

TRIBE'S REFUSE ONLY MONUMENT

Find Kitchen Middens Left by Calusa Indians.

Washington.—When the Calusa Indians, who dominated southern Florida when the Spaniards landed, and who were reported to have grown rich on the shipwrecked gold of the Conquistadores, became extinct, they left behind them as almost their sole monument the refuse of the food they ate.

The Smithsonian institution's recent expedition under Henry B. Collins, Jr., determined the point about which there had been some uncertainty, that these shell heaps were really kitchen middens and not artificial structures with some other significance.

The language of the Calusa, except for a few isolated words and place names, is lost, little or nothing is known of their beliefs, customs or material culture.

Most of the bodies had been folded with the knees to the chin and burial was very close together. The skeletons were excellently preserved. The burials probably took place before the coming of the white man, since only one bone was found with any evidence of disease and the artifacts associated with the burials were purely of native origin.

Motor Police Seen as Most Efficient

Swampscott, Mass.—The way to efficiency in the small town police department lies through a completely motorized force, says Walter Francis Reeves, chief of the Swampscott police.

Chief Reeves is trying to put his idea into practice here and points out that the town's force has shrunk from twenty-one patrolmen and officers to fifteen men.

Reeves believes that every town in the United States should motorize its force. His plan would banish the old time "sidewalk pounder" and would put all policemen except traffic men in well equipped vehicles.

A criminal, he said, can keep tabs on the old-time patrolman, but he cannot tell when the motor-mounted policeman may show up at any given spot.

Asiatic Monkey Aids Yellow Fever Research

New York.—Man's study of yellow fever, the mysterious tropical disease that once took heavy toll in the western hemisphere, has been expedited by the achievements of a little band of scientists now at work in West Africa.

The yellow fever commission of the international health board, Rockefeller foundation, has found an Asiatic monkey, similar to the familiar companion of the organ grinder, that is susceptible to the disease.

The experts have been able to transmit the virus consistently to the monkey, known as Macaca Rhesus, both by inoculation and by the primary infective agent, the mosquito.

Warns Against Buying Seed Corn Carelessly

Washington.—Unless the buyer knows that the seller is reliable and can supply the kind of seed he offers, extreme care should be exercised in purchasing seed corn, the Department of Agriculture warns.

"Unfortunately," it says, "there are likely to be many individuals who will offer to sell crossed seed at a high price when the seed is little more productive, if any, than ordinary seed corn."

The supply of superior crossed seed, the department advises, is comparatively small.

French Houses Pretty but Not Comfortable

Have you ever—but of course you have—raced down in a too swift train from Cherbourg to Paris, through the French countryside on a spring afternoon when all the apple trees in Normandy are in full bloom?

Device Said to Be Superior to X-Ray

Dr. Andre Tours, a Frenchman, has discovered a means of making the human body transparent, so that all the organs will be seen working as in a mirror.

If flesh can be made transparent so that the bones can be seen clearly by surgeons and osteopaths, X-rays will be dispensed with in locating internal troubles.

Doctor Tours claims that his discovery will assist experts in tracing the cause of death where murder is suspected. The presence of poison will be easily detected, and in the case of shooting the exact course of a bullet will be traced.

Explained

The newly appointed pastor of a negro church faced a packed audience when he arose to deliver a sermon on the burning question: "Is There a Hell?"

"Bredren," he said, "de Lord made de world round like a ball."

"And de Lord made two axles for de world to go round on, one axle at de North pole, and one axle at de South pole."

"And de Lord put a lot of oil and grease in de center of de world so as to keep de axles well greased and oiled."

"And then a lot of sinners dug wells in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Mexico and Russia, and steal de Lord's oil and grease."

"And some day dey will have all of de Lord's oil and grease, and dem axles is gonna git hot. And den, dat will be hell, bredren, dat will be hell."

Timber Loss by Insects

The standing timber of the country suffers a serious loss by reason of the operations of various insects which either destroy the wood or damage it to such an extent that it must be placed in a lower grade by the dealer.

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"Your sneeze," volunteered Mr. Jenkins, senior partner, after watching him through one of his performances.

"A circus?" questioned Mr. Linkins.

"Yes," was the rejoinder. "The performance never comes up to the advance notices."

Symbol of Good and Evil

Bats are found in all parts of the world, and, as might be expected from their powers of flight, inhabit many remote islands, such as Bermuda and New Zealand. They are absent, however, from the coldest parts of the world and are most numerous in eastern tropics.

CATCH LIGHTNING TO BREAK ATOMS

May Present World With Mysterious New Force.

Berlin.—Like Benjamin Franklin, three young German scientists have gone fishing in the clouds to catch lightning and tame it.

They hope to release atomic energy with the help of the terrifically high electrical voltage which they drag down from the thunderstorms in the skies with a huge wire net strung between the peaks of Mount Generevo in Switzerland.

So far, the only promising efforts to demolish the atom have been made by means of radium on a small scale. But the Germans will attempt demolition of the atom in a wholesale manner, with the aid of 5,000,000 volts of electricity coaxed from the clouds.

This audacious dream stands within a few months of realization, according to the belief of the young scientists, Doctors Lange, Brasch and Urban, all under thirty and students at the University of Berlin.

If this be true, the young wizards may present the world with an immeasurably powerful and mysterious force, or ray, which will revolutionize things material.

These modern gods of thunder and lightning have searched out the locality in the Swiss Alps visited most frequently by natural electrical discharges.

Last summer, with the help of all the discoveries of learned scholars since the time of "Poor Richard" and his kite, the Germans found that 2,000,000 volts could be controlled by their method.

Their "lightning tamer" was a fairly simple device, merely an enormous spread of wire mesh provided with bristling points. It was suspended on a cable between peaks with three sets of insulators and a complicated apparatus for measuring the current.

From a tiny, lightning-proof hut, the young wizards watched as the lightning struck the points of the net again and again.

They plan to return to the lonely hut on the rocky cliff to renew their experiments as soon as the snow melts. They are certain that they will be able to control 5,000,000 volts by improving their devices.

Sword of De Soto's Expedition Is Found

Carters, Ga.—Traces of Hernando De Soto's expedition through north Georgia were believed discovered near here, when a hilt, guard and part of a blade of an iron sword were unearthed in an Indian mound by Dr. Warren K. Moorehead, head of the department of archeology of Phillips academy, Andover, Mass.

The part of the sword was found amid a score of skeletons and ceremonial relics which Doctor Moorehead declared were of a pre-Columbian age, which he considered most significant.

The sword was found beside the skeleton of a warrior and stuck straight up in the ground, where it probably had been placed after the brave had been buried, Doctor Moorehead said. This relic of the white man's invasion of north Georgia measured about six inches and was made from iron, a strong indication that it came from De Soto's band.

In addition to the sword, many "war points," fine arrowheads used in battle, were found at the right hand of the warrior, who was buried alone. At the feet lay a spade of delicate green granite, perforated and highly polished, which the Andover scientist said was a symbol of the tribe's respect for its religion, as it was too frail for actual usage.

The skeleton was found in what apparently had been a hut made of posts of cedar and pine that were in an excellent state of preservation considering the centuries they had been buried.

Take Clerk's Pants

New York.—Solomon Weisman, a clerk in the Kaufman hat store, was held up recently in the store at the point of a revolver by two men who took \$61 from the cash register and a watch valued at \$50.

Prehistoric Survivor

London.—The plesiosaurus, estimated by scientists to have lived one hundred million years ago, may not be extinct, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle thinks. He believes he saw one himself off the coast of Aegina some years ago.

Air Mail Saves Bankers Large Sums in Interest

Seattle.—By using the air mail service between the Pacific coast and New York, bankers have been able to save thousands of dollars monthly in interest. It was announced recently. All checks in excess of \$500 are sent by air mail and arrive at the Eastern terminus two days after mailing, or three to four days sooner than by fast train service.

Only in Spots

Man is well on in the scientific plane of thinking, but he is not scientific all over and through and through, so to speak. There are large areas in him that are primitive, ancient and medieval; he walks about with vestigial organs and processes. He carries in him not only the Twentieth century, but probably all the centuries that have gone before, since the beginning of life. Consequently, he is Twentieth century only in a spot of two.—Plain Talk Magazine.

Apparently There Is Much Virtue in Soap

Kings are like other human beings. They need to be washed occasionally. Even when they exist only in bronze. King Henry VII has his tomb in Westminster abbey. Nobody ever paid any attention to the grave. The monument was considered to be of no importance, historically or esthetically.

From this opinion to the belief that King Henry VII did not amount to much as a monarch, was only a step. Somebody had the notion to clean the tomb a short time ago. The stone was scrubbed and the bronze polished up. Great surprise. The sculpture was discovered to be the magnificent work of an Italian artist, Pietro Torregiano, of whom Kipling speaks in his novel, "Just So."

Since that time thousands of visitors to the abbey have asked to see the masterpiece, and . . . book publishers report that there has been a sudden demand for works on Henry VII. Henry might be recognized, one of these days as a great king, thereby establishing that fame depended on a little bit of soap.

—Pierre Van Paassen, in the Atlantic Constitution.

Left Freak Songbird Guessing as to Class

People who know Mr. Gatti-Casazza, director of the Metropolitan opera, know he has a positive talent for dealing with bores. Here is the newest story they are telling in music circles about him:

One of his songbirds, a man not a bit lacking in self-assurance, has a voice of peculiar range. He started as a tenor, changed his mind and register and warbled for a while as a baritone and then actually sang as a basso. One day he cornered the busy Mr. Gatti and edged him into an audition chamber at the opera house.

First he sang his tenor notes, then his baritone, then rendered a few bars basso profundo. After which he drew himself up and with the utmost pride demanded:

"Tell me, am I a tenor, a baritone or a basso?"

"No!" roared Gatti, seizing his hat and leaving the room.—New York Sun.

Chilly Forecast

The earth is growing in bulk on account of the meteoric dust that falls on it. It has recently been estimated that 100 tons fall daily over the surface of the globe and that millions of years hence this will have increased the thickness of the earth considerably. This would have a tendency to bring us closer to the sun.

Why Bishop Quit Betting

That he spoke from experience when denouncing betting, was the declaration of Stirling Woolcombe, bishop of Whitley, at a meeting in York, England, recently. "While at Oxford I was lucky and became extremely interested," he said. "My last bet was ten shillings on a five-to-one winner of the Chester cup, yet my friend and I resolved after the race never to bet again, not because we had lost—but because we were finding out that when betting enters into you it saps your highest interests. I believe it would have driven me to hell if I had gone on with it."

Odd Reason for Delay

Mr. Jones rang the bell at the new doctor's house. Usually he went to his old family doctor, but the new man happened to live nearer and it was an urgent call.

The doctor's wife answered the ring "You wish to see the doctor?" she said. "Couldn't you come tomorrow morning?"

"Why," said Jones, "isn't the doctor in?"

"Oh, yes, he's in," said the woman. "But you're his first patient, and I'd like you to come as a surprise for him tomorrow. You see, it's his birthday."

Ancient English Dance

In the English morris dance, which evolved from the sword dance, swords are discarded for sticks or handkerchiefs. The morris men, six in number, are dressed in short trousers and jerkins adorned with bright-colored ribbons, gay rosettes, flowers and greenery. They wear a pad of bells on each knee. The dance is usually done in the spring, especially during Whitsun week.

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