

Grandma's Diary

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VIRGINIA DEXTER, from the depths of the pillowed hammock on her veranda, idly watched the actions of David Hughes as he helped an urchin recover a load of wood that had fallen from his cart.

"Always a good Samaritan, aren't you, Dave?" she jokingly asked him, as he came up and sat down beside her.

"I wish you would be one to me, Virginia," he pleaded. "Please, David, don't go all over that again," she exclaimed, rather crossly; then, to divert his thoughts, she opened the paper on her lap.

"They are having the Legion benefit dance tonight, I see."

"May I take you?" David asked quickly.

"I'm sorry, but Mr. Allen asked me first."

"That cad!" "David!" indignantly. "I'm sorry," humbly apologized David.

"Here comes Mr. Allen now," exclaimed Virginia, as a bright red racer swung into view down the road.

In reply to Mr. Allen's invitation to go for a short spin, Virginia agreed enthusiastically, to David's intense chagrin.

A kindly-looking white-haired lady, who came out in time to hear her acceptance, said, "Dear, I wish you wouldn't."

Virginia interrupted by kissing her, as she said, "You silly little Grandma, don't worry about me. By-by, Grandma."

Grandma sat watching David as he went down the road with his familiar jaunty step. "Just like Hiram used to be," she soliloquized.

Later, in her room, Grandma took out a dusty little box from concealment. Tenderly she handled the trinkets therein until she reached the object of her search, a little black book.

Surmising that Grandma was having a nap, upon her arrival home Virginia sat in a comfortable chair to take a rest in the sitting-room.

With a casual glance at the magazines on the little table she noticed the little black book, and, curiously, she picked it up, opened it and, with deep interest, she commenced reading.

"June 1, 1850—Mr. Hale called today. I was glad it wasn't Hiram who called for he is getting to be such a bore of late, while Mr. Hale—ah—he is so romantic and debonaire."

"August 1, 1850—I am treading on air today. Mr. Hale proposes to me. I must now call him Noah. Hiram seemed displeased, but he is so queer."

"September 15, 1850—Noah and I were married today in the little church around the corner. He seems a trifle impatient this evening, but, of course, I should allow for all the excitement. I am actually nervous myself."

"January 1, 1851—Noah has been away on business for the past few months. I was so glad to hear from his own lips that it was his sister he was seen with in town."

"July 15, 1851—Noah's and my son is three weeks old today. I named him Robert, after Hiram Roberts. I am glad I did this because it pleased Hiram, and Noah didn't mind a bit. In fact, I do not think he cared whether I named him at all."

"Noah is working too hard lately. I mentioned this to him today and he became almost furious at me for standing in the way of his ambition."

"June 24, 1856—Little Robert is five years old today. I haven't received a word from Noah in three years. Hiram has been so kind to baby and me. Robert calls him Daddy. He doesn't remember his own."

"June 24, 1876—This is Robert's wedding day. The only reminder I have of his father is the words imprinted on my memory, taken from a newspaper clipping dated 20 years ago:

"Couple found dead in Hotel. They were registered as Mr. and Mrs. Noah Hale."

Virginia closed the book. "Poor, dear old Grandma! What heart-aches she had known."

"Why, she left it purposely for me to take warning before it was too late for me, also," exclaimed Virginia, as she realized that her love-affair had been the same as Grandma's.

Two hours later David's dejected look turned to gladness as he espied Virginia when he entered the house.

"Virginia!" he cried. "I thought you were with Mr. Allen in the auto when I passed it down the road."

"I told Mr. Allen I was going with you, David."

"You've made me the happiest man in the world," David whispered into a little pink ear that lay very near his coat-lapel.

"Not I, but Grandma's diary," contradicted a muffled voice.

Best Basis for Sound Judgment. The best basis for sound judgment is a knowledge of what has been done in the past, and with what results.

Build Marine Aquarium In Florida

The two largest aquaria ever built and the world's only specially designed under-water motion picture studio will be opened to the public in February by Marine Studios at Marineland, Florida, eighteen miles south of St. Augustine and thirty-five miles north of Daytona Beach on the new Ocean Shore Boulevard, where the two "Oceans in Miniature" are now being completed.

In these huge aquaria, the average visitor and the scientist will be able to observe, photograph and study the various types of fish and aquatic mammals presented just as they are found in their natural surroundings under conditions duplicated nowhere else in the world.

Instead of the usual aquarium method of displaying each species of fish in its own small compartment, Marine Studios will present in each of its "Oceans in Miniature" a facsimile reproduction of submarine life in which each species will play the same part it does in the ocean.

Marine Studios is a \$500,000 enterprise launched by a group of individuals including Messrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, W. Douglas Burden, Nicholas S. Ludington, Sherman Pratt, Albert G. Redpath, Blake Lawrence, and Ward Cheney, all of New York, and Ralph H. Poole, Jr. of Chicago.

"Our aim," says W. Douglas Burden, President of Marine Studios and a trustee of the American Museum of Natural History, "is to build something which is sound and of lasting value, of value to the public, of value to the community in which we are located, and of value to ourselves."

"The dream that Marine Studios hopes to realize is to give the spectator a dramatic, vivid and fascinating cross-section of life in the sea where the struggle for existence takes place in even more violent form than on land. While it is impossible to foresee how many of the 85,000 different species of aquatic animals can be brought together in our tanks, we will include as many as we can and we know that we shall have a number which will be the only members of their species in captivity."

The method affording a unique opportunity to study marine life centers around the construction of the tanks. One tank is rectangular, 100 feet long, 40 feet wide and 18 feet deep. The other is circular, 75 feet in diameter and 11 feet deep. Enclosed galleries, facing inward upon more than 200 glass portholes, run at different levels around the entire perimeters of the two tanks.

Motion picture technicians, in the effort to facilitate taking under-water pictures, recommended the design of the tanks giving the various camera angles necessary to afford producers the greatest latitude in filming scenes.

To capture alive and transport the larger fish and aquatic mammals, a special boat, recently christened the "Porpoise" by Mrs. Fred P. Cone, wife of Governor Cone, of Florida, was built at St. Augustine. In the stern of the "Porpoise" is a metal tank that can be lowered through a trap door into water. Large sharks, porpoises, sawfish, giant rays and other creatures of the sea, quieted by the injection of a drug through a hypodermic needle, are maneuvered into this tank, which is then pulled back into the hull and transported to Marineland.

Facilities for accommodating visitors at Marineland will include modern cottages, bathing accommodations, a dock on the intracoastal waterway, a restaurant, a gasoline and auto repair station and ample parking space.

Every pupil enrolled in the eighth grade of the schools of Pennsylvania is to receive a copy of the Flag Code this year. In order to fulfill the educational purposes of a new law, Dr. Lester K. Ade, Superintendent of Public Instruction, is communicating with every county and district superintendent of the Commonwealth suggesting that these school officials provide every eighth grade pupil with a Flag Code.

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Chromium Is a Silvery, Hard Crystalline Metal

Chrome yellow, chrome steel, chrome leather, chrome green, and chrome alum are the names of a number of outwardly highly dissimilar materials, and the layman may wonder why a single adjective, chrome, is used to describe all of them. The word means that they all contain the element chromium, a substance whose unusual and varied properties give it an unusual position in the chemical industry, says Dr. Thomas M. Beck, in the Chicago Tribune.

Chromium is a silvery, hard, crystalline metal. It is about as heavy as iron and melts at about the same temperature. It is obtained chiefly from the ore chromite, which is found in a few scattered deposits, chiefly in Rhodesia and New Caledonia. The ore is a compound of chromium with oxygen and iron. It is worked up by roasting with soda at high temperatures in a current of air. The resulting mass is then washed with hot water, which dissolves the chromium content as one of its compounds, sodium chromate, which may then be converted into the other desired compounds of the metal.

The name chromium is derived from a Greek word meaning color. The compounds of many metals, such as aluminum, lead, or zinc, are colorless (unless, of course, they are combined with some color-producing element). Compounds of most other metals exhibit a single characteristic color, such as the blue of copper compounds or the green of nickel. But the many compounds of chromium present an array of color that can be matched only by Joseph's coat.

Lots Drawn in 1789 for United States Senators

When the nation's first senate was organized on May 14, 1789, only ten states were represented, the others not having accepted the Constitution, notes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. The twenty senators were divided into three classes, one of six members and the other two of seven members. One member of each class then drew lots, the class drawing number one to serve two years; number two to serve four years; and number three, six years. The lots were so arranged that no two senators from a state fell into the same class.

So the country had three sets of senators, one retiring in 1791, the next in 1793, and the third in 1795. The system so established has never been changed.

As the other states sent senators they were admitted and assigned by lot in the same way. As their terms expired, successors were elected for the full six-year term. Senators from new states, by the enabling acts admitting the states, were also assigned so as to keep the three classes even.

Cacti Native of Americas

With one exception, all of the cacti of the world are native to the Americas. From here they have been transported to the far corners of the earth, and are every much at home in Africa, the island of Mauritius, and even in Ceylon, according to a writer in the Los Angeles Times. In Australia and other sections of the globe they grow in profusion, until many a traveler has been tricked into thinking of them as indigenous to those countries. Yet it is in the southwestern portion of the United States, Lower California and old Mexico and some sections of South America that they are found growing in their native state most abundantly.

Some species of cacti, like the tuna, are edible, while others are deadly poison; a few contain juices which are intoxicant and some bring on insanity. The Apuntias Nopales bear fruit which is commonly called prickly pear. The products of certain species of Echinocereus are called alcohols by the Mexicans and strawberry cacti by Americans—due to the fine flavor of the juicy pulp.

Food Plants Used by Indians

A lichen growing on the bark of pine and fir trees in the Columbia river area which was sprinkled with water, allowed to ferment, then rolled in large balls and baked in an oven, was one of the favorite foods used by the Indians. The palatable roots of the arrowweed which were boiled or roasted by nearly all the Indian tribes. The annual wild rice, which grows in great fields along the Potomac and was one of the most important of all Indian cereals. It is not a true rice, but is almost indistinguishable from that grain. The corne of the jack-in-the-pulpit was known as Iroquois bread root. The sumac, whose acid fruit was used to make cooling drinks resembling lemonade. The fruits of numerous wild roses were eaten both fresh and dried.

Leaf Skeletons for Scrap Book

To make leaf skeletons place the leaves in a little rain water to which a trace of yeast has been added. Allow the fermentation to proceed until the membranous portion becomes soft and easily washed away in a stream of water. Bleach by dipping for a few minutes in a strong aqueous solution of sulphurous acid gas, or exposing them, while moist, in a box filled with the vapor of burning sulphur.

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Emblematic of the forthcoming observance of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, to be celebrated next year, is the newly-minted half-dollar reproduced above. Its face (top) depicts veterans of the Blue and Grey who will hold their last reunion as part of the anniversary. The reverse side shows the great American Shield and the crosses of the Confederacy with an intertwining reed between oak and olive branches on either side and below. The bass-relief was designed by Frank Vittor, Pittsburgh sculptor. Fifty thousand of the coins are being distributed by the Gettysburg Memorial Commission for \$1.65 each. Nearly 200 of the coins have been sold through the office of Governor George H. Earle.

Japanese Larch, the far eastern representative in the Pennsylvania planting, will be collected in Japan. From Central Europe will come Norway spruce and black locust. Black locust, a native of the U.S., has been extensively planted in Europe which now produces seed more cheaply than it can be produced in this country. Scotch pine seed comes from Neuhaldensleben, Germany.

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The State Department of Forests and Waters is now engaged in purchasing seed for sowing in the Spring of 1938.

day said almost the entire Northern Hemisphere is included in the territory which will be tapped by the Department to secure the seed. From this planting will come the tree crop that will be replanted in 1941 and 1942 by planters throughout the State.

HAS COURAGE—AND FACTS

Harrisburg — Californians will soon be told of Pennsylvania's beauty in a booklet being prepared by Miss Mary L. Collyer of Palo Alto, the Pennsylvania State Publicity Commission is informed.

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