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SKELETONS OF STONE AGE

Bones of Early People of Japan Show They Were Six to Seven Feet in Height.

Fifteen human skeletons were unearthed in the province of Kawachi, near Osaka. This is considered the birthplace of Japanese civilization. Of the relics of the Japanese stone age, discovered by Professor Okushi, nine of the skeletons were in perfect preservation, all bones being intact, East and West News says. It rarely happens, according to scientific records, that so many perfect skeletons are discovered in one place.

Among indications that people of that period lived on uncooked food, is the fact that upper and lower teeth are evenly worn down. Decayed teeth are not found. The bony structure of the skeletons are massive; shin bones, in most cases, are somewhat flat. Some of these skeletons stand seven feet high; even shorter ones are over six feet! Skeletons were found in a lying position, with knees drawn up. Without doubt, these people belonged to the stone age in Japan—30,000 years ago, at least.

While making the excavation, stone implements, earthenware and two copper arrowheads were found. Two white jade earrings were discovered which may be of Chinese origin, and of a much later period. It is thought this find may establish a link between the stone and bronze ages in prehistoric Japan. Archeologists hold that it surely indicates the early people of Japan had intercourse with other parts of Asia. The earthenware patterns are not necessarily Ainu; the bones cannot possibly be those of Ainus. This discovery revolutionizes archeological theories of prehistoric Japan.

WHEN ONE IS STRICKEN DEAF

Affliction Accompanied by Depression Strangely and Intensely Overpowering, Says Writer.

The invariable depression that comes with the beginning of deafness is strangely and intensely overpowering. It exists sometimes indefinitely. The word depression, as commonly used, admits of varied shades of meaning, writes Margaret Baldwin, in the Atlantic. It all but carries with it a vague impression of lack of will-power, a more or less voluntary indifference to moral effect. But let no one suppose that its use here indicates any mere dull, dispirited outlook on life, or any other voluntary mental view of one's self or one's future. There is nothing voluntary about it.

It is a feeling deeply physical as well as mental—a mingled condition of woeful sickness and sadness that beggars description. The distress and shock over what has happened to one and the first experience of what it is like, is the initial factor. But considering what it ought to be as compared with the shock of blindness, which, it seems to me, must be sufficient to produce permanent blackest despair, the depression of deafness is out of all proportion.

Marriage or a Career.

A woman writer, herself married and twenty-three years of age, states that a woman who expects to follow an intellectual life should marry young This is a sound view, for the woman who fully appraises the value of her intellectual life realizes that the best years of the mind are those that come after the age of most efficient child bearing. It is a very different view from that of the young women in professions which serve only to bridge the few brief years between school days and marriage, and for whom marriage closes for all time participation in the world's work outside of the home. Clearly we can never have an intellectual emancipation in the world's work on a program that would confine professional life to the remarriage days or make it incompatible with marriage. The first gives too brief a period and must subordinate woman to inferior clerical labor, while the second would win intellectuality at the sacrifice of normal life and confine participation in the world's affairs to a small and abnormal group of womnn. —Physical Culture.

Dislikes of Hens.

"Hens are funny sorts of creatures," observes a poultry fancier. "They have their likes and dislikes—especially dislikes. If you move a hen she turns crusty, and won't lay eggs. She likes her old home, and takes an abominable time to get used to the new.

"If you wave a cloth within sight of the occupants of your fowl run, you will hear a shocking row. This particular noise is known as the 'danger signal,' and sometimes will be indulged in without a single break for as long as 20 minutes.

"If you take it into your head to rearrange the nest boxes, depend upon it Biddy will pay you out. She will miss that day with her usual egg.

"Provided they are good, it's wisest to stick to old things in poultry-keeping, and not to shift them unless you are compelled to do so. At least, there's one thing you can change, and that's the fodder. Hens won't object to that at all; in fact, they like it."

Haughty Youngster.

James was starting out with his mother and the new baby. The baby was put into the cab which had formerly been used for James. Feeling that it belonged to him, he protested that he should ride, but was told that he must let the baby have the cab. He stopped short and said, "Well, I'll call a taxi."

GUESSING THE WOMEN'S AGES

New Game Among Cape Steamship Passengers Stirred Up Wrath of Entire Party.

To relieve the monotony of a recent homeward voyage, the smoking-saloon habitues of a Cape steamship invented a new sweepstake. The bright idea originated during a debate as to the age of one of the women passengers. "Let's take all the women in the passenger list," suggested the sportsman

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The Beer of Borneo.

Beer as made by the natives of Sarawak, in the northwestern region of Borneo varies in its ingredients according to the different tribes who make it, the most intoxicating being that made by the Bisaiyahs of Limbang. These people make their beer by boiling rice, adding yeast, crushed wild chili and a large lump of wood ash. This is all put into a jar till the jar is two-thirds full, and covered over with bamboo supports; water is poured on till the jar is full, and the beer is then ready for drinking. The drinking is performed by pushing bamboo tubes down to the bottom of the jar and then sucking up the liquid. So that no one shall have more than his fair proportion at a time, a system of floats is arranged whereby the amount of drink consumed by each man is registered.

One Tropical Spot.

Only at one place in the United States is there real tropical vegetation, says the Popular Science Monthly. Florida and California have what is called "sub-tropical" vegetation. In the midst of a desert in the extreme southern part of California is a true oasis. The oasis, Palm Springs, lies 250 feet below the sea level. So hot is it there that there is a riot of vegetation all the year round. Enormous fig trees and mammoth grape fruit and oranges are always to be had. The lemons that grow there weigh two and a half pounds apiece. The responsibility for all this may be laid to a beautiful little stream which is fed by the Colorado river and which flows through the oasis only to disappear into the ground at its end.

Did Not Fool the Bear.

Bruin is self-educated, but exceptionally wise in the way of mankind. A prospector proved that. Having suffered the loss of much food, he prepared a particularly tasty morsel for the bear and left it in the cabin, with a notice on it to warn any prospectors or hunters that might enter that it was intended for bruin, and bruin alone. The bear arrived in due course—and ate everything edible and some things that were not, but passed up the meat that had been prepared for him. And it was bacon, too. This prospector declares that the bear must be able to read.

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