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Reveals Simple Method of "Invisible" Writing

An ex-convict who spent 15 terms in prison, recently visited the office of the London Daily Chronicle, and left a letter purporting to reveal a secret method of invisible writing by means of which prisoners were able to communicate with friends outside. In the letter he claims that this was the method employed by two prisoners who committed suicide, when, as stated at the time, they were able to send a request to friends to forward them poisoned sandwiches under the system which enables prisoners on remand to receive food from outside. The letter continues: "In this letter is the method under which they sent out their messages. Can you find it?" The explanation and a test of the trick were finally volunteered. In the blank spaces of the letter the ex-convict had penned an invisible message by dipping the pen nib in his mouth and writing with saliva. Lightly done, this cannot be seen by the naked eye. To reveal the writing all that had to be done is to rub ordinary ink over the blank space, blot in quickly and the invisible words stand out like ordinary penmanship.

Daddy Stork the Victim of "Eternal Triangle"

Fratricide is not uncommon in the snake world. Snake will eat snake, and very often does; but it must be said in justification that a snake must be very hungry and see no prospect of food at all before he will deliberately set out to eat his brother. Some snakes, however, loathe those of other species and kill them on sight.

German naturalists have observed the murderous passion in some birds, especially storks. One celebrated naturalist tells of a stork "triangle tragedy" enacted on a high chimney pot. While the male mate was away a younger and handsomer bird came to woo the lady. She first repulsed, then tolerated, then succumbed to his blandishments. Then, when the old husband was out frog hunting one day, the guilty pair flew to his marsh and belabored him to death.

Beginning of Superstition

The word "superstition" is derived from the Latin "superstitio," excessive religious belief, possibly originally a standing over a thing in amazement or awe; from "superstare," to stand above or over. Superstition is closely allied with the so-called ethnological phenomena known as survivals. Among the ancient peoples—as, for instance, the Assyrians—it was part of the official state religion to prophesy concerning the future from the flight of birds, the nature of dreams and similar occurrences, and where such customs and the correlated beliefs persist they may be regarded as survivals. Among them, perhaps the most persistent in the country districts is the belief in ghosts and in the influence of the moon. In parts of Europe the effects of the "evil eye" are still feared, while in the United States the horseshoe, caul, four-leaf clover, etc., are still regarded as emblems of good luck.

"Daddy, Start the Razor"

Nine-tenths of the bright sayings of children are duds, which is unfortunate, because once in a while a child achieves something droll or striking. As, for example, the child who had been out in the family's new car and had seen the windshield cleaner work. It was one of those cleaners that clean a semi-circular space on the window in front of the driver. The child did not refer to it, and no one noticed that he was at all interested. The next day he was taken for a drive was rainy and the windshield began to steam up. "Daddy," said the boy, "start the razor."—New Bedford Standard.

Going Quite Strong

Breakspeare was walking slowly across the street when a car hooted violently, and he found himself almost embracing its radiator. At the same time he recognized the owner's face. It was an old acquaintance.

"Well, Alfred," he stammered. "Fancy our meeting like this! How long did it take you to learn to drive?"

"About six," replied his friend cheerfully.

"Six weeks" asked Breakspeare.

"No, idiot," was the answer; "six cars, of course."

Dairy Waste Utilized

The possibilities of the use of the wastes of the dairy were realized only a few years ago, but it has now developed into an extensive industry. Casein is now used in many cases as substitutes for horn, ivory, ebony, pearl, amber and tortoise shells. Many of the staples and novelty articles, such as beads, buckles, buttons, combs, cigarette holders, cuff links, dominoes, dice, toilet articles, fountain pen barrels, penholders, pipe stems, etc., now contain casein products.

Wide Pronunciation Choice

There are 19 ways of pronouncing the name of Miami, if a record kept by George B. Joyner, Pathfinder Magazine reader at Whitney, Fla., is to be relied upon. From bits of conversation overheard at recent tourists' gatherings in Florida's mecca, Mr. Joyner lists the following:

"Mi-a-mer, My-er-muh, Mi-armour My-am-ah, My-am-I, May-hammer, My ammy, Me-ammer, M-ammer, Me yammer, My-yamer, Me-ah-mah, My-ah ahm, Me-ammy, May-yammy and M'ammy."

Good Reason

Although as big and as strong as the policeman who had arrested him, the man with the close-cropped hair and brutal face allowed himself to be marched toward the police station.

There had been the usual crowd in anticipation of a scrap, but it had drifted away when they saw there was nothing doing. Even the policeman admitted it was the tamest arrest he had made for many a day.

"It isn't like you to go so quietly," he remarked. "What's taken all the ginger out of you?"

The prisoner sighed. "I've got my best clothes on."

Highest Sense of Duty in "Doing Unto Others"

Men talk much of duty, but chiefly spend the most of their lives in efforts to evade its full obligations as ideally expressed through the ages.

Tennyson says: "Sweet it is to have done the thing one ought."

To appreciate and realize this sweetness is the reward of duty. Sometimes it is hard to do the thing we ought to do, but conscious satisfaction invariably soothes the soul that has been true to itself.

Duty is protean in aspect, but there is never a possibility that one will fail to recognize it in any expression, in any manifestation. There can be no mistake. It speaks a various language, but we inevitably understand.

The thing we ought to do makes for spiritual growth and development always. We may evade, refuse to do our duty, but in so doing we invite suffering and loss of spiritual stature and estate.

To do unto others as we would that they should do unto us is duty in the highest sense. If men would but live this simple rule all our problems would be soon solved and the world be very glad.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

New "Angle" on Ghosts; Apparition Made Noise

"During a walking tour in the north of Scotland last year a friend and I were approaching a lonely house standing in a little-used by-road," say a contributor to the London Post. "It was about eight o'clock in the evening and just getting dark, when we saw a coach coming toward us drawn by gray horses. It made a good deal of noise as it jolted in and out of the ruts. It pulled up by the gate, and, as far as we could see, a man with powdered hair descended and dashed up the drive. His footsteps echoed loudly up the drive and then ceased. We were fairly close by this time, and we both wished to look at the coach more closely, but when we were within about 15 yards the coach was no longer there. We searched the grounds of the house, but it was absolutely deserted. On making inquiries at our next stopping place we were told that no one used the road after dark, and that the house had stood empty for 30 years."

What's in a Name?

In the hearing of a liquor case, Lieut. Harley D. Blodgett of the vice squad was asked the name of the owner of a reputed speakeasy.

"I think it's—," he replied.

"Are you sure of it?" defense counsel queried.

"That's the name I've been told," returned the lieutenant.

"Are you sure of it?" insisted the counsel.

"I'm just as sure of it as I can be of any of the names of those men," expostulated Lieutenant Blodgett. "They're liable to go under any kind of names. There's one down on Columbus avenue who has signed his lease by the name of 'Tiddle Winks.'" —Springfield Union.

Snake Unjustly Condemned

It is commonly believed that the small snake known as the puffing adder blows poisonous powder or spray from its mouth. Frequently reports are published that persons have been injured seriously by venemous spray spat into their faces by these serpents. The breath of the puffing adder, it is said, will kill a person at a distance of 25 feet. All this is fancy, pure and simple. The puffing adder is perfectly harmless. According to the United States biological survey, the snake's teeth are too short to inflict a wound even if it did strike a person.—Detroit News.

"Frock Ladies" in Africa

With the introduction of modern styles on the Gold coast of Africa, "frock ladies" and "cloth mammies" have appeared. "Frock ladies" wear American and European clothes of latest styles and highest cost. They are considered to be literate, and are always referred to as "lady." They never carry bundles from the store, invariably being accompanied by another female on shopping expeditions. "Cloth mammies" wear native attire, consisting of voluminous prints and bandana head coverings, and do all the menial work.

Old Wall Papers

A recent exhibition in a Paris museum showed wall papers which originated in France in the Sixteenth century. The first papers were marbled or "illuminated" by hand, later printed designs and imitation leathers or embossed papers were most popular. In 1481 "frescoes" were painted on rolls of paper for the covering of salon walls. Jean Bouchardon in this year painted 50 rolls for Louis XI. "The Passion of Christ" and "The Destruction of Jerusalem" were reproduced on rolls.

Couldn't Fool Him

A Boer backvelder in a remote part of the Transvaal began to have doubt, owing to native depredations, as to the safety of £300 he had stowed away under his bed. A friend advised him to deposit the cash at a bank in the nearest town and they would look after it for him. The farmer did so, and asked the bank manager what would be his charge for keeping it safe and sound. On being told that far from there being any charge, the bank would pay him £15 per annum, he "smelt a rat," and brought the money back to the farm!

Tomorrow

The Scriptural injunction, "Take no thought for the morrow," must not be taken literally. The correct translation is, "Be not over-anxious." That does not exclude making provision for the future by saving and insuring your life.

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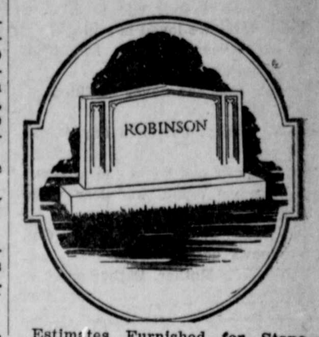
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