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HERMIT HOPES TO LIVE 350 YEARS

Puts Faith in Water and Pine Bark Cakes.

New York.—An amazing secret of longevity is claimed to have been discovered by a Korean, regarded as a saint, named Sha-Kjankin, in its simplicity as well as in its anticipated results. For it consists in nothing but a diet of water and small cakes made of pine bark.

Upon such food Sha-Kjankin is said to have subsisted for many years, according to reports from Tokio. He is now 60 years old and "still going strong," and expresses the utmost confidence in living for 290 years longer, thus rounding out three centuries and a half.

Such an age is, of course, much less than that credited to the antediluvian patriarchs. But it is precisely twice that attained by Abraham, it is pointed out, and, of course, vastly greater than that attained by any one since his time.

Sha-Kjankin is a hermit, who lives on Corea's holy mountain, Kongsan. He recently went to Tokio to test of his method of longevity to the members of the Japanese Peer club. He says that he found the secret inscribed in ancient books, which record that in this manner men have prolonged their lives to 500 years.

He sleeps only two hours a day, massages himself and performs other hygienic exercises according to the holy teachings of the Buddhists, and his food consists of a few of the pine bark cakes and one or two glasses of water daily.

As a result of this regimen he said he feels younger and stronger at sixty than he did at thirty years.

Suit Over 4 Cents Drags On 6 Years in France

Paris.—An 83-centime lawsuit has been going on nearly six years in France and the end is not yet in sight. This sum is about 3¢ cents.

Millions of francs have been spent, courts have been occupied for weeks at a time and the best lawyers have argued on both sides.

Marcel Boyer, a well-known "chansonier," conducting a sort of literary cabaret in the Latin quarter, started the judicial row by refusing to pay a disputed extra tax on two tickets he gave to an old war comrade. Boyer, seeing the soldier at his box office, promptly passed him in, handing 4 francs to the cashier as the government tax on reduced-price tickets. The government inspector demanded 83 centimes more because, he said, Boyer did not go through the formality of buying the low-priced tickets from the box office.

Decisions of all sorts have been handed down, some courts holding one way and some another, but always leaving unsettled some technicality that caused new trials. These new hearings then went to other jurisdictions. The case has traveled pretty well over central France since it started November 27, 1921.

Sixteen Skeletons Found Under Berlin Elevated

Berlin.—From midnight to dawn 16 skeletons of men, thought to have been murdered secretly in the revolution of 1918, were unearthed in the foundations of Berlin's elevated line. The burial ground was between the former military hospital and busier battles of the revolution. The papers report that skulls were cracked by the butt ends of guns, which strengthens the theory that the bones are those of victims of the revolution, though a group of experts assert that the skeletons are a century old.

Russian Claims to Have One Million Dependents

Moscow.—Income tax time in soviet Russia avails an echo of the past when a workingman, presenting himself for tax assessment, was asked to fill out a blank indicating, for purposes of tax deduction, the individuals who had been dependent on his earnings.

"A wife, a mother-in-law, and one million British miners," he wrote into the card. The claim in full was not allowed.

"Prettiest Coed" Scorns Short Hair and Smoking

Jackson, Miss.—The prettiest girl at Millsaps college has never bobbed her hair or smoked a cigarette, and is far from the so-called "collegiate" type.

Ruth Buck is an Irish beauty, with deep blue eyes and wavy brown hair. She is not famed as an athlete, but during her three years in college she has made exceptionally high grades and is an accomplished violinist.

BIRTHPLACE OF HYMN MARKED BY TABLET

History of "He Leadeth Me" Told by Author.

Philadelphia.—A bronze tablet has been placed by the United Gas Improvement company on its new building here as a permanent marker of the birthplace of the hymn "He Leadeth Me," and the historic fact that the First Baptist church once stood on the present site of the company's building. The tablet was erected on the Arch street side of the building. It bears date of June 1, 1923, erection having been delayed by the building of the new structure and the construction of the subway.

Information that paved the way for the erection of the tablet was given two years ago by the late Rev. Dr. John Gordon, a Baptist clergyman who pointed to a brownstone dwelling at 1409 Arch street, adjoining the new building, and said: "That old dwelling has a remarkable history; a wonderful hymn, 'He Leadeth Me' was written there. The Rev. Dr. Gilmore wrote it way back in the '60s. The hymn has been sung all over the world."

Words Set to Music.
Dr. Gilmore, in his own account of the writing of the hymn, said:

"As a young man I was supplying for a couple of Sundays the pulpit of the First Baptist church in Philadelphia. At the midweek service—on the twenty-sixth of March, 1861—I set out to give the people an exposition of the twenty-third Psalm, which I had given before on three or four occasions; but this time I did not get over my theme, for I was so much overcome by the words, 'He leadeth me,' that I gave up. I saw that I had never dreamed."

"At the close of the meeting a few of us kept on talking about the thought I had emphasized; and then and there, on a blank page of the brief for which I had intended to speak, I penciled the hymn, handed it to my wife and thought no more about it."

"It occurred to her months afterward to send the hymn to a paper published in Boston, where it was printed. It attracted the attention of William B. Bradbury, who slightly modified the refrain and set the hymn to the music which has done so much to promote its popularity."

Hears His Hymn Sung.
"I did not know until 1895 that my hymn had been set to music. I went to Rochester to preach as a candidate before the Second Baptist church. Going into their chapel on the day that I reached the city, I took up a hymnal to see what they sang, and opened it at my own hymn, 'He Leadeth Me.' I accepted it as an indication of divine guidance, and have no doubt I was right."

Joseph H. Gilmore was born in Boston, April 29, 1834, the son of Joseph Albee Gilmore, governor of New Hampshire from 1863 to 1865. He was educated at Phillips-Andover academy, Brown university, and Newton Theological seminary. Professor Gilmore taught at Newton one year and then became pastor of the Baptist church at Fisherville, N. H. He was called to the Second Baptist church of Rochester in 1865 and occupied the pulpit for two years. He was then appointed to the chair of English language and literature at the University of Rochester. He retired in 1908 after more than 40 years of service.

3,000 More Varieties of Roses in 20 Years

London.—Horticulturists of England have much more to contend with in the way of selecting flowers than they had several years ago.

Statistics just issued show there are 3,000 more different kinds of roses than there were 20 years ago. In the same time the gladiolus have risen from 2,000 varieties to 12,000. In 1907 there were only 1,500 sorts of dahlias, whereas there now are 8,000.

Research in poultry nutrition, prevention, extension of the industry and marketing of fowls were discussed in sessions held by various divisions of the congress.

Whole Family Has Tails Like Beasts

Sydney, Australia.—Reports of a family in which every member except the mother possesses a perfect tail, which, in the case of the father, can be wagged like a dog's, has excited the interests of medical men here.

The father, a ten-year-old son and two daughters, three and six, have tails. The grandparents of the children were normal, and the father and the children are normal except for the tails which grow from the bases of their spines.

"It is a case of atavism," one medical man said. "The tailed father and children who inherit the appendage are undoubtedly hereditary. It is intermittent heredity. It is also harking back to a more or less remote ancestor, due to the reassertion or reawakening of ancestral contributions which have lain for several generations latent or unexpressed."

BLONDS SCARCE, SO SAYS EXPERT

That's the Reason Gentlemen Prefer Them.

Chicago.—The reason why gentlemen prefer blonds is that there are more dark than light-haired women in the world.

For every golden-locked preference, Mrs. Ruth J. Maurer, beautician expert, says there are nine dusky-haired second choices.

"Gentlemen prefer blonds," observed Mrs. Maurer, whose experiences of the past twenty years have brought her into contact with 50,000 blonds, brunettes and red heads, "because they are hard to find. Dark-haired women, according to beauty statistics, outnumber them ten to one."

"Another reason why men like them better is that masculine eyes focus like moving picture lenses. Blond hair and eyes illumine the human retina just as they do the silver screen."

"Blonds, though, aren't like blonds. They are blue blonds or pale pink blonds or strawberry, peach, ash, gold and China blue or moss-green eyes. A blue blond as a rule possesses an almond skin and occasionally dark hazel or light brown eyes. An ash blond is drab with chrome or light blue eyes."

"The scarcity of pure blonds accounts for the popularity of the peroxide bottle over the dye pot. Proportionately there are a greater number of bleached blonds than dyed-in-the-hair brunettes."

"The typical American girl is a brunette, a warm brunette, with peach skin and hazel or medium brown eyes."

Tired of Liver Diet? Apricots Just as Good

Rochester, N. Y.—Anemics who have had to eat liver until they revolted at the word itself may obtain a little variety with apricots, peaches and prunes. Recently experiments at the University of Rochester medical school by Drs. G. H. Whipple and F. S. Rowell-Robbins indicate that, although liver and kidney are by far the most potent food materials for the regeneration of the red blood corpuscles, certain other animal organs and several fruits are also effective, and hence can be used to vary the diet in anemia.

A long-debated question in medicine is whether iron must be in organic combination before it can be utilized by the body in regenerating the iron-containing hemoglobin, or whether a simple inorganic salt of iron, such as ferrous carbonate, will suffice. Apparently the form of iron and the quantity in which it occurs are not the deciding factors.

Beef kidney contains three times as much iron as does beef liver, but the latter is far more effective in blood regeneration. Raspberries contain more iron than do apricots and peaches, but are inert in blood regeneration. There is certain evidence that some unknown substance is supplied by the effective foods, and that it enables the body to utilize the iron.

Science Hunts Cause of Knocks in Motor

State College, Pa.—The secrets of the automobile engine in hiding the real causes of its "knock," may yield before the searching investigations of science, if coming developments in the study of, these problems prove as successful as preliminary observations.

What happens in the cylinder of the engine can be shown by means of a spectroscopic instrument for making and measuring artificial rainbows, said Dr. Emma P. Carr of Mount Holyoke college before the institute of chemistry of the American Chemical society.

"The spectra, or rays, given by these artificial rainbows show the nature of the materials present in the cylinder of the engine," Miss Carr explained. "The spectra of detonation, explosion and combustion show decided differences in structure and give us some indication of the chemical changes taking place."

Czarist Admiral Now "Man Without a Country"

Cleveland, Ohio.—Andrew Pukit, fifty-three years old, a former admiral in the czar's navy, found himself a "man without a country" when he faced immigration officials here on a charge of failing to report his entrance into the United States.

Pukit was arrested at the home of his daughter here, where he has lived for a year after entering the United States in 1923, when he was forced to flee from Russia because of his anti-bolshevik convictions. A graduate of the Imperial Navy academy, Pukit saw service in the Russo-Japanese, Chinese Boxer and World wars.

He took out his first citizenship papers in the United States a year ago, but his status is uncertain.

What's the Answer?

New York.—The United States Department of Labor has been called upon to rule whether all musicians are artists or some merely "laborers in the field of music."

THE PATTON COURIER



This Week

LET THEM FLY SCIENCE AND MONEY GIRL BABIES BEST WHERE REAL WEALTH IS

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE wisely decides to move slowly in forbidding ocean flights. Army and navy authorities say to officers: "You shall not fly across the ocean."

WHY NOT? Flying machines can be developed only by USING flying machines. The deaths of ten or a thousand brave fliers in experimental work NOW might mean, because of quick airplane development, the safety of millions in case of war.

There will be no war but an air war, this nation should be ready for it, and courageous young army and navy men should be ALLOWED, not FORCED, to risk their lives, if they choose, in the good cause.

An automobile fight is coming, and when the dust settles you will find all those that understand the automobile business selling more cars than they ever sold.

With big wages and prosperity, the two car man and the four car family are increasing. Thirty million new cars will take the place of twenty-two million old cars now running in the United States.

Dr. Mees, who directs Mr. Eastman's scientific laboratories in Rochester, says science will end war by making it too deadly and too expensive.

Another force greater than science in our civilization is money, and that force is ORGANIZED MONEY.

Money has discovered that war kills more dollars than men, that it creates heavy income taxes, and other troubles. Organized money knows that future wars would result, at the very start, in confiscation of capital to meet expenses.

Organized money, which usually gets what it wants, doesn't want war—a cheerful fact.

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Want Flood Control and no Politics



By Albert T. Reid

The Political Outlook



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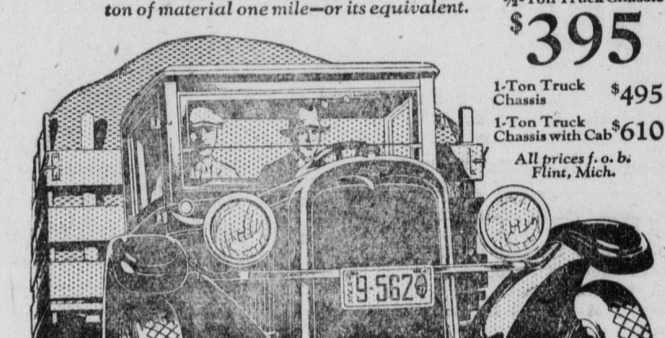
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Finds "1882" Turtle

Wabash, Ind.—Mrs. William Lotz, living at Disko, in the northern part of the county, has proof that turtles live to be at least forty-five years old. She found a turtle in the back yard of her home on whose back was carved "A. F. Landis, 1882."

Giraffe Centenary

Paris.—Paris is celebrating a new century—this year—that of the giraffe. Some interested zoologists discovered that it was just 100 years ago, in 1827, that the first giraffe came to the zoo at the Jardin des Plantes.

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