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Extra Valuable Share of "Catch" Not Wanted

Fishing activities in the islands of Tuee and Skye are operated on the communal principle, and the catch is equally divided among fishers at the close of the day. This custom is to be found all over the West Highlands; in fact, short of direct marketing, it is the only feasible way in which fishing can be carried on. In some districts an extra share is awarded to the owner of the boat, whether or not he happens to be actually one of the crew engaged on a particular day. In Skye and the neighboring islands this share is called "cuid Chuila." An interesting superstitious idea regarding the casting of the lots at the divide survives in some districts. While the shares are always as near equality as it is possible to make them, it occasionally happens that one particularly good or rare fish gives the share on which it is placed a special value. The superstitious fisherman, however, would rather not have that particular share fall to his lot. The most covetous member of the crew, or one who is doomed to die young, will, according to popular belief, be sure to have his "mark" fall on that share.

Poland Offers Much to Attract the Traveler

Poland to many travelers is a country unknown. Yet to the tourist it offers much in the great variety of scenery, the richness and color of its native peasantry, and the charm and beauty of its myriad churches and ancient ruins. Its art treasures, its architecture, its numerous museums, compare favorably with those of other European countries.

Warsaw, the capital and largest city, has a population of over 1,000,000 persons and a history which dates back to the Thirteenth century. Since that time it has seen many changes and events which have helped to make the history of Europe. During the latter part of the Eighteenth century the city experienced a period of great splendor. It was then one of the largest cities of Europe and it became the very center of artistic, literary and scientific activity, and had also a brilliant court of life. Gracow, only a few hours' ride from the capital, is really the heart of Poland, although Warsaw is the seat of government.

Blooms of the Desert

Many floral dwellers of the desert are worthy of the highest praise, says Nature Magazine. Among them are several shrubs and trees, which in their seasons, are bewitching bowers of bloom—the palo verde, with its cloud of yellow; the smoke tree, a solid mass of dark-blue; the mesquite, hazy with fringy catkins of yellow-green; the desert willow, charming and attractive in a dress of pink-and-lavender; the scarlet chuparosa, and the white-leaved, yellow-flowered brittle-bush, or golden hills. There are others aplenty—the ocotillo, "candlebush" of the natives, most striking and unique of the Colorado desert flora, and the yuccas, with the Spanish bayonet, glorious in bloom, and the Joshua tree, that grotesque plant creation which the Mojave desert claims as its most distinctive feature, acting as the leading representative.

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Still Makes Shepherds' Crooks at Age of 85

I have seen today the world-famous crooks of Pyecombe, says a writer in the London Express. A dark, smoky little brick building, where cobwebs hang in silvery threads from the walls, off the main Brighton road, where a white dove perched on the chimney of the forge fire, and an old man bent over an anvil, hammer in hand—that is a picture of the surroundings where one of the oldest village industries of Sussex—the making of shepherds' crooks—is still pursued.

Charles Mitchell, the owner of the forge, is eighty-five. For 54 years he has stood at the same ringing anvil and has fashioned and bent rough pieces of steel into glistening crooks.

He is believed to be the only man throughout the country who still carries on the work by hand. During a century the crooks of Pyecombe have brought fame to the village.

Hundreds of oxen have passed under the little oak door to be shod, as well as horses. Plowshares have been sharpened and the farming aren around has brought work for the old man and his two sons, Ernest and George.

Modern days have swept away much of the old livelihood, but Mitchell goes on making his crooks. When night falls upon the forge and shutters are drawn he retires to his little cottage and works by candlelight.

"Yes, my crooks go all over the world," he said to me. "I came here more than eighty years ago. My mother brought me by coach and I have been here ever since. Wherever there are sheep my crooks are to be found. They go to Australia, South Africa, Canada and many other parts.

"I make quite a number which are sold to collectors who want a modern specimen of one of the oldest village industries in Sussex. They hang in the halls of the great houses as well as in the lonely shepherds' huts.

"I feel good for many more years and a few score more crooks. I may be eighty-five, but I still do the work by myself without the aid of glasses."

Remark That Silenced Silly Women at Opera

Who says that American men are lacking in cultural instincts and confine their conversation to the three prosaics—business, sports and prohibition? During intermission at a Philadelphia orchestra concert the other night this reporter, seeking enlightenment, joined a group of veteran music-lovers.

He heard this:

". . . So I turned to those two chattering women behind me and said, 'Ladies, you are barbarians.' And they didn't talk again that night while the program was on."

"Well, you made out better than I did once at the Metropolitan. I guess I was too polite. I said: 'Pardon me, ladies, but the music has begun.' They talked more and faster than ever."

"Aw, you don't know how. I certainly squelched two girls sitting beside me at a German opera one night. I said: 'Excuse me, girls, but Wagner didn't write any parts in this opera for female voices in the gallery.'"

"Gee, you know how to do it, all right."—Philadelphia Record.

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Face of Dead Empress Reproduced on Carpet

Of all the carpets in creation, the most famous in that known as the Mumtaz Mahal carpet, which was made to order at the earnest desire of Shah Jehan, says an article in the Illustrated Weekly of India. Soon after the untimely death of the beloved empress, Shah Jehan commissioned his court painter to reproduce her likeness from his memory. The emperor was not satisfied with the painting and so contemplated having the likeness of his dearly loved wife reproduced on a carpet. He himself drew a rough sketch of the design meant for this carpet. The weavers came from Persia; the materials for the carpet were also imported from that country. The most rigid secrecy in the execution of this project was necessary lest the religious prejudices of the orthodox subjects be aggravated.

The Taj or the Mumtaz Mahal carpet measures 20 feet by 20 feet and contains 57,000,000 knots. It took 20 years for its accomplishment. The likeness of the empress was reproduced on this carpet and also that of the principal members of her family.

Ancient English Bridge Credited to Evil One

Tradition credits the devil with the construction of Tarr steps, a prehistoric "clapper" bridge which crosses the River Barle in a remote part of Exmoor, and said to be the largest and probably the oldest of its kind in Britain.

The legend says that it was built in a single night, and the devil, reserving the right of way exclusively to himself, proclaimed that he would destroy the first living thing that attempted to cross.

A holy man, who dared to flaunt the evil one, cunningly sent a cat first across the bridge, whereupon the unfortunate animal was torn to pieces. The spell was broken and the holy man took possession.

Whatever the origin, the bridge is of wonderful construction, considering it was built in an age when mechanical power was unknown. It measures 120 feet across, and has 17 spans, resting on piers of unhewn stones piled one on another. Not an atom of cement was used in the whole structure!—London Tit-Bits.

Holland Land of Flowers

No one, says a traveler, will ever forget his first sight of the acres and acres of myriad colored flowers in bloom in Holland. The spectacle is breath-taking and every season of the year sees the land in some new beauty. In spring the bulb fields near Haarlem hold carnival from February, when the crocus blooms, until August when the late gladioli are in flower. The vision of a square mile of tulips in full bloom, in every hue in the rainbow, is worth a visit to Holland from any distance.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters Of Administration c. t. a., on the personal estate of

DANIEL AUGUSTUS ROYAL

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of October, 1930, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to this estate must settle at once.

Given under my hand this 15th day of April, 1930.

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All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 15th, day of April, 1930.

AGNES CULLIS, Administratrix.

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