

LURE OF LOST INHERITANCES

Many Centuries Old Fortunes Awaiting the Claim of the Lawful Heirs.

In Rhenish Bavaria two associations have recently been organized to obtain a \$100,000 inheritance left in 1876 by the Dutch Field Marshal Baron von Ornheim.

There is a record that the money left by Johann Joas, an Amsterdam ship's captain, who died in 1707, reached the representative of his heirs in Augsburg in 1785.

Since then every effort has been made to trace the bequests through the municipality of Augsburg, the Bavarian minister of the interior, and the courts.

DOG'S EYE GRAFTED ON MAN'S

American Oculist Restores Lost Sight by Performing Wonderful Operation.

That a person totally blind from ophthalmia, even from birth, can be made to see by having a portion of a dog's eye grafted on his own was the startling communication made by Doctor Borsch, an American oculist at present in Paris.

Doctor Borsch explained that as a result of blindness from ophthalmia, as also from some other causes, the cornea, which is the transparent membrane in front of the eye, becomes opaque and in such a case the only chance of restoring sight is to replace the defective cornea by a healthy one.

To perform this feat, Dr. Borsch first operates on a dog and lays back from its eye the conjunctiva or skin of the eyeball surrounding the cornea.

The dog's cornea is now placed in position on the human eye and secured with stitches of the finest possible silk, the surrounding skin, which had been laid back, being brought into place over the edge of the cornea and also secured.

Bones Stronger Than Solid Oak.

The wonderful power of our structure has been tested scientifically to show how that hollow bone bears strain. A very small bone, only one square millimetre (.0155 square inch) in diameter, will hold 33 pounds in suspension without breaking, while a piece of the best oak of the same thickness will hold up only 22 pounds.

His Garter Upset Down.

The late duke of Devonshire, who was very careful in everything, once entertained King Edward VII. at a ball at Devonshire house, which was the talk of London.

Sarcotic Dinner.

"Did you like your dinner?" asked the waiter. "Like it?" echoed the guest. "Why, it made me feel like a boy again."

TAKES BACK THE EMPTY PODS

Thaddeus Obediently Returns to Greaser, but is Exceedingly Busy En Route.

Little Thaddeus is an East side boy who likes uncooked young green peas. These tidbits he devours with relish direct from the pods, in whatever quantities are obtainable.

Passing a small grocery near his home, the youngster spied a basket of peas, and, seeing that no one was looking, he grabbed a fistful and toddled hurriedly off.

"I took 'em from Brown's store," explained the youngster, nibbling a pea appreciatively.

"Thaddeus," said the mother sternly, "you take those peas right back to Mr. Brown, and when you give them back to him you tell him you are a thief."

"Hey, Misser Brown," he said, "take 'em. I'm a thief."

SHARPENING SENSE OF SMELL

English School Monitor Discovers Way to Increase Sensitiveness of Olfactory Nerves.

Woman's sense of smell is well known to be sharper than is the sense of smell in man, broadly speaking, disregarding occasional variations in individuals.

In a certain English-boys' school, a man monitor has charge of rooms and dormitories, reporting upon surreptitiously introduced wines, ales and tobaccos. Cigarettes are tabooed without chance of apology.

He carries with him on his rounds a glass of water. Entering a room where suspected odors may be in the air, he dips a finger in the water and moistens his nostrils freely.

When we get enlightened we find that the way to attain harmony with God is by conforming ourselves to him, not by seeking to conform him to us.

True Enlightenment.

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Observant Childhood.

Children are natural lovers and natural logicians. Eager, unconsciously, observant, they think things out in their own way, they desire the best for their friends and they have unbounded faith in what might be termed automatic justice.

Not Satisfactory.

"No, sir," said a clerk to his employer, "I do not think there's anything unreasonable in my asking for an increase of salary.

Explaining It.

A man was recently fined for assaulting a policeman, and considering himself badly treated, made abusive remarks about the court as he was leaving the dock.

MAN FLOATS A WHOLE DAY

Indifferent Swimmer Keeps Afloat in Ocean by Pure Life-Saving Instinct.

A French fisherman, a most indifferent swimmer, was knocked overboard in a storm twenty miles from the French coast, going into the briny with all his clothing on, including oil-skins and heavy rubber boots.

The overboard fisherman, twenty miles from land, knew he could not swim far, but he also knew the human body is lighter than water, especially salt water, and will float indefinitely unless water is taken into the lungs and stomach.

SUBWAY SIR WALTER RALEIGH

Young Man Discovers Way to Conquer Raging Torrent in Station Entrance.

When the train pulled in the other night at One Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and Broadway, the passengers who alighted at the station thought for a moment they had been put off at Niagara.

The residents of Washington Heights who were more anxious to get home than to gaze upon the damp loveliness of waterfalls began to think of ways and means of egress.

"Well," grunted the old, fat ticket chopper, "I've been at this same old stand ever since the station was opened, but this is the first time I've had a whole comic opera acted out with me in the best seat in the audience.

Sleep and Happiness.

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Try the Eucalypti Pipe.

In South Africa, where many species of Australian eucalypti have been successfully naturalized, a curious use has been made of the cones of the red gum tree.

Home-Made Barometer.

Those who like experimentation may try the following method of making a cheap barometer, practiced in France. Take 3 grams of pulverized camphor, 4 grams of pulverized nitrate of potassium, 2 grams of pulverized nitrate of ammonia, and dissolve in 60 grams of alcohol.

RELIGIOUS PART IN HEALTH

It is the Interpreter of Sickness and Death, and of Health as Well.

There is a great deal of nonsense written about religion and health; there is a great deal of sense in reality connecting the two. There are a great many religious people who get sick and die. A great many irreligious people who do the same thing.

HIS ESCAPE WAS EXPENSIVE

Globe-Trotter Haskin Keeps Store-keeper Good Natured While Chinese Mob Waits.

Frederick J. Haskin, globe-trotter, man of the world and humorist, on one occasion struck Shanghai when the feeling among the natives was strong against Americans.

"These people won't bother me," he remarked airily. "If any of them tries to hurt me, I'll hand him a swift wallop under the chin."

Ten minutes after he left his hotel he was hotfooting it down the street while a gang of Chinese used him as a target, and pelting him with anything they could lay hands on.

The Small Boy and His Hat. He flings his hat across the dining-room when he comes in from school, or leaves it in all manner of places in the house; in the coal-bin, or on sister's bureau. He loses it just at church time, and spoils the spirit of family reverence and piety.

Always Use Right Hand. With his left hand he took pipe and tobacco from his pocket and with his right hand he felt for a match. He had none. His fellow idler at the other end of the park bench gave him a match and then let his own cigar go out in his astonishment at seeing his left-handed neighbor light his pipe with his right hand.

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NO BRAGGING WANTED THERE

Working Man Discovers That Boasting About His Flock of Fowls Does Not Pay.

A north country working man recently took to keeping fowls, and within a week his fellow-workmen were weary of hearing him refer to the subject.

At length, and as the result of a deep-laid plot among his fellows, somebody broke into his fowlinghouse one night and carried off the much-belauded birds.

Going home to his dinner the other day, he heard one of his latest purchases nudgy announcing that she had laid an egg.

"There! Ye understand! Lay as oft as ye like, but I'll hev no braggin' about it!"—London Tit-Bits.

SAVING A DOLLAR A WEEK

Deposited in a Savings Bank for Twenty Years, it Will Have Increased to \$1,612.

"It is mighty hard," said an unfortunate workman some time ago to the writer, "to save up a thousand dollars by laying aside a dollar or two a week and then to take it out of the savings bank and lose it to a get-rich-quick swindler, as I have just done."

One dollar deposited in a savings bank that pays four per cent will amount of \$2.19 in twenty years. This is simple compound interest. Now if you deposit one dollar every year for twenty years, or \$20 in all, the sum to your credit will have grown to \$39.7.

Delicate Hint Availed Nothing. Among the exceptional privileges granted to the new household by the young married woman were three free telephone calls a week, provided she was informed beforehand what the girl wished to talk about, says the New York Sun.

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ALEXANDRA DEFIES OLD AGE

Secret of Dowager Queen's Youthful Appearance Lies Mostly in Her Diet.

The secret of Queen Alexandra's wonderful youthful appearance never ceases to interest feminist England and some details of her diet have been imparted to the curious.

Queen Alexandra never touches red meat. She eats only chicken, turkey, duck and game. The vegetables she has served to her are cabbage, spinach, peas and beans. She does not eat pudding or pastry and for dessert has simply fruit cooked or uncooked and nuts and raisins.

She is particularly fond of nuts and has been known to make an entire luncheon of almonds and walnuts dipped in salt. She eats toast rather than bread and very little butter, but quantities of cream.

She drinks nothing but hot milk, having given up tea, coffee, cocoa and wines years ago. On this diet with a moderate amount of exercise Queen Alexandra keeps wonderfully well and preserves a girlish symmetry of figure and softness of skin which makes it difficult to realize that she is well past 60.

LEARNING AMONG THE SCOTS

Many a Man Who Never Had Any "Schooling" Gets Surprisingly Good Education.

Many a man who never had any "schooling" gets an education, and often a surprisingly good one.

A traveler in Scotland once met a farmer whose ground rent was about \$20 a year and who wrote poetry in Gaelic that was of high order.

This same traveler met a youth in Scotland who rode from home on horseback to the seaport and then across Scotland to Aberdeen, where he sold his horse to enter the university.

It is related of another Scotchman that he was overheard repeating a line of Tennyson, whereupon some one asked him what poet he liked best.

"Homer," he replied. "Whose translation do you read?" "I rarely read a translation," he said, wiping the fish scales from his apron. "I like best to read Homer in the original Greek."

The Bending of Big Guns.

Among the problems with which army and navy engineers have to deal nowadays is that of the drooping of the muzzles of excessively long guns under the stress of their own weight. Experiments have shown that wire-wound guns of 13-inch caliber and 50 feet length droop at the muzzle about four and a half minutes of arc, while built up solid guns of the same size droop about two and a half minutes.

Injury in Innovation.

Humankind, in ages of experience has learned that any radical change or decided innovation may mean some great injury to the whole tribe or race. So human beings have first their curiosity aroused by the unusual, and then come fear and hate. It is certainly no new thing for women to wear trousers. However, at some or many periods in the history of humankind women have introduced as fashions some absurd similar style, and the race has been greatly damaged thereby. And that may be why the crowd resents trousers for the women.

When Godfish Uses Ballast.

A Gloucester fisherman, one of the protestants against the fish clause in the Canadian Reciprocity bill, was talking about fish in Washington. "These ballonets and aeronauts," he said, "them they are very clever with their sand ballast, but by cross the codfish has been using sand ballast since before the flood. Whenever there's a terrible scarcity of cod, what few you do catch have sand in their stomach. Why? To weigh them, so that they can sink down to deep water where their friends are. Yes, sand filled cod means scarce fish. It means that the cod for some reason or other are swimming deep, their stomachs ballasted with sand to keep them down."

Dick in a Crowd.

When a certain mild-mannered representative from a middle western state went to congress he left behind a body of constituents who fancied that great personal benefits would come to them through their powerful statesman. A farmer with political designs followed the great man to Washington. "Well, Tom," a friend asked him on his return, "did you see Washington and Dick Blank, and did you get what you went after?" "Yes, I seen Washington, and I seen Dick Blank," he replied, "but Dick couldn't do nothing for me. He was havin' a hard time to keep from gettin' tromped on himself."—Success.

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