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John Chapman's name occupies an important place in our American history, for he is known as "Johnny Appleseed, the Apostle of Apple Growing." More than a hundred years have passed since Johnny Appleseed scattered apple seeds throughout a wide range of territory from Pennsylvania to the Mississippi country, and in humility, yet his name has been immortalized, and we of future generations will be a long time forgetting the name of this great father of the modern apple-growing industry, the Christian Herald states.

Johnny Appleseed was born in Springfield, Mass., in the year 1775, eventful in American history in more ways than one. About the year 1801 he emigrated from Massachusetts, joining those forces starting for the unknown western country.

In the territory between Massachusetts and Ohio, and as far as Indiana, Mr. Chapman was a familiar figure. He foresaw the tide of migration going to the West, and seeing the need of fruit, devoted his life to its culture. Gathering all the apple seeds he could secure in his native state he would make long trips west, planting the seed and supplying the scattered settlers with enough to provide them with dependable orchards. The result was thousands of producing apple orchards throughout this vast territory.

SOWING TREE SEED IN SNOW

National Forests of the Country Are Planted Each Year to Make Bare Land Productive.

To keep the national forests of the United States, which are scattered from Alaska to Porto Rico, up to standard, 12,000 to 15,000 acres have to be reforested or planted each year. The bare lands must be made productive and the thin stands of wood must be improved. To do this requires an immense amount of labor.

Companies of men travel over these forests, sowing the seed broadcast over the snow in the various barren sections. As the snow melts the seed sinks deeper and deeper and when the snow disappears entirely the seed is already covered over with sufficient dirt to give it a bed in which to grow. The chief disadvantage of the method, according to a contributor to one of the scientific publications, is that the seed is conspicuous on snow and likely to be eaten by birds. After a few days of sunshine it soon disappears from view.

Charlemagne Was a German.

According to his friend and secretary, Charlemagne was a full-blooded German, an Austrasian Frank, with yellow hair, fair skin and large, keen, blue eyes. He was unusually tall, but exceedingly well proportioned and graceful, so that his great height did not at first strike the observer. His appearance was always manly and stately, and his countenance, open and cheerful, but, when roused to anger, his eyes blazed with a fire that few men cared to stand. He was fond of all forms of exercise and during most of his life was amazingly strong. He was temperate in eating and drinking. He spoke Latin as fluently as his native German and understood Greek when it was spoken. Late in life he learned to write, but was never able to do much more than sign his name. In his age, however, he was an educated man. At table he liked to have some one read to him and was very fond of history. He surrounded himself with scholars and encouraged education. He is classed as one of the most remarkable men that ever lived.

Sounds Baffling Science.

Mystery still attaches to certain explosive sounds, heard in various parts of the world and known to science as "brontides." On the coast of Belgium, says Popular Science Monthly, these sounds seem to come from the sea, and are called locally "mistpoeffers." In the Ganges delta of India similar sounds are called "Barisal guns." Brontides are well known in some parts of Italy, where they bear a great variety of names. In Hayti a sound of this character is known as the "gouffre," while in parts of Australia it is called the "desert sound." Brontides mostly take the form of muffled detonations, of indefinite direction. Probably they are of subterranean origin. Studies of eccentricities in the transmission of sound through the atmosphere lead to the conclusion that some of the sounds hitherto reported as brontides were really due to cannonading or blasting.

Fine Example for Others.

The manager of an English north country firm, Joseph Thomson, J. P., was one of the few who, in the early days of Ruskin's social reform schemes, put Ruskin's ideals into practice in the organization of his woolen manufacturing business, observes Christian Science Monitor. A definite minimum wage was fixed for the workers, and they were given shares which carried full voting powers at company meetings. Both men and women enjoyed this privilege. Ruskin, on hearing of Mr. Thompson's experiment, wrote to him expressing deep appreciation. "I cannot sufficiently thank you," he said, "for the completely foundational step which you have taken in the establishment of just and right relationships between yourself and your employees." The experiment gave most satisfactory results.

Sausage Makers' Repartee.

An old story which is being revived nowadays concerns two rival sausage makers. They lived on opposite sides of a certain street in London, and one day one of them placed over his shop the legend, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the country." The next day, over the way, appeared the sign, "We sell sausages to the gentry and nobility of the whole country." Not to be outdone, the rival put up what he evidently regarded as a final statement, namely: "We sell sausages to the king." Next day there appeared over the door of the first sausage maker the simple expression of loyalty, "God save the king."

THINGS THAT WE LAUGH AT

Inanimate Objects, Because of Association, Used by Comedians to Cause People to Smile.

The intrinsic humor possessed by inanimate objects is a study in itself. A person has but to lift up a string of sausages to make us smile. There must be some curious association of ideas, writes Rob Wagner in the Saturday Evening Post, that has always made of sausages a favorite prop for the comedian. The popularity of spaghetti as a laugh provoker probably lies in the great difficulty of eating it with dignity. Because of some strange significance, lawnmowers and baby carriages are potential of much mirth.

Inanimate objects are not the only facetious things in life; among the fruits and vegetables we find are comedians. We have a complete flora and fauna of comedy that every director is supposed to know. The edible props of pleasantry are the cabbage, prune and onion; while among the animals, the jackass and the mule get the longest laughs, though I believe the goat produces the strongest.

We had a stupid director who thought because a Shetland pony offered such a tremendous contrast to a mule he could hitch the two together and get a lot of laughs. It cost a bunch of money to convince this unanalytical chump that people regard these diminutive horses much as they do beautiful children; they are too sweet and cute to be subjected to the slightest indignity. Sheer beauty is never funny.

OLD CHURCH WITH A HISTORY

St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Has Pews Permanently Reserved for Sovereign and Prince.

There are many interesting associations with royalty attaching to the historic church of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where the king and queen recently attended a special service. It is not generally known, states a London correspondent, that pews are permanently reserbed there for the sovereign and the prince of Wales owing to the fact that it is the mother church of all the royal parishes, and the parish church for Buckingham palace.

Henry VIII built the first church to prevent funerals passing his palace in Whitehall. The present edifice dates from 1726, and its chief claim to architectural distinction is that it possesses the only perfect example of a Grecian portico in London. In the older church some of the children of Charles II were christened.

George I presented it with an organ, on which Handel frequently played. Nell Gwynne and Jack Sheppard were buried in the ancient vaults. It was opposite the present St. Martin's, where the National Portrait Gallery now stands, that the Merry Monarch, on his way to Drury Lane theater, caught his first glimpse of the famous beauty as she was selling her oranges.

Effects of the Sun.

City dwellers and those who do not lead a constant outdoor life should avoid exposing unclothed portions of their bodies to the bright sunlight for a prolonged period. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, German specialists who have investigated the subject say that the damage that frequently follows the popular pastime of lying for hours in the sun on the sand at German beaches is not merely sunburn, but headache and often meningitis. Those who are inclined to be nervous are more quickly affected by undue exposure to the rays of the sun, and the anemic and nervously predisposed city indoor workers are the very persons who are most fond of sun baths. A tanned and vascular skin offers a better protection against the sun's rays, but the city dweller's skin is neither pigmented nor vascular. Instead of being benefited, the nervous are rendered more nervous, and when the summer is over they are tanned, but otherwise in poorer condition than in the spring.

Gold in Montana.

The first discovery of gold in Montana is accredited to a halfbreed Indian, who in 1852 found "colors" in gravel near the mouth of Gol creek, a small stream that rises in the northeast corner of the Philipsburg quadrangle, and the first workable places discovered in Montana were found on this creek in 1862, recites the Geological Press Survey Bulletin. A small quantity of gold was taken out of these gravels by means of sluice boxes on the creek near the present site of Pioneer. The deposit afterward exploited by the Hope mine was discovered in December, 1864, and in 1865 Philipsburg was founded just south of the mine. Since that time the Philipsburg district has produced about $50,000,000 in gold and silver.

Curious Walking Feat.

The most curious walking feat in Scotland dates back to a former century, when Sir Andrew Leith Hay and Lord Kennedy did a great walk for a bet of £4,500. Hay said he could walk from Blair hall in Kincardineshire to Inverness in less time than Kennedy.

They started off that very night at nine o'clock, in their evening clothes, with their shoes and silk stockings. Sir Andrew took the coach road via Huntly and Elgin. Lord Kennedy, with Captain Ross as umpire, went straight across the Grampians in pouring rain. They walked all that night, all next day, and the following night, and Lord Kennedy got to Inverness at six o'clock in the morning of the third day, and won his bet by four hours.

Kipling Made "Tommy Atkins."

Rudyard Kipling has written an American story, "Captains Courageous." Kipling made "Tommy Atkins." Sir George Younghusband, who has been in the British service for forty years, declares that nobody ever heard of "Tommy" until Kipling made Private Mulvaney and the other two of the "Soldiers Three" talk about him. He says that he had asked innumerable old British officers if they ever heard of "Tommy Atkins" before Kipling wrote about him, and they all agree that they never did.

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WHEN POISONING WAS ART

None Gained Greater Proficiency Than Marchioness of Brinvilliers in Seventeenth Century.

The sixteenth and seventeenth centuries developed a large number of persons who brought the crime of poisoning to an art. None attained greater perfection in this than the marchioness of Brinvilliers. She was the daughter of Dreux D'Aubray, a high official in the reign of Louis XIV. In 1651 she was married to the marquis of Brinvilliers, heir to an enormous fortune. She herself brought a considerable dowry.

She was a woman of prepossessing appearance and great charm. She lived happily with her husband until one Sieur Godin, commonly known as St. Croix, was introduced into the family. The marquis took a great liking to him, and St. Croix made his home with the aristocratic couple. The marchioness soon fell in love with the adventurer. De Brinvilliers had St. Croix imprisoned in the Bastille. Here the latter met an Italian who was an adept in poisons, and he taught St. Croix his arts. When the latter was released, after a year's confinement, he resumed his acquaintance with the marchioness, but more cautiously. The Italian came out of prison and entered the services of the pair. They at once entered into schemes to poison the woman's father, her two brothers and her sister, so as to get possession of the family fortune. They succeeded in all cases except that of the sister. Yet they escaped suspicion and would have gone free had it not been for an accident. While mixing poisons the mask worn by St. Croix fell from his face and he was suffocated by the poisons he was preparing for others. Then the whole dark tale was unfolded and all were condemned to death.

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NATIONAL PROHIBITION A LIVE ISSUE

It has been brought to the attention of the prohibition forces that a concerted effort is being made by the organized liquor forces to create sentiment against ratifying the National Prohibition Amendment at this time on the ground that it had not been submitted prior to the election of the Legislature. Certainly no member will be misled by this organized and well financed propaganda of the liquor bunch.

The Anti-Saloon League, through its publication, through the pulpit and the press of the state, did its best to make the issue plain. The Personal Liberty League, through its advertisements, showed that they understood the issue and made their fight accordingly.

The resolution for nation-wide prohibition had passed the Senate before the Delegates and Senators were elected last fall, and it was in the House of Representatives at that time. There are but few people who claim to be posted upon this question who would, for a moment, say that there was doubt any time in the past six months about the submission of this question to the Legislatures of the states. As a great newspaper of the City of Baltimore has said, if this question is not settled at this Legislature it will be the question upon which the election of all legislatures will turn for the next seven years. This certainly is true unless 36 states ratify the resolution before that time.

We submit that, inasmuch as the Legislature knows this to be true, the responsibility for continuing this fight on the submission of the nation-wide prohibition amendment rests entirely with the Legislature and the one now in session can settle this question for all time to come in Maryland and we appeal to every friend of the cause to make this known to his Senator and members of the House of Delegates.

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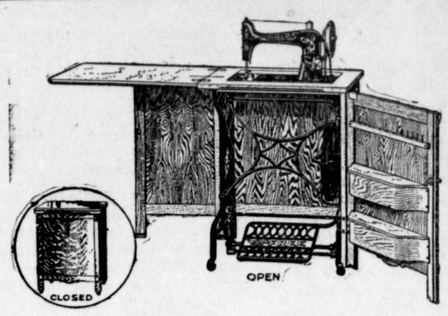

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