THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Article on This Subject by General Gordon in 1882

The British Soldier's Belief Was That Man's Original Abode Was Probably on the Island of Prasiin.

There has been almost, if not quite, s much diversity of opinion as to the site of the Garden of Eden as there has been in regard to the birthday of the world. As to the latter, April 17. July 18 and October 26 seem to be the dates resting upon the best authorities, with a preference, perhaps, for April as at least the birth month—all this, of course, upon the Scriptural account of the creation. Science places that event so far in the past that no conecture even has been hazarded as to when it occurred.

In regard to the site of the Garden of Eden, that is a matter about which the modern scientists do not dispute. It is only those who hold to the Biblical account of the creation of man who have seriously attempted to locate the site of the Paradise in which he was placed. Among these there has been ing it near the upper sources of the Tigris and Euphrates; some, like Milton in "Paradise Lost," Identifying Ceylon as the lost Paradise of man; others locating it in America, and, others still, in Abyssinia.

New interest is added to this question by an article in the Strand Magazine entitled: "The Site of the Garden of Eden," by Gen. Gordon. A note by the editor states that the article was written by Gen. Gordon in 1882 and now sees the light for the first time. The editor further suggests that Gen. Gordon was probably the most capable person in the world to deal with this fascinating subject, as he combined a deep religious feeling and extensive research on all matters pertaining to Biblical and oriental history.

Gen. Gordon gives his reasons in this brief article for believing that the Garden of Eden is at or near the Seychelles. He says: "I could even put it at Praslin, a small fale 20 miles north | bridges. of Mahe." The Seychelles are a group of islands in the Indian ocean 600 miles northeast of Madagascar, Mahe, the 1897. larger, being only 17 miles long by 7 broad, while Praslin is the next in size. Gen. Gordon says: "Eden is a district, the garden is a spot chosen in that district, the trees were actual trees, imbued for a time with spiritual quali-

He goes further. He not only gives reasons for believing the Garden of Eden was located on Praslin, but he also attempts, fancifully enough to most readers, perhaps, to distinguish the tree of knowledge and the tree of life. Of these he says:

life. Of these he says:

"Well, I thought there were two treasactual trees—which had been sacramental, and had ceased to be so; and in Praslin near Seychelles, and only there in the whole world, is a magnificent tree, curious beyond description, called the prince of the vegetable kingdom: it is unique in its species and on earth. The Laodicean Seychellarium, or Coco di Mir. This, I believe, was the tree of knowledge. I then thought if the one tree is to be found so is the other, and this I think is the Artocarpus incisa, or bread fruit; it is a humble tree, of no great distinction, yet to an observer it is as unique in its kind and among trees as the other. This last tree is only found as the other. This last tree is only found in the Indian ocean. It is a life-sustaining tree, and, like the other, it is full of Scriptural types."

Curiously enough, Gen. Gordon seems to have started on his search for these two trees first, and having found them in Praslin, he next proceeds to show how this island in its location corresponds to the Eden described in Genesis. In doing this he adopts the translation of Genesis, 2-10, that the four rivers flowed into Eden instead of out of it.

Thence he takes the Euphrates and the Tigris, which meet and flow into the Persian gulf, and from the two other rivers he takes Pison to be the Nile and Gihon as the brook on the southern side of Jerusalem, which meets the Kedron and flows into the Dond sea.

Of course, there are difficulties about Gen. Gordon's supposition, difficulties not only in the meaning of the verse to which he gives a different significance to the usual one, but geographical difficulties, especially as regards the brook Gihon, which certainly is an insignificant stream to be mentioned with the Nile, Tigris and Euphrates. But all the attempts to locate the lost Paradise of the human race have their difficulties, and Gen. Gordon's theory is at least ingenious and probably as nea the truth as any. The article is more valuable as showing the deeply religious character of Gen. Gordon's mind than as a contribution to a subject concerning which it is impossible to do more than supply an ingenious conjecture.-Chicago Tribune.

An Embryonic Scheme. "I have an idea," said the dentist's

patient, as he put on his coat after making an appointment for two hours of anguish on the following Tuesday; "I have a plan for filling teeth. It needs a little work in the arrangement of details, but I think it is a great scheme." "What is it?" asked the dentist.

When teeth are to be filled, they should first be extracted; the filling could then be done without pain to the patient, and it would only be necessary to find some way to replace the teeth.' Puck.

A Concomitant of Matrimony. Benedict-Married life is the natural state of man. Married people are more thoroughly exempt from all the evils eset mankind than are the unmarried. I defy anyone to produce a

single instance to the contrary. Bachelor-Hal you do, do you? My, dear sir, you seem to forget that the divorce evil operates exclusively among the married.—Judge.

PET DOGS OF ACTRESSES.

Julia Marlowe has a Boston terrier. Olga Nethersole calls her brindle pup Camille. Julia Arthur owns a spaniel of the

ruby species. Maude Adams has a collie aptly named

the Little Minister. Maria Bressler has a terrier which

she calls Paddy Gleason. Melba has with her this year a beautiful Pomeranian dog, which carries the

awful name of Niebelungen Lied. Fanny Davenport had two beauties. Scout and Frisco, deerhounds, given her

by the earl of Dunraven. Mrs. Langtry's French poodles are world-famous. She sometimes brings alternating areas of swamp, cornfield one on the stage with her.

Lillian Russell possesses several expensive Japanese dogs, but her special in, and the bears trade from one to the

pet is a big St. Bernard. Jessie Bartlett Davis has some fine fox terriers at her Willowdale kennels. Two of them, Boots and Saddles, have

won many prizes. French bulldog which cost \$1,200. It In the early springtime, before vegewas given her and was a prize winner | tation is sprouted, the bears feed on the at the last New York dog show.

Vernona Jarbeau's black and tan, Trix, weighs but 15 ounces when togged out in collar, blanket and boots. He kinds of new growth and insects, and is the smallest of his kind. He is a afterward worthberries, coonberries a wide diversity of opinion, some place brave dog, however, and is decorated and the like. Then they climb the with a medal given by the Humane soclety because he once saved his owner's life when a hotel was on fire by waking her with his sharp barks.

May Irwin loves dogs and owns many, among them Dick, a fox terrier, with a pedigree a yard long; Czar, a St. Berany other dog in the country. Up to date his owner has paid out over \$100 stacked or housed, they naturally take in rewards for his return.

FOREIGN ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In Berlin sheet music is sold by weight.

London has 1,380 miles of streets; Paris 600.

The very finest brand of Havana cigar fetches \$1,500 a thousand in Paris. Ghent, in Belgium, is built on 26 is-

lands, which are connected by 80 The number of Belgian breweries in-

creased from 2.977 in 1896 to 3,057 in A large orphan asylum in St. Petersbung is supported by the tax on playing

In certain Parisian restaurants a shilling is charged for the use of the table-

cloth. There are in the German empire about 490,000 persons belonging to

other countries. As many as 111,000,000 bottles of shampagne are stored in the walts of French producers. They represent a

cost price of \$50,000,000.

In Spain Hebrews are not permitted to erect and maintain houses of worship. They have no civil rights, and exist in the kingdom only as sliens.

AN UNASSORTED LOT.

Puris contains 10,000 individuals who live by begging.

It costs a little more than \$100,000 a Washington.

Of the 17,000,000,000 letters forwarded

What is called tortoise shell is not keep them odorless and clean. the bony covering or shield of the

cover it. in the Isthmus of Panama slong the equal amount of territory in the

It is asserted that David's tomb on Mount Zion, which is a Mohammedan shrine of the most sacred character, and to which Emperor William was retian since 1187.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

It is stated that there are more than 40,000 mud cabins in Ireland which contain only a single room.

More than 80 per cent. of the ships of the world are built in the British isles. Tame snakes are used in Morocco to clear houses of rate and mice.

The tensile strength of a wet rope is only one-third the etrength of the rope when dry, while a rope saturated with

grease or soap is weaker still. The hair and beard of a man rarely grow gray together, the one being almost invariably darker than the other for several years. There is no rule as

to which changes first. Boiled cabbage is claimed to be a cure for drunkenness. It is recorded that the ancient Egyptians ate boiled cabbage before their other food if they intended to drink wine after dinner.

ARE USEFUL AND PRETTY.

Gun metal chain purses have appeared and are very attractive.

A sword hilt within a horseshoe set with diamonds is a very pretty sourf-

Among the many useful articles for presents is a tape measure of silver or gold set with amethyets.

A miniature sword is used as a paper cutter. It has a steel blade and the bandle is ornamented with gems. A hand mirror with a silver handle

has a prettily painted lake scene under the glass, giving the effect of nature's

Some very pretty articles of jewelry for admirers of horses are shown. Pins formed to represent articles employed in riding and driving are numerous The greatest demand is for match eafes enameled with the heads of thorough-breds.—Jewelers' Weekly.

NORTH CARCLINA DEARS.

The Mischlevous Animats Are a Pest In Three Countles of the State.

I notice in your issue of January 14 that Curator Brimley, of the state museum at Raleigh, advertises for bears for specimens, therefore I write to say that if he will send into Hyde, Beaufort or Tyrrell counties, which occupy the peninsula between Pamlico and Albemarle sounds, in North Carolina, he can get all the bears he cares to give room to. If anyone has lost any bears that is the location to find them.

This intersound region is divided into and prairie, or savanna, with here and there a lake or an apple orchard thrown other, according to the season of the year, or as they have opportunity. These savannas are used almost universally as cattle ranges, and there have been at times large stock companies Edna Wallace Hopper owns a tiny which grazed many hundreds of herds. young junipers (white cedar), by stripping off the bark and sucking the sap. Later on they eat young ferns and all black gums for fruit, taking the green corn next, and then the nuts and acorns, and from fall to spring destroy cattle and hogs. In the green corn season it is the easiest thing in the world for them to come out of the marginal swamps by the fields and regale themnard, worth \$1,500, with plumy tail selves on the farmers' roasting ears, like a feather boa; Jones, a terrier and when cattle are running in the winwhich has been stolen more times than ter and berries and mast are done (gone?), and the cowpeas and corn are to fresh meat. In fact, everything goes then. Stockyard and hogpen are not exempt, even when in close proximity to the dwellings. In hard winters, which happen periodically, the havoe among the herds has been so great that stringent measures have been employed to exterminate the ursine depredators.

> side-hunts and drives have been put into active use, and scores of carcasses have 5-11-61. been gathered in. Still the slaughter continued among the cattle, and the sinnaber bears continued to get in their work until their numbers were decimated. (Sinnabers are cattle bears. and always carry a white spot on the breast. Hog bears are smaller and different.) At last the cattle were afraid to go into the slashes at all, and kept entirely to the savannas. The bears would climb the junipers, gums and cypresses where the trails passed, and, lying along the extended limb, drop like panthers upon the luckless animals passing beneath, sucking the blood from their necks and clinging to them as they run. In the end the "critter" would succumb from fright, bleeding or exhaustion, and die miserably.--Forest and Stream.

CARE OF MATTRESSES.

Need Constant Attention to Keen Them Odorless and in Good Order.

The feather bed is, of course, a thing of the past. It is probably not lamentyear to care for the capitol building at ed in many quarters, as it is certainly unhealthy, difficult to care for, and not pleasant to sleep on Mattresses unnually in civilized countries, the ets, pillows and other articles of bed-United States contributes 5,000,000,000. ding, however, require much care to

The main enemies to mattresses are turtle, but only the scales which dust, damp and moth, and frequent brushing must be given them, for in an More men have died and are buried incredibly short time they will harbor dust all along the edges and where the line of the proposed canal than on any button is fixed. A loose cotton cover over the mattress, made to button neatly at one end, always goes a long way toward keeping it clean. This can be washed and changed as often as need be without much trouble or expense. It is very important to air all the bedcently admitted by the sultan's express ding throughout. Every article should order, had never been seen by a Chrisbe daily taken off and laid separately over a chair, and a strong current of air should be allowed to circulate through the room before the clothes are replaced. The mattress should be turned daily from end to end, as this insures it being worn more evenly, and not sinking in the middle.

Blankets are a difficulty to many people, mostly because they cannot make up their minds as to how often they should be washed, or how treated. In many houses they are only washed once a year, but somehow this does seem rather too rare a proceeding. On the other hand, it is really not necessary to have them washed more than twice a year; but they must have proper care in the interval in the shape of airing, shaking, etc. A washing machine is very good for the purpose, especially as they should never be rubbed by the hand. The water should be only lukewarm, and a little soap well lathered in the water in all that will be required. Wring the blankets very dry through a wringer, shake them out, and wash again in the same way, wringing each time, until they are quite clean. Do not rinse them, but pull them into shape, and hang them out in the sun, which is a great help to preserving a good color.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Mrs. Hogan-Give me a pound av thim earthquake presirves, Baumgarden. Mr. Baumgarden-Vot's dot? Vy you call dem erfguake preserfs, Meesis Ho-

"Aw, Dutch, ye're slow! Becaus' they come in jars."—N. Y. World.

A Generous Young Man. Miss Frank-George seems awfully fond of his uncle.

Miss Sharpe—How so?
"Why, he's let him have his watch, feet to these shoes. chain, stud and ring since I have known him, and that's only a month!"-Jewel-

SONGS OF THE BARDS.

Pro Patria Mort. As a gold and scarlet sunset Glories a somber day, That else were all unmemoried, Dying in dusk away.

Great acts man's day emblazon, God's lilles out of life's mud: The splendid flower of heroes Out of a soil of blood.

The date of the deed? Who recks it? Such moments are timeless things.

of old, Leonidas thrills us,

He travels on Fame's wide vings;

Or, blithe through the Russian bullets. Rushes the Light Brigade To death-and the whole world echoes The sound of the charge they made.

And now-with the ancient valor-In the clutch of a tropic sun, Our own Rough Riders conquer, Though the foe be four to one

The date of the deed? 'Tis nothing! Count it by tears or cheers. For the men who die for country Have naught to do with the years!
-Richard Burton, in N. Y. Independent.

Once More the Fall. The year once more is verging to its close.
The monitory wind all day ong grieves.
And from the hedge, like startled birds.

the leaves Are scattered far on every gust that blows The blithe birds are departed with the rose That bloomed but now along the cottage

All save a few that 'mid the garnered In silence build against the impending

Although beyond this gloom and dearth you say, ne spring shall come with song and

flower and bee, And all these scenes forlorn again be My soul keeps sighing this dark autumn

The summer, too, must follow, and, at Once more the fall with empty fields Henry Jerome Stockard, in Argosy.

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