

MEXICANS WORSHIP IMAGES

Indians Who Are in Utter Ignorance of Everything Pertaining to the Creator. A village in Mexico of 1,000 souls, not one of whom had heard of God—such is the story told by Rev. S. G. Inman, a minister of the Christian church at Monterey.

IT WAS HIS HOUR OF JOY.

Story of a Long-Suffering Husband Who at Last is Duly Recognized. The famous and successful woman was addressing a large audience, writes C. W. Taylor, in the Chicago Tribune.

KNOWN WHAT SHE WANTED.

Experience of Clerk Was Decidedly at a Discount in This Case. A tall old lady dressed in black, and with a very business-like manner, walked into a London establishment, and, declining the service of the shop-walker, made directly for the crape counter.

Hobby of Norway's New Queen.

Queen Maud of Norway has her hobbies, like most other European royalties. Among the many things she has collected at various times are miscellaneous ornaments and useful articles made of ivory, of which she is a great admirer.

The Wise Guy.

Reggie—What convinced you that Tom was a born diplomat? Jim—When he was called upon at a mistletoe party to salute the prettiest girl present he kissed the whole bunch.—Town Topics.

EARTH'S DECREASING YIELD

Resources of Nature at the Present Time Will Eventually Be Exhausted. The danger of exhausting the earth's resources and the duty owing to the generations yet to come are pointed out by Prof. Nathaniel Southgate Shaler in a recent book, "Man and the Earth."

TO PRESERVE THE BISON.

Proposed Plan of Placing Remaining Buffaloes on Extensive Ranges. At the meeting of persons interested in the preservation of the American bison, Ernest Harold Baynes, who was elected secretary of the society which was formed for the purpose, enumerated the number of uses to which bison could be put if their numbers were increased.

Gratified Ambition.

Policeman (arresting him)—I timed ya, sor. Ye wor goin' a mile a minute. Chauffeur (grabbing him eagerly by the arm)—Officer, if you can swear to that at the trial I'll do the handsome thing, by George!—Chicago Tribune.

Caustic Enough.

"Shall I give you some caustic to remove that wart?" asked a drug clerk to an acquaintance the other day. "No, indeed," was the instant reply. "My wife is caustic enough for me."—Boston Budget.

EXPLOSIONS OF DUST.

GREAT DISASTERS CAUSED BY SMALL PARTICLES.

Coal is the carbonized remains of tree mosses. Oddly enough, these mosses were the big forefathers of the moss we know as lycopodium, which in a powdered state is used to produce flash signals. This will help to give an idea of the intensely inflammable nature of coal dust, says Pearson's Weekly.

BACTERIA EMIT LIGHT.

Phosphorescent Glimpses Produced by Certain Very Minute Organisms. "We already know fully 30 microbes and about half as many mushrooms which give light," says Prof. H. Molisch in a recent number of the Revue Scientifique de Paris.

Early English Football.

The American game, however, can hardly be more violent than was the game as originally played in England, if we may judge from the denunciations of its enemies. According to Sir Thomas Elyot, a baronet of the time of the Tudors, the game consisted of "nothing more beastly furtive and extreme violence," while Stubbes, the Puritan, describes it as a "bloody and murdering practice" and a "devilish business altogether."

Discovered.

After the little girl had seriously studied the matter for a long time, she looked up to inquire of her maiden aunt: "Is it true that women shouldn't marry men who are younger than themselves?" "Yes, dear. A woman should always be careful to marry only a man who is older than she."

Reassuring.

"Don't soak me for it, dis time, judge," pleaded the man who was up for turkey stealing. "It's jest before Christmas—don't gimme no sentence. Lemme go an' you kin soak me twicest as hard de nex' time. Honest, judge, I'm never goin' out o' de business. I'll promise you I'll get plenty more chances at me."—Cleveland Leader.

MEXICO'S RURAL ESTATES.

Princely Incomes Are Enjoyed by the Landed Proprietors of That Country.

The tenacity with which the great estates of Mexico are maintained intact by the old families of this country appears all the more remarkable when it is considered how generally all lines of industry, aside from that of the farmer, are in the hands of foreigners. The dry goods trade of Mexico is controlled by the French; the Spaniards of Mexico are the country's grocers; the Germans do the hardware business; the railroads, aside from government interests, are controlled by Americans and English; the bank stock of Mexico is largely held in Europe, while a large percentage of the industrial concerns of the country belongs to foreigners.

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Twins Wed; Mix Relation

Bridegroom's Father is Husband of Girl's Mother—Other Features of Tangle.

Toledo, O.—One of the most remarkable marriage tangles ever known was presented to the authorities in probate court here, when Edward and Fred Metzger, twins, made application to marry sisters. When the clerk was preparing the papers it was learned that an elder brother of the twins had married a sister of the two prospective brides of the twins. A look at the entry journal showed that in May, 1904, Albert Metzger, a brother, had married Ida Miller, the third sister. While the people in the court were having a good laugh at this, Edward spoke up and said: "Let me tell you something that will set you to thinking deeper. Our father is the husband of the girl's mother."

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