another anecdote Mr. Harper has to tell is of Disraeli when he was nearing his end. When his sovereign wished to call and bid him farewell, he refused, because he said, "She only wants me to give a message to the Prince Consort!"

Motors Lift Bridge

Most railroad bridges of the lift type in the United States are operated by electric motors served by a power system. However, the Pennsylvania railroad has a bridge across the Chesapeake and Delaware canal that has no easy access to central station power, so a gasoline engine generator set was installed to supply the lift motors with energy. A 110-kilowatt gas engine set serves the two 120 horse-power motors. The lift span of the bridge, carrying two tracks, weighs 700 tons and is raised to a level that clears the water by 90 feet. If a boat approaches the bridge can be lifted to its top position in 90 seconds.

Iguana's Accomplishments

In northern Australia the iguana is seen quite often. This is a very versatile reptile that "can run like a horse, can swim and dive, shin up a tree, digs its burrow, and, when necessary, can fight like a demon." The iguana may go down its hole to sleep for months, it can go foodless for weeks; at other times it will eat or swallow anything. Mr. Terry says that snakes, old socks, or even an unopened tin of jam are alike to it, when its throat can gulp down such tasty morsels.

Love Story

"You love me, don't you?" he said, looking into her beautiful face. A loving look was in her eyes as she snuggled her head on his shoulder.

He slipped his hand into his pocket and drew out a little box. Opening it, he withdrew a sparkling cube of sugar. He slipped it into her awaiting mouth, and with a low whiny she galloped off to the pasture.—Pathfinder.

Voiced Her Desire

One day while four-year-old Helen, and her father were out walking, he took her into an ice cream parlor. He thought she had decided to have a chocolate soda; so, when the waitress appeared, he said:

"Helen, tell the lady what you want." Imagine his surprise when Helen innocently replied: "A baby brother."

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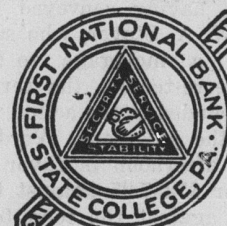
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