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OF COURSE SHE HEARD HIM!

Anyway It Is a Mean Man Who Would Set Such a Trap for His Better Half.

Hubby was reading aloud from the newspaper to his wife. Now and then he paused and asked a question, but her replies indicated that she was not listening very closely. When he reproached her she indignantly retorted that she was listening most intently.

He continued reading for a few minutes and then seeing a far-away look in his wife's eyes he began to read as follows:

"'Last night, at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, a few minutes before breakfast, a hungry boy, about sixty years old, bought an orange for a dime, and threw it through a concrete wall twenty feet thick. With a cry of despair, he jumped into a dry millpond, broke his arm at the knee joint, and was burned alive.

"'It was only ten years after, on the same day and at the same hour, that a goat gave chase to six elephants just as a high wind began to blow, killing three dead horses and a nickle cigar that had just come out of the hospital.'

"There, what do you think of that?" cried hubby, as he finished reading.

"I think it was a splendid bargain, dear," said his wife. "You had better get half a dozen, as your stock of shirts is running low."—London Answers.

TRACED TO DRUIDICAL TIMES

Custom That Is Believed to Have Been Forerunner of Modern "April Fool's Day."

April Fool's day is from an old custom dating from the time of the Druids that the first of April takes its name. Although most people call it "All Fools' day" it is more than likely that it should be "Old Fool's day"—a modern way of saying "Auld Fools' day."

In the old Druid times any young maidens who could pluck enough courage (for it was considered a daring thing to do) used to visit one of the sacred "groves" between ten and twelve o'clock on the night of April 1. Here they all stood behind one another, and as soon as they heard the hoot of an owl, started slowly running round and round. As they ran they sang some weird old chant, the gist of which was that they wanted a man to run with them!

Then those of the girls who were to be married during the next year would suddenly see the ghost of a white man by their side. A black escort showed that the unfortunate young lady was going to die during the ensuing year.

Oceans' Levels Changed.

It is the belief of scientists that, during the glacial period, when the land was covered with huge coats of ice, the level of the ocean was from 150 to 200 feet lower than its normal level, according to Dr. T. W. Vaughan of the United States geological survey. This belief is based upon the theory that what goes up must come down, and scientists are able to account for the presence of ice on the land only on the supposition that it came from the sea.

Proof of this is found in coral reefs in all parts of the world. Their position indicates that the building was commenced in the shallow waters of the then coast line, only to have the waters rise. The little animals which create the reefs kept on building toward the new level. Many of the reefs, it has been observed, have been built on submarine shelves, and these are invariably found on coasts which show signs of having once been submerged.

Always the Extra Woman.

It is true that for every even 100 births of girl infants there are 105 boys born, but of those belonging to both sexes remaining alive at the end of the first year, there are just 100 girls alive to 95 boys.

Moreover, the ratio of survival increases slightly in favor of the girls throughout life. Therefore at all age periods there is a more or less decided excess of females over males.

Primitive man found this out for himself, without the aid of mortality tables or adding machines. He met the problem in his own naive fashion, according to taste, by drowning the extra babies, selling them into slavery, or letting them grow and practicing polygamy.—Caroline E. MacGill in Scribner's Magazine.

PUZZLES MEN OF LEARNING

Whether Petrified Sole of Shoe Is a Fossil or Freak of Nature, Is Question.

What appears to be the petrified sole of a carefully made shoe has been submitted by John T. Reid, a mining engineer of Lovelock, Nev., to Dr. James F. Kemp, professor of geology at Columbia university, and to Dr. William D. Matthew, paleontologist of the American Museum of Natural History.

If it is what it looks like, it is proof that human beings were walking about in shoes of finer workmanship than are made today on this continent, between 10,000,000 and 300,000,000 years ago, the New York Times states. The seeming fossil was found in blue limestone of the Triassic period on a summit in the southern extremity of the Humboldt mountain range in Nevada.

Both Doctor Matthew and Doctor Kemp said that the object was the most surprising imitation by nature of the workmanship of man which had ever come to their attention, but that it was almost impossible that it could be a genuine fossil because the evidence was overwhelming that the career of human beings on earth was not over half a million years, whereas the Triassic rock of which the neatly sculptured sole is made more ancient.

It would fit nicely a boy of ten or twelve years. The edges are as smooth as if freshly cut. But the surprising part of it is what seems to be a double line of stitches, one near the outside edge of the sole and the other about a third of an inch inside the first. The "leather" is thicker inside the inner welting and appears to be slightly beveled so that at the margin, half an inch wide, which runs outside, the sole is something like an eighth of an inch thick.

The symmetry is maintained perfectly throughout. The perfect lines pursued by the welting and the appearance of hundreds of minute holes through which the sole was sewed to the shoe are the things which make the object such an extraordinary freak in the eyes of the scientists who examined it.

SPECIAL DAINTIES FOR LENT

How Rigors of the Season of Fasting Were Alleviated in the "Good Old Days."

Our ancestors were in the habit of observing Lent with such strictness that they promoted the fish industry almost as greatly as they did their own spiritual welfare. But their religious zeal did not altogether discourage their epicurean taste, and certain particularly palatable ways of preparing fish became great delicacies.

Herring pie tickled the fancy even of royalty. The city of Yarmouth, England, was bound, by an ancient charter, to make the king an annual present of 100 herrings baked in 24 pies, and certain gentlemen in the reign of Edward I held their land by tenure of supplying these same dainties for the royal table. Lampreys were also a favorite Lenten dish. These became so popular that they formed the subject of various royal edicts, and decrees, and the city of Gloucester gained great renown through the excellence of its prepared lamprey product. The whale, the porpoise, the grampus and the sea-wolf, while not exactly fish, were considered fishy enough to be suitable for Lenten consumption, and great prices were paid for especially toothsome morsels of these animals.

How It Happened.

Frank and Paul are playmates. Paul is one year older than Frank, and, accordingly, is in an advanced class at school. Frank's father is constantly urging him to study with greater energy that he may come up with Paul. The other day Frank came home from school, his face radiant with smiles.

He exclaimed: "Papa! Papa! I am up with Paul!"

"Good, my son," said his father, "in what class are you now?"

"Oh, I am in the same class," replied Frank.

"But I thought you said you were up with Paul?"

"Well, I am. They put Paul back."

Lightning Flashes.

No doubt lightning flashes vary in thickness, but one photographed recently was estimated from the size of the trace it left on a photograph and the distance of the tower it struck from the camera, to be only one-fifth of an inch.

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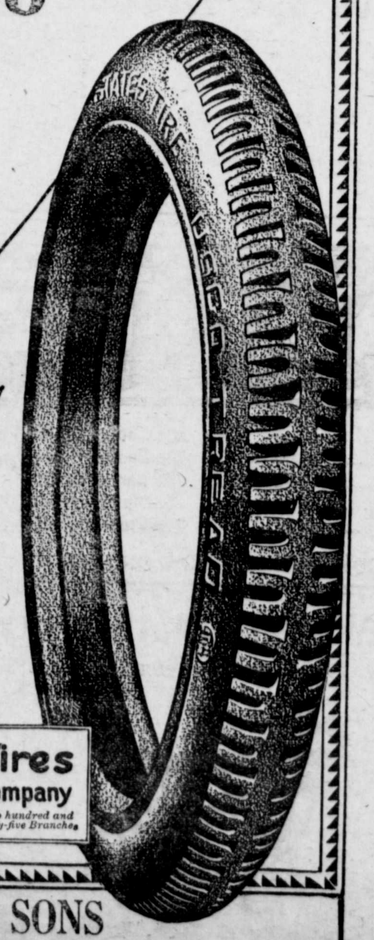

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