

Scientific Discussions by Garrett P. Serviss

Why will snakes live in any other country save the Emerald Isle? Why cannot sparrows be grown in any other country but Ireland—J. R. You have hit upon one of the hardest questions in natural history, viz: how did the animals and plants inhabiting this little projectile called the earth get distributed over its surface as we find them to-day? Before modern science arose no one thought it worth while to ask such a question, because then the answer would have been regarded as obvious. The answer would have been that God planted the world with life as a farmer plants his fields, putting various species in the places where they could best flourish, or where they served some special purpose of the controlling mind.

animals and plants have not been distributed with express intention, to various chosen parts of the globe by the Creator's own hand, but that they have spread under the influence and control of "natural" forces, such as the effects of environment. The underlying thought is that the Creator (sub judice, if you wish) set the animated world going, as He had already set the solar system going, and allowed it to develop without His interference under the control of laws that were ingrained in its nature, and which, while fundamentally inviolable, nevertheless admitted and indeed require evolutionary modification. Now, at the very start science is confronted with a question not readily answered, and that is: When the earth was prepared for life did life begin all over the globe virtually at the same time, or did it begin in some selected place, or places, and afterwards spread? To put that question more pointedly: Did life appear simultaneously on both sides of the Atlantic, or did it originate only in the "Old World," and thence find its way to the "New World."

Asserts New Discovery Brings Blessed Relief to Rose and Hay Fever Sufferers

Can Make It Yourself At Home At Trifling Expense

In spite of all the doubters and scoffers, a man in Kentucky, who changed his annoying and distressing hay fever into less than a mild cold, claims most emphatically that if taken in time hay fever can be conquered or at least made so harmless that it is not even bothersome. He gave his discovery to scores of other sufferers with the most remarkable results and has recently been prevailed upon to dispense it through pharmacists to all hay fever sufferers who still have faith that nature has provided an effective remedy for this common yet miserable disease.

And best of all this remedy costs almost nothing. Get a one ounce bottle of Mentholated Arcline at any drug store, pour the contents into a pint bottle and fill the pint bottle with water that has been boiled. Then gargle as directed and twice daily sniff or spray each nostril thoroughly. That's all there is to it; so simple that a lot of people will say that it can't do the work; but oftentimes simple natural remedies are the best as you will find after using. If you will make up a pint and use it for a week or ten days you need not be surprised if your unwelcome yearly visitor fails to appear.

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ed in one place and migrated to the other. Without discussing this assumption, let us suppose it to be correct. Then we shall have an obvious answer to the question: Why are there no snakes in Ireland? The answer is: Because snakes led their cradle class and couldn't cross the Irish Sea. They originated, apparently in Asia and spread especially over Europe, and got across in considerable numbers in Great Britain, by aid of a now submerged "land-bridge," but the Irish Sea was too deep for that kind of a bridge, and so snakes and toads never reached the Emerald Isle, and few reptiles of any kind succeeded in getting there. It is an old saying that "God is good to the Irish."

SAYS BAKER ARMY BILL IS "AS BAD AS IT CAN BE"

New York, Sept. 29.—The Baker-March Army bill is characterized as "really as bad as can be," "spurious work" and "thoroughly unsound" in a letter written by Major Tompkins McIlvaine, acting chairman of the Training committee of the Military Education Association of the United States, to Secretary of War Baker, made public to-day by the National Service League, of whose committee on universal military instruction and training, Major McIlvaine is a member.

Major McIlvaine declares that the bill does not represent the best thought of the Regular Army and lays particular emphasis upon the excessive size of the standing army called for and the inadequate training period provided in the bill. His letter to Mr. Baker reads in part: "Perpetuate Mistakes"

"In my opinion, the so-called administration bill in its main features is thoroughly unsound and would perpetuate our worst mistakes. It provides for a standing army of some 576,000 peace strength and three months' training (or rather half training, since the period of training should be six, not three months), of the male youth of the country, during their twentieth year. But no attempt is made to organize the young men so half trained into a citizen army and to give to any selected percentage of them the further progressive training necessary to qualify those selected to become the reserve officers, noncommissioned officers and enlisted specialists, which, when no citizen army can be organized and without whom we must rely solely on professionals.

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Miss Catherine M. Spruce. It is said, can identify in a few minutes any one finger print out of the millions on file in the Navy Identification Office in Washington.

Watch Your Finger Print!

Washington Americans arrived in Harrisburg at 11.15 this morning. The Academy Bowling League scheduled to start to-night will make a getaway to-morrow night. The change was made because of to-day's city welcome home program. Lewistown and Bellwood football teams played a scoreless tie on Saturday. It was the opening game at Lewistown.

Announcement was made to-day that all world's series games would start at 2 o'clock. That means 3 o'clock in Harrisburg.

On Saturday in the game between New York and Athletics, Babe Ruth, the Yankee pitcher, fanned 15 batters. This was one less than Rube Waddell's record. In 1884 a pitcher made 19 strikeouts.

Puts Flesh On Your Bones

If you are weak, run-down, losing flesh and strength, from over-work or the after effects of such diseases as Grippe, Influenza, or Fever, you need more Iron in your blood to build you up.

Pointers on Today's Celebration for Theatergoers You Can Attend the Welcome Home Celebration and Also See the Matinees at the Leading Theaters Without Missing the Great Pageant.

New Series Starts For County Championship. Hummelstown and West End will clash to-morrow at Hummelstown in the first game of the series between these teams for the county championship. The game will start at 5.15 p. m. Manager Strickler, of Hummelstown, intends to use his strongest lineup, including some of the best amateur players in Central Pennsylvania. There are also a few semi-professional players lined up in the list submitted to the league.

Two games were bowled Saturday in the Evangelical League. The White Sox won over the Red Sox scores, 1354-1308. The Senators defeated the Athletics series, 1430 to 1340. The Senators lead with three games. Red Sox has two and White Sox one.

NEWS OF THE THEATERS

MAJESTIC High Class Vaudeville—Five headliner Keith Acts featuring "Tom Brown's Musical Revue," an act with plenty of pep. Also the first episode of the great stunt serial, "The Fatal Fortune."

COLONIAL All this week, starting to-day—"The Fall of Babylon," D. W. Griffith's colossal success, and Kyra, the celebrated Terpsichorean marvel.

VICTORIA To-day, to-morrow and Wednesday—William Farnum in "Wolves of the Night."

REGENT To-day, to-morrow and Wednesday—"The Haunted Bedroom"—Enid Bennett in "Work." Dorothy Gish in "Nugget Nell." Friday and Saturday—Charles Ray in "Hay Foot, Straw Foot."

At a treat worthy of any Welcome Home celebration awaits the heroes of the Majestic Theatre. The management has arranged a wonderful vaudeville show featuring "Tom Brown's Musical Revue," a lively musical offering.

William Farnum puts into the most dramatic and intense lights ever staged into the thrilling ending of his new photoplay, "Wolves of the Night," which Farnum throws himself with the skill of an athlete and the skill of a champion. As the desperate man, resolved to win back wife, child and fortune, from devilish schemers, he leeches himself in an office, attacks three who attempt to coerce him with a pistol, and there, in a stirring act, encounters as has ever been pictured, baffles them. This fight, which is just one of the many intense scenes in that compelling photoplay of love and finance, "Wolves of the Night," a William Fox production, showing at the Victoria Theatre to-day is one more demonstration of the surprises Farnum has up his sleeve. It is no mere matinee idol, but a man for all his charm, and a man of power into the bargain.

BABYLON LIVES AGAIN And Some People Believe It Wasn't Much Different From America. According to the views held by many of our foremost citizens, the errors of an age long passed away were not more flagrant than some of the pet mistakes of 1919. One of these citizens is David Wark Griffith, the dramatic genius who produced "The Fall of Babylon," which opens a one-week engagement at the Colonial Theatre to-day. Kyra dances in conjunction with this show.

"People in Babylon," says Mr. Griffith, "had just as many domestic dramas as we hear aired in the do-

mestic relations courts to-day. The fact that they didn't have any theaters may account for their habit of staging dramas right in their own homes—a habit we have to-day despite the number of playhouses that grace our big cities. In Babylon it was not just the infidelities of man and wife, but in most instances man and wives, for their was no Babylonian law against a man having more than one or fifty wives.

According to Mr. Griffith, Babylon only differed from any American city in that its people were born many hundreds of years ago; that its streets and houses were more magnificent; that its dress was more gorgeous; that its men and women were more religious. As a matter of record they prayed constantly.

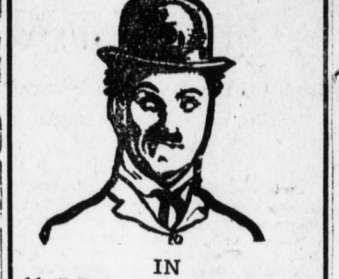
The things you read about and hear about in the days of Babylon have been transferred by Mr. Griffith to the motion picture screen, and there can be no doubt that "The Fall of Babylon," like former Griffith works, is an accurate and authentic reproduction of those days when Prince Nebuchadnezzar and King Nabonidus ruled in mighty splendor. There is an eminent satisfaction in knowing that this period of history has been reproduced for the eyes of to-day.

ENID BENNETT AND CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT THE REGENT. Charlie Chaplin and Enid Bennett appear at the Regent theater to-day in what should prove a delightful double attraction. Charlie Chaplin will cavort in his picture "Work," while Miss Bennett appears in her newest Paramount photoplay "The Haunted Bedroom." This double attraction will be shown to-day and to-morrow.

Miss Bennett is a reporter in this picture and is sent out to investigate a ghost, mystery. She runs into the ghost in the haunted bedroom. It is a gripping story. There is nothing supernatural about the picture, and no camera trickery. There is no incident concerning the disappearing ghost that is not satisfactorily explained to the spectators.

REGENT

DOUBLE ATTRACTION TODAY AND TOMORROW CHARLIE CHAPLIN



IN "WORK" and the new Paramount Picture with ENID BENNETT

"The Haunted Bedroom" WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY DOROTHY GISH

in the Paramount Picture "NUGGET NELL" After you have laughed yourself hoarse at this burlesque travesty on the Wild and Movie West—you'll say that Dorothy Gish is the funniest she-hero that ever captured a man.

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