

PATHOS IN PARIS PAWNSHOP

French Marquise Bequeathes \$20,000 to Be Used to Redeem Pledges of the Poor.

The Marquise de Guerry has bequeathed nearly \$20,000 to the city of Paris for the redemption of small objects pledged in the state pawnshops by the poor.

The legacy has its origin in a visit paid one day by the marquise to the chief depot of the Mont de Piete, as the state pawnbroking establishment is called in France, where her attention was attracted by a silver christening set, consisting of a knife, fork and spoon, such as is given to a child on its baptism or first communion.

TO RESTORE GARDEN OF EDEN

Sentimental Feature Connected With Great Irrigation Project in Asiatic Turkey.

The restoration of the Garden of Eden is a sentimental feature of the great irrigation project by which Sir William Willcocks hopes to bring back the early fertility to a great region in Asiatic Turkey.

Crawl on All Fours to Get Tall. A man's organs and those of his bones which are not subjected to pressure grow continuously until he is forty years old; that is to say, the heart should become stronger, the capacity of the lungs increase, and the brain should develop steadily until the fourth decade of life.

Lepping Off the Ends. Robert Heurt, the noted artist, was talking at a dinner in New York about the over-finished and banal work of painters of the Bougreau type.

"Leighton, the English Bougreau, met Whistler," said Mr. Henri, "one day in Piccadilly. The two men sauntered through the Burlington Arcade talking art."

These Times. Ex-Governor Pennypacker, discussing the divorce evil in Philadelphia, said with a smile:

"In these times one never, as the saying goes, knows where one is at. An acquaintance of mine extended his hand to me at the Historical society the other day and cried: 'Congratulations! I am the happiest man alive!'"

Time to Quit. The beauty is going plumb to pot. "See here, Peleg. If you don't stop going around with such a long face, the barber is going to charge you extra for shaving you."

BONES OF ANCIENT GIANT

Amazing Discovery in Oregon Is of Great Interest to Anthropologists.

The discovery of the bones of a human giant at Ellensburg is one of the most interesting anthropological finds made in the northwest, according to L. L. Sharp, chief of the general land office.

The bones were uncovered fully 20 feet beneath the surface. There is the usual gravel formation on top, then the conglomerate, a stratum of shale, and in a bed of concrete gravel beneath the shale were the bones of the giant and of a smaller person.

FEASTING KINGS AND QUEENS

Parisians Find That Their Hospitality Has Cost Many Millions of Dollars.

It is learned from an official report just filed what it costs to entertain kings and queens. The expression "treated royally" will now have a definite meaning for Parisians.

Three times that amount was disbursed to entertain King Alfonso on the visit when an anarchist threw a bomb at him.

The king of Portugal was comparatively a cheap guest, costing only about \$40,000.

Left Her Money to Bellboys. It is going to be pretty difficult to get many of the bellboys of the hotels to go on strike if folks keep on dining and leaving them fortunes. Just because they were prompt with the ice water.

The latest instance of the kind came to light last month, when the will of Hannah Dwight Green was offered for probate in Albany, N. Y., and it was found that she had left all her estate save some personal effects and jewelry to three bellboys.

These boys were Edwin J. Greenwood, of Littleton, N. H.; George Hadenburg of Providence, and Frank Donegan of Boston, who were employed in the hotels where Mrs. Greene stopped.

A Distinct Vernacular. The baseball reporter's English is weird and wonderful, and apropos of it there is a story about the great Ty Cobb.

In a New York hotel two college professors watched Ty Cobb bent over a newspaper. "Look at the poor fellow's frowns and mutterings," said the first professor, "with that journal."

Singularly Alike. The two Clevelanders on the back seat were talking literature. "I'm reading Ruskin all over again," said one. "It's meaty stuff after so much modern frivol."

Growth of the Game. "Baseball is adopting many innovations," said one. "What now?" "In addition to nine men playing ball it is now considered necessary to have a couple of comedians in uniform on the side lines."

Inexpensive Job. "Do you see that man? Only yesterday he cleaned out a bank." "Why didn't they arrest him?" "What for? He's a very conscientious janitor."

HORSE FELL INTO A TREE

Awaiting Aid, the Animal Tightly Clutched the Trunk With His Rear Hoofs.

Visitors to Ferry Bar were much surprised the other morning to see a horse up among the branches of a tree. The animal had gotten in its uncomfortable position by falling ten feet from a bank that overtopped the tree. The tree probably saved the horse's life.

The accident occurred while the horse was grazing in a pasture in the rear of the Baltimore Motor club at Ferry Bar. John McMahon, 877 West Fayette street, was at work on a motor boat when he was startled by a convulsive rustling in the tree nearby.

A call was sent to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and an ambulance was hurried to the scene. Blocks and tackle were fastened to a tree stump on top of the hill and leather belts were wrapped about the horse. When the work of hitching the belts was completed it was found that the animal could not be rescued until several of the limbs of the tree were cut off.

CUPID EXCEEDS SPEED LIMIT

New Jersey Couple Meet, Woo and Wed All Inside of Thirteen Hours.

Cupid exceeded the speed limit for quick marriages when Piscal Balais of Clark street and Miss Rosa Razca of Cass street boarded the train at Trenton, N. J., as perfect strangers, and within 13 hours had ridden to matrimony and happiness.

The young couple had never seen each other until they were introduced at the home of a friend. The youth, captivated, was soon riding on air, and began his suit immediately.

At 10:30 Miss Razca had bought her trousseau and Balais his wedding suit, both purchases being made in a store where the girl was a saleswoman.

The Hungry Bullfrog. "Did you ever know that the bullfrog was carnivorous, or, in other words, a cannibal?" said Nick Gilbert, one of the operators at the electrical bureau.

The sparrows used to drink water from the edge of the aquarium and this day, while my wife was looking on, one of the frogs leaped up, caught the sparrow and took it beneath the water. I could hardly believe that a frog would attack and vanish such a fighter as the English sparrow is known to be.

No Maltese Cats in Malta. James Oliver Laine, American consul at Malta, informs the state department that many Americans have asked him to give names of breeders of pure blood maltese terriers and cats. He says there are a few so-called maltese terriers in Malta and they are not of pure blood.

Modern Morals. "This latter-day or new morality is too lax for me." The speaker was Jerome S. McWade, the Duluth millionaire. He continued: "This new morality, which seems in its tolerance rather to encourage than to oppose wickedness, reminds me of a lad in my Sunday school class."

Low Wages for Rescuers. The appalling number of suicides in St. Petersburg has created a new occupation for the workless. Many watchers assemble every day on the banks of the Neva and the canals on the lookout for attempted suicides. For each rescue the "hero" receives \$2.50 from the prefecture of police.

LIFE PRESERVER UNDER COAT

Inventor Gives Test of His New Device in the Hudson River.

A new style of life preserver, designed for expert and amateur swimmers as well as for all manner of vessels, was tried out in the Hudson river off One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street the other day. The device was worn by its inventor, Nathan Martino, of 704 Ninth avenue.

The new life preserver is made of India rubber. The one used by Mr. Martino is the only one ever made, and cost ten dollars. Mr. Martino said that duplicates could be made for half that sum.

FEW HUMMING BIRDS LEFT

Commercial Uses Have Nearly Extirminated the Tiniest of Feathered Creatures.

Our continent has a monopoly of humming birds, the gems of the feathered creation. Of these there are said to be as many as four hundred species, most of which confine themselves to the tropical regions.

Humming birds are so small that when they are captured for commercial purposes it is impossible to use even the smallest shot for fear of injuring their skins.

Pompeian Venus Is Unearthed. One of the latest and most interesting things uncovered during the new excavations at Pompeii under the direction of Professor Spinazzola, is a fresco which is regarded as the best which has yet been found.

Prehistoric Dinosaurs Found. What is believed to be an important find of hitherto undiscovered species and genera of prehistoric land reptiles has just been made. Twelve fossils or skeletons of dinosaurs, among them two complete brontosaurus—the largest animals that have ever lived—were unearthed from the side of a cliff nine miles north of Jansen, Utah.

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IN SEARCH OF BLUE ROSE

Modern Horticulturist Has Very High Ambitions, Says England's Premier Gardener.

To find a blue rose! That is the great ambition of the modern gardener, according to Sir Harry Vetch, England's premier gardener, who was recently knighted by the king, and the honor was well deserved, for no one in the world has worked more indefatigably for the development of horticulture, and no one has made more important discoveries. Indeed, in the course of his fifty years of business the gardening knight has introduced into this country many hundreds of plants.

For four generations his family has been associated with the romance of flowers—the late Mr. James Vetch was described as "the first nurseryman of his day"—and it was the Vetchs who began the policy of ransacking the world, especially the Equatorial world, for orchids and studied the reproduction and cross fertilization of foliage plants.

Curiously enough, he considers that China is one of the most wonderful fields for work of this sort, and he mentions the fact that one of his travelers has lately come back from the celestial land after a three years' trip, in the course of which he got as far as Tibet and had to struggle for life with four bandits to preserve his specimens. The risk these travelers run for unknown flowers are often very great, and sometimes expeditions prove very disappointing.

WHERE SEDAN CHAIR IS USED

The 3-Century-Old Vehicle Is Still Seen on May Day in Knutsford, England.

The news that there is a woman still living who rode in a Sedan chair is a reminder of the fact that there is one town in England where a Sedan chair is still used. It is at Knutsford, in Cheshire—the "Cranford" of Mrs. Gaskell. Every May day Knutsford arrays itself in gala attire.

Whatever may have been absolutely the latest date at which a Sedan chair was used, the chair, at any rate, had longer life than most forms of public conveyance. For it appeared in England as early as 1581, and in London fifty years later, when Sir Francis Duncomb obtained the sole privilege of letting and hiring them.

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NEW SPELLING IN ENGLAND

Board of Reformers Are Planning to Deliver Lectures Throughout the Country.

A campaign in favor of spelling reform is to be conducted in London and the provinces in the autumn and winter. Mr. William Archer, under the auspices of the Simplified Spelling society is to conduct a lecturing tour on his return from the east, and lectures will also be delivered by many other well-known men throughout the country.

The lecturers will advocate the reform of what they regard as the present "chaotic spelling," which they declare is so remote from pronunciation that it is no guide to the English language at all, and tends to degrade our speech.

The society desires to fix a standard of pronunciation of the English language throughout the empire.

It has been stated that the English people over seas, particularly in Australia and South Africa, are deviating so seriously from the general standard of speech prevailing in the mother country that the time might come when visitors from these parts of the empire might fail to make themselves understood in London.

Mr. Tate, director of education in Melbourne, has suggested several spelling reforms to which effect has been given in the official papers issued by his department. Discussions have taken place and the council of public education in Melbourne is addressing a letter to the president of the board of education in London urging upon him, in the interest of education, the necessity of a general adoption of a simplified reform spelling.—London Daily Graphic.

FRENCH PAPERS FOR SALE

Thief With Valuable Historic Documents on His Person Arrested in Madrid.

A French subject has been arrested in Madrid after trying to sell important historical documents stolen, without doubt, from some museum or French official center. The arrest was made by policemen, who had the man under observation, under the pretense of being probable buyers.

They found upon him the ratification of the secret treaty of peace between Louis XIV and Philip IX of Spain. This treaty, commonly called the Pyrenees Treaty, was signed in 1659, and terminated the war between France and Spain. In virtue of it Louis married the Infanta Maria Teresa, Philip's daughter.

Another document contains the marriage articles, in which the princess renounces all rights to the crown of Spain. Finally, the man exhibited a parchment signed by the emperor Charles V. The documents present all the appearance of authenticity. The two former bear royal seals and the signatures of Maria Teresa, Louis XIV and Philip IV.

New School Sanitation Plan. A new idea in school sanitation has been tested by the medical director of Dartmouth college. About five years ago he began making bacteriological examinations of the air of the college halls and recitation rooms, and soon found a great periodic variation in the number of bacteria colonies that developed on the culture media exposed in the usual shallow open dishes. He then adopted the plan of disinfecting with formaldehyde any room showing more than thirty-five colonies of bacteria of any kind of bacteria to a dish. This custom has been continued, and the result has been quite striking, the cases of epidemic colds, influenza and bronchitis, among the students having been reduced about one-half.

An Applied Definition. E. Trobridge Dana, grandson of the poet Longfellow, who was recently married in Cambridge with a beautiful ritual of his own composition, said the other day to a reporter: "If all couples gave to marriage the profound thought and reverence that my wife and I give to it there would be fewer mismatches." "The average married pair, it sometimes seems to me, are like the Blinkses." "Pa," said little Tommy Blings one day, "what's a weapon?" "A weapon, my son," Blinks answered, "is something to fight with."

Men and Women of World. The total population of the world is now estimated at 1,700,000,000. This is based upon the most recent censuses, which all civilized countries now take, with a careful estimate of the number of inhabitants of uncivilized lands. The proportion of the sexes is known for 1,038,000,000 of these, the ratio being 1,000 males to 996 females. The ratio varies considerably in different places. In Europe there are 1,000 men to 1,045 women; in America, 1,008 men to 964 women; in Asia, 1,000 men to 967 women; in Australia, 1,000 men to 967 women.

Trying Ever Since. "So your vacation is over. Where did you go?" "Nowhere." "Why, I thought you had a fine time all planned out." "So I had, but the first day my vacation began, my wife asked me to match some samples for her."