

HISTORY OF THE KOHINOR

Famous Diamond Passed Through the Hands of a Number of the Shahs.

The Kohinor was originally dug from the mine of Golconda. It passed in successive sovereigns of central India, and in the early part of the fourteenth century was added to the treasure of Delhi.

GERMANS STUDY PLAY

KAISER'S COMMISSION OBSERVE ENGLISH LAD'S SPORT.

As a Result of Investigation There Are Now Over 400 Parks in Empire Where Games and Fun Are Indulged In.

Berlin.—A German royal commission was sent to England to observe the sports of the boys in the English public schools and the plays of the people in the parks and playgrounds.

Through the assistance of the emperor and the minister of education this report was officially circulated throughout the empire and the play movement was launched on a high tide of official approval.

IF RUSSIA INVADDED INDIA.

Would Meet with Vigorous Opposition at the Hands of the Afghans.

Much has been heard of late regarding the possibility of a Russian invasion of India, and as most people know, this is a matter in which Afghans would play a very prominent part.

The Afghans would, of course, strongly resist any attempt to invade India through their country, not so much perhaps out of friendship for Great Britain as from a fixed determination not to submit to the domination of any other race.

DISCOVER ART TREASURES.

Paintings Supposedly by Old Masters Found in St. Louis Picture Collection.

St. Louis.—What appears to be an art collection of rare value has been discovered in the possession of Mrs. H. M. Cooke. Some of the magnificent paintings collected by this woman's husband, now dead, are claimed to be genuine old masters.

WRITING OF "BEN HUR."

Interesting Facts Concerning the Story Recalled by Death of Its Author.

The death of Gen. "Law" Wallace calls renewed attention to the most interesting fact connected with his writing of "Ben Hur," the novel which published in 1880 is still selling in great numbers 25 years after its publication.

FINE STITCHING IN SURGERY.

Work of Modern Surgeons Finds Scope for Skillful Execution with Needle.

The use of the needle and thread in closing wounds has come to be a fine art. In former days the surgeons were mere bunglers, and most wounds left hideous scars.

MISUNDERSTANDING AROSE.

Music Teacher Asked Question Which Aroused the Ire of a Pupils' Mother.

A principal in one of the primary grades of a school in South San Francisco tells a story which illustrates the readiness of the Hibernians to find and resent an insult.

"One afternoon," he said, "a daughter of the Emerald Isle rushed into my office and said that one of the teachers had insulted her child by asking if it was a fish."

After considerable reflection the teacher could not recall having asked the child any such question. We were about to leave the room when the anger of the parent still unquieted when the teacher said:

COURT MILKED THE COW.

Practical-Minded Iowa Judge Satisfied Himself as to the Animal's Condition.

The court will proceed to milk this cow and take judicial notice of those facts which to him, as an expert milker will tend to determine whether she has been fresh for a long or short time.

So announced Judge John F. Oliver the other day from the bench after hearing witnesses dispute for an hour concerning the identity of the St. Paul Dispatch. Both sides claimed her. But one side contended that she had been fresh only three months, while the other alleged that she had not been fresh for nearly a year.

POE POEM BRINGS \$1,000.

Daguerrotype Portrait of Poe Sold for \$21 at Sale of Collection of Late T. J. McKee.

New York.—A manuscript copy of Poe's poem "Clarelme," all in the poet's own handwriting, sold for \$1,000 at the second day's sale of the McKee manuscripts and portraits.

NEGRO BOY'S QUICK WIT.

He Couldn't Spell Trousers, But Knew How to Spell Pants, All Right.

Mr. W. H. Poole, of Sykesville, Md., sends the following story to the Baltimore Sun:

"There is in our household a small colored boy in whom I am greatly interested. He is only six years old, and has not long been a sharer in our public school advantages."

FAIR TEXAN A ST. PATRICK CATTLE QUEEN.

By Giving Peas Rewards, Exterminates Snakes on Her Farm.

Galveston, Tex.—Through the efforts of a modern St. Patrick of feminine gender the lower Texas counties which have been overrun with rattlesnakes are in a fair way to be rid of these pests.

THE "BONEYARD EDITOR."

Staff Attache Who Stores Away Current Matter of Value for Future Use.

What the exchange editor is to the printer, the man in charge of the obituary department is to the editorial department, says Pearson's Magazine.

GREW TREE FOR HIS COFFIN

Missouri Man of Eighty-Seven Carefully Preserves a Walnut for That Purpose.

Probably the oldest living settler in Jackson county is Embur Mason, whose farm and home lie on the Big Blue river between Independence and Kansas City.

When he cleared up the place on which he now lives he left in the middle of one field a small walnut tree. The tree was then about two inches in diameter, but perfectly straight and symmetrical.

BRITISH BIRTHS DECREASE.

Rate Last Year Lowest on Record in Empire—Abnormal Death Rate Among Infants.

London.—The birth rate for England and Wales during the year 1914 was 27.9 per 1,000 of the population, a decrease of 1.3 per 1,000 compared with the average for the ten years 1894-1904.

BISHOP WAS A FREEMASON

How the Pope Trapped a French Precent Who Belonged to the Order in Rome.

France has produced a freemason bishop. Such a thing had never been seen before and it remained for that country to produce such a phenomenon.

While the birth rate is dwindling, the deaths of babies in their first year is still abnormally large. During the three months that ended in December 1914, 133,405 deaths were registered, and of these 39,967 were infants under one year of age.

HER DECREASING AGE.

He—To-morrow is my birthday. She—I suppose you will take a day off.

"I shall."

"And how do you think I celebrate when I have a birthday?"

"Oh, I presume you take a year off—Life."

NO FUN IN BEING COW.

Another cordon has been put around the czar's palace, but it must be pretty hard to get much comfort out of a cordon that has to be continually watched by some other cordon.

GLASS HOUSES.

Glass houses may soon be made stone-proof. Siberian glassmakers are turning out glass bricks for all sorts of building purposes, and hope that the proverb will soon have no significance.

BIORSHIP DEFLECTS AUTO.

Capt. Tom Baldwin's famous airship, "California Arrow," beat a horsepower Pope-Toledo touring car by one minute and 40 seconds at Los Angeles. In the first race between an airship and an automobile ever held in America.

NAVY AND PRESS.

The table talk of gallant and distinguished admirals and commanders-in-chief at our naval ports is treasured in the retentive memory of civilians whose pleasant duty it is to discourse on the navy in the press.

DEAR!

"Dear!" With a glance she tried to cow him. But he only looked sheepish.

LIKELIHOOD PROFITABLE.

The great contractor sent her private secretary to the bank to deposit another check for \$5,000.

THROUGH THE SLUSH.

"Nice walking—overhead," suggested the Smarty.

BRITISH SELLING SHIPS GONE.

With the withdrawal of the training ships Northampton and Cleopatra from the active list, the other day, the last shred of canvas disappeared from the British navy.

NOT HOPFUL.

Mayor George B. McClellan, of Greater New York, walked down the steps of the city hall the other evening, and bought a paper from a newsboy. While waiting for his change, he said: "Well, my little man, how is business to-day?"

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