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Encyclopedias are an English inwention. I hasten to add that they lowe a great deal of their early and later development to Scottish brains. The earliest true encyclopedia was published in the second year of Queen Anne. John Harris, the "onlie begetter" of this remarkable work was born in the year of the great fire of London, and Shropshire piously claims that he was a Shropshire lad. He passed through Oxford to the vicarage of Ickleham, Sussex, to which he added the care of Winchelsea parish. London preferments followed, and a Fellowship of the Royal Society, and a good deal of London religious controversy. .. For the rest, we know that Harris lived in a house in Amen Corner, and that he there repeived and boarded pupils. We know also that he gave free lectures in mathematics at the Marine Coffee House in Birchin Lane. The Marine Coffee House has not been much noticed by London topographers. Mr. H. B. Wheatley has unearthed a curious advertisement precializing that water gruel was to be had there every morning from six to eleven o'clock. The announcement proceeds: "'Tis mot yet generally known; but there comes such company as drinks usually four or five gallons in a morning." -John o' London in T. P.'s Weekly. London.

## MATURE'S WONDERFUL COLOR

Their Shades and Tints Never Yet Have Been Duplicated by the Manufacturers of Paints.

Nature paints in the most striking colors and shades and tints with a delicacy never achieved by the brush in the hands of the artist. The highest ambition of the manufacturer of paints is to produce colors which look like nature's. They have never succeeded. Grass has a green of its own. So has the leaf and so has the distant ocean. None of these has ever been reproduced and put in cans with a price label on them.

Honor awaits the man who can combine colors to produce the tints of red of the Baldwin and Northern Spy. They come pretty near it, that is all. The same is true of the colors with which October first touches the maple The same bearing that the same and the same

If all the paint grinding works in the world were multiplied 10,000 times they couldn't turn out pigment enough change from season to season.

Nature's brush is busy everywhere all the time. In the life of a leaf it annlies the brush day by day, following with its tints from budding time until it flutters from the branch. touches the valleys and the hills, the growing grains, the flowering plants. Never is it idle.

Interminable Job.

The new pastor was a stickler for ceremonial observances. He could read his share of the responses with one eye and watch the congregation with the other. Each member was expected to take part in the reading, and the person who shirked that responsibility was detected sooner or later and braught to account. On the Mrst three Sundays of his new pastorate he noticed a man in a front pew who sat silent throughout the service. The third Sunday evening, although in a hurry to reach the bedside of a sick parishioner, he took time to let the deinquent know he had been found out.

"I am sorry to see," the pastor said, "that you have never read the Pesponses."

"F-f-f I had d-d-d-done th-th-that," said the silent man, "ab-b-bout what t-t-time d-d-ddo you sup-p-pose you'd have g-g-got through p-p-preaching?"

The Harshness of Napoleon.

In the service and in the intercourse with his officers he was cold. almost repellant, severe and inflexibly Just. One day Gen. Guvion Saint-Cyr. afterwards marshal, appeared at the emperor's morning audience at the raileries. Napoleon said quietly to Mm: You come from Naples, general?" "Yes, sire, I relinquished my command to Marshal Perignon, whom your, majesty sent to relieve me." "And no doubt you have leave of absences from the minister of war?" "No, your majesty; but I had nothing else to do in Naples." "Unless you are on your way to Naples within two hours, you will be shot on the plain of Grenelle at 12 o'clock precisely," said the emperor, returning his watch to his pocket.-Kielland, "Napoleon's Men and Methods."

Sentimental Juries. Maitre Henri Robert, the most famous advocate in criminal cases at the Paris bar, told an audience almost jentirely composed of ladies that before any jury a woman with some youth, some looks and a pretty voice has 50 chances out of 100 of being acquitted, whereas a man would only have one. If the knows how to shed tears at the right moment she need mot worry—a verdict of not guilty is a dead certainty.

After a Big Haul. "Binks used to be dast on the subject of buried treasure. What's he up

to know?" "He's got up an expedition to Auta Minor to try to find the place where Methuselah stored his birthday pres

ests."

#### PATCHWORK AN ANCIENT ART

it Had its Origin Many Ages Age but Now Is Distinctly An Amerlean institution.

The idea that patchwork had its origin in America is not founded on fact. A thousand years before the Christian era a queen of Egypt went down the Nile to her last resting place under a wonderful canopy of skins that were dyed and pleced to gether in a mosaic pattern. Years before this work had reached perfection and acquired a definite place among the arts. Then, too, patchwork quilts were made in England in the Eight eenth century, as witness the lines written by Cowper to a Mrs. King upon receipt of "A kind present of a patchwork quilt of her own making." Patchwork is distinctly an American institution. In this big new country, where woman's work was never done, where even the few conventences of the day were lacking, women had no time to spend on any but the practical things of life. The mothers of this nation left behind them no wonderful historical needlework, like the Gobelin tapestries of France and the beautiful laces of Italy. There were all too few to attend to the spinning and weaving and household du ties in the homes where dwelt not only the large family, but the bired help as well.—Charlette F. Bolds mann in Woman's Home Companion.

#### NOVEL FRAUD ON A JEWELER

How a Clever French Swindler' Ob tained Jewels, Paying for Them With Tradesman's Own Money.

A novel method of defrauding a jew-pler was successfully carried out by a Paris thief. He drove up in a carriage to the jeweler's shop with his right arm in a sling, and was obtantatiously attended by a footman carrying a rug, He selected tewels to the value of \$1,000, and when the moment came for payment asked whether the jeweler minded him sending his man home for the money.

No objection was made to this course, and then there was another re-

"Would you mind writing for me?" maid the customer. 'I have hurt my arm. Just write, Please give Robert 1,000, and sign it 'Henri.'"

The jeweler wrote the note and in

45 minutes Robert was back with the cash. 🚉.

When the jeweler went home a light dewned. "What," his wife asked, "did you

want that \$1,000 for?" The thieves had made the jeweler. whose name was Henri, pay for gems with his own money.

Bishop's Busy Day. Discarding his horse and buggy Bishop Abram Herr of New Danville, Lancaster county, found it necessary to procure the service of an automobile in order to marry five pairs who lived in different sections of the county, according to a correspondent of the Philadelphia Record. Bishop Herr is a minister of the Mennonite faith, and the weddings were so scheduled that he scarcely had the time to eat a morsel of food at the big feasts that always follow a country wedding.

He married the first pair at his home and then jumped into the auto and was driven to Salunga, where he performed another wedding ceremony. From there the marrying parson was whisked to East Lampeter township. where two pairs were married. He solemnized the last wedding in the evening at Mountville.

Treasure Added to Art World. The lost Velasquez, discovered late

ly to the Castle of Schwartzau, near Steinfeld, Austria, has been identified as the Fraga portrait, painted in 1644, which it had been suppessed had perished. It is now in London, where it is to be exhibited shortly at the rooms, of the Agnews, who bought it. The Times of London says of it:

"It is a marvel of portraiture and a marvel of color and, absolutely, untouched as it is it shows at every point the unmistakable hand of Velasquez himself. . . When this has been done (relining and varnishing) this portrait of Philip IV. will impress all who see it as being one of the most complete and also one of the most attractive of the pictures left to the world by the founder of modern portraiture."

Saving Them for Her Funeral. The wife of a prominent southern statesman tells à story of her ancient colored cook, who took a liking to every article of apparel in her mistress' wardrobe. It was "please give me this" and "please give me that," until the lady took a trip to St. Louis and laid in a generous supply of hoptery and underwehr and outer gar ments for the old maniny. The gifts were received with gratitude, but presently the cook was at her old tricks, asking for stockings, aprons and wrappers. "What did you do with all those things I brought you from St. Louis?" demanded her em-DIOVOT.

"Why, missie," answered the worse an, "I couldn't use them things. Not for nothing. I'am saving them all to be buried in."

Slow. Innhesper-Geing to make an early start to see the glacier teday, I see, Do you know, it moves at the rate of only one foot an hour?

Fourst-Yes, but my wife is so slow gutting ready that I'm afraid we'll miss it after all!"—Puck.

## RUNNING GREAT STEAMSHIPS

Immense Modern Liners of 50,000 Tons Have Automatic Machinery Controlled by Single Hand.

In the hands of a skillful marine architect much more has been accomplished with steel struction than the mere economy of space. The safety of vessels at sea has been enormously increased, until in the highest type of modern ocean liners the element of danger is virtually eliminated. The marvelous ingenuity displayed throughout this great fabric of steel in guarding against every possible contingency of the sea comes to the average landsman as a surprise. A great liner of 50,000 tons may be controlled by a single hand. The complicated machinery for safeguarding the ship is practically automatic \*

The bottom of the great hull of the liner is doubled, the inner shell being strong enough to float the ship even if the outer hull be completely torn away. It is exceedingly unlikely that water would ever reach this inner shell through accident to the main hull, but the precaution is taken so that if once in a thousand trips the mhip should strike a hidden object it will prove absolutely invulnerable. The shipwrecks of the past caused by running upon hidden rocks, derelicts and loebergs are thus completely eliminated.—Cassier's Magazine.

## PRINCE AS BANK WRECKER

How the Famous Regent Tried to Close the Coutts Institution by Trick That Didn't Work.

The Gentlewoman of London recalls the following story of the prince regent and Coutts' bank: "When George IV. was a regent he had a grudge against Coutts' and determined to play a trick on the authorities. In those days even the great banks kent very small reserves of cash and the playful prince thought out a plan to close Coutts'. So he sent his equerry round from Carlton house with a check for £100,000, fondly hoping that the bank, would not be able to pay over the counter. The prince's trick, however, failed of success, as the wary old partner of the Strand bank proved equal to the occasion. He said at once to the equerry: "How will his royal highness take the amount, in gold or notes?" The equerry hesitated, and then said he had better go back to Cariton house to inquire. So he departed, and Coutts' had time to send to the Bank of England and get the cash required, but it was not needed, as the prince regent, seeing that Courts' had got the better of him, did not return the check in question.

How It Feels to By Run Over. "When I was run over," writes a correspondent, "I had not seen the car approaching. The first thing I knew was that I was on the ground, kicking upward with my legs in an effort to get from under the car. Then 'I felt a wheel going over my chest, which bent as it passed over. In the intervening second or two I went through several minutes' worth of feelings. I had the sensations of astonishing at being on the ground, of wanting to roll aside and away, of bracing myself-and my chest especially-stiff to resist something, whatever it might be, while a lightning fish of fear was dimly there and a subconscious query, 'What on earth next?' Yet it was hardly fear, because there was no time for such a durable sensation: it was rather a sense of being suddenly confronted with a grave reality of doubtful, obscurely terrible import."

A Rare Prize. The securing of the pelt of a black fox is of such interest among trappers and buyers of fur that the event is widely heralded throughout the trade, but it is rare indeed that one of the valuable animals is seen alive in captivity, yet a Farmington man has the distinction of having a live black fox in his possession. The animal was captured by Stanley Savage of Avon, who has a line of traps set in the vicinity of Mount Blue. The animal was not injured materially by the steel trap in which he was caught and Savage, after a lively tusale, succeeded in putting a collar around the fox's neck and attached a strong chain to it. He then took the animal te his home, where he has him confined in a firmly built cage.—Kennebec Journal.

Certain Americans Abroad. There are Americans who live abroad and speak of their native land in shameful whispers. Another kind is an explainer. He becomes fretful and involved in the attempt to make it clear to some Englishman with a cold and fishlike eye that, as a matter of fact, the lynchings are scattered over a large territory, and Tammany has nothing whatever to do with the United States senate, and the millionaire does not crawl into the presence of his wife and daughters. and Morgan never can be king, and citizens of St. Louis are not in danger of being hooked by moose. After be gets through the Englishman says. "Really?" and the painful incident is closed.—George Ade in Century.

A Futile Scheme. "I always have to quarrel with my husband in order to get him to buy a new suit of clothes. He never thinks

he can afford it." "I should think he would learn after a while that it is useless to try in that way to get you to quit spending sc much for dress."

#### SELECT AMERICAN ARTISTS

They Are the Best Ones to Paint Portraits of Americans, as General Sheridan Discovered.

Americans are learning that the men to paint portraits of Americans are American portrait painters, although the number of foreigners who come over here and succeed in getting commissions, mainly through dealers who exploit them shows no signs of diminishing. It is being borne in on the minds of the sitters and their families, however, that the artist of another people is likely to make his sitter look like a type of his own land, rather than of the sitter's land. They are beginning to realize that the old portraits which they admire were painted mainly by artists of the same blood as their sitters. A sculptor com-

menting on the matter recently said: "Some people learn that very quickly, but the others have slow eyes. Yet to show you that it does not at all take an artist to perceive it, let me tell you what Gen. Phil Sheridan said to me. I was going to make a bust of

him. Said he: "T've been painted, it seems to me, by everybody, and what have they done to me? I've been painted by an Italian and he made me look like an Italian. I've been painted by a Germen and he made me look like a German. I was painted by a Jew and he made me look like an Israelite. Now do 17

"You see, the general learned the lesson quickly-but maybe that's why he was a general."

## REFUSED TO CUT HIS RATES

Kentucky Livery Stable Proprietor Wouldn't Rent a Rig to Any Man for Less Than a Quarter.

William D. Campbell is a business man through and through. Coupled with his business instincts is a horror of being charged extortionate prices

by country livery stables. He stopped one day in a small town in Kentucky and concluded that he would like to take a drive. He also made the mental reservation that he would pay no unreasonable price for the horse and buggy. "Look here!" he said to the owner of the livery stable, the only one in town. "I want to take a little drive; but I am not a drummer, and am not a millionaire. I want that drive; but I think you might make a reasonable arrangement about the price of the rig. Understand that clearly!"

"This ain't no cut-rate town in the livery business," responded the proprietor. "I won't cut rates for no-

That sounded threatening to Campbell; but he thought he would take a chance and inquire the amount of the charges. "Well," he said soothingly. "what do you think is a fair charge for an hour's drive?"

The proprietor looked him-over carefully. "I tell you, stranger," he said hesitatingly, as if doubting whether Campbell would come across with the figure named, "I won't hitch up for no man for less than a quarter! -Sunday Magazine

Ruffs and Reeves.

A nurse told a child of mine some time before the middle of the 60's of the last century, that her mother had seen fairles dancing on Brumby Common in the northwest of Lincolnshire, mear the Trent, says a writer in Notes and Queries. When this fanciful story was repeated to me I had no difficulty in supplying its interpretation. The woman had assuredly not told a wilful falsehood, but what she had seen, and felt sure were fairies, were ruffs and reeves dancing on a dry hillock in a solitary place, where they were almost sure to be free from interruption. They have, I believe, often been seen engagd in this sport; but now these beautiful and interesting birds are almost if not entirely extinct, though they were common before the days of the great inclosures. when there was a long stretch of uncultivated land on the eastern bank of the Trent, which wild birds and mammals had nearly to themselves.

Mow Machinery Breathes.

An English writer on engineering subjects, Mervyn O'Gorman, calls attention to the fact that a piece of machinery, such as an automobile, laid aside after being used, is in danger of internal rusting through a kind wf respiration which affects cylinders, gear boxes, clutch chambers, interspaces in ball bearings, and so forth.

Every-inclosed air space "breaches" by drawing in air when a fall of temperature contracts its walls, and expelling it when the walls expand through heat. The moisture introduced with the air is deposited in the cavities, and may produce serious damage through rust. The popular belief that oil will protect the inaccessible parts of unused machinery is fallacious, since nearly all oils take up about three per cent. of water in solution.-Youth's Companion.

The Ocean. Of all natural stores of water the ocean is, of course, the most abundant, and from it all other water may be said to be derived. From the surface of the ocean a continuous stream of vapor is rising up with the atmosphere, to be recondensed in the upper regions and precipitated as rain, snew and sleet. Some eight-elevenths of these precipitates return directly to the ocean; the rest, falling on land, coffects into pools, lakes, rivers, or else penetrates the earth, perhaps to come to light again in springs and wells.

## HITT: TE DEITY IN BRONZE

Statuette of Goddess is Discovered in Egypt Which May Be of the Time of Joseph.

From Cairo comes news of the discovery of a bronze statuette which may be of the time when Joseph was sold into Egypt. It seems to be the first discovered specimen of a Hittita deity executed in the round.

it represents a goddess standing upon the back of a lion, whose tongue is protruding and tall turned up. The goddess wears the Cappadocian or Hittite style of tiara and carries in her arms an infant held to the breast.

No features of the work denote an Egyptian artist, but all point to Syria, and it is almost a precise copy of the Hittite reliefs upon the ruined palaces at Boghaz, Kenoi and elsewhere, in which the gods stand upon the backs of animals. The proportions given to the body and the arrangement of the hair are also Syrian, but the shoes have not the upturned toes usual with Hittite figures.

Should this statuette be accepted as of Hittite workmanship it will give support to the Old Testament statements as to the existence of Hittites in southern Palestine and will tend to show that the Hyksos or shepherd kings who reigned for centuries in North Egypt were Hittites or of an allied race.

## FAMILY BIBLE OBSOLESCENT

Publisher Says the Trade in That Once Popular Form of the Sacred Book is Dying Out.

A Philadelphia publishing house that makes a specialty of the sacred book says the family Biole trade is languishing. The Bible continues to be the best seller, but it is no longer the immense volume that stood on the parlor center table, and contained marvelous steel engravings of the tower of Babel and the tall of Nineveho and had room for all the family records. The thing now is a thin paper student edition with flexible covers. concordance and notes and all suited to the overcoat pocket. It hasn't room for any family history, but it can be introduced into a stingy city flat without crowding the family.

The passing of the family Bible is significant of an interesting change in the keeping of vital statistics. Records of births, deaths and marriages have ceased to be a family and become a state function. It is done better and more completely than in the old days and the records are more useful to the public. That fact need not prevent our dropping a tear at the passing of an old cherished institution.-Buccess Magazine.

That Did It.

"The hardest audience in the world to play to is an audience of typical first-nighters," said the theatrical manager. "The first-nighters are mostly deadheads, and those who pay their way are of the blase type, hard to enthuse. I have in mind one man in particular who never misses a first night, and who, to hear him talk. gets about as much enjoyment out of it as he would out of an attack of mumps. I put on a comedy last season that was one of the big money makers of the year. The first-night audience regarded it as mourners attending the obsequies of a dear departed. I met this paticular one I speak of in the lobby after the performance.

"Well, what did you think of it?' I said. 'Pretty funny, eh?' "'One of the funniest things I ever saw,' he admitted. 'In fact, it was so funny I had to read the jokes on the

program to keep from laughing."

Gladstone and the Heakler." Mr. Gladstone was altogether intolerant of the heckler. During his last Midlethian campaign he was questioned by Sir, then Mr., John Usher of Norton, who had once been Gladstone's chairman of committee, on the subject of the Irish proposals, which sundered so many political' friendships. To one or two inquiries a curt reply was given. "Am I to understand"-Mr. Usher was beginning. "Understand!" The old statesman leaped to his feet. "I am responsible for the understanding that the Almighty has put in this skull of mine," tapping his forehead. "I am not responsible," pointing his finger at the questioner, "for the understanding that he has put in that skull of yours." The effect of this rebuke was overwhelming. Mr. Usher sank speechless into his seat.

\* Names In Samoa.

Travelers visiting Samoa are puzzled at first by the fact that many boys bear femining names, while girls as frequently have masculine names. The visitor learns after awhile, however, that this confusing use of names instead of being due to ignorance is in reality the result of a native custom which is highly poetic.

Thus if a girl is born soon after the death of a brother the latter's name is given to her in the belief that his spirit and all his good qualities have been transferred to her. On the other hand, if a boy is born after the death of a sister he takes the latter's name and, as the Samoans believe, all her lovable traits become his.

Drew the Line. "Maybe she won't like me any more;

but I can't help it." "What happened?"

"Her pet poodle was under the mistletoe and I failed to take the chance."

#### GIRL POPPED THE QUESTION

Heiress Finds and Weds Flance After Long Separation-Favorite Musician at Russian Court.

Thousand Island Park, N. Y.-The marriage of Miss Lots Baldwin of Atlantic City and George Roqovoy, a Russian violinist, at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage here by the Rev. E. J. Lavis, ends a romance covering

a period of seven years. The bride is a granddaughter of Major Herbrich of Heidelberg, Germany, who died recently and left her sole beiress to a large estate. A few weeks ago she received \$40,000 from the estate of her mother. She first met Rogovoy in Perlin in 1903, and the two became engaged. Both were then under eighteen. Miss Baldwin's varents objected to the match and brought her back to America. Three years later she returned to Europe and tried to find her lover, but was unsuccessful, and did not meet him again until recently, when, while dining at the Frontenac hotel, she recognized him in the

orchestra. Their acquaintance was renewed. and the marriage was agreed upon. Miss Baldwin admits that she had "popped the question." They hurried to the minister, but found that a license was necessary, and they lost three days seeking one. Mr. Roqovoy said he would not break his contract with the hotel. When the season ends the couple will go abroad.

During the last seven years Rogovoy has traveled all over Europe. He was the favorite musician at the Russian court, and the caar decorated him. Queen Wilhelmins of Holland, and King Alfonso of Spain, it is said, presented him with jewels. Coming to America last year Roqovoy was a member for a time of the White House orchestra. He has been playing at the Frontenac hotel for two sea-

## AROUSE INTEREST IN GAELIC

Two Officials Arrive From Ireland to Pursue Nine Months' Campaign In United States.

New York -- Flonan MacColum and Rev Michael O'Flanagan, official envoys sent by the Gaelic League of Ireland to America to arouse interest in the revival of the old Gaelic language and literature, have opened headquarters in New York and are preparing an active propagands.

The two delegates will remain in this country for about nine months. and will visit all the principal Irish centers. In each city mass meetings will be held and branch societies for carrying on the work of the league will be organized.

There is no connection between the Gaelic league and any of the political movements in Ireland. With the league, however, is associated a move ment for the revival of Irish indus tries. Its platform urges clean living and temperance, both physically and morally, and the betterment of the social conditions of the people gen

In Ireland the movement has received the approval and co-operation of leading men politically and intel lectually, clergy and teachers. Gaelic is now taught in over three thousand schools.

A preliminary amouncement by Mr. MacColum says: "There is a widespread interest in the Gaetic movement in the United States, but so far the work here has not been definitely organized. I should say there are 100,000 speakers of Irish in New York alone.

"The Gaelic league aims at the intellectual independence of Ireland. It aims at sustaining Irish nationality in the natural order, that is, preserv ing all those traditions, characteristics, customs and ideals which distinguish one nation from another."

# GIVES HOBBLE SKIST PARTY

Hostess Makes Women Guests Try Virginia Reel and Three Fall in Heap-All Men Are Barred.

New York.-Curious swains of Glenwood, L. I., who were anxious to see how their young women friends would look at a hobble skirt party given by Miss Lillian Hahn were barred from the Hahn home by the hostess' own orders.

Several tried to gain admittance to the house while the party was in progress, but the hostess stationed two women at the front door, with orders to repel all attempts at entrance by any man.

Miss Hahn, who is socially promi-

nent sent out invitations to her hobble skirt party a few days ago. She furnished games for her guests until they had become accustomed to traveling from one side of the room tothe other in their skirts. Then dancing commenced.

Young men who gathered outside the house, waiting to accompany the guests home, say they heard many a thud, accompanied by laughter. When the music of the Virginia reel was heard one youth peeped through a window and saw three young women lying on the floor in a heap.

Whistles for the Blind. Cleveland, O.-Blind persons in Cleveland are to be supplied with whistles to summon policemen at

This innovation was decided upon

by Chief Kohler at the instance of the Federation of Women's Clubs. The whistles will be especially constructed so as to be easily recognized by the police.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS

street crossings.