

AN WAS TRYING TO FLY BEFORE CHRIST.

Although authenticated records show that man first rode the air successfully only 146 years ago, the idea as an idea is at least 2,300 years old.

But even before Leonardo, Roger Bacon in the Thirteenth century conceived the idea of an artificial bird—an idea which is the subject of experimentation even today.

On June 15, of the same year, in another machine built by the Montgolfiers, de Rozier rode the air for the first time successfully, stoking the fire which heated the air within the gas-bag straw and wool.

CHANGE IN BAIT LAW IS EXPLAINED.

The Board of Fish Commissioners recently has been besieged with telephone calls and telegrams from fishermen in all sections of the Commonwealth who are not quite clear on the amendments to the bait law.

The amendments to the law concerned only the dealer in bait who must purchase bait from a commercial grower in order to have more than fifty (50) in his possession.

BLUE BALL CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Five year old Irene Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaw, of Blue Ball, Clearfield county, died at the Phillipsburg State hospital, on Monday morning, as the result of burns sustained on Sunday afternoon.

SCHOOL GIRL KILLS PAL TO GET THRILL

Uses Flatiron to Beat Out Chum's Brains.

Moscow.—A pretty and precociously clever girl of sixteen, Zoe Pavlova, who murdered her best friend for the "thrill" of it, was the protagonist of a strange tragedy of twisted emotion played out to a tragic finish in a Leningrad high school.

The ghoulish story was spread on record at a trial recently, at the conclusion of which Zoe was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and her accomplice, Zinaide Ivanova, to three years.

To Anna and George all of it was exciting play-acting, a new game. But not for Zoe. Her diary, read into the records, reveals how she was stirred by the idea of taking human life.

At this point Anna and George quit the game. Possibly they lost nerve; possibly they had never seriously intended to go through with it.

In search of an accomplice, Zoe discovered Zinaide, a classmate whose face had been disfigured by an accident as a child.

Skilfully, week after week, Zoe stirred her new friend to a fury of jealousy and hatred against her old friend.

Zoe's parents were away, and the three girls gathered to chat. Inevitably a quarrel developed between Anna and Zinaide. This was the signal for a combined attack on Anna.

"When it was over," Zoe told the court, "I felt relieved—as if a weight had been lifted from my spirit. My unnatural craving for human blood had been satisfied."

The two girls carried the body to the attic and agreed to meet next day with knives and axes to cut it into tiny bits.

Lioness and Cubs Cause Panic in French Town

Paris.—When residents of Provencheres, France, saw a lioness stalking through the village, followed by its three cubs, they all rushed to their homes and barricaded doors and windows.

Not until word reached the village that the beasts had been captured at a nearby farm did the villagers venture out. Then came word that three wolves had taken refuge in a neighboring woods, and gendarmes and peasants joined in the hunt that ended in their capture.

America's Great Debt to Alexander Hamilton

Without any question it was Alexander Hamilton who laid the foundations for the material prosperity of the United States.

He was the founder of our whole financial system. As our first secretary of the treasury in President Washington's cabinet, Hamilton devised the governmental funding system, the internal revenue bureau, the sinking fund, the national bank, the federal mint and currency system.

He was the father of the protective tariff and was the first to propose and vigorously defend the doctrine of the "implied powers of the Constitution."

Talleyrand, one of his old friends, passing Hamilton's window very late one night, wrote:

"I have seen a man who made the fortune of a nation and labored all night to support his own family."

After his death his private affairs were found to be in a terribly tangled condition and it was only through a special act of congress that his widow was supplied with funds.—Thrill Magazine.

Scientists Not Agreed as to Color of Moon

The moon is not white, it is brown; Mars is not red, it is green! These are the latest suggestions of astronomers. A committee of the Carnegie Institution, in Washington, reports that the apparent silvery whiteness of moonlight is due to contrast with the darkened sky.

Mars, according to E. J. Gounod of the Amateur Astronomers' association, may be covered with green vegetation like the earth. The reason it appears red, he says, is that the light rays have to pass through the atmosphere of both Mars and the earth before they reach our eyes.

Baffles Scientists

The remarkable electrical phenomenon sometimes witnessed at sea, and generally termed, St. Elmo's fire, never has been satisfactorily explained by science, says H. J. Andrews, in the White Star Magazine.

It is a luminous body which can be seen on wet nights perching on or skipping about the masts and rigging of a ship. Sometimes there are two such flames, and the ancient Roman sailors gave the name of Helena to the single light and termed the double one Castor and Pollux.

Columbus' Chains

Columbus was carried back to Spain after his third voyage and during the trip he was such a sorrowful figure and the captain of the vessel had so much respect for him that he wanted to remove the chains, but Columbus refused, saying that they were put on by orders of their majesties and they must be removed the same way.

Wails and Whales

A certain club possessed one member who was notorious for grumbling. Wet or fine, warm or cold, he always found something to grumble about.

One evening he was holding forth as usual about his bad luck. "I'm a Jonah and a Job rolled into one," he complained, "only I don't happen to possess the patience of Job."

"Never mind, old man," murmured his victim, preparing to make his departure, "you've still got Jonah's wail."

Beetle Vindicated

Experiments show that while the beetle and other insects were being blamed for the destruction of public buildings, they are not guilty. Their jaws are quite unsuited to a diet of stone. All they do is to make their homes in the erosions made by the more deadly bacteria.

Folly

In Judge Wilson's court recently, a middle-aged man protested vehemently against a heavy fine imposed on him for an act he had committed just in fun.

"I imposed that fine," stated his honor, "because you are old enough to have known better. Some kinds of fun are like insurance. The older you are, the more it costs you."—Los Angeles Times.

CITY MADE FAMOUS BY FICKLE FASHION

Chefoo, China, Once Seat of Hairnet Industry.

Washington.—"Chefoo, China, recently seized by revolutionists, is a city made famous by 'Fickle Fashion,'" says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"The Germans started the hairnet industry on a large scale, but the World War in Europe, and cheap hair and cheap labor in Asia, caused the industry to migrate to the Shantung province with Chefoo as headquarters.

"Although American women's money paid the wages of thousands of women and girls in and near Chefoo, when the hairnet industry was flourishing, perhaps few of those American women could locate Chefoo on a map without considerable searching.

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Third Chinese City.

"Chefoo now ranks third among Shantung cities, with about 100,000 inhabitants. A large foreign settlement, with modern hotels, consular office buildings and residences bordering wide, electrically lighted streets, occupies a knob of land on the north.

"The adjoining Chinese quarter is congested. Narrow streets, winding through this portion of the town, are lined with shabby buildings, mostly of flimsy construction, but it is here that Chefoo bristles with business activity throughout the day.

"Stoop-shouldered coolies from neighborhood farms and villages trudge to the market place under loads nearly as large as those atop mules and donkeys. Other coolies tug at the handles of loaded Shantung wheelbarrows whose wheels are sometimes three feet high.

"Through the Chefoo streets, all the products for export from the Chefoo neighborhood are carried to waiting cargo boats in the harbor. Apples, sweet potatoes, peanuts, wheat, cotton, corn, tobacco, pongee silk and hairnets are transported by vessels flying the flags of many nations.

Then Came Bobbed Hair.

"Chefoo was classed as one of the unwarmed, therefore unimportant, communities of China before 1862 when the port was opened to foreign shipping. Later a large portion of Shantung shipping passed through Chefoo and the city enjoyed a period of prosperity until 1904, when the Shantung railroad was completed and the port was forced to share commerce with ports the railroad touched.

"Another shock came when the Pientsin-Pukow railroad was completed in 1912. Tsingtao, a port on the southern coast of 'Cape Cod,' succeeded in getting railway connections, while Chefoo got only a promise of a connection. As a result Tsingtao gradually outgrew its northern competitor.

"Fickle fashion threw a bomb shell into Chefoo industry when it decreed bobbed locks for American women. When the industry was at its height \$5,000,000 worth of hairnets were shipped from Chefoo annually; a majority were sold in the United States.

Lights Out in Time to Save Woman Swindler

Zanesville, Ohio.—Providence evidently protects the woman check worker.

A well dressed woman swindler recently made purchases in two local stores, paying for them with a check drawn on a Cambridge bank.

As the bank was informing the owner that the check must be "rubber," the store lights suddenly were extinguished. During the few minutes of darkness the woman disappeared.

U. S.-French Visa Fee Cut to Aid Tourists

Paris.—An agreement has been reached between France and the United States to cut the tourist visa fee in the two countries from \$10 to \$2, Norman Armour, American charge d'affaires, announced here. The fee will be good two years instead of one year, as at present. It is believed the agreement will eliminate tourists' complaints regarding passport difficulties.

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