

SUCH IS LIFE—Not Up on Strange Words

By Charles Sughroe



OLD LEE HOMESTEAD IS BEING RESTORED

Will Revive Life and Culture of Old South.

Richmond, Va. — Stratford Hall, homestead of the Lee family in Virginia, a center of historical interest and a symbol of the life and culture of the Old South, has been saved for posterity. Through the efforts of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Lee Memorial foundation the mortgage on the eleven-hundred-acre estate in Westmoreland county has been paid off and the last obstacle to the preservation of the mansion as a national shrine has been removed, says the New York Times.

There remains now the work of renovating the fine old house and restoring the extensive grounds which formerly made it one of the show places of the state, and this work will proceed as funds for the purpose are made available. Within a reasonably short time plantation life of the Eighteenth century will be resumed there in all its picturesque phases.

Completion of the purchase fund marked the close of another chapter in a dramatic story which had its start in Greenwich, Conn., early in 1923. Mrs. Charles D. Lanier of Greenwich, head of the William Alexander, Jr., Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, while rummaging through a desk which belonged to her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sidney Lanier, widow of the poet, came upon a penciled manuscript by Lanier, until then not known to exist.

A speech on Lee's Death. The paper proved to be a speech he had made in Macon, Ga., in 1870, on the death of General Lee, in which he urged the establishment of a memorial "by contributions as shall be within the compass of the humblest citizen who loved him and who desires the grateful privilege of laying some tribute on his tomb."

On the following day Mrs. Lanier received a letter from a friend describing a visit to Stratford and asking why it could not be preserved. On the same morning she called a meeting of her organization, which resulted in the adoption of resolutions looking to the acquisition of the homestead. After months of negotiations arrangements were made with Charles E. Stuart, the owner, for its purchase, and the Robert E. Lee Memorial foundation was formed to acquire the property and conduct a campaign for contributions in all parts of the country. The price was fixed at \$240,000. The mortgage was cleared away by an unconditional advance of \$115,000 by a prominent Delaware woman.

Stratford hall is more than two hundred years old and bears the distinction of having been the birthplace of

two signers of the Declaration of Independence, Richard Henry Lee and Francis Lightfoot Lee, as well as the home of "Light Horse Harry" Lee and other generations of the distinguished family.

It stands on a hillock not far removed from the Potomac in a section of the Northern Neck which the older generation of Virginians especially looks upon as hallowed ground. The estate fronts for two miles on the river, and within a few miles are the birthplaces of three Presidents—Washington, Madison and Monroe.

The house itself, built in the shape of the letter H, is two stories in height, with a tall basement forming the first floor, and is topped by massive quadruple chimneys on each wing. It was started in 1729 by Queen Caroline, wife of George II of England, with a gift of £300 toward the cost of its erection following a fire which destroyed the original manor house, on the site of which now is located the Lee family burial plot.

The House Well Preserved. The mansion, in a fine state of preservation, is built of brick on English lines by English standards, with walls of fortress thickness, and was known as the stateliest house of its time in Colonial Virginia.

In restoring the plantation with its Colonial atmosphere and its arts and industries as pursued two centuries ago, the old brick and saw mill, now in ruins, will be rebuilt and placed in operation. Spinning, weaving and wrought-iron craftsmanship will be practiced for the enlightenment of visitors and students. The tobacco warehouse will be reconstructed, and scenes of the old planting season revived. The old kitchen, with its 12-foot fireplace, will be fired again, and the tall brick wall again will hide the culinary operations from alien eyes.

The Garden Clubs of Virginia will complete the restoration picture with landscaping, terraces, flowers and rare shrubs such as once were the pride of the Lees and the delight of their many distinguished guests.

GABBY GERTIE



"Those who get an early start find it less difficult to make ends meet."

All Around the House

To keep velvet hats in good condition rub them with a piece of velvet the way of the nap.

Apples will not break when baking if they have been pricked with a fork before they are put into the oven.

If you sprinkle salt over the coal in liberal quantities it will make it burn more evenly and prevent "clinkers."

If shoes do not polish readily give two coats blacking, let dry before putting on third coat, then polish and you will get a good shine.

Always put your knife in boiling water for a few seconds before cutting cake that has been iced. You will then be able to cut without breaking the icing.

Mix a piece of butter with a blanc mange while it is still boiling and you will have no trouble turning it out of the mold when the pudding is cold. Moreover, it will have a much glossier appearance.

Paris Thinks of Spring



Lanvin still features metal paillettes, but does it very subtly for spring in the form of circular cuffs on the abbreviated straight jacket of a pastel crepe evening ensemble.

In Wool

One of the most wearable of the new frocks is cut on the famous Vionnet lines, and molds the figure most cleverly. This dress is in light weight wool and is untrimmed.

AFRICAN CANNIBALS CRAVE EPSOM SALTS

Will Spend Week's Wages for a Single Dose.

New York.—Mrs. William S. Seabrook, who shares the explorations of her noted husband, says that a white man can prosper by retailing epsom salts to the natives on the Ivory coast.

"Epsom salts," she says in the American Druggist, "are white magic to the people who deal in black magic, people who will work for a week to buy a single dose of salts, and consider themselves lucky to get it."

"One charming cannibal to whom my husband and I were indebted made a single request when asked how we could repay him for his many favors. He replied quickly and naively: 'Yes, send me epsom salts, and my fortune is made.'"

"His idea was to go into the curate business and sell epsom salts for ten cents."

"Natives of the Ivory coast suffer terribly from constipation. Here you have a primitive people struggling with nature in a dense jungle, afflicted with a condition which we have been told results from a civilized and sedentary life. The difficulty is with their diet. They eat practically no greens

and even among cannibals starchy food predominates.

"Witch doctors and sorcerers brew magic stews and make a lot of mumbo-jumbo, but the black men have discovered the efficiency of the white man's drugs, so they beg to borrow or buy them whenever possible. They may continue the treatment prescribed by their own witch doctor because in no event would they want to hurt a local practitioner's feelings; but if they can combine witches' brew and a good stiff cathartic, they feel pretty certain of complete cure."

THEY DON'T CHANGE

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We change very little after we are beyond the high-school age. I may have emphasized this fact at one time or another before, but it is more and more impressed upon me as time goes on. Between fourteen and eighteen our habits are pretty definitely formulated, and if they change it is generally only in degree. Only a revolution or a crisis will effect any material change.

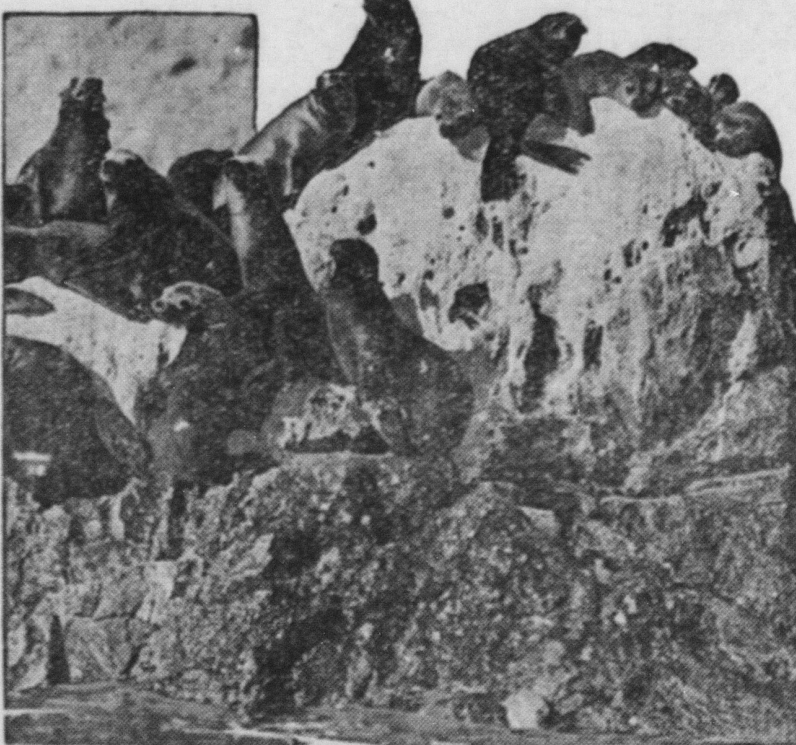
I need not think so. Going to college or getting married, or taking up a business of some sort, I imagined would work miracles in the development or the modification of a man's character. I see now that none of these things makes very much difference.

I hadn't seen Maguire for more than thirty-five years until he dropped upon me a few weeks ago. He was the wittiest, cleverest man in my class, cheerful, happy, ready for a lark and ready to laugh at a good joke even if it were on himself. He did his work easily and well; he had a keen insight into human nature and a dependable judgment in critical matters. He was clean-minded and reverent. When he decided to enter the legal profession we all thought he had chosen wisely, and then having finished law he suddenly decided to enter the priesthood of the Roman church. I hadn't cast him in that role, but the qualities he had revealed when we were young fellows are admirable qualities for a leader of the church.

He had not been in my office ten minutes until I saw that, priest that he is, he has not changed excepting to strengthen the fine qualities which he had revealed when we were boys together. He still has the happy outlook upon life and the keen sense of humor which is so characteristic of the Irish.

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Winter Colony on Catalina Island



This unusual close-up of the "winter colony" on the rocky shores of Catalina Island near Avalon bay, shows Admiral Seal and his sisters and his cousins and his aunts basking in the sun. In spite of their fur coats the whole family likes the late William Wrigley's warm island playground as a winter rendezvous.

POTPOURRI

Lard and Perfumes

Choice perfumes are made by a process known as cold enfleurage. A thickness of cold lard is placed on glass slabs in wooden frames. Flowers are placed on this lard. Each day fresh flowers replace the old ones until the lard becomes saturated with their perfume. The lard is then dissolved with cold alcohol which evaporates, leaving the extract.

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Goalie of Hawks



Chuck Gardner, goalie of the Chicago Black Hawks, has made an enviable record during the ice hockey season.

"Twine" Is New Shade

There's a new shade in novelty cottons—it's called "twine." It has a little more beige than eggshell.

Father Sage Says:

A meek man's idea of a roaring good time is just once in his life to roar like a lion and make his wife jump.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode



CON COLEMAN—Spanish high wire wizard—IS THE ONLY MAN IN THE WORLD THAT CAN MAKE A REVERSE SOMERSAULT ON A HIGH WIRE



LOOK STEADILY AT THE WHITE SPOT ON THIS DRAWING FOR A MINUTE, AND THEN AT A LIGHT WALL AND THE HEAD WILL REAPPEAR ON THE WALL—

A 362-POUND SQUASH WAS GROWN BY Wm. Warnock of Goderich, Ont.



THE COWBIRD—ALWAYS LAYS ITS EGGS IN OTHER BIRDS' NESTS

(WNU Service.)

Mercolized Wax Keeps Skin Young

Get an ounce and use as directed. Fine particles of good skin peat oil fill all defects such as pimples, liver spots, tan and freckles disappear. Skin is then soft and velvety. Your face looks years younger. Mercolized Wax brings out the hidden beauty of your skin. To remove wrinkles use one ounce Powdered Sandalwood in one-half pint witch hazel. At drug stores.

Tree Surgery in Capital Because some of the valuable trees in Washington, D. C., became undernourished following the drought, they have been artificially fed by drilling holes near the base of each tree and filling the holes with meal and pouring in water.



When TEETHING makes HIM FUSSY

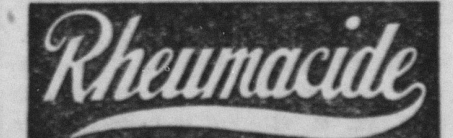
One of the most important things you can do to make a teething baby comfortable is to see that little bowels do their work of carrying off waste matter promptly and regularly. For this nothing is better than Castoria, a pure vegetable preparation specially made for babies and children. Castoria acts so gently you can give it to young infants to relieve colic. Yet it is always effective, for older children, too. Remember, Castoria contains no harsh drugs, so narcotics—is absolutely harmless. When your baby is fretful with teething or a food upset, give a cleansing dose of Castoria. Be sure you get genuine Castoria with the name:



Good Word for the Sparrow Field investigators of the Pennsylvania state game commission have discovered that the English sparrow, commonly regarded as nothing but a pest, has some economic value. They reported that the sparrows attack and eat the Japanese beetle, plant pest that has caused considerable damage in infested areas.



Masonic Temple in Ireland What is claimed to be the first Masonic temple in Ireland has been dedicated at Crawfordburn, County Down. The temple is beautifully situated on two acres of land overlooking Belfast lough. It formerly was known as the Red house, and was transformed into its present condition by three local lodges.



Indicated as an Alternative in the Treatment of RHEUMATIC FEVER, GOUT, Simple Neuralgia, Muscular Aches and Pains At All Druggists Jas. Bailey & Son, Wholesale Distributors Baltimore, Md.

Fashion's Slave Fair Patient—What would you advise me to do, doctor? Family Physician—Either go South for the winter or else put on more clothes.—Boston Transcript.

America's Oldest "Daily" The first daily newspaper published in the United States was the Pennsylvania Packet and General Advertiser, published at Philadelphia, September, 1784.

NIP CHEST COLDS, QUICK WITH HEAT OF RED PEPPERS

Relieves Almost Instantly To break up congestion, to restore free circulation and stop chest colds... to alleviate the circulatory pains and aches of rheumatism, neuritis, lumbago... Nature has stored up in red peppers a marvelous therapeutic heat that penetrates deeply into the skin without blistering or burning and swiftly brings relief. Now this genuine red peppers' heat is contained in an ointment, Rowles' Red Pepper Rub. As you rub it on you'll feel better. And in 3 minutes relief comes. Drug stores sell Rowles' Red Pepper Rub. Try it.

Honored for Valor



The Cheney award, consisting of a plaque, a certificate of award and a substantial cash contribution, was awarded to Private John B. Smith of the United States army air corps. The award, made annually to the officer or enlisted man of this branch of service performing the outstanding act of valor during the year, was made to Private Smith who, when a plane crashed into the building in which he was working, dived head first into the blazing cockpit and liberated the pilot's foot which was firmly wedged in the rudder bar. Smith, though injured by the crash, then removed the unconscious pilot to a place of safety.