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THE FORGOTTEN DEAD.

There Are Few English Tombstones Over Two Centuries Old.

Some years ago there was a correspondence in the papers, the main argument being that there were very few tombstones in the open—that is, outside of a church—which could show a record of over 200 years. Doubtless there are many tombstones of a far greater age, but most of these are now undecipherable from the perishing material used or have sunk deep into the earth, in which case there can be small doubt as to the inscriptions having become obliterated.

The oldest record I have come across was at Godshill churchyard, near Ventnor, where the visitor can see legibly inscribed, "Annie Garde, 1592," but probably some of your readers may know of tombstones bearing an earlier date. The most surprising number of old tombstones clustered together are possibly those grouped at Bonchurch, Isle of Wight, these ranging from 1616 to 1702. In all there are seven, having these dates: 1616, 1619, 1620, 1627, 1646, 1687, 1702.

So far—that is, during a three years' search—I have found tombstones of the seventeenth century at Godshill, Bonchurch, Brading and St. Lawrence (Ventnor), in the Isle of Wight; at Wateringbury, in Kent, where there are several in excellent order; at Tonbridge, Bristol, Ipswich, Harwich, Southwold, Colwyn Bay (old parish churchyard), and at Millbrook, near Southampton.

I might note that in all I have so far found only thirty-five tombstones over 200 years of age.—London Standard.

"THE ARABIAN NIGHTS."

Sir Richard Burton's Translation of the Tales.

"The Arabian Nights" was first introduced to Europe by a Frenchman named Galland, and the first English versions were simply translations of his. Then a Dr. Scott gave a very superior edition, "occasionally corrected from the Arabic." In 1839, however, appeared an English translation entirely from the Arabic, with copious notes and illustrations. It was Edward William Lane's, a gentleman whose long residence in Egypt had fully qualified him for his work. This translation may be said to have held the field until the appearance of one by Sir Richard Burton. Sir Richard was a daring and successful traveler, who had a remarkable facility in acquiring eastern languages. He performed a pilgrimage to Mecca disguised as a pilgrim, a feat as difficult as it was daring. In 1872 he was appointed to the post of British consul at Triest. Here he applied his knowledge of Arabic to making a faithful translation of "The Arabian Nights Entertainments," supplementing his work with copious notes and terminal essays which have been called a mine of curious and diverting information. Its publication caused a great sensation. Details were freely given that had previously been suppressed. But the accuracy of the translation as a whole was candidly acknowledged, and Burton may be credited with having made into the English language the finest translation of these wonderful Arabian tales.—London Answers.

Saved by a Cipher.

The story is told of how a neatly constructed cipher saved Sir John Trevanion's life. This cavalier was taken prisoner and locked up in Colchester castle to await his execution. On the second day of his confinement the jailer brought him a letter, which, as far as the warder of the castle could discover was merely a note of condolence from a friend. But the letter had been concocted on a cipher to which Sir John had a clew. Every third letter after a punctuation mark of any kind was to tell. What he made out was this: "Panel at east end of chapel slides." On the following evening the prisoner begged permission to pass a quiet hour in prayer in the chapel. The request was granted, and before the hour had passed the panel had done its work and the bird had flown.

A Bird Performer.

Canaries and other tame birds are sometimes taught to perform tricks, but it always has been regarded almost an impossibility to train a wild bird. Andrew Hume, the famous Scotch bird lover, trained one of the wildest of Scotch birds to perform all sorts of remarkable tricks—to jump and keep time with the skipping rope, to perform on the slack and tight rope, climb an upright rope, stand on top of a running carriage, draw cards out of a box, mount a ladder and ring a bell, go round a wheeling stair step by step and fly to its owner's head when called upon.

Fame and Fortune.

"That young physician is working hard."

"Yes," answered the veteran practitioner. "He is on the track of a discovery that will mean fame and fortune. He is trying to invent a new name that will make some old ailment fashionable."—Washington Star.

Barely Remembered.

"I suppose your late uncle didn't fail to remember you in his will," said the sympathetic friend.

"You can hardly call it a remembrance," replied the poor relation. "It was more like a faint recollection!"

Three Years.

"How long," asked the judge of a vagrant negro, "have you been without any means of support?"

"Since my wife died in 1903, suh," responded the darky respectfully.—Lippincott's Magazine.

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THE TELEGRAPH.

Opposition and Rebuffs With Which Morse Had to Contend.

The Morse telegraph invention lingered for years in the hands of its starving inventor because capitalists were indifferent or incapable of appreciating its merits.

It was several years before congress voted an appropriation to allow its inventor to make a practical test of it, and burlesque bills were offered to provide means for communicating with the man in the moon.

"He's a very good, but shiftless painter, if he would only stick to his job," some one said of Morse. "The idea of telling by a little streak of lightning what a body is saying at the other end of a wire!"

His instrument, it was said, was all very well as a mantel ornament or for a mistress to call her maid, but the wires couldn't cross rivers, oceans and deserts.

Even after the line was up between Washington and Baltimore and Silas Wright sent a dispatch to the Democratic convention at Baltimore declining its nomination of him to the vice presidency, it was not accepted as true until a committee went to Washington and returned with the confirmation of the report.

There was similar though less objection offered to the overland telegraph. Senator Benton declared that it would be impossible to operate it, because the Digger Indians would cut the wires to make hooks for digging up the roots and beetles on which they lived.—Sunday Magazine.

Life on the Farm.

Real life on the farm means corn in abundance, hogs a-plenty, cows enough to keep every vessel on the place overflowing with milk, horses for every member of the family, chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, fruit in season and out of season, babies and good cheer all the year round.—Houston (Tex.) Post.

Very Simple.

"Miss Short says she's thirty, but I'm sure she is thirty-six, every year of it."

"Well, you see, she was six before she learned to count."

Magnanimity.

Magnanimity is never coupled with weakness. The large soul that embraces all mankind in love and sympathy, that is tender, compassionate and generous, is also strong, resolute and firm whenever principle, justice and truth are concerned. There is no cruelty like that of weakness; there is no power and courage and energy like those of true magnanimity.

Knew the Game.

Mother (who has been asked to suggest a game for a rainy afternoon)—Why don't you pretend you are me? And George can be daddy. Then you might play at housekeeping. Daughter—But, mother, we've quarreled once already.—Punch.

Open Mouthed.

Conceited Actor—You should have seen the audience sitting open mouthed when I was playing Hamlet last night. Critic—It must be dreadful to see an entire audience all yawning at once.

What a strange scene if the surge of conversation could suddenly ebb like a tide and show us the real state of people's minds!—Scott.

BULLIOT'S BET.

A Banker's Wager on St. Swithin's Day Rain Legend.

There were few frenzied financiers in England at the beginning of the eighteenth century if the banker Bulliot, of whom the following story is told, can be taken as an example: The feast of St. Swithin, July 15, 1725, was a particularly wet and stormy day.

Trusting implicitly in the old superstition, which says that if it rains on St. Swithin's day it will rain for forty days thereafter, Bulliot opened a pool for every one who was willing to bet against him. The affair attained so much notoriety that the wager was reduced to writing.

"If dating from St. Swithin's day," reads the memorandum, "it rains more or little during forty days successively Bulliot will be considered to have gained, but if it cease to rain for only one day during that time Bulliot has lost."

For two weeks it contained to shower every day, and so confident did the banker become that he accepted as stakes not only money, but gold headed canes, jewels, snuffboxes and even clothes. When his cash gave out he offered notes and bills of exchange. Another week passed, and Bulliot's star was still in the ascendant.

But when the twenty-second day sank into the west bright and cloudless the unfortunate banker was ruined.

A Good Reply.

During the Apache war in Arizona in 1866 a Maricopa Indian rode a hundred miles between sun and sun to warn a party of well to do emigrants that the Apaches had planned to ambuscade them at a certain pass. The young Indian volunteered to guide the wagons by another route, and when he had done this he mounted his horse to go home.

"See here," said the leader of the train to the young Maricopa, "you have done us a good service. What is your price?"

"My price?" repeated the astonished Indian.

"That is what I asked."

"I have no price. Had gain been my object I would have joined the Apaches and met you in the pass." And so saying the brave wheeled his horse and rode proudly away.

The Best Beloved.

William Stitt, beadle at Durrisdeer, in Nithsdale, Scotland, was a man of about six feet two inches in height, with broad, heavy shoulders. There had been a succession of ministers during his official career, says a writer in Blackwood's Magazine, among them the Rev. D. Morrison, who was subsequently translated to the Tron church, Edinburgh, a minister of decidedly larger build that his predecessors. One of the farmers in the parish said to the beadle one day:

"Will, you have served under a good many ministers. Which of them all did you like best?"

"Morrison's clo'es fitted me best!" Will replied curtly.

Chinese Pirates.

Piracy is no new thing in the waters around Hongkong. As long ago as the thirteenth century the island of Hongkong was a piratical stronghold, and for centuries the Chinese government was unable to drive the sea robbers out. All craft passing what is now Hongkong harbor were compelled to pay tribute. The higher elevations of the island served as lookout stations, and no boat that approached was permitted to leave until it had paid toll.

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