

The SANDMAN STORY



ABOUT MISS SHOEBILL

WELL, my name is Miss Shoebill. It doesn't mean that I send bills for shoes or that I'm telling anyone named Bill to 'stoo' away. "Nor does it mean that my bill looks just exactly like a shoe, though it does look rather strange, I will admit. "Yes, I'm curious looking. I have gray feathers and my home used to be in Egypt. "I'm a lovely looking thing in my own opinion but few others agree with me. "They think I'm about as much of a sight as a creature can be and they don't mean a handsome sight. "I'm a large bird—a member of the stork family—and I find the looks of people just as strange as they find mine. "But tell us about yourself and your home and all that. "I," said the Tawny Frogmouth, "am a bird from Australia. "I belong to the goat-sucker family and I can sit upon a tree and can hardly be noticed for my coloring looks like the lichen or moss of a tree. "I have nice whiskers but they're not so very prominent as my mother always said to me: "Young Tawny, be modest and simple in your appearance. You will have more style that way. "So I have followed her advice." "But you must see us," said Mother Black Neck Swan. Both she and Mr. Swan had long, beautiful black necks and white bodies. "They were always spoken of as "that handsome couple," or as "that lovely little family. Such pretty creatures."



"Yes, I'm Curious Looking."

Warner Baxter



Handsome Warner Baxter of the "talkies" is one of the actors who has ridden in on the waves of this popular improvement on the movies. At one time he was an insurance agent, which some say made a "good talker of him." He has been given the star role in the Movietone "Such Men Are Dangerous." Baxter has had an interesting career on stage and screen. He prefers to do romantic character parts.

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

A THUNDERSTORM

THE ancient people had strange notions. They were very superstitious. Everything was invested with a spirit. They were afraid of the thunder because they believed it was the voice of their God. They were likewise afraid of the lightning because they thought it was an opening in the skies through which the golden glory of heaven shone. While we of today have outgrown many of these superstitions and fears some persons are still afraid of storms. Such fears might easily be removed if we correctly understood the workings of nature's laws. As the lightning is only the passing of electric current from one cloud to another, so a thunder is caused by nature's refusal to tolerate a vacuum. As the air rushes in to fill the space caused by the passing of the bullet of a pistol, so the noise of thunder is only nature's efforts to fill the space made by the lightning flash. The best way to relieve a child of fear of storms is to take him out into the storm and let him see for himself that there is no cause for fear.



Leonard A. Barrett.

Why We Do What We Do

By M. K. THOMSON, Ph. D.

WHY WE INHERIT OUR POLITICS

A GOOD deal of the ammunition in presidential campaigns misses fire because the majority of voters are not open to conviction in politics. They vote their party ticket. They inherited their party and vote as their fathers voted before them. We inherit our politics along with our religion, and blue eyes or brown, as the case may be. Before we are old enough to know much about politics we cast our ballot. And in lieu of knowledge we follow example, the example of those who have the greatest prestige with us, those we know and trust. These are our elders in the same household. Thus before we realize it we have completely identified ourselves with a certain party and stick to it from a sense of loyalty if nothing more. Political prejudice is no different from any other kind. It can be broken down or annulled only by a stronger prejudice of opposite nature. A man's political views are not altogether a matter of family training, pride and prejudice. The political parties encourage this sort of blind loyalty by giving the preference to those who are "died in the wool." In the national conventions certain men boast that they never voted any other ticket for generations and sought special favors on the grounds of party loyalty. Candidates are accepted or rejected on the strength of their allegiance. Party success depends upon party loyalty, and if a man is going to get any recognition from his party he must stick to the ship, sink or swim. We inherit our politics through the natural process of family traditions as part of the furniture of the old homestead and the family coat of arms. In addition to the party, system demands the type of loyalty that is calculated to perpetuate the party, of passing it on from father to son. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Orchestra Defined

An orchestra is described as a band of performers on various instruments, including especially those of the viol class, adapted for rendering the larger kinds of concerted music as symphonies, overtures, etc., and commonly distinguished from the military or street band of players on wind instruments.

Community Building

Right Kind of Building Affects Value of Land

The wrong kind of buildings are sometimes found on city land in much the same way that the wrong kind of hats are found on women's heads. Says the National Association of Real Estate Boards. When a woman wears an unbecoming hat, it means that she has not looked around sufficiently for the right hat and her appearance consequently suffers. When the wrong building is erected on a piece of land, it means that its owner has not looked around sufficiently for the right building, and the value of the land suffers. Owners of land cannot afford to toss a coin to decide whether to build an apartment house or an office building on a given site, because the proper use of the land can make or break its value, says the association. There is a certain type of structure suitable for every piece of urban real estate, and property owners should seek advice on this subject before breaking ground, because the highest and best use of the land is a serious matter and involves a look into the future. It is not enough to observe all of the advanced rules in selecting a location unless, after its selection, the land is developed to the best advantage, because maximum values cannot be brought about for urban real estate until the proper buildings are placed on it.

National Campaign for Senic Beauty Now On

The Virginia state chamber of commerce recently called a conference to discuss cleaning up the scenery. The garden club of Nashville, Tenn., are proposing to plant rambling roses along all the highway fences leading into their city. They see Nashville a few years hence as "a bridal procession of flowers." Seattle contemplates a 60-mile highway between Tacoma and Everett, electric-lighted and fringed with rhododendrons. To a young Detroit school girl, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave a three-day trip to Washington and the promise of a Presidential handshake as a reward for coining the slogan "This is your country—beautify it," which Mrs. Rockefeller expects to use as a trenchant weapon in a national campaign to banish unsightly hot-dog stands, billboards, placards and posters from the roadside.

Selecting Home Site

It is highly important that the home builder ascertain that the section in which he is contemplating construction will continue as a home section so that he may not only put his property to the highest and best as a residential site, but count on it persisting in this use for many years to come. He should, of course, inquire whether the district is protected by zoning laws or building ordinances that bar the construction of commercial buildings, but he should remember that zoning laws can be amended if it can be shown that commerce or business is making justifiable demands on a district.

The home builder, therefore, should seek competent advice as to the trend of the land in the sections adjacent to his proposed home, for although no one can be a magician in these matters, the changing of districts, with the possible change of zoning laws, can be foretold with reasonable accuracy.

Get Reliable Contractor

Where a contractor accepts a job of house building at a price that is too low for him to make a profit on good work, the tendency is to cheapen or slight work in such a way that no loss will be sustained. This is particularly true where there are inadequate plans and specifications. Furthermore, there are in the ranks of the contracting profession men who are unskilled, just as there are in other professions. Their capacity to do high-grade work is distinctly limited. They deliver the kind of workmanship that they know about—the type that is condemned by high-class builders. They charge less because their costs are less, but what they deliver is often not worth its price.

City Planning in California

A city-planning enabling act is a matter of current interest in California at the present time, the National Association of Real Estate Boards points out. The state legislature has passed a bill repealing the existing planning enabling act and substituting a new law and the legislation has just been signed by the governor. Enactment of the bill was favored by the California Real Estate association.

Home Modernizing

When modernizing your house you take advantage of the sturdy construction which exists in the structure itself and add to that more features which are substantial, modern, useful, and decorative.

Aesthetics and Business

It is not incompatible to combine aesthetics with sound business principles. Those communities that succeed in doing so are always in the van of progress.

WHY WE BEHAVE LIKE HUMAN BEINGS

By GEORGE DORSEY, Ph. D., LL. D.

Some People Are Born With Gills

WE NO longer tell friends from enemies by smell; but we often pick them by the shape of their nose. Man's nose is not so striking as the elephant's, or even the long-nosed monkey's, but it features his face and is one of his most human and superfluous elements. As it is a new acquisition, it began with mammals, it appears late in fetal life and develops fully only after birth. Its shape and size are hereditary and are distinguishing traits of race. But it has no more to do with brain power than the handkerchief that wipes it.

As the olfactory nerves alone are connected with the hemispheres of the human brain, it is inferred that the brain itself arose in connection with the sense of smell; the original brain was a smelling organ.

In mammals generally, the smell sense is the most highly developed of all senses. In monkeys, it has already begun to diminish. Some mammals have five pairs of ridges supporting the olfactory organs; some hoofed animals have eight; apes usually have three. Man has from two to five pairs.

The nose in the human embryo is at first a pair of pits or pockets in the skin—the condition in fishes. The external nose appears much later.

The ear also begins as a pocket, in the first gill-cleft. This sinks into the head until its outer opening is closed by the tympanum or eardrum. A rare anomaly is an individual with two, or even three, external ear openings; these represent the second and third gill-clefts. In some fishes the opening remains; their ear is primarily a balancing organ. Our equilibrium sense organ is also located in the inner ear; if our semicircular canals are destroyed, we cannot balance ourselves.

We turn our head toward sounds or cup our hands behind our ears; our ancestors turned their ears.

Our eyes are compound and are made up of the same three parts that are found in fishes' eyes. First, a cluster of skin cells dig in to form the lens; skin grows over this, becomes transparent, and forms the cornea. Next, a growth from the neural tube reaches out and ends in a cup around the lens. This cup becomes the retina; the stalk which joins cup with tube, the optic nerve. Cells from the middle germ layer now enter the cup and form the transparent matter of the eyeball. The middle layer also supplies skin structure; it is subject to the horny change of old age. Hence "cataract" of the eye; the lens has become covered with a scale.

The Asiatic eye is not oblique. The "slit" appearance is due to the low nasal bridge supporting the upper lid; the lid thus folds and appears "Mongolian." This "oblique" eye is not common in white children at birth; when the bridge develops slowly it may persist for months, even into adult life.

The tears which wash our eyes—otherwise as dirty as our faces—come from lacrimal glands in the upper outer corner of each eye. Some have additional tear glands at the sides of the eyes, as have reptiles.

Our skin is a double structure. The outside, or epidermis, is ectoderm; the inside, or dermis, is derived from the mesoderm. The fetal skin at first is translucent and not unlike that of fishes. During the third month, the epidermis begins to become horny, as it is in adult life. It is significant that if we lose a third of our skin by fire, acid, boiling liquid, or slaying, we lose our life.

Color of skin is an inherited trait and is due to grains of brown or yellow-red pigment in the dermis. Entire absence of pigment in skin, hair, and eyes is a developmental defect and results in albinism. Albinism is an inherited trait and is found in many animals. White blackbirds are as common as white black men. Pigment is probably due to secretion of an endocrine gland.

To form a better grasping surface, the skin of man's, monkeys', and many other mammals' hands and feet is thrown into minute ridges, especially prominent on the finger tips. These ridges form loops, spirals, and arches. In no two individuals on earth do they make exactly the same pattern. Hence their unique importance as marks of identification.

At the fourth month, the embryo begins to show a fine silky hair coat or lanugo (down). This begins to be replaced, even before birth, by a second coat of different character. The lanugo may persist as "down" on the face of girls and women, or even all over the body, as on the so-called dog-faced people of the menageries. The lanugo probably represents our adult ancestral condition. But no satisfactory theory has yet been advanced to account: for the fact that man is the least hairy of the primates.

Hair does not grow on our bodies in haphazard fashion, but in lines and sets of three, four, or five, each set being the hairs that grew beneath one scale of our reptilian ancestors. (© by George A. Dorsey.)

Seaweed Made Useful

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Has French Courts Guessing

Puzzling the courts in France is an odd situation where a man is accused of hoarding experts and public by burying so-called prehistoric relics in a field. Nothing in the code provides for the fraud so it is probable the bonxer will be arraigned under a charge of "outrage to the police," as they were guarding the field where the finds were discovered for some weeks.

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Good Idea

"I bought a new car and traded in my player-piano as first payment." "I didn't know they accepted player-pianos as payment on new cars." "They don't usually, but the salesman is a neighbor of mine."—Judge

Brought Home a Relic

"Did you see any of the ruins while you were in Rome?" "S—h—! Not so loud! Look! I married one of 'em."

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Dear Editor:

RICHMOND, IND., looks like a town that set out to be beautiful, and by golly, it is. I've seen girls do the same thing. They take what nature gave them, apply some high-priced common sense, and achieve unusual results.

Signs seen today, "Hot fish sandwich." Not without my doctor's permission. Automobile wrecking car named "Brown's Mule." Hotel sign: "150 rooms, 50 baths." That's all right, providing they wash the right 50.

Every car has its radiator plastered with butterflies. And every small town has its violet ray studio, though not all look prosperous.

—FRED BARTON.
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SMILES

GABBY GERTIE



"The modern girl spins yarns, too, but they loom up as jest comic strips."

Cost of College Education

The bureau of education says that the minimum spent per year by college students is \$700. There is no way of striking an average, since wealthy students with large allowances from home spend their money in numerous ways outside of campus activities.



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