

ANCESTORS

ANCESTORS are found along with old furniture and captive skeletons in all of our best regulated families. Ancestors consist of forefathers and foremothers, to say nothing of foreuncles and aunts, who have done something grand or noble, like being beheaded by a king or having a relative who was governor of a colony. This enables them to be pointed at with pride by their descendants forever more.

Being an ancestor is one of the easiest and most attractive of jobs. It merely consists of being boosted by one's descendants. Thus, many ancestors have been enabled to make good after they are dead. More than one ancestor who has gone out of this life a poor person, and only a few jumps ahead of the sheriff, has had the good fortune, a century later, to become the ancestor of some ambitious family with plenty of money, and has become so famous in consequence that his tombstone has had to be greatly enlarged and improved.

Ancestors are one of the most valuable and satisfactory of possessions. They are non-taxable and cannot be stolen. Their upkeep is practically nothing, and they do not deteriorate with age or neglect. In fact, they increase in value as they grow older. An ancestor 600 years old is worth a whole mass meeting of fifty-year-old ancestors. Adam is the oldest ancestor. He is 5,000 years old, and had a fine record. But he is a common possession, like education and liberty, so he is not valued very highly.

Almost all rich people own and operate ancestors. But the poorest man may have them, too. Many a man who hasn't two vests to his name, and cannot hold a job two minutes, has ancestors which are the

envy of his automobilous neighbors. We cannot buy ancestors, if we do not have them, but we can buy them for our children by marrying discreetly. A full set of fine imported



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ancestors can now be purchased for a million dollars. The great trouble with these imported goods is the fact that they are often badly infested with descendants. Some of the very finest ancestors have been almost ruined by these parasites and there is no legal cure.

In England, everybody has ancestors. Some of them are over 1,000 years old, and are still in a state of excellent preservation. The best American brand came over in the Mayflower about 300 years ago. Most of the better grades of American ancestors are now controlled by a trust, the Daughters of the Revolutions.

We should all be proud of our ancestors, but not out loud.

Little Things.

Life is made up of little things. It is but once in an age that occasion is offered for doing a great deed. True greatness consists in being great in little things.

Size of the Foot.

The foot should be as long as the ulna, or chief bone of the forearm—that is, from the small head of the bone to be seen at the wrist to the point of the elbow should be the length of the foot.

No Hasty Judgment.

What your mirror tells you you may depend upon as the result of reflection.—Boston Transcript.

Good Rule for Life.

We are ruined, not by what we really want, but by what we think we do; therefore, never go abroad in search of your wants; for if they be real wants they will come in search of you. He that buys what he does not want, will soon want what he cannot buy.—Colton.

Oldtime News Service.

In 1832 James Watson Webb, of the New York Courier and Enquirer, established an express-rider service between New York and Washington which gave his paper valuable prestige. In the following year the Journal of Commerce started a rival service, which enabled it to print Washington news in New York within 48 hours of its occurrence. The most notable express-mail service of all was the "pony express," which carried messages by relays of riders across mountains and deserts and through hostile Indian territory from St. Louis to San Francisco, covering 1,906 miles in 10 days.

Salute to the Flag.

The salute to the flag is given by raising the right hand, palm outward, until the index finger is even with the lower edge of the forehead, and standing at attention.

Music Not His Strong Point.

The leader of a volunteer orchestra was greatly annoyed by the 'cellist, who repeatedly at a rehearsal was in error; finally he stood near him, listening. "Why, man," he exclaimed, "your 'cello is not in tune!" The player screwed at the pegs, but a few moments later the discord was repeated. "Can't you tune your instrument?" demanded the conductor irritably. "No-o!" said the stout 'cellist, "not always." Then his face brightened. "But you should see how I can skin fish!" The skinning of fish was his trade, the orchestra his side line.

No Person Has Seen the Sun.

Astronomers aver that no one has ever seen the sun. A series of concentric shells envelops a nucleus of which we apparently know nothing except that it must be almost infinitely hotter than the fiercest furnace, and that it must amount to more than nine-tenths of the solar mass. That nucleus is the real sun, forever hidden from us. The outermost of the enveloping shell is about 5,000 miles thick, and is called the "chromosphere."

Not Much of a Pucher.

It was the elevated station at 8:30 on a weekday morning. The advice of the Irish guard who helps close the gates of the rear cars was an education in itself. But he had a competitor in a girl who was doing her valiant best to get on. "Push, push," she urged of a weak little masculine beside her. In a wish-washy voice he replied that he was pushing. Back came the swift retort: "You make me tired! You push like a jellyfish!"—New York Sun.

Appropriate Look.

Robert had lost his little pet dog and felt bad about it. His father told him poor little Fido must be dead or he would return home. His mother sent him on an errand, when he met a woman friend of his mother's who asked him if he was ill, as he had little to say. "Oh, no," he said, "but my little dog is dead and I am wearing a black look."

Make Most of What You Have.

Shakespeare says, "You can't turn the wheel with the water that is past." The modern age says, "You can't excel in fitness when you spend the hours in idleness." Dreams of the glory that is to be are largely dreams still long after the days are past that should have witnessed the crowning. But life is more than dreams. Most folks have learned to their sorrow that it is a rather stern reality. It promises much, but it's always conditional. It teaches men that in the using of what they have they become the heroes of the days that are to be. It's the filling of present hours that brings the full hours of the future. It's folly to mourn the past. It's all made in the present and today passes so swiftly into tomorrow that we scarcely realize how swiftly go the speeding hours.

Fateful Days.

Certain days have been marked ones in some persons' lives. Nearly all the chief events of Thomas a Becket's career, including his murder and the translation of his body—occurred on a Tuesday. Henry VIII and his three children—Edward, Mary and Elizabeth—expired upon the same day of the week—Thursday.

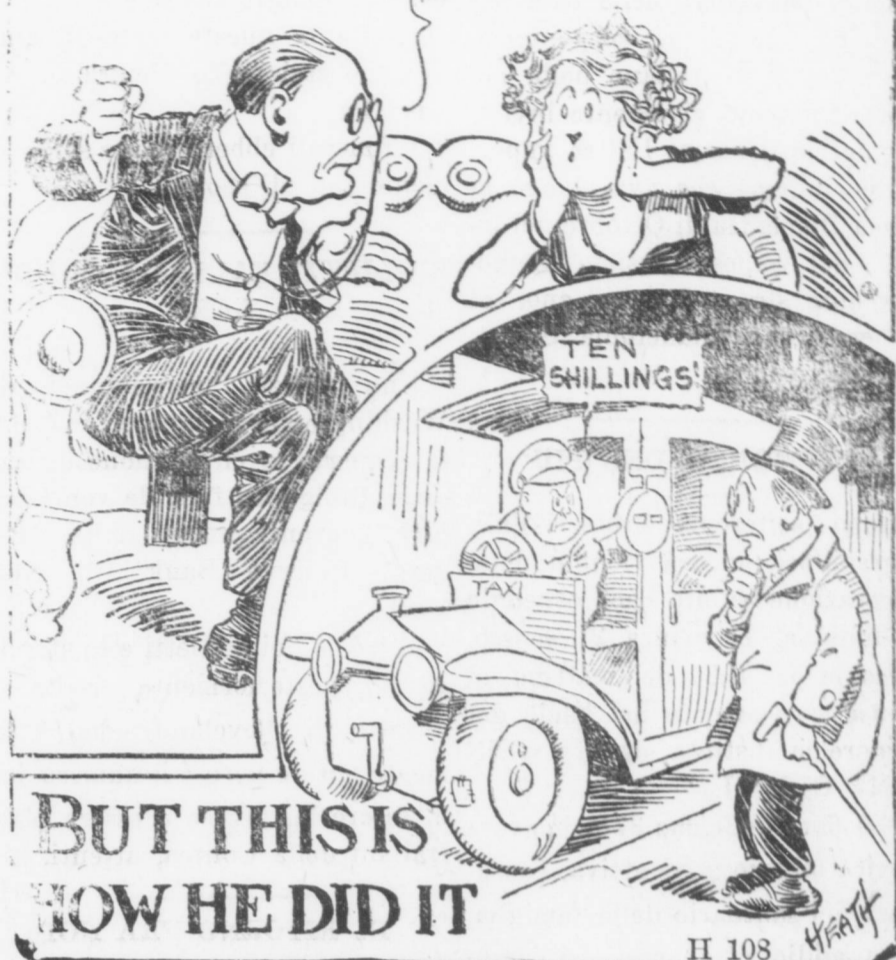
Dark Ages.

The term is applied to a portion of the Middle Ages, including the period of about 1,000 years from the fall of Rome to revival of letters in the fifteenth century. It is generally regarded as beginning with invasion of France by Clovis, 486 A. D., and closing with invasion of Naples by Charles VIII in 1495. Learning was at a low ebb during this period.

Advice for Singers.

Sims Reeves, the famous English tenor, is quoted as saying: "A singer who does not recite or read the verses of a song aloud before attempting the music will never become a great artist." The young singer should memorize a text, should repeat it over and over aloud, testing the matter of emphasis or stress upon each word to determine just where it should be and the proper amount to give the best interpretation to the thought.

WHEN I WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE DURING THE WAR, I FACED A TERRIBLE CHARGE WITHOUT FLINCHING!



BUT THIS IS HOW HE DID IT

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A Glass Horn.

An innovation in phonographs is an instrument equipped with a horn of beveled mirror glass. The claim of the makers is that the horn of a talking machine best amplifies the tone when its surface is smooth and rigid, hence one of heavy glass is preferable to one of wood or metal.

Important Rivers.

Just as Egypt has been made by the Nile, so Mesopotamia has been made by the Tigris and the Euphrates. The view put forward with some authority that the rivers should be kept exclusively for irrigation and not be depended upon for transport is challenged on many grounds, one of which is that irrigation and navigation can be effectively combined, and indeed made mutually advantageous for many years to come.

Free Board.

A restaurant in Yuma, Ariz., displays a sign that reads: "Free board every day the sun doesn't shine." At first sight the offer of free board every day the sun doesn't shine might seem a reckless one, but, as a matter of fact, a day without sunshine in that desert country is far rarer than blackberries in May. If it rains at all, it is only for a very short time, leaving most of the day for sunshine, so that the sign would only catch a tender-foot.

Mineral Lake.

A lake near Biggar, Saskatchewan, has been found to be saturated with sodium sulphate, and the deposits under the lake and alongside the edge to be nearly 97 per cent pure sulphate. The mineral is used extensively in the manufacture of sulphuric acid, in photography and other industrial purposes.

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