

6,000 YEARS WITHOUT CHANGE.

People of Egypt Have Retained Physical Characteristics.

At a meeting of scientists in Dublin, Prof. G. Elliott Smith, the Egyptologist, said that the earliest known human remains found in the Nile valley, when compared with those of later times, demonstrated the fact that at a very remote period Egypt and Nubia were inhabited by the same race, which had persisted in Egypt with little or no change in physical characteristics throughout the intervening 6,000 years until the present day. They had been, and still were, a small people, the average height of the men being about five feet three inches at every period of their history.

HABIT THAT MEANS HAPPINESS.

Kindly Attitude of Mind is Above All Things Worldly.

A habit of holding a kindly attitude of mind toward everybody has a powerful influence upon the character. It lifts the mind above petty jealousies and meanness. It encircles and enlarges the whole life. Where we meet people, no matter if they are strangers, we feel a certain kinship with and friendliness for them, if we have formed the good-will habit. In other words, the kindly habit, the good-will habit, makes us feel more sympathy for everybody. And if we radiate this helpful, friendly feeling others will reflect it back to us.

Charm of Sincerity.

Few attributes add so much to one's personal power as the knowledge that one is absolutely genuine and sincere. If your life is a perpetual lie, if you know that you are not what you pretend to be, you can not be strong. There is a continuous struggle with the truth going on inside you which saps your energy and warps character.

Knew Her Weakness.

The postmistress in a small town was strongly suspected of tampering with packages and parcels passing through the office. One day a little boy entered the office and handed her a box containing a large piece of wedding cake, saying: "My sister, the bride, sends this to you with her compliments and would like you to eat as much as you can."

Confucius.

The Chinese in New York have just celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Confucius. China is the oldest nation in the world, and is believed to have been founded on the dispersion of the builders of Babel. The language is unlike any other known tongue. The government differs from all others in that it seems to have been designed to develop humanity without reference to Divine or supernatural aid, although the grossest superstitions have crept in.

A Favor Appreciated.

"I have come to inform you," said the young man who thought the firm would have to go out of business if he went away, "that unless my salary is raised I shall have to sever my connection with this establishment."

INHERENT LOVE OF THE SOIL.

Characteristic That is the Most Deeply Planted in Mortals.

The first man was a gardener, we are told. Certain it is that the first men were tillers of the soil, after they ceased to be wandering warriors. That is where we get our love of nature, declares a writer in the Kansas City Journal. That is why we build parks and have flowers clambering about our premises. That is why we are strangely at peace when we get out into the mountains and lose ourselves among the fragrant woods. That is why we loathe at times the smell of paint that is on civilization and long for the perfume of the life that is close to the green leaves and the wild flowers. That is why we are so happy when we camp out and why we are so reluctant to return. That is why our earliest recollections of the "old farm" are the sweetest and tenderest of our lives. That is why we crack a joke at the "simple life" and "back to nature" and all that—where somebody is around—and why we know, away down in our hearts, that the simple life is the life most worth living and that we cannot get close to anything sweeter or purer than nature.

ALL THAT SHE CARED TO SEE.

Most Interesting Discovery One Woman Made by Use of the Glass.

"I thought it was a pretty fair sort of telescope for one that wasn't very big," said Uncle Silas. "I rigged it up in the attic by the high north window and had it fixed so it would swing around easy. I took a deal of satisfaction in looking through it, the sky seemed so wide and full of wonders, so when Hester was here I thought I'd give her the pleasure too. She stayed a long time upstairs and seemed to be enjoying it. When she came down I asked her if she'd discovered anything new."

Pine Cakes.

The modern farmer touched various attractive cakes on the shelf. "This is an oak cake," he said. "That is a pine one. The row above are walnut. All these cakes are actually made of wood. They are a new cattle food—the invention of Prof. Heinrich Reh—who I have imported from Berlin."

The Philosopher.

Philosophers are numerous, but the only ones I have ever come across in all my life were those who had everything their own way. How in the dickens can a starving man philosophize? How can a man who has just lost his job philosophize? Zoroaster was the most profound philosopher of his age, theoretically, but he was easily put out of temper. He once carried his irritability so far as to break a marble table to pieces with a hammer because he happened to stumble over it in the dark. The time to philosophize is when your stomach is fat with good capon lined and you are clipping coupons in a cubbyhole of a safe-deposit vault.

An Ancient Parsonage of Maine.

The Congregational parsonage at Kittery is one of the oldest houses in the state of Maine. It is the oldest ecclesiastical residence in the state, and the oldest one in present use in New England. The house was built in 1729, in the days of the Hon. William Pepperell, father of Sir William Pepperell. It contains the library bequeathed by Sir William to Dr. Benjamin Stevens, for 40 years minister of the Kittery Point church. Dr. Stevens in his turn bequeathed the library to the Congregational ministers of Kittery and York for all time. Many of these books contain the Pepperell coat of arms.

Ancient History.

"When Adam and his family were expelled from the Garden of Eden," said the student, "human strife and unhappiness began."

HIRAM'S STROKE OF BUSINESS.

"Oil Fever" a Windfall for Lazy and Unscrupulous Texan.

During the "oil fever" in Texas some years ago the surprise of Hardtimes, a little town in the southwestern part of the state, was the discovery of oil on Hiram Strong's place. If ever there was a man misnamed it was Hiram, for he was the weakest, scrawniest, most pusillanimous mortal in the whole country. In addition, he had the reputation of being the laziest man for a radius of ten miles in all directions.

GAVE HIM FRIENDLY WARNING.

Janitor's Humorous Misunderstanding of Domestic Situation.

The janitor of a fashionable Boston flat opened his basement door in answer to a ring, and found there a tidy-looking young man who inquired if Mrs. Cleverington lived in the flat. The janitor answering in the affirmative, the visitor slipped him a welcome coin, and requested to be shown to that lady's apartments. Stimulated by the money, the menial readily led the way upstairs. At Mrs. Cleverington's door that lady, on beholding her long-absent college brother, flung her arms about his neck, and kissed him before the eyes of the astonished janitor.

Discussed Over the Prunes.

"Why is it, Miss Willing, that fat men always have the prettiest wives? I seldom see a jolly, fat man with an ugly, cross-looking wife. By Jove, those fellows just go in and win the pretty women every time."

First Aid for British Army.

The British army is considering the adoption of the Utermohlen system of first aid surgical dressings, which have been in use in the Dutch army for several years. The packets are small and light. One dressing is so designed that a man can unpack and place the antiseptic pad upon his wounded arm by using the other hand only, the packet being loosened by pulling certain strings with the teeth and shaking the dressing out of the containing paper. It consists of a square pad, to which are attached bandages, and these being pulled apart enable the dressing to be fixed by wrapping and to be tied with great celerity. The larger packets contain two similar dressings, which can be applied to the orifices of entry and exit of a bullet.

Acknowledging a Gift of Mushrooms.

An honest fellow whom I once did a slight service wrote me the other day from his farm in the Mid: "With this, letter I send you a basket of fine mushrooms which I gathered myself. You will notice how delicious they are. You can't get their like anywhere. I immediately wrote to my generous friend, 'I don't know how to thank you for the gift. But to show how highly I appreciate it, I shall this very day make a formal complaint of attempted poisoning against you. I don't suppose you will get more than two years. You may be glad to know that in addition I shall begin civil suit for damages to the extent of 40,000 francs.'—Henri Rochefort.

Lucinda's Point of View.

"When I engaged you, Lucinda," said the mistress to her colored cook, "you said you had no male friends. Now almost every time I come into the kitchen I find a man there."

Terminated.

"Last time I heard about Kit Skimmerberg she was engaged to a young man she met at a seaside resort. How long did the engagement last?"

WORKER MUST LOVE VOCATION.

First Requisite for the Attainment of Success in Any Line.

A prime qualification for success in any art, trade or profession is the love of it, though love alone will by no means bring success in it. The love must be reciprocal, that is, the vocation must desire its follower, for reasons which must remain as much a mystery to him as to any of his witnesses. "She was love-worthy," says Helms, in treating of a more passionate case, "and he loved her; but he was not love-worthy, and she loved him not." The fond youth, university-bred or self-made, may have ever so great a desire for journalism, but journalism will have no desire for him, unless he has the peculiar charm for it which commands affection in all cases. He can only prove the fact by trying and by longing to try with a longing that excludes the hope of every other reward beside the favor of the art he wishes to espouse. Riches, fame, power may be in the event, but they are not to be in the quest. The wish to succeed in it for its own sake must be his first motive, and the sense of success in it must be left to add themselves, without his striving for them. So far as he strives for them, they will ally and dilute his journalistic success.—W. D. Howells, in Harper's Magazine.

ANOTHER USE FOR CONCRETE.

Chosen as Material for Building Meteorological Observatory.

Concrete has been used for work in the bowels of the earth and for structures upon the earth's surface, but it has remained for the government to find a use for it in conjunction with the study of the elements. The renowned meteorological observatory of Blue Hill, a few miles from Boston, has been constructed of reinforced concrete. Its designers, in seeking to secure a building where freedom from vibration and unyielding stability were absolute essentials, were inspired to use concrete as the only material possessing these features in the degree required. The number of self-recording instruments with their delicate adjustments has made necessary the selection of a material which would guarantee freedom from the errors which were caused by the rocking in severe wind and rain storms of the old observatory. Concrete, therefore, is now receiving the government's sanction for all classes of building operations, and, with its recent application in the building of boats, it is no long stretch of the imagination to read the announcement that future "Dreadnaughts" will be made of reinforced concrete.—Cement Age.

Precept and Practice.

The beliefs of men are various, and some of them have the peculiar property that they can be changed from one extreme to another in almost no time. A writer in Puck recently reported a conversation among several men who were discussing their dogs. The talk took place in a restaurant.

The Ancient Pear.

You find charred pears in the kitchen-heaps of middle Europe, where the lake villages used to be, says a writer in Outing. These remnants date back of the apple, and so far as we can discover, the pear was the very first one of this wonderful family to become of importance to human beings. In fact, it seems probable that an eatable pear, or possibly a cookable pear, was in possession of our ancestors a good while before there were eatable apples or even cherries, plums and possibly even strawberries. But the whole pear family was just as surely working up toward civilized and garden conditions as human beings themselves. Evolution has brought us along together, with pretty nearly equal step, and now it looks as if our future development was to be nearly as close as our past.

The Natural Result.

"What became of that Puritanical old uncle of yours from New England?"

Modest Ambitions.

The interviewer met the great trust magnate face to face.

NOTE HAD PERSONAL FLAVOR.

Directions Considerably Astonished Good Man in Pulpit.

The minister had just finished a liturgical opening talk to the children, preparatory to the morning service, when Mrs. Berkeley suddenly realized, with all the agony of a careful housewife, that she had forgotten to turn the gas off from the oven in which she had left a nicely-cooked roast, all ready for the next reheating. Visions of a ruined dinner and a smoky kitchen roused her to immediate effort, and, borrowing a pencil from the young man in front, she scribbled a note. Just then her husband, an usher in the church, passed her paw. With a murmured "Hurry!" she thrust the note into his hand, and he, with an understanding nod, turned, passed up the aisle, and handed the note to the minister. Mrs. Berkeley saw the act in speechless horror, and shuddered as she saw the minister smilingly open the note and begin to read. But her expression of dismay was fully equaled by the look of amazement and wrath on the good man's face as he read the words: "Go home and turn off the gas!"—Lippincott's.

STOLEN MONEY WELL INVESTED.

Thief Returns Amount Taken with More Than Compound Interest.

The happiest man in New York is Adam Brede, chef in a luncheon room. Over 20 years ago Brede deposited \$50 in the Seaman's Bank for Savings. With a friend he attended a festival that night, and when he left the hall he found that both his friend and his bankbook had disappeared. The other night he encountered his friend, who greeted him effusively, and said:

Why Not?

"I have just come from taking my Aunt Vrow Jaemson, to a rest cure," said a descendant of Holland. "She started out all right, but the sidewalks of New York soon got on her nerves, and she kept up: 'Why don't they scrub the dirty sidewalks? Why do they only clean the streets where the horses go and leave the sidewalks full of garbage and filth?' In vain we explained to her that girls with scrubbing brushes and pails of soda were out of place in New York; she could not see why Holland customs could not prevail. The other day we took her for a sail down the lower bay, and all she would say was: 'Water, water, water—and not a drop is used to scrub those awful sidewalks.' New York is no place for Holland dames with scrubbing propensities."—New York Times.

The Essence of Simplicity.

Under all the forms in which life rears itself, in all social positions, at the top as at the bottom of the ladder, there are people who live simply and others who do not. We do not mean by this that simplicity betrays itself in no visible signs, has not its own habits, its distinguishing tastes and ways; but this outward show, which may now and then be counterfeited, must not be confounded with the essence and its deep and wholly inward source. Simplicity is a state of mind. It dwells in the main intention of our lives. A man is simple when his chief care is the wish to be what he ought to be, that is, honestly and naturally human.—Pastor Charles Waxner.

Shall We Be Afraid of Poverty?

Let us remember that Plato had but three servants, and that Zeno had none. Socrates, the reformer of his country, was maintained, as Menenius Agrippa, the arbiter of his country, was buried, by contribution. While Athens Regulus beat the Carthaginians in Africa, the flight of his plowman reduced his family to distress at home, and the tillage of his little farm became the public care. Scipio died without leaving enough to marry his daughters, and their portions were paid out of the treasures of the state. After such examples, shall we be afraid of poverty?—Lord Bolingbroke.

Lightning Plucks a Bird.

Lightning did some queer stunts here during a storm, among them the knocking of all but a solitary feather from the body of a mouse hawk, which, strange to relate, still lives to bear mute evidence of the occurrence. The hawk was found under the tree which had been struck the following morning, when the hands on the I. D. Stone farm were inspecting the work of the storm. The bird was hardly alive, and, stripped of all but the one feather, presented a sorry appearance. It was taken to the house and fed and hid fair to recover.—Columbus Dispatch.

Compromise.

"Alphus," said the young wife and mother, "what shall we name the baby?"

NURSES FOR PAMPERED DOGS.

New Occupation for Girls in London, and It Pays Well.

With the increasing craze for dogs of rare and valuable breeds as pets in England a new employment for girls has been created. They can become dog nurses. It is no uncommon thing to see in the squares and parks a pretty girl in a neat uniform with two or three valuable little dogs on leash, giving them their daily airing. She is a dog nurse, and this is only one of her duties. Besides the exercising of the pets the nurse must see to their food, which is no small matter. Special things are cooked and the dogs must be carefully watched while they eat to see that nothing goes wrong. Then the bath is a serious affair. Sometimes a silver bathtub is used and scented water. The nurse must also look after the toilet of her charges. When they go out with their mistress she must see that they are in proper trim, with their little coats carefully brushed and cleaned and their jeweled collars bright and sparkling. After they have retired at night her time is her own, and for the most part she considers her five dollars a week very easily earned, for she has her board and lodging provided as well as her uniform. One of the great requisites for the new profession is that the applicant shall have an extinct sense of humor.

RELATION OF BODY AND MIND.

Assertion Made That No Healthy Person is Wholly Sad.

The close relation of body and mind is the matter of physical health, of which so much is said by various religious and semi-religious organizations and by a class of professional "healers." It is considered from a fresh point of view by an English clergyman. His argument is that no person who is healthy can be wholly sad. The clergyman further expressed the conviction that there is a close connection between health and morals, and that the man who has reached middle age in a sound bodily condition thereby proves that he has led a decent life. In support of his position he advanced the assertion that a large proportion of the convicts in English prisons are physical degenerates. From this it would seem that he does not confine his designation of "badness" to the vices involved in intemperance and other forms of sensual dissipation, but, since convicts are guilty of many things apart from these, as theft, burglary, forgery and the like, holds that they are led to the perpetration of even this class of crimes by a defective bodily state.

Statutes About Sealing Wax.

A work on heraldry, by Paul Gruendel, recently published at Leipzig, contains some information on the subject of sealing wax and the rules governing its use in the days of old. White wax was for the kings of France, and later for the kings of Sicily. A few dukes were allowed the high privilege, through the generosity of Frederick III. Red wax was for the pope and the German monarchs, but as a mark of favor to the people, it was allowed to be used generally. Green wax was for the common people, and some cities which had been unfaithful to their government were compelled ever afterward, as a mark of their shame, to seal all public documents with green wax.

Fiji Golf.

The Fijian game of tigi is probably as ancient as golf, which it somewhat resembles. The brown warriors play along the roadway, and the game consists of long drives with a reed, one end of which is set in a large brown bean. Balancing a javelin nicely in the hand, with the forefinger as the driving power, they project it swiftly at a mound on the road ahead, from which it glances, falling 200 or 300 yards away. Thus they walk and play for miles, vying with each other for the longest drive. The Fijians "keep their eye on the mound," for it needs some skill to strike the heap of stones at the right spot on the reed so as to secure a long straight flight.

When Water Gets into the Watch.

A watchmaker who has worked at the bench for over a quarter of a century gave this advice to watch owners who may accidentally get water into their watches: Do not open your watch until you secure some sort of dish into which to place it, and also enough kerosene to cover it all over; any old tin can will do. Open your watch case, both front and back covers, and carefully move it around in the kerosene until you have filled it with oil. Allow it to remain in the kerosene until you can have it cleaned. It will come out of the oil without any of the parts rusting, thus saving much expense and the watch.—Popular Science.