

MONKEYS ATTEND FEAST.

Strange Conduct of the Animals at Breakfast with a Couple in India.

I was married in India, writes Phil Robinson, author and traveler, in an exchange. I engaged for our honeymoon a little house—16 miles or so from any other habitation of white man—that stood on the steep white cliff of the Nebudda river, which here flows through a canyon of pure white marble. Close beside our house was a little hut where a holy man lived in charge of an adjoining shrine, earning money for himself and for the shrine by polishing little pieces of marble as mementoes for visitors. It was a wonderful place altogether and while my wife went in to change her dress the servants laid breakfast on the veranda overlooking the river. At the first clatter of the plates there began to come down from the big tree that overshadowed the house and up the trees that grew in the ravine behind it, from the house roof itself—from everywhere—a multitude of solemn monkeys. They came up singly and in couples and in families and took their places without noise or fuss on the veranda and sat there, like an audience waiting for an entertainment to commence. And when everything was ready, the breakfast all laid, the monkeys all seated, I went to call my wife.

"Breakfast is ready and they are all waiting," I said.

"Who are waiting?" she asked in dismay. "I thought we were going to be alone and I was just coming out in my dressing gown."

"Never mind," I said. "The people about here are not very fashionably dressed themselves. They wear pretty much the same things all the year round."

And so my wife came out. Imagine then her astonishment. In the middle of the veranda stood her breakfast table and all the rest of the space, as well as the railings and the steps, was covered with monkeys, as grave as possible and as motionless and silent as if they were stuffed. Only their eyes kept blinking and their little round ears kept twitching. Laughing heartily—at which the monkeys only looked all the graver—my wife sat down.

"Will they eat anything?" asked she.

"Try them," I said.

So she picked up a biscuit and threw it among the company. And the result: About 300 monkeys jumped up in the air like one, and just for an instant there was a riot that defies description. The next instant every monkey was sitting in its place as solemn and serious as if it had never moved. Only their eyes winked and their ears twitched.

My wife threw them another biscuit, and again the riot, and then another and another and another. But at length we had given all that we had to give and got up to go. The monkeys at once rose, every monkey on the veranda, and advancing gravely to the steps walked down them in a solemn procession, old and young together, and dispersed for the day's occupations.

A Brooklyn exchange reports that a young woman of that city is going 6,000 miles to Africa to wed a young man. It is understood that the young man is not an African, however.

Stop the Blight

It is a sad thing to see fine fruit trees spoiled by the blight. You can always tell them from the rest. They never do well at all, but stay small and sickly.

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Lesson in the International Series for November 17, 1901—The Childhood of Moses.

THE LESSON TEXT.

1. And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi.

2. And the woman conceived, and bare a son; and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months.

3. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein; and she laid it in the flags by the river's brink.

4. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him.

5. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river's side; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

6. And when she had opened it, she saw the child; and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children.

7. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee?

8. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother.

9. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it.

10. And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses; and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.—Prov. 22:6.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Moses' Birth (vs. 1, 2).—Moses' parents belonged to the tribe of Levi, and we are told their names in 6:20; Num. 26:59; Moses' father being named Amram, and his mother Jochebed. The scattered conditions under which the Hebrews lived would make it possible with care and with the loyalty of neighbors to conceal the existence of a child for some time. As the child grew older, its cries stronger and the time close at hand when it would begin to move about, the hiding became less and less easy. Perhaps signs that Moses' existence was suspected were visible to the watchful eyes of his mother.

Moses' Rescue (vs. 3-8).—The basket in which Moses was exposed was probably not made especially for that purpose, the word "took" indicating that it was at hand, perhaps in the equipment of the house. The bitumen and pitch were carefully spread over it to make it water-tight. The flags by the Nile would keep the basket from floating away. The selection of a spot near the princess' bathing place was probably designed by Moses' mother, who may have heard enough about the princess to convince her that she would be inclined to be tender toward the helpless child. Miriam was some years older than Moses, the word maid used of her in verse 8 indicating a girl not much less than 12 years old at the youngest. The ark was so placed that the princess could not help noticing it, and its appearance was so strange that her curiosity about it was natural. The crying of the child thus apparently abandoned would touch her heart, and Miriam's approach with a definite suggestion while she was in this mood fixed her resolve very quickly. The plan for keeping Moses in his mother's care in infancy and then having him educated by the Egyptians worked perfectly.

Moses' Training (vs. 9, 10).—The period during which Moses would be left in the care of his mother-nurse would last until he was old enough to begin his systematic training at court. During this time his mother most naturally felt that she had him in trust in a double sense, inasmuch as she must take care of him both for the princess and for God. The wages doubtless amounted to more than any income the Hebrew family had had before. Her training of Moses in the traditions of the race was thorough, as his later knowledge of them, when he had not lived among his people for 60 years, shows. The formal delivery to the princess probably took place when Moses was about eight years old. After that time Moses would see his mother only on such visits as it is natural for a boy to pay to his nurse. The education of a youth situated as Moses was, in the palace, involved a thorough training in reading and hieroglyphic writings, in athletics and warfare, in the sciences as they were known to the Egyptian priests, and in certain more or less spiritual doctrines and mysteries which were kept secret among the priesthood. This training was probably on the secular side the best education to be had then anywhere in the world.

Natural Affection Not Universal.

Natural affection is by no means the possession of everybody. Not every mother loves her child, and not every child loves its mother. Sin is in the world, and the effects of sin are to be seen on every side. Everybody ought to have natural affection. Every mother ought to love her child, and every child ought to love its mother. On this account, therefore, every child of God, and every man of God, ought to strive to cultivate and develop natural affection, and more than natural affection, in the young and the old. It will never do for us to act on the false supposition that natural affection is already universal.—S. S. Times.

Grapes from Cannan.

Ignorance is not holiness. It is always easier to ridicule the truth than to realize it. The army of success is often but a mobilization of shattered mistakes. It is foolish to sing: "Heaven Is My Home," if you are not providing any furniture there.

To have faith in God is not only to believe that He died to save you, but that you live to serve Him.

The man who cannot get wisdom out of his own follies will get nothing but folly out of all wisdom.—Ram's Horn.



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requires physical and mental ability of a high degree to withstand its hard labors. The high tension to which the nervous system is constantly subjected, has a depressing effect, and soon headache, back-ache, neuralgia, rheumatism, sciatica, etc., develop in severe form. Such was the case of Mail Carrier S. F. Sweinhart, of Huntsville, Ala., he says:

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The Ants of Council Bluffs.

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One of the curiosities of Cuba is a Quaker meeting house which has been erected at Gibra, near Santiago. The congregation of Friends is said to number over 200.

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"Er—the contribution plate," answered Rev. Longface, absently.—Ohio State Journal.

Truly Good.

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The proud boast of many southern statesmen that their women folks do not aspire to the Virginia Women's suffrage received a severe jolt in the recent Virginia constitutional convention, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, when the following preamble and resolution was introduced by a delegate at the request of "an estimable lady of southwest Virginia:"

"Whereas, The women of Virginia pay one-tenth of the taxes of the state, and frequently support their husbands and sons while the latter are drinking such fluids that would kill the higher order of animals; chewing what the goat would eschew, and smoking what will exterminate vermin, and keeping such hours that produce pygmies instead of men; and

"Whereas, There is not enough moral courage in either white or colored electorate to pass moral, religious or wholesome laws; and

"Whereas, There is a problem more serious and dangerous than man can't solve and women can, and now in Virginia it is the white women's burden; therefore,

"Resolved, That every white female citizen of the United States, 21 years old, who shall have been a resident of this state 12 months, and of the county, city or town in which she shall offer to vote three months next preceding any election, shall be entitled to vote and hold office."

A number of years ago, says the Kingman (Kan.) Leader-Courier, Isaac Hiatt lived on a farm in Kingman county. He was a man of means, was married and was regarded as ordinarily respectable. He claimed to have come from Kentucky to Kansas, but he was reticent when questioned about his past life. A few years ago he removed to Pratt county, and a few months ago he became fatally ill, and then on his deathbed he made a confession which disclosed him to have been a monstrous criminal. He had murdered his first wife in Kentucky and had also killed a neighbor. Besides, he told of numerous felonies, such as house breakings and highway robberies, and said that he had lived under assumed names for many years. "His neighbors," says the Leader-Courier, "were so horrified that they refused to take part in or allow a Christian burial, but instead went out to a secluded spot on his farm and dug a hole and dumped him in, unhonored and without a single tear of regret."

That baseball is a rest cure is the thesis plausibly defended by a western paper, which suggests that the enthusiasts who support it do so because, as they affirm, they "like the game." If they like the game they would want to play it, just as a fisherman wants to fish and not to watch some other fellow. What they really enjoy is the opportunity to relax—to yell, gesticulate, talk nonsense and act in a way that, if they duplicated the performance on the street, would expose them to suspicion of insanity. Of course, to get away from conventionality and honestly to act out his emotions does a man good, sometimes. Better for him to do it at the expense of a "professional," who is paid to be yelled at, than to stretch his lungs against the peace of his friends or his family.

It has been discovered that a Chicago company dealing in "pure milk" as a specialty has been supplying the county hospital there with 300 gallons per day in which formalin has been used as a preservative, thus rendering the milk non-nutritious in all and poisonous in many cases. Those housewives who have been congratulating themselves that they have at last found a milkman whose milk is so "good" it will not sour even during the hottest weather, had better change milkmen.

The evolution of woman is progressing. Maine brags, and has a right to brag, of a woman blacksmith. She blows the bellows lustily and swings the hammer well, says Harper's Weekly. The anvil gives forth a sweeter note, and the poem takes on a finer significance.

Under the spreading chestnut tree, The Lady Smyth stands.

After all, in these strenuous days there is no reason why a woman should not shoe a horse instead of shoeing chickens.

Some statistical genius has figured it out that when the twentieth century dawned on the world the number of minutes which had elapsed since the beginning of the year 1, A. D., was 998,640,000 and we shall celebrate the 1,000,000,000 minute at the end of April, 1902. Or, if you prefer to have it so, the anno domini clock will tick for the sixty thousand millionth time at 10:40 on the morning of April 30, 1902.

One of the most remarkable feats ever performed is that of the Kansas City woman who kept the fact that she was married secret for two years.

It is interesting to know that there are enough negro bankers in the United States to hold a convention in Buffalo in late September.

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