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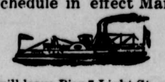

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For once in the history of the world a prayer meeting is commemorated by a monument. In Mission park in Williamstown stands a shaft which was dedicated on Sunday, July 28, 1867, to the memory of five students of Williams college who met at the close of one sultry summer day in the year 1806 to hold a prayer meeting, as was their custom. They were overtaken by a sudden shower of rain and were compelled to seek the friendly shelter afforded them by a neighboring haystack.

The group of young evangelists who were present at the prayer meeting on that particular occasion consisted of Samuel J. Mills, James Richards, Francis L. Robbins, Harvey Loomis and Byram Green.

Sheltered from the rain by the haystack, they continued amid the conflict of the elements their devotional exercises and discussed religious topics of deep interest to themselves. While the storm raged Mills communicated to his fellows the plan of executing a great life work. It was nothing less than a mission to some heathen land and the ultimate evangelization of the world.

They communicated their plan to such of their fellow students as they believed would sympathize with them and organized the Society of Brethren, a secret society, which had for its object the establishment of foreign missions.

The result of the prayer meeting was the organization in Bradford, Mass., in 1810 of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions. From this start grew the great society of the American board, which has distributed millions of dollars. Since the first meeting of five persons its corporate and honorary members have increased to over 70,000.

Years after the students had formed their great scheme of evangelization the spot where they held the prayer meeting was marked by a cedar stake. This led to the purchase of Mission park by the alumni of Williams college and in 1867 to the erection and dedication of what is now known as Haystack monument. The cedar stake monument became marble through Harvey Rice of Cleveland, who designed and at his own expense reared the prayer meeting site marker.

The monument stands on the identical spot where the haystack stood. It is a strictly Berkshire county production, composed of Berkshire marble, quarried at Alford and wrought in the workshops of the Berkshire Marble company. Its height is twelve feet, its shaft, cap and base square polished, its color a silver blue.—New York Tribune.

### Hindoo Caste.

The four grades of society among the Hindoos are the Brahmans, or sacerdotal class, who are said at the moment of creation to have issued from the mouth of Brahma; the Kshatrya, or Chuttsee, or military class, sprung from the arm of Brahma; the Vaisya, or Bais, or mercantile class, from the thigh of Brahma, and Sudras, or Sooders, or servile class, from the foot of Brahma. The business of the Sudras is to serve the three superior classes, more especially the Brahmans. Their condition is never to be improved, they are not to accumulate property and are unable by any means to approach the dignity of the higher classes. These divisions are hereditary, impassable and indefeasible.

### Meyerbeer.

Meyerbeer was so nervous and "fidgety" about his works that when they were in course of preparation or rehearsal or performance he never gave himself or any one else concerned a moment's peace of mind. He was constantly making changes or alterations in the score and would sometimes write a passage in three or four different colored inks in order to try the different effects and then could not make up his mind which was the best. He worried over his opera "L'Africaine" so long, delaying, retouching and polishing, even while it was in rehearsal, that the self imposed labor made him ill, and he died before the first public performance.

### Dynamite Whiskers.

The name "whiskers" is applied to feathery crystals which gather upon the outside of the wrapping of frozen dynamite. The "whiskers" are more "irritable" than dynamite itself. A case is on record where sticks of dynamite had been thawed out in hot water and the can of hot water in which it was done left in the blacksmith shop without being emptied of the residual scum of grease and whiskers. The first blow of the blacksmith's hammer on a nearby anvil was sufficient to set off the whiskers by concussion. The can was blown to pieces, but fortunately no one was hurt.

### The Kaffirs.

The Kaffirs are great philosophers. If an ox should die the owner never grieves, but remarks: "Now I must go to work for master (all white men who treat them well are called masters), and in six months he will give me a cow. It will have a calf. If it is a bull calf in a year I'll have a pair of oxen, but should it be a heifer calf I'm all the richer, for the next year I'll have two calves instead of one."

The opinions of the misanthropical rest upon this very positive basis, they adopt the bad faith of a few as evidence of the worthlessness of all.—Bovee.

## PROBLEMS IN COLORS

WHITE IS COOL, YET ARCTIC ANIMALS AS A RULE ARE WHITE.

**Why Are Land Birds Mostly Dark and Sea Birds, In Many Cases, White?—Why Have Nearly All Purple Blossoms Poisonous Properties?**

In summer weather ladies, and men, too, when possible wear white. Why? To keep cool, of course, you will say.

If this be so, why, then, are almost all the creatures that live in arctic regions clothed in white? The usual reply is that the white color is for protective purposes—in order, in fact, to make them invisible to their enemies in the midst of the wastes of snow.

But, consider, again, is this reasonable? From whom does the polar bear need to hide? He has no enemies to fear. And as for the birds which assume a white plumage when they migrate north, surely they also have far fewer foes in the polar regions than when farther south.

Again, if white be a cool color this is surely another reason against the inhabitants of the coldest regions turning white at the approach of winter. It is easy to strengthen this argument. Visit the tropics, and you will find hardly any white animals or birds. In the very hottest regions of the globe not only is man, as a rule, black, but the birds and beasts are either very dark or else extremely brilliant in color. Of tropical birds the commonest colors run as follows: Brown, dark green and dark blue, emerald green, reds and yellows.

Speaking of the birds again, why is it that land birds are mostly dark hued while so many sea birds are white?

Here is another color puzzle. Almost all song birds are somber in hue, while the brightly colored species, such as the jays, the parrots and birds of paradise, have naturally harsh voices.

The colors of flowers and leaves offer numbers of interesting problems. No one quite knows why the prevailing tint of early spring flowers is either white or yellow. Yellow, indeed, holds its own to some extent all through the summer, but the typical color of summer blooms is pink, while as the autumn advances richer crimsons and all the rich, glowing hues of dahlias and chrysanthemums are seen.

Horticulturists have produced poppies of pretty nearly every shade under the sun, and with many other flowers they seem able to alter the colors almost as they please. Yet the blue rose, the black tulip and the green carnation seem as far off as ever they were in spite of constant efforts to arrive at them. Nearly three centuries ago Dutch gardeners imagined themselves on the verge of inventing a black tulip.

The colors of the blossom of fruit trees are limited to white, pink, bright scarlet and purple. The reason no one knows. Nor is it clear why nearly all plants with purple blossoms have poisonous properties. The deadly nightshade is an instance which will be familiar to all country readers.

It used to be said and many still imagine that intensity of color depends upon intensity of light. The brilliancy of a tropical landscape seems in some measure to bear this out. But any amount of arguments may be deduced against it. Rubies, opals and other exquisitely colored gems are dug from the depths of the earth.

The rays of the sun have never touched them. The pulp of some fruits is more richly tinted than the outer rind, while the crimson blood of animals is hidden from the light. What could be more rich and magnificent in color than the wings of many moths? Yet these are all night flying creatures.

Speaking of moths, it seems odd that there is no blue moth. Very few show even a touch or spot of blue. The colorings of butterflies present many problems, for there seems no order or method in their hues and markings, and a strange point is the absolute difference in these points between species otherwise closely allied.

Why do autumn leaves turn yellow? Here is a question which is more easily answered than some that have already been suggested. The popular reply is, "The frost does it." This is only partly correct. If a really hard frost were to happen early in autumn there would be no tints at all. All the leaves would turn brown at once. The really gorgeous colors are produced by a slow and gradual fall of temperature, of course, without too much wind or rain. The cold causes a chemical ferment, which attacks the color compounds in the cells of the leaf. It is those leaves which contain most sugar which oxidize most rapidly and of which, consequently, the color becomes most rich and brilliant.

A question which is often asked is, "Why do lobsters, shrimps and certain other similar shellfish turn red when boiled?" It seems that the black coloring matter which colors the shell of the lobster during life is an iron compound. We know that iron rust is red. The effect of boiling is practically to turn this iron compound in the lobster shell to a highly oxidized rust.

The dislike of certain creatures for certain colors is strange. If a number of earthworms be placed in an oblong box, of which one half is covered with red and the other with blue glass, they will with one accord crawl away from the blue light and take refuge under the red glass. Many other higher creatures share the same dislike to blue rays.—Pearson's Weekly.

### A Terrible Mistake.

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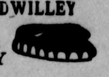

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