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Mystic Ceremonies at Dance of Purification

Japan, like most of the Orient, is a great land for ceremonial dances. A sword dance is given once in every seven years as part of a festival peculiar to a little island village near Tokyo. Here is a Shinto shrine, to which run long flights of steps, and the top of which is formed from an extinct volcano. Enormous red cedars tower into the air. At the summit is the inevitable shrine with its money box and many ornate lanterns and curiously designed decorations.

"The people take off their shoes and sit on the straw matting before the raised platform, which is the place for the Shinto priest. There are two old men, and one of them, after the gong had struck to command silence, took his prayer stick and prayed long and earnestly before the holy of holies, with many low bows," relates an eastern observer of the rites, "Then he arose and waved his stick over the heads of the musicians on the platform and over the audience to purify it. The prayer stick is just a round bit of wood, about three feet long, to which is tied a white paper symbolizing purity, cut in a peculiar fashion."

The dancer whose duty it was to terrify the evil spirits and drive them away seemed to the observer more destined to give the wide-eyed children in the audience horrifying nightmares. This dispenser of evil spirits wore an ugly mask, with long scraggling black hair. He also carried a prayer stick, but his was a twig torn from a tree and on it were tied paper prayers. These he waved throughout his dance. During his appearance the drummer beat upon the same kind of instrument used in the Furuma dance and two other men played peculiar Japanese wind instruments, sounding much like a flute but much shriller in tone.

High Importance Still Attached to the Seal

We still preserve something of the reverence paid to sealing in the oriental lands, from whence we got the custom. For instance, when the lord chancellor in England, or the secretary of state in Canada affixes the "great seal" to a statute, a commission, or any other official document, it becomes something which has all the force of an inviolable law. They had that rule in China unnumbered years ago. The great seal of a document, thrust in a man's face, brought him to his knees straightway. It represented the supreme unassailable power—the power that was as nearly divine as could be in this world. Sometimes to this day commanders of ships or fleets are sent off to sea, under sealed orders not to be opened excepting under certain conditions, or on a certain day. It is well understood that to break the seals in disobedience to command would bring the utmost disgrace upon the disobedient officer. The sealed orders become a sacred charge, an honor conferred upon an officer, whose obedience and honesty is confided in by his sovereign, a charge to be respected and defended unto death itself.—Montreal Family Herald.

Hard to Overestimate Evil of Procrastination

We are told, and very true it is, that procrastination is the thief of time. It is not the only condition of the mind that goes around robbing us of time, but this state of procrastination does absorb hours and days and even years, trying to make up its mind just what to do, and then how to do it.

While that is happening, some other and wiser fellow comes along and does it. He hasn't any time to spend bothering about it.

This business of putting off and putting off is all wrong. If it were necessary, it could be understood; but when an individual won't, or can't, make up his mind, he is certainly something of a weakling. Granted it sometimes needs a little courage to make a decision. "Will it be the right one?" is the thought that worries us.

That is largely the make-up of the procrastinator's mind. He has lost the capacity to make a decision. We ought to arrest procrastination, and prevent it doing any more thieving from us.—London Tit-Bits.

Even Dropped "H" Is Silent

In London where quiet is perhaps more esteemed than in other cities, a sound-proof house has been built. The walls, ceilings and floors are of sound-insulating materials, the doors equipped with nonslamming devices, and the windows with silencer ventilators that permit air to enter but exclude sounds. As for the traditional cricket on the hearth, it has probably been trained to do its chirping outside.

CHESAPEAKE BAY LEAGUE

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ROCK HALL	Ab	R	H	O	A
Grant, c	4	0	0	22	1
Baker, 3b	4	2	2	0	3
Fitzgerald, 1b	4	2	2	4	0
J. Williams, 2b	3	2	2	0	1
F. Williams, ss	4	2	2	0	0
Burgess, cf	3	1	0	0	0
Legates, rf	4	0	2	1	0
Cornell, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Carey, p	4	0	0	0	0
xJones, lf	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	9	10	27	5

CHURCH HILL	Ab	R	H	O	A
Russell, lf	4	0	0	2	0
Tobin, 1b	4	0	0	10	0
C. Walls, 3b	4	1	3	1	2
Loller, p	4	0	1	0	3
Clough, rf	3	0	0	1	0
Richardson, cf	4	0	0	0	0
R. Walls, c	2	0	0	8	0
Powell, 2b	3	0	0	1	4
Smith, ss	3	0	1	1	1
Totals	31	1	5	24	10

xBatted for Cornell in eighth.

Rock Hall	5	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	x	—9
Church Hill	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—1

Errors—Clough, Powell, Smith 2, Two base hits—J. Williams, F. Williams, Williams. Base on balls—off Carey 3; off Loller 1. Struck out—by Carey 22, by Loller 5. Hits—off Carey 5, off Loller 10. Secrifice hit—Cornell. Runs batted in—J. Williams, Legates 3. Umpire—Rasin.

MILLINGTON	Ab	R	H	O	A
Biddle, 1b	6	3	4	11	0
E. Lockwood, 2b	6	1	2	1	2
J. Wallace, cf	6	0	3	2	0
H. Wallace, c	4	2	3	4	0
Warner, rf	3	2	1	1	0
Newnam, ss	4	0	1	0	2
W. Lockwood, 3b	4	1	4	1	2
Crew, lf	2	0	0	0	0
Vodvarka, p	5	2	2	2	0
Moore, p	3	0	0	1	6
Totals	43	11	20	27	12

CECILTON	Ab	R	H	O	A
Curry, c	5	1	2	5	0
Alderson, ss	5	3	3	2	4
Jones, 1b	5	1	0	10	0
Bowen, 3b	5	2	1	0	2
Craig, p	3	1	0	1	2
Webb, lf	5	0	1	2	0
Price, rf	5	0	0	1	0
Kennedy, 2b	4	1	0	4	3
Robinson, cf	4	1	1	1	0
Totals	39	10	8*	25	11

*One out when winning run was scored.

Millington	0	1	2	1	0	5	0	0	2	—11
Cecilton	0	1	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	—10

Errors—Biddle, E. Lockwood 2, Jones. Two base hit—W. Lockwood. Three base hit—Biddle, Wallace, Warner. Double plays—Kennedy to Jones, 2. Hits—off Vodvarka, 5; off Moore 3; off Craig, 15; off Bourden 5. Bose on balls—off Vodvarka 1; off Moore 4; off Craig, 2. Struck out—by Vodvarka 1; by Moore 3; by Craig 3; by Bouden 1. Umpire—Horsey.

GALENA	Ab.	R	H	O	A
Betz, ss	5	1	2	1	3
Peacock, c	4	3	1	13	2
J. Walls, lf	3	1	1	0	0
Johnston, 1b	5	2	3	8	0
F. Coleman, rf	3	0	1	0	0
R. Woodall, 2b	4	1	0	2	4
N. Coleman, 3b	5	0	0	2	0
Hadley, cf	4	1	3	1	0
E. Coleman, p	4	1	1	0	2
Totals	37	10	12	27	11

KENNEDYVILLE	Ab	R	H	O	A
Sparks, ss, p	5	1	2	4	2
Archibald, 3b	5	1	1	3	3
Oliffe, rf, p	4	2	1	0	1
Hurlock, cf	5	2	2	2	0
Smith, c	5	1	1	6	3
Walls, 1b	4	1	0	6	0
Lusby, 2b	4	0	3	2	1
Rowan, lf	4	1	2	1	0
Sutton, p	4	0	1	0	2
Totals	40	9	13	24	12

Galena	0	2	1	0	2	2	3	0	x	—10
Kennedyville	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	4	0	— 9

Errors—Betz, R. Woodall 2, N. Coleman 2, E. Coleman, Sparks 4, Hurlock, Smith, Lusby, Rowan. Runs batted in—Sparks, Hurlock 2, Smith 3, Walls, Rowan 2, Peacock 2, R. RWoodall, Johnston 3, F. Coleman, N. Coleman 2. Two base hits—Sparks Hurlock, Smith, Betz, Johnston, Hadley. Three base hits—Peacock, Hurlock, Sparks. Home run—Johnston. Base on balls—off Sutton 5; off Coleman 1. Hit by pitcher—by Coleman (Oliffe). Sacrifice hit—J. Woodall. Stolen bases—Hurlock, Peacock 2, J. Woodall, Johnson, F. Coleman, E. Coleman. Struck out—by Coleman, 12; by Sutton 5; by Sparks 1. Hits—off Sutton, 12; off Coleman 13. Double plays—Woodall to Betz to Johnson; Woodall to Johnson. Left on bases—Kennedyville 1; Galena 8. Umpire—Foxx.

KENT AMATEUR LEAGUE

(continued from page one)

CHESTERTOWN	Ab	R	H	O	A
Johns, cf	5	2	1	2	0
Kirby, 2b	4	0	1	4	0
G. Leverage, c	5	0	0	5	0
C. Porter, 1b	5	2	2	2	0
Bennett, p	5	3	1	2	0
Clements, ss	5	2	2	3	2
LeCates, 3b	5	2	1	3	0
Kennard, lf	5	2	3	3	0
Rasin, cf	5	2	2	3	0
Totals	44	15	13	27	2

STILL POND	Ab	R	H	O	A
Wallace, c	3	0	1	2	0
1Sutton, c	1	0	0	1	0
P. Williams, 1b	4	0	1	5	0
H. Williams, ss	1	0	0	3	0
Briscoe, 2b	4	0	2	2	0
B. Hickman, 3b	4	0	0	3	0
N. Williams, cf	4	0	0	3	0
J. Williams, p	4	0	0	1	0
R. Hickman, lf	3	0	0	2	0
M. Meeks, rf	3	0	1	2	0
2Bramble, p	1	0	0	0	0
3Gosman, p	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	0	5	24	0

1Relieved Wallace in the 5th.
2Relieved S. Williams in the 7th.
3Relieved Bramble in the 8th.

Chestertown	1	2	0	3	5	1	0	3	x	—15
Still Pond	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	— 0

Errors—Clements 2, Kirby, Kennard, B. Hickman, H. Meeks. Two-base hit—B. Hickman. Three base hit—Wallace. Sacrifice hit—LeCates. Base on balls—off Williams 5, Struck out—by Williams 5, by Bennett, 11; by Gosman 3. Hits—off Bennett, 5; off Williams, 6; off Bramble, 5; off Gosman, 2. Hit by pitcher—by Williams (Johns, Clements). Umpires—Clark and Leverage.

WEST KENT	Ab	R	H	O	A
Crew, ss	6	1	2	0	0
Reinhart, 2b	5	3	3	4	0
Nicholson, cf	4	3	2	1	0
Harris, lf	5	2	3	3	1
Sutton, 3b	4	1	3	1	0
E. Wheat, c	4	1	1	9	0
F. Sutton, rf	4	0	0	2	1
Stauffer, 1b	5	0	2	5	0
R. Wheat, p	5	0	2	2	0
Totals	42	11	18	27	2

KENNEDYVILLE	Ab	R	H	O	A
Johnson, ss	4	1	2	2	0
J. Money, 1b	5	0	0	8	1
H. Wiltbanks, 3b	5	0	0	2	0
Csow, lf	4	0	1	0	1
W. Wiltbanks, rf	4	0	2	1	0
Lipscomb, cf	3	2	2	0	0
N. Spencer, p	4	1	1	3	1
A. Money, c	4	2	1	7	1
H. Money, 2b	4	0	3	4	0
1Garry, rf	1	0	0	0	0
2Spencer, lf	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	39	6	13	27	4

1Batted for Wiltbanks in 8th.
2Batted for Crow in 9th.

West Kent	1	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	3	—11
Kennedyville	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	— 6

Errors—Johnston, J. Money, H. Wiltbanks, Reinhart, Sutton. Two-base hits—R. Wheat, H. Wiltbanks, Crow, Lipscomb, Spencer. Three-base hits—Harris, Lipscomb. Johnson. Home run—Sutton. Struck out—By Spencer 5; by Wheat 5. Base on balls—off Spencer 3, off Wheat 2.

Crumpton Vicinity

The funeral of Mr. James Walls was held at his late home Sunday, June 14th at 1 p. m. Rev. J. W. Prettyman assisted by Rev. Harvey Hufnal officiated. The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Kate Walls and three children, Mrs. William Weist and Messrs. Homer Walls, of Maple Shade, N. J., and Dawson Walls, of Hushey, Pa. Interment in Crumpton cemetery.

Mrs. Elmer Matthews and father, Mr. George Butler, of Temperenceville, Va., visited at the home of Miss Katie Wallis the past week end. Mrs. George Butler accompanied them home after having visited town for several weeks.

Miss Sarah Atkinson, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Edward Porter Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sheats, of Baltimore, spent the week end in town.

Mrs. Katie Beale, of Chester, Pa., is visiting Mrs. Sallie Fenimore.

Miss Ethel Stevens, of South River, N. J., s spending the week with Mrs. William Shields.

Mrs. Wesley Skinner is visiting her son, Mr. Bernard Goodhand, of Baltimore, for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Coleman, of Smyrna, Del., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Coleman.

Capt. William Newnam, of Baltimore is visiting town.

Miss Margaret Tarbutton, of Baltimore, is spending the summer at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Tarbutton.

Stockings Might Have Fitted Lincoln's Hands

Even Abraham Lincoln had to bow a little to prevailing styles, a fact which recalls a highly amusing incident that happened on the eve of a big White House reception. It was one of those affairs at which the President would be compelled to shake hands with thousands of people and Mrs. Lincoln sent out for a box of white silk gloves, both to protect Mr. Lincoln's hands and to make sure that by frequent changes he would look neat and fresh throughout the reception.

The gloves came but were far too small to fit the mighty hands of Lincoln. An emergency call was sent out. All Washington sent gloves but none were large enough. Mrs. Lincoln was greatly vexed and on the verge of tears when the President turned to her and said with a chuckle:

"Better get me some of your stockings; they're bigger."—Los Angeles Times.

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BAY LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

Church Hill drops to fourth place. Galena, Kennedyville and Millington close. Rock Hall retains lead by good margin.

HOW THE TEAMS ARE HITTINN

	AB	H	AV
Rock Hall	272	89	.327
Galena	258	68	.264
Kennedyville	242	63	.260
Millington	267	69	.258
Church Hill	236	54	.229
Cecilton	237	44	.144

Below are listed the batting averages of the Chesapeake Bay League players that have played in three or more games.

	G	AB	H	AV
Johnston, Galena	7	32	17	.531
J. Williams, Rock Hall	7	32	16	.500
Alderson, Cecilton	7	22	11	.500
C. Walls, Church Hill	6	15	7	.467
Biddle, Millington	4	18	8	.444
J. Wallace, Millington	6	22	9	.409
Fitzgerald, Rock Hall	7	32	13	.406
Loller, Church Hill	7	25	10	.400
Crielly, Kennedyvile	6	25	10	.400
W. Lockwood, Mill	5	15	6	.400
Vodvarka, Millington	4	13	5	.385
Bugrss, Rock Hall	7	27	10	.370
Wright, Rock Hall	6	22	7	.364
Clough, Church Hill	6	25	9	.360
F. Williams, Rock Hall	7	31	11	.355
Moffett, Galena	4	17	6	.353
Oliffe, Kennedyville	7	20	7	.350
E. Lockwood, Mill	5	20	7	.350
Jones, Galena	5	20	7	.350
Carey, Kennedyville	5	15	5	.333
F. Coleman, Galena	7	26	8	.308
Sparks, Kennedyville	6	20	6	.300
H. Wallace, Millington	7	24	7	.292
Jones, Cecilton	6	24	7	.292
Lamm, Millington	4	14	4	.285
Baker, Rock Hall	7	30	8	.267
Godwin, Millington	5	23	6	.264
Betz, Galena	7	23	6	.261
Carey, Rock Hall	7	27	7	.259
Newnam, Millington	7	20	5	.250
Grant, Rock Hall	7	33	8	.242
Boulden, Cecilton	7	29	7	.241
J. Woodall, Galena	7	21	5	.238
E. Coleman, Galena	5	17	4	.235
Cornell, Rock Hall	7	30	7	.233
Smith, Kennedyville	7	26	6	.231
Archibald, Kennedy	6	22	5	.227
Powell, Church Hill	5	18	4	.222
J. Webb, Cecilton	7	25	5	.200
Savin, Cecilton	4	15	3	.200
Hurlock, Kennedyville	7	26	5	.192
Russell, Church Hill	7	21	4	.190
Stack, Millington	6	27	5	.185
Hickman, Church Hill	4	17	3	.177
F. Walls, Church Hill	7	23	4	.174
Jones, Kennedyville	6	23	4	.174
Peacock, Gaena	7	30	5	.167
Richardson, Ch. Hill	7	27	4	.148
Craig, Cecilton	7	27	4	.148
N. Coleman, Galena	6	25	3	.120
R. Woodall, Galena	5	17	2	.118
Tobin, Church Hill	7	26	3	.115
Curry, Cecilton	7	28	3	.107
Price, Cecilton	6	19	2	.105
Moore, Millington	5	11	1	.091
Smith, Church Hill	7	24	2	.083
Vandyke, Cecilton	5	16	1	.063
Walls, Kennedyville	7	20	1	.050
Coleman, Milington	5	17	0	.000
Kennedy, Cecilton	6	19	0	.000
C. Webb, Cecilton	4	4	0	.000

HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

MONDAY, JJUNE 22 — Fairlee Girls' Club at school house at 2 p. m. Miss Louise Travers, local leader.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23—Cliff Girls' Club at Elizabeth Beck's at 2 p. m. Canning, Ruth Legg, President.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24—Millington Girls' Club at Tille Logan's at 2 p. m. Setting a Breakfast Table. Charlotte Jones, President.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24—Quaker Neck Neighborhood Club at Mrs. Harry Goodman's at 2 p. m. Miss Genevieve Brown and Mrs. E. V. Walbert, Project Demonstrators. Vegetable and Vegetable Meals. Also reports on the Rural Women's Short Course at College Park.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 — Fairlee Women's Club at Mrs. John White's from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m. Demonstrations on Cold Desserts by also reports on Short Course at College Park.

FRIDAY JUNE 26—Eastern Neck Girls' Club at 2 p. m. at Rose Strong's. Project, Clothing. Local leader, Mrs. Ernest Willson.

MASSEY GIRLS' CLUB—Four new members joined the Busy Bee 4-H Club at their meeting on Tuesday. They are:—Ruth Moorehead, Ritta Palmatory, Catherine Wyatt, Hazel Conors.

The meeting was held at Dorothy Dixon's.

MILLINGTON

Mr. Joseph Akin, of Salisbury, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Jones on Sunday last and on his returning home took with him "Uncle Billy" Jones, for a short visit.

Millington Base Ball nine won over Cecilton nine, on home grounds last Saturday by a score of 10 to 9.

Miss Martha Pennington, of Navesink, N. ., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Liston Pennington.

Mrs. Mildred Kauffman, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Miss Marie Vansant.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ahern are now occupying their new appartments in the Ahern Building formerly the Central Hotel.

Mrs. John L. Smith who has been visiting her brother, Lewis Price, of Lynch, spent Monday at her home.

Mrs. George Higman, son and daughter-in-law, of Milford, Del., were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Alenda Smith.

Rev. Charles W. Spry, of Clayton, will fill the pulpit of Asbury M E. Church on Sunday morning next and will administer the Sacrament. Let us have a full congregation.

Mrs. John E. Woodall entertained the Ladies Aid of Asbury M. E. Church on Thursday evening last.

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