Modernized Jonah

A duckling at Bornish, South Uist, Scotland, had an exciting adventure. A large black-headed gull gobbled him and swallowed him whole. He seems to have protested against this summary proceeding, with the result that the gull gourmet perched a moment for necessary readjustment. A man shot the gull, and by an exploratory operation found the gull's passenger a little dazed and shot through the toe. Otherwise he was unhurt, and is now alive and lively.

Permanent Point

A permanent phonograph needle has been perfected which does not injure the records and which will play loud or soft music as desired. The pitch is changed by a small adjustment screw working near the needle point. The claim is made that 50,000 records may be played with one permanent needle.

Maze of Galleries and Halls in Hill of Cuma

Three complete subterranean halls, ranging from 600 to 900 feet in diameter, have been discovered in the celebrated caves of Cuma, near Naples, in which the nine sibyls of Roman history are said to have written their books. Only three of these books have survived.

The halls were discovered only after the removal of thousands of tons of earth. The excavators, working under the direction of Professor Maiuri, traced an underground gallery a mile long and found that the interior of the hill of Cuma, which is ten miles from Naples overlooking the sea, consists of a maze of galleries and ancient halls resembling basilicas and wonderful shrines.

A subterranean temple of Apollo was also discovered. A statue of the Greek god was erected there in the days of the Emperor Augustus. Although the statue has now disappeared the great niche remains.—New York Times Magazine.

England's Unexplored Caves

An archeologist says there are numbers of caves yet to be explored in England with good prospects of "finds" throwing light on prehistoric periods. In Derbyshire at least a dozen caves have been explored for the first time. Here there were human jaws and other bones, remains of cave bears, and antlers of the giant elk, a creature from ten to thirteen feet high, which is not to be met with in Derbyshire nowadays. Cave exploration is an exciting pursuit, and its results in various parts of the world have added a great deal to the knowledge of early man and the beasts he had to contend with.

Vice-Versa Girl

Can you imagine how embarrassing it must be to start crying when someone tells you a joke and you really want to laugh, and to start laughing when you want to cry?

This is the unfortunate position of a girl at Bordeaux, who possesses inverted muscles which the doctors say they cannot cure.

Apart from this peculiarity she is normal. But when her face is tear-stained her eyes show amusement, and when she smiles her eyes reveal dreadful unhappiness.

Marvels of Space

Who can comprehend the distance of "twelve millions of billions of miles" at which a picture, reproduced in the Sphere, was taken of a spiral nebula in Ursa Major—familiarly known as The Plough? Even astronomers find such figures unwieldly, so they cut them down, in drastic manner, to "light-years" of measurement. This is a trifling unit of six million million miles, making Ursa Major, in easy language, only 2,000,000 light-years away from us! Incidentally, that means the light we see left The Plough two million years ago.

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Rock Oddly Carved by Erosion of Centuries

If there is any character that predominates in the infinite variety of form and outline among the smaller Galapagos islands, it is perpendicularity. They seem to specialize in it.

On some of them the rock walls, rising directly out of deep water, are so nearly vertical that a landing could be made upon them only with great difficulty, if at all. On some I imagine no human foot has ever trod.

In many cases the waves have cut the shore line inward in a deep groove, so that at ten or twenty feet above low water the rock actually overhangs, and one walks or crawls, if he can keep his feet at all, under a sort of stone portico whose roof is carved into innumerable coigns and arches and inverted pinnacles of the most fantastic form.

Not seldom the unceasing erosion of the waves has worn the rock away into huge caverns and flying buttresses and natural bridges, and here and there a great promontory or a whole island, like Watson island or Kicker rock, has been pierced clear through from side to side in a passage high and wide enough to take a boat.—Gifford Pinchot in the Saturday Evening Post.

Millions Thrown Away by Wasteful Methods

How much water is wasted by a dripping tap? An answer was provided when New York decided to levy a fine of two dollars for every tap found leaking. In two years 40,000,000 gallons of water were saved. It seems absurd to worry about the amount of steam wasted when a locomotive blows a whistle. But Doctor Foley of Indiana university has calculated that 2,434,026 tons of coal are consumed annually in generating steam to blow United States locomotive whistles, and that if the whistles were moved slightly forward and adapted to a single high-pitched note, more than 1,000,000 pounds a year could be saved. But this loss is small compared with that involved in throwing into the dust-bin cinders that would still give a lot of heat. It is estimated that a third of the cinders thrown away retain from 50 to 70 per cent of their heating value.

Dogs' Instincts Changed

The wolf dog undergoes a decided change of nature in the service of Uncle Sam's rangers in Glacier National park. These dogs, bred down from the wolf that attacks and kills wild deer, now haul hay on sledges to the various feeding stations where the government rangers scatter hay for famishing deer when winter leaves only a sparse supply of natural food for them. It is related that two fawns came within "camera shot" of one of these dog-sledge trains in the mountain forest en route with a supply of hay. These fawns followed the dogs with their burden, and the ranger reported he dropped off a large wisp of hay to hold 'em while he stepped back and took pictures with a kodak.

Chinaman's Funeral

For 23 years Soo Hoo Tong was a cook in mining camps of southern Nevada. He was a friend of everyone, and especially of those in need. No penniless prospector was ever refused food at his kitchen. He died the other day, aged seventy-three, and many he had befriended bought a metallic coffin for him, and covered it with flowers. Judge Frank Dunn of Tonopah delivered the eulogy. An orchestra made up of the dance hall players provided music and a community choir sang. It was the largest funeral ever held in that part of Nevada. He was just a Chinaman, but he loved his fellowmen. That made the difference.—Capper's Weekly.

English Philanthropist

Between 1858 and 1868 Josiah Mason built up a great orphanage at Erdington, England, at a cost of about $1,500,000. For this he was knighted in 1872. He was born at Kidderminster in 1795, began selling cakes on the street at the age of eight and later taught himself to read and write while serving as a shoemaker's apprentice. Finally he became a manufacturer of steel pens and built up an enormous business. He added to his fortune by gold and silver plating and copper and nickel smelting. He gave $1,000,000 to Mason's college, now a part of the University of Birmingham.

Lawmakers' Resignations

A member of the senate or of the house of representatives resigns by transmitting a letter of resignation either directly to the executive of his state or to the presiding officer of the house of congress of which he is a member. In the house the usual practice is to transmit the letter of resignation directly to the governor, at the same time notifying the speaker of the house of the action. When a member resigns directly to the senate or to the house the body to which the resigning member belongs orders its presiding officer to inform the governor of the state of the resignation.

Sage Suggestion

We most conscientiously believe there is too much scolding and advising and talking in this world on the part of adults, and not enough of action that is wholesome example. To reduce the number of prodigal sons, let's reduce the number of prodigal fathers.—Atchison Globe.

British Sailors in 1812

Histories of the British navy indicate that the British frigates were manned principally by Englishmen during the War of 1812. They are described as a mixed class of men, being secured in various ways. Bounties were offered for enlistment in the navy and when this did not bring enough recruits each county was required to raise a certain number in proportion to population. They were known as quota men. In addition, numbers were pressed into the service.

CURLYHEAD WON THE BEAUTY PRIZE

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KATHERINE MORLEY was perched high on a step-ladder washing windows. She had got round to the back of the house where the glass was dirtiest, for the thick, black smoke of the factory was often whipped by the north wind right against this side of the house. But since this factory furnished the Stowells' living no complaint was ever made. Mr. Stowell was factory boss. And Mrs. Stowell was Katherine's boss.

Katherine did not sing at her work because she was always too busy dreaming a dream that was still sweet, although it did not seem to be any nearer realization than it had when her father died, two years before. That was when she had started in to work for the Stowells. The dream was wholly ingenuous. In it Katherine always saw herself keeping a bang-up little millinery store, to which pretty ladies came flocking. Of course, she wore her own hats; that was good advertising. And she looked fine in them, too.

"Hello, Curlyhead!"

Katherine looked down from her perch and saw Philo Mason, whose father kept a market garden. Philo had a big basket of fresh green lettuce on each arm.

"Want some of this here?" he demanded.

"How much a bunch?" Katherine was wary. Mrs. Stowell left most of the marketing to her and she had to account for every cent expended.

"Fi' cents."

"I'll take two bunches. Wait till I get the money. I ought to give you a slap instead," she said as she gave Philo the coin. "I've told you times enough not to call be Curlyhead. It makes me hoppin' mad."

"Say! I think your hair's pretty, Katherine," the lad said, earnestly. "I don't do it to be mean. My sister, Dorothy, would be tickled pink if she had hair that curled like yours. Say! You heard about the beauty contest? Look here."

Philo drew a scrap of paper from his pocket and spread it out before Katherine's eyes. "This tells all about it. I brought it to give to you. Dorothy's going into it and a lot of the girls she knows. Not one of 'em's as pretty as you are. See what it says. All you got to do is to send in your photograph. And if the judges give you the prize you get a thousand dollars, clean cash."

It was late afternoon before Katherine got a bit of time for herself. She sat down in her room and read the paper Philo had given her. It wasn't a beauty contest, it was an advertising contest. The best-looking photograph would be used to promote the enterprise.

"I wouldn't stand a show beside Dorothy Mason and those girls," sighed Katherine. But a thousand dollars. That would mean the realization of the dream.

Katherine looked down at her small calloused hands. She sighed. Then she plunged into a bureau drawer and brought forth a photograph.

She wrapped it carefully and took the small parcel to the nearest drug store, where she could get it weighed and stamped. Then she dropped it into the mail box and went home.

That night when she was serving cake and pink ice cream to Mrs. Stowell's guests Katherine stubbed her toe or caught her heel or something. But down she flopped with a tray of ice cream. And the ice cream slid all over the new persian rug. Some of it got on the tail of Mrs. Winchell's green crepe. It was a mess. And only half the company served.

Katherine cleaned up as well as she could, sent for more ice cream, apologized to Mrs. Winchell. Then she went back to the kitchen and leaned against the hot water boiler and cried. When she broke the cut glass salad bowl Mrs. Stowell had taken it out of her wages. That rug had cost $87 at a bargain. Eighty-seven dollars! And she got only $6 a week.

Her fears were warranted. After the guests had departed Mrs. Stowell took her in hand. Mr. Stowell good-naturedly took her part. He said he'd send the rug to the cleaner's and it would come home nice as new.

"I ought to fire you," flamed Mrs. Stowell. She always said that. But she wouldn't. Because she could never get another Katherine at $6 a week.

Things had been said that hurt way deep down in Katherine's heart. She wanted to say: "You don't have to fire me. I'm going anyway." But she didn't dare. Where would she go? She had no relatives. No, she'd have to stay and put up with what she got.

She got plenty for the next few days. Then the rug came home nice as new. But Mrs. Stowell could never get over the humiliation of seeing Katherine sprawling in a mass of pink ice cream before the high-nosed Winchells. In consequence she bore on a little harder than she had ever done before.

One evening Katherine was called into the living room. She found Mr. and Mrs. Stowell staring at the evening newspaper. There was the picture of a laughing girl with bright eyes flaring forth from a mass of curls. The headline was: "Miss Katherine Morley Wins Prize."

"Well, say! I congratulate you, Katherine," said Mr. Stowell. "My wife sent in her picture. So did every woman in town, I guess. And you beat them to it. What are you going to do about it, Katherine?"

Katherine stared white-faced, big-eyed at her own face, her own name there before her. Then, like a flash, she was out of the room, running upstairs to her room. On her battered bureau lay the thin parcel which she knew was her picture returned to her. It had come in the afternoon's mail and she hadn't had the heart to open it or look at the letter that had accompanied it. She had known that it was no use from the start. Now, with trembling hands, she tore open the letter. The first thing she saw was a blue slip of paper made out in four significant figures.

Katherine's dream was realized. She got her hat shop, the Katherine hat shop. It seemed she had a flare for chic which brought her immediate popularity. Even Mrs. Stowell once bought a hat there. Katherine waited upon her.

"I hardly knew you, Katherine," remarked Mrs. Stowell.

"I hardly know myself," replied Katherine, smiling. "But I believe I do know hats. How about this beret, Mrs. Stowell? Off the face designs are popular this season. And I think you will find it becoming."

Nothing Peculiar About Downfalls of Red Rain

A shower of red rain fell not so very long ago in the south of France. While this strange phenomenon aroused considerable fear among the superstitious rural French, scientific knowledge has found reasonable and entirely harmless solutions for such anomalies.

The catalogue of things alleged to have fallen in these mysterious showers is a long one. It includes fishes, frogs, rats, mice, serpents, insects, grain, honey, manna, sulphur, ink, milk, and—most frequently of all—blood.

Stories of bloody rain are related by Homer, Virgil and several Roman historians. Plutarch speaks of showers of blood following great battles and asserts that bloody vapors, distilled from the bodies of the slain, impregnated the clouds, from which they were subsequently shed on the earth.

Gregory of Tours declared that a shower of blood fell over Paris in the year 482 A. D., when "many people had their clothes stained with it and cast them off in terror." The same phenomenon was observed at Brescia for three days and three nights before the death of Pope Adrian II in the year 872. Another three-day shower of blood is said to have occurred in France and Germany in March, 1171.

In 1669 one of these "blood rains" took place at Chatillon-sur-Seine. "There fell in various parts of the town," says the "History of the Academy of Science," "a sort of rain, or reddish liquid, thick, viscous and foul-smelling, which resembled a rain of blood. The prints of great drops of it were observed on walls; it was this fact that led to the belief that this rain was made of stagnant, muddy water raised by a whirlwind from some pond in the neighborhood."

Although the non-miraculous nature of red rains was thus suspected at a comparatively early date, they continued to be a source of terror to the ignorant majority of Europeans until a generation or so ago, while even in scientific circles some curiously erroneous notions concerning them prevailed down to the middle or latter part of the Nineteenth century.

Ancient Scissors

A pair of scissors, said to be 250 years old, has been acquired by the Guildhall (London) museum. The scissors were discovered behind some old paneling in the house known as Queen Elizabeth's lodge in Epping forest. They were covered with rust, but when this was removed it was found that they had a mark stamped on each blade. This maker's mark consists of a heart above a monogram of the combined letters T and E, and a reference to the records of the Cutlers' company has established the fact that this heart was assigned as a trade mark to Thomas Elliott in 1673 or 1674. The scissors, therefore, belong to the time of Charles II.

Utility First Consideration

There is an error in mixing up utility and culture as chief ends and aims. After all, we have to recognize that utility is the first and most important consideration in the business of living. The supplying of our physical needs and wants is indispensable. Culture, which is the understanding that enables us to enjoy the finer things of life, is also of the utmost importance, but if in our pursuit of that we neglect the utilities we shall soon find ourselves on the toboggan slide to a swift finish.—Providence Journal.

Nerve System in Plant

Perhaps plants have nervous systems and hereafter may be treated by neurologists, says Popular Science Monthly. In experiments with the large cells of the water plant Nitella, Dr. W. J. V. Osterhout of the Rockefeller institute has found evidence of nerve currents similar to those of animal muscle and nerve. His experiments were conducted with the aid of an ingenious electrical apparatus which was able to detect minute electrical variations within the cells of the plant.

Sleeping Sickness Checked

Medical science has prevented the population of French Equatorial Africa from being wiped out by sleeping sickness, it was asserted in an interview by Raphael Antonetti, governor general of the colony. Although the birth rate was satisfactory, he explained, the population continued to diminish through disease which caused more deaths than there were births. This went on until 1921 when the French officials recognized the peril and took energetic action against sleeping sickness and all tropical infections.

Two Towers of Babel

The tower of Babel, at the Chaldean city of Ur, in the lower Mesopotamia valley, has completely disappeared. The base of the tower was 300 by 300 feet, tapering through seven stages to the shrine at the top, which was 300 feet high. There is a smaller tower at Ur, called the Ziggurat, which is supposed to have been the sister of the tower of Babel. It is 195 by 130 feet at the base, and something more than 150 feet in height.

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