

Strange Funeral in the Desert.



The body of Dr. Mauchamp, the French subject murdered in Morocco, was conveyed for 125 miles across the desert in a rough coffin which was carried by a mule. It was escorted by several French people and a guard of 25 Moroccan soldiers. The remains were ultimately taken to France for interment.

NEW SHAH OF PERSIA

FOND OF EASE AND PLEASURE AND LOVES WEALTH.

Has Gathered All Beautiful Girls in Empire for His Harem—Very Fond of Chess, at Which Game He Never Loses.

Berlin.—One of the first things the new shah of Persia did when he mounted the throne last January was to send one of his trusted officials, accompanied by three eunuchs, through his empire to find the most beautiful girls in his realm for his harem. Today his palaces are swarming with women, his legitimate recognized wives and the others.

His father would not recognize the harem as it is now, after having been transformed throughout inside, refurbished in the most luxurious manner, refitted with much that is modern and redecorated in the most extravagant oriental style. The favorite wife, mother of the crown prince, Ahmed Mirza, is designated as Amir Es Dowley (companion of the sovereign).

Wives and concubines lead lives of indolence, even such light occupations as embroidering being left to servants. They spend their time mainly in feasting and in gossiping.

Shah Mohammed Ali Mirza himself, not to call him lazy, is fond of ease, is given to pleasures and so loves money that some people call him avaricious. His father left him an immense fortune. The stores of jewels in the strong rooms of Teheran are rich beyond computation. There are priceless pearls, while the diamonds, rubies and emeralds scattered about are guessed to be worth \$10,000,000.

There are three thrones, too, studded with gems of great value. The most famous is the peacock throne, worth \$15,000,000, and perhaps much more. Then there is the ruby throne, a restoration of the peacock throne of Delhi, also brilliant with precious stones. Lastly, there is the marble throne, a large affair which looks nothing like the common idea of a throne.

One of the shah's most innocent amusements is listening to story telling in the good old-fashioned oriental manner. He has appointed several professional story tellers to be near his royal person and when the "king of kings" is weary or troubled one of them is called on to dispel the evil spirit much in the same way as David played before Saul when that potentate suffered from the vapors.

The shah is a great chess player and is never allowed by his courtiers to lose a game. There is a story current of a young member of the British embassy who was invited not a long time ago to play with the shah and checkmated in a few moves. The shah sprang from his seat in a temper and swept the board and pieces onto the floor.

Mohammed Ali Mirza is not a statesman. His inclination to seek his own comfort and diversion led him to grant his subjects, who were on the point of revolution when he took the reins of government, a constitution, a parliament, and every thing else they demanded.

PASSENGER DEATH RATE HIGH.

Report Shows 3,965 Accidents on Railway Trains in Quarter.

Washington.—More passengers on railway trains have lost their lives in train accidents in the quarter ended December last than in any previous three months in the history of the country except for a quarter ended in September, 1904, according to a bulletin issued by the interstate commerce commission. The total number of collisions and derailments reported during the December quarter of last year was 3,965, and 1,430 passengers and trainmen were killed and 19,514 injured.

Of this number 180 passengers were killed in train accidents, which is four times the general average of all quarters since September, 1904, when the highest record was 147 in the quarter ended in December, 1903, and this was three times the average of the nine preceding quarters.

BOSTON SPURNS BEAN POT.

Club Women Object to Use of Homely Emblem of Culture of Hub.

Boston.—Boston is not to be represented by a flaring red label and a pot of presumably superb Boston baked beans. That is, only partially will she be represented thus.

Certain of the club women of the city have faithfully considered the city's reputation of culture and quality and have decided that it would be folly to send out stickers giving the vulgar world to understand that our culture lay in the baking of beans.

Delegates from all the women's patriotic societies met the other afternoon at the Twentieth Century club and discussed things connected with the celebration of old home week in Boston.

The Indian sign was put on the mayor's pet baked bean stickers.

It was suggested that a sticker bearing a representation of Faneuil Hall be used instead, and at this point Thomas Anderson, of Mayor Fitzgerald's publicity bureau, rose and made haste to explain that the quick ones had been quicker to see that baked bean stickers had fallen flat and that stickers of a more dignified character were in preparation.

Neat little bundles of the pot and beans stickers were passed around, but the delegates gracefully repudiated them by saying that they guessed they would wait until the Faneuil Hall kind made their appearance.

SUICIDES ON THE INCREASE.

Asphyxiation and Hanging the Means Given Preference.

New York.—Statistics of suicides in various American cities gathered by correspondents covering the first four months of the present year, and compared with figures for the corresponding period in 1906, show no falling off in the number of persons who take their own lives.

There seems rather to be a more or less steady tendency to increase in the number of suicides. Causes of suicide appear to be as numerous and as varied as ever, but there has been a notable increase in the number of persons who have chosen asphyxiation or hanging to end their lives and a corresponding decrease in the number taking poison.

That financial troubles are a potent cause of suicides is everywhere recognized. It is well shown in Yucatan, for example, where the recent suicide of a prominent banker and a well-known planter were due to financial difficulties which grew out of commercial depression resulting from a long season of drought.

On the other hand, New York has experienced a heavy decline in values in Wall street, which caused great financial confusion and severe losses, yet the statistics show no corresponding increase in suicides in this city.

CHINA'S GREAT SEAL.

Scranton, Pa., Man Says He Has It and China Doesn't Want It Back.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Col. Botes, of Scranton, says he has the great seal of the empire of China.

He was in Peking at the time of the Boxer uprising. One day a friend who was walking along the street saw a coolie brandishing a big metal object. Attracted by the fine workmanship of the object, he bought it for a few yen, without knowing what it was. He gave the seal to Col. Botes a short time later.

The colonel put it into his trunk with the other Chinese souvenirs he had gathered and brought it home. Here he was told that it was the great seal of China.

He wrote to the Chinese minister at Washington, telling him about the find and offering to return the seal, without reward, to the Chinese government. The minister replied that the seal was polluted and that the colonel should keep it.

Germans in United States.

New York.—According to conservative estimates, the United States contains 12,000,000 to 13,000,000 inhabitants of German blood. The census of 1900 gives 2,666,900 as born in Germany and over 7,500,000 whose parents were born there.

DEEP-BREATHING IMPORTANT.

It Strengthens and Develops the Lungs, Overcoming Weak Tendencies.

Deep breathing, that is, taking long, full breaths right down into the lungs, cannot be practiced too often in the open air, and the clearer and purer the air the deeper you should breathe. It will seem a hard task at first, but one will soon find it pleasant, and the results will be apparent in straighter shoulders, better developed chests, clearer skin and sweeter breath. This method of breathing is the real "elixir of life," and better than any youth-restorer on the market.

In a short time you will be breathing correctly, awake or asleep. It is to be remembered that deep breathing also fills out sunken and hollow cheeks, clears the lungs and reduces the abdomen.

It is a comparatively easy task to teach children who have not acquired fixed bad habits, whose clothing admits of perfect freedom, how to breathe properly. The habit of deep breathing is formed quickly, and in normal conditions is maintained through life.

The weak, who have cramped their lungs and relaxed all the breathing muscles, will find that the formation of the new habit requires persistent daily practice, but when it once is established they will have health and vigor.—Physical Culture.

MIND A TELEGRAPH.

How Sympathetic Messages Are Passed Between Distant Friends.

Are you a sensitive? There is no doubt that some persons are so organized as to make natural sensitives. They have remarkable intuitive power, which means that they receive impressions easily. Supposing two sensitives to be closely related to one another or drawn together by a bond of sympathy, and supposing them to be in different parts of the world, and the life of the one to be in danger, the first thought he would project into space would be for his distant friend. If that friend is actively engaged at the time the message may be lost, but if he happens to be in a passive state his brain will receive some impression, clear or confused, which will make him think of the absentee and render him anxious, as if something had gone wrong with him. Such messages are more common at night, because we are less preoccupied than during the day. By means of this wireless telegraphy an image is produced on the brain which is projected outwards, causing the absent friend to be seen as if in body, and even the actual circumstances of his dangerous position may be produced. Thus saith Dr. Bernard Hollander, of London.

Brain.

Famous brains are of four sorts. The lowest group contains the minds that are stimulated greatly by alcohol, tea and other drugs by impressions derived from the senses; the second group contains the infant prodigies, whose intellectual powers wane in middle age; the third group contains the pathological cases usually terminating in insanity; the fourth and highest group is that of true geniuses, whose powers remain unimpaired until old age. This is Hausmann's classification.

Spitzka has come to the conclusion that men eminent in exact sciences, like astronomy and mathematics, have the greatest average brain weight. Next come the men of action, including statesmen and artists, after those come the biologists, geologists and other representatives of the descriptive sciences.

Production of Oil.

Although the production of crude petroleum in America is making enormous strides every year, the bulk of this comes from new territories which yield heavy oils containing little or no spirit. In fact, the fields which have in the past supplied the world with petroleum spirit and high-class illuminating oils are, it is said, falling, so much so that the center of production is no longer in the eastern states, but lies equally between the gulf states and California. Recent work in the midcontinental fields shows, however, that there is a prospect of the supply of high-grade oils being increased.—Engineer.

Stage Murder in Turkey.

On one point the Turkish censor of the drama is inflexible—there shall be no murder committed on the stage. This is in order to prevent corruption by evil example. Consequently the dramatic effect of many plays is somewhat marred by the manner in which principals destined to be murdered are rushed off the stage, and, after receiving the fatal thrust out of sight of the audience, stagger back from the wings to sing their death songs.

The Truth of It.

Blusters—I dare say, I do look mad. I understand Jigley says I'm the worst liar he ever saw.

Wiseman—Oh, that's a gross libel.

Blusters—Of course, it is.

Wiseman—Well, I should say. Why, everybody admits you're a pretty good liar.—The Catholic Standard and Times.

At Cross Purposes.

"Old Pengborn is working himself to skin and bone trying to keep that boy of his in college."

"And what's the boy doing?"

"Doing his best to be expelled."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WORLD'S FAMOUS CURIOSITY.

Man Who is Still Living with Only Half of His Brain.

Kansas City, Mo.—George L. Chapman, a world-famous curiosity among medical men, was exhibited to the classes of the Kansas Medical college recently. He is a wonderful example of a tradition current among medical doctors that the average person has a large surplusage of brains.

As the result of a gunshot wound received when he was a boy and the subsequent surgical operation which followed Chapman had a telescopic or, to reduce the quantity to more exact terms, six ounces—of his brain removed when he was 13 years old.

Instead of dying, as everything indicated he would, Chapman lingered between life and death. His head was almost frozen in an effort to keep the temperature down. Part of the right ear was actually frozen off in this manner. But after spending two years in bed, not being able to stand as a result of the injury, he finally became able to get around.

A huge scar remains where the surgeons removed the skull and brain from Chapman's head. The brain substance here lies beneath a single thickness of skin and it is possible to observe the pulsation of the cerebral blood vessels by watching the bare skin which covers the unprotected brain.

In sleeping if he lies on the right side of his head it fills with blood, practically drowning the brain. He is then completely paralyzed and helpless until some one turns him over, when his brain drains and resumes its functions.

Chapman makes his living by traveling about and exhibiting himself to medical colleges, faking up a collection at each place. He is in great demand as an illustration of the relations between the hemispheres of the brain and the muscles of the body. He has exhibited himself all over this country and in Europe and Canada.

CALLS METHUSELAH NOT SO OLD.

Prof. Starr Thinks He Lived No Longer Than Fernando Jones.

Chicago.—Prof. Frederick Starr is of the opinion that Fernando Jones is older than Methuselah.

Not that he believes the oldest local inhabitant to be more than 900 years old—oh, no! But he refuses to accept the word of Holy Writ in regard to the age of the traditionally oldest man, and asserts that his life probably was shorter than the lives of modern and up-to-date people, who rarely pass the century mark.

This shattering of another idol was essayed by Prof. Starr, while holding forth to his class in anthropology at the University of Chicago. Washing to test his students' fund of general information, he suddenly propounded the question:

"How old was Methuselah?"

A great, blank silence prevailed among the 60 embryonic scholars, and the professor gloated over their discomfiture.

Then he condescended to inform them that Methuselah was 969 years old, and that they had better go home and read their Bibles.

"But," he continued, "it is not at all probable that Methuselah ever lived to such an extreme old age. It is also doubtful if Saul, David and Solomon ever reigned 40 years each, as the Bible declares. Men lived no longer in biblical times than they do to-day. In fact, I believe the average of longevity is higher to-day than it ever has been in the history of the human race."

And then, after ruining poor old Methuselah's reputation, Prof. Starr turned to a discussion of the idiosyncrasies of the Iroquois verb.

TO SEE EUROPE WITH SAVINGS.

Trolley Conductor and Wife Will Enjoy Results of Economy.

Kansas City, Mo.—A six months' tour of Europe is the purpose of Charles M. Kelly, 11 years a conductor on the Fifth street division of the Metropolitan Street Railway company, and Mrs. Kelly.

"My wife and I have planned this trip since we were married six years ago," said Mr. Kelly. "What I have saved as a conductor will be enough to pay our expenses."

The Kellys own their own home, a pretty two-story frame cottage. They intend to spend \$3,000 on their trip.

"I have a six months' leave of absence from my work," Kelly said. "We intend to stay the limit, too. Such a chance comes only once in a lifetime for men like myself. Glad? Why, my boy, I haven't slept well for months. I've lain awake nights planning this trip. So see Mrs. Kelly."

The Kellys will sail from New York, on a Hamburg-American liner. The first stop will be Naples. After Italy will come Switzerland, then Germany, with a trip down the Rhine to Cologne. The Netherlands and Belgium are next on the schedule. Then comes Paris and later London.

"What will you do when you return?"

"Take up my old position as conductor on the Fifth street line. I'll report for duty the second day I arrive in the city."

Prize for Proposal in Park.

Cleveland, O.—Chief Goldsoll of the park police wants notice of the first proposal of marriage in the city parks this spring. He has something nice for a present for the first bride of the summer whose wedding is the outcome of a proposal in the parks.

HOBOS AT A BANQUET

KNIGHTS OF THE ROAD "FEED" AT SWELL CHICAGO HOTEL.

Over One Hundred Attend Representative Gathering—Washington Flat Fails to Appear as Toastmaster, Owing to Pokeys.

Chicago.—The hobos' banquet, given by the Brotherhood Welfare association at the Windsor-Clifford hotel the other night, was a huge success despite several little drawbacks, such as the nonattendance of Washington Flat, the toastmaster, who was driven out of town early in the afternoon by the police, and the departure of Philadelphia Jack and The Dancing Kid for San Francisco before the beer was served. They explained that they had to catch the 11:15 "Q" freight.

Dr. Ben L. Reitman and his aids in the new organization had searched the highways and byways of the city for a representative gathering of hobos and bums and beggars and they found them. There were more than a hundred present—some from the Bridewell, others from the municipal lodging house, Hogan's Flop, the New York house, and the barrel houses of West Madison street.

Several incidents marred the occasion, but no one minded. Fred the Bum, who was around for a speech on "Why I Hang Around Barrel Houses," picked up two many drinks before he came to the banquet and his name was called. "Shoestring Chase, a panhandler, scandalized his fellows when he was found improving the golden occasion by passing his hat among the hotel guests during a lull in the banquet.

A No. One, known as the Absent Member ("and never blamed the booze, boys"), whose name is written on every water tank between New York and Boston, and Yoken-Whitely, another professional hobo, threatened to depart at one stage of the speech-making, because the speakers were "not representative."

"Why, they don't know the diff between a hobo and a bum," said A. No. One. "I wouldn't associate with a snide that carries the banner. Why don't they let a smart man talk?"

After a dinner as good as a group of bankers or merchants could want, the long program began. Bum Mitt Casey interspersed the course with big chews of tobacco, and Fred the Bum insisted on singing "Where Is My Wandering Boy To-Night?"

The regular program began with a poem by Chicago Tommy, entitled "The Face on the Barroom Floor." It was a long poem, recited with deep gravity, and was the story of a hobo, Ostler Joe, who told a crowd of saloon loafers how he had fallen, illustrating his story by drawing the face of his lost angel wife in chalk on the floor, and then falling dead. It had a mighty effect.

Fred the Bum was called on, but could not respond, so his chum, the Rocky Mountain Lemon, got up to respond. He started off nobly, saying: "They do not love who do not show their love," but A. No. One yelled: "Sit down. You're no hobo. You work. You ain't respectable." So the Lemon sat down.

John Smith, a hard faced young man with a collar on, told why the criminal has a hard face. He said he had spent 11 years in penitentiaries, beginning his first term at the age of 17. He said it was worry that made the lines.

Old Man Steers, 76 years of age, told a pitiful story of seeking work in Chicago, and how he was turned down everywhere. "My father told me never to be afraid of work," he said, "and I attribute my failure to the fact that I followed Horace Greely's advice and came west."

Willie, the ex-society man, told how to reform society. He wore a genteel brown beard, a collar, and held his cigar according to the best custom. The Louisville Kid recited a poem called "The Seal."

German Fritz and Ohio Skip, down on the program, left word they had gone to New York on the bumpers. Before the Dancing Kid left for Princeton he sang a song about "There's always a Mother Waiting at Home for You."

CLERK WINS A FORTUNE.

Speculates in Wheat and is Now One of Wichita's Richest Men.

Wichita, Kan.—From telegraph operator, working on a salary of less than \$100 a month, to affluence and a fortune within five years, is the record of Arthur Pauline, who in one day cleared \$150,000 by speculating in wheat.

Pauline has been a resident of Wichita about 20 years. During most of that time he has been employed as an operator. At spare times he did work on the wire for commission men, gaining an insight of the methods of the market, which he turned to advantage when the opportunities presented themselves. As a result, he is to-day classed among the wealthiest citizens of Wichita.

Wheat was low when Pauline began to buy, around the 70 cent mark. He held on to the wheat he bought until the market was over one dollar then he sold. Something like \$25,000 was the result of his investment. He invested the proceeds in Wichita property. That, too, proved a good investment, and he was enabled two years later to clear \$100,000 by the same method. In the recent rise of wheat he bought for 76 1/2 cents and sold at 91 1/2 cents, clearing \$150,000.

CHIHUAHUA DOGS DYING OUT.

Breed of Small, Hairless Canines Becoming Hopelessly Mixed.

Washington.—Consul General A. L. M. Gottschalk, of the City of Mexico, in responding to numerous inquiries from persons in the United States in regard to the purchasing of Chihuahua dogs, says:

"The Chihuahua dog, which as late as 25 years ago was quite commonly to be found in Mexico, is a curious little creature popularly supposed to be a cross breed between the prairie dog and the jack rabbit. The animal resembles a small dog whose weight is sometimes not over one and one-half pounds, with a disproportionately large head, bulging eyes and long ears. The hair is usually scanty, showing the pink skin underneath. One of the marks is said to be an unclosed cranial fissure through which the brain can be felt throbbing underneath the skin. These little animals are particularly destructive, and are constantly scratching at things with their long claws. They are quite susceptible to training if taken young and in numerous instances the breed has been domesticated, although they seldom show the usual dog traits of sagacious and intelligent attachment.

"Unfortunately within the last 25 years the breed has become so largely mixed with small dogs of various mongrel types that it is now a most difficult thing to find in Mexico an example of the true breed. Such are sold occasionally at prices ranging from 200 Mexican pesos (\$39.60 United States currency) upward. Even in Chihuahua these dogs are very rare. A few recent specimens sold in this city are said to have been of the true breed."

DEVIL'S TOWER MADE RESERVE.

Rock Rises 800 Feet Above Surrounding Country.

Deadwood, S. D.—President Roosevelt has issued an order setting aside the Devil's tower, a peculiar geographical formation in northeastern Wyoming, as a national monument and a federal reserve. Nearly 2,000 acres of land also are set aside with the tower. This reserve will be under the care of the general land office of that district, no entries will be allowed on it, and every effort will be made to protect the tower from injury.

This Devil's tower is a chimney-like mountain of rock that rises 900 feet above the surrounding country, and for almost 500 feet is nearly perpendicular and devoid of any growth of vegetation. The top of the tower is large enough in area for a baseball team to play a good game and is covered with a scant soil formed from the disintegrated rock and bearing moss, cactus and ferns.

Two men are known to have climbed this tower at the risk of their lives. One of them was Jack Rogers, an old cowboy, and the other was Arthur Jobe, a young engineer for the Homestake Mining company.

The tower stands on the bank of the upper Belle Fourche river, and has been for years one of the landmarks of the country. It was at one time included in an entry made by Miss Kent, an English woman, who filed on a homestead including this mountain. The entry afterward was canceled.

BUY ARMY MULES BY POUND.

Figures Show Prices of Government Animals Are Rising.

Washington.—Increased difficulty in being experienced in obtaining horses and mules for the army. Bids which have just been opened show that prices generally have increased. For the cavalry 725 horses are to be bought at an average price of \$175 each. The artillery corps is to buy nearly 350, for which \$211 is the average price. Army mules heavy enough to do draft work bring \$118 each, and nearly 300 of these have been contracted for. Lead mules, somewhat lighter in weight, bring \$168, and pack mules, still lighter, \$131. The quartermaster's department says that army mules are bought practically by the pound.

An experiment is being made at Fort Riley, Kansas, in buying yearly a small number of pedigreed colts and putting them through a course of training for the cavalry service. This experiment has proved beneficial and 36 of these blooded horses have just been purchased.

MAKES EYELASHES TO ORDER.

Ingenuous Inventor in London Claims to Have Thriving Business.

London.—"Please send me another dozen of eyelashes."

This is a sample of numerous orders being received by an ingenious inventor who has created a demand among women beauty seekers for false lashes to replace nature's eye fringes with which the owners are dissatisfied. The patentee claims that hundreds of women are eagerly buying eyelashes, especially those who spend much time in automobiling. They visit him to be fitted in the first instance, but after their preliminary fixture the lashes keep in good shape for a month. They may then need a little attention, such as curling with warm tongs and receiving a touch of a special fluid.

Sticks Out Tongue at Kaiser.

Berlin.—A tiffy laborer named Brunnig, who one morning last November put out his tongue at the Kaiser as his majesty went past in an automobile, has just been condemned to nine months' imprisonment.