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Myths of Ancient Mariners.

Sailors' yarns have always been celebrated for their imaginative character. Those of today, however, have no opportunity for favorable comparison with the stories told by mariners of antiquity. The latter were able to count upon an inextinguishable public credulity, nothing which they could possibly invent being too monstrous or unusual for belief. Their tales presumably did much to augment the fears of the sea which were commonly entertained in those days, giving birth to many of the myths of ocean. They told about the strange land inhabited by lotos eaters, who fed upon the fruit of forgetfulness and lost all memory of country and friends. Heyond was the terrible land of the one-eyed giants, called Cyclops, they said, while elsewhere were to be found the strange islands where the enchantresses Circe and Calypso lived. These islands were in the narrow western Mediterranean, and beyond was the Cimmerian land, where the people lived in darkness always, inhabiting gloomy caves.

There were the Sirens also, whose song was death. They were condemned to die when a man should pass them without stopping. Ulysses accomplished this by putting wax in his ears. So they were changed into rocks of Sorrento, where they still exist a terror to mariners. The Sirens typify the surf, whose harmonious murmurs are often the death music of the sailor. In like manner the Cyclops represent the Storm Fiend, as their names show. Brontes is the roll, Steropes the flash and Argis the whiteness of lightning.

Likewise the snaky Gordons are thought to be figurative representations of the white capped and angry waves. Not less to be feared were the dreadful Symplegades—huge moving rocks which were fabled to crush ships passing between them. It has been surmised that the tradition respecting these rocks was derived from the floating icebergs, which during the glacial period must have issued from the Black sea; but this seems hardly likely.—Washington Star.

A Wonderful Rattle.

"I once knew an old unreconstructed Confederate in Arkansas who had a colony of rattlesnakes that were trained to play 'Dixie' with their rattles to his intense edification," said Colonel J. S. Evans, of Meridian, Miss. "The man belonged to my regiment during the war, and he had a rattlesnake that followed him all through the Louisiana campaign like a faithful dog. He didn't join the army until near the close of the trouble, and he brought his snake with him. When the reptile got tired on the march her master would coil her around his neck and trudge along with his pet until camp was struck. At night he put the snake in a circle formed with a hair rope, so as to keep her from crawling around to the dread of other soldiers. During battle that snake would dart in and out between the ranks of the fighting men until she found her master, when she would stick her tail straight into the air and rattle off the first few bars of 'Dixie' with pronounced distinctness and the most ecstatic delight. Her master had of course taught her to do it.

"After the war he took his snake back to the Arkansas farm, and in a little while her progeny was wonderful. When I went to see him fifteen years ago his barnyard was given over to rattlesnakes, and on a signal from him, by ringing a bell, the reptiles would dash to the center of the yard, and the clang of 'Dixie' that the swift movements of their tails produced was as deafening as it was inspiring."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Guillotine and Its Inventor.

One of the most widely disseminated of popular errors is that Dr. Guillotin invented the grim machine which still bears his name. The real inventor of this sinister contrivance was Dr. Louis, a well known medical man and permanent secretary of the Parisian School of Medicine, or Academie de Medicine. Dr. Guillotin, who died in 1814, energetically but vainly protested against the use of his name in connection with this disagreeable subject—an evidence, if one were wanted, of the great difficulty there is of correcting a popular error. Needless to say that the legend that Dr. Guillotin was among the victims of his friend's ingenious and merciful instrument of destruction is wholly apocryphal. He died at a good old age, and in his bed, surrounded by his children who, however, obtained permission to change their name.—London Saturday Review.

The Difficulty with Chinese.

The difficulty of a foreigner learning the Chinese language may be inferred from the statement of an English traveler. He and his companion, previous to starting for China, had supplied themselves with a Chinese grammar. In a day or two the discovery was made that the single letter i had 145 ways of being pronounced, and that each pronunciation had an entirely different meaning. Then it dawned upon them that there was no poetry about the Chinese language, that it was not worth learning and their grammar was secretly consigned to the river mud by being dropped overboard.—Yankee Blade.

Waiters Who Do Very Well.

Waiters in some of the more expensive restaurants, where they work all day, get as much as forty dollars a month. It is a very old statement that their incomes much exceeds those of the best paid clerks and bookkeepers, but they earn them. That is, most of them do. Girls who work as waiters in the cheap luncheon places get six dollars a week and their meals. They fare better than typewriters, school teachers or seamstresses.—New York Herald.

For Effect.

Assistant—I have here an article twisting the British Lion's tail. It is a corker, but it is unsigned. Editor—Sign it G. Whittaker Jones. What would have been the moral effect of the Declaration of Independence signed "Prominent Citizen"—Life.

UNDERSTOOD POLITICAL ECONOMY.

"It Takes a Woman to Scheme," She Said, as She Heard Him Snore. When Fitzboodle came home that night he sunk into a chair and said: "Maria, I have lost my job." "Is it possible?" exclaimed the woman. "It is, Maria, and with only ten dollars in cash things look pretty black." "Yes," said the woman vaguely. "It is the ten dollars I gave you this morning, Maria; you know I told you at the time it was all I had in the world. You are so good to me, Maria; you keep my money so well."

"Yes," she said feebly. "I feel dreadful," he went on. "Do you know, as I passed the grocer's he glared at me like mad. We owe him thirteen dollars, and have promised to settle eleven times now." "Oh, that's all right," said the woman, brightening. "Why, when I was in there at 5 o'clock he smiled and was so pleasant sugar wouldn't melt in his month. He told me to order a big bill of goods at any time."

"You are crazy, Maria! And then the doctor. Why, I ran plump into him as I turned the corner; he shot me a savage look as much as to say, 'Humph, I think it is about time you cashed up!' Maria, I am a ruined man!" "Oh, no, Charlie. Why, when I met the doctor on the avenue at 3 o'clock he bowed like a prince and came over and shook my hand and said I never looked more charming in my life. I am sure we can stand him off another three months."

"You are clean mad, Maria. And then the landlord. How he snapped his teeth as I passed him in the hall leading to this flat only a few moments ago." "Why, if you mean dear Mr. Trotter, the owner of the property, why, my dear fellow, he is as sweet and good as you could wish. Why, this afternoon he came in and said he would get us new curtains, fix up the cellar, repaper the halls and fix the plumbing in the kitchen. We can hold him off half the summer, I believe."

"You are clean crazy, woman! I never heard of such a thing. Give me that ten dollars till I go down and give half to the grocer and half!" "I—I haven't it!" "What?" "I—I spent it." "Spent it? How dare you? And the last money I had in this world." "Oh, cheer up, Charlie. I took the ten dollars and bought that lovely new hat you promised me. I wore it out on the avenue all afternoon. Everybody who saw me said: 'My stars! why, old Fitzboodle must be making lots of cash, for if there isn't his wife all togged out in the latest millinery, with gloves to match!' The effect was like a charm, Charlie. I knew you had lost your place, and I did it as an act of policy. When I called on the tradespeople they all acted the same as the people on the avenue. Now go to bed, dear, and never again say I do not know all about political economy!"

"Never," he said, falling into her arms. "Oh, it takes a woman to scheme!" she ejaculated, as she heard him snoring half an hour later.—New York Recorder.

A Strange Animal.

A useful South American animal is the kinkajou, which, as the dictionary will tell you, is a procyoniform quadruped with a protrusile tongue and a prehensile tail. Under ordinary circumstances if you were to meet a kinkajou in the street you would look for an Italian with a hand organ, though I should be inclined to look for a policeman, because I know how unpleasant the animal can be, particularly in the fruit season, for the kinkajou loves fruit and eats all he can find. The chief reason for asserting that the kinkajou is useful is that in addition to his fondness for fruit he has a great liking for insects for lunch, and when tamed is a valuable assistance in southern homes, where fly-paper is unknown and where a mosquito net is more expensive than a silk dress.

It has always seemed strange to me that some enterprising person has not imported a few thousand of these insect eaters from South America for use in North American summer hotels. They could not cost more than \$100 a dozen, and many people would rather pay that amount than spend the night with a swarm of mosquitoes and unprovided with means of defense against them.—Harper's Young People.

A Competent Teacher.

The London Times once contained an advertisement for an assistant "capable of teaching the classics as far as Homer and Virgil." Among the answers received was this delightful specimen: "Sir—With reference to the advertisement which was inserted in The Times newspaper a few days since respecting a school assistant, I beg to state that I should be happy to fill that situation; but as most of my friends reside in London, and not knowing how far Homer and Virgil is from town, I beg to state that I should not like to engage to teach the classics farther than Hammersmith or Turnham Green, or at the very utmost distance farther than Brentford. Awaiting your reply, I am sir, etc."

The Highland Pipers.

The Highland pipers have always been noted for bravery in action. At Porto Novo the Seventy-first piper played with such good will that Sir Eyre Coote called out, "Well done, my brave fellow; you shall have a pair of silver pipes for this!" At Vimiero a piper unable to walk coolly sat down and played, "Up and war them a', Willie," for which the Highland society afterward presented him with a set of pipes.—Cornhill Magazine.

Where Population Is Densest.

The densest population of the earth—over 400 to the square mile—is confined to Java, China, Japan, northeastern and southwestern portions of India, England, parts of France and Belgium, the Nile valley, Italy, Portugal, a small strip of Germany and a small section in the vicinity of New York and Boston.—Chicago Tribune.

Don't be Hoodwinked

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The following item, clipped from the Ft. Madison (Iowa) Democrat, contains information well worth remembering: "Mr. John Roth of this city, who met with an accident a few days ago, spraining and bruising his leg and arm quite severely, was cured by one 50-cent bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm." This remedy is without an equal for sprains and bruises and should have a place in every household. For sale by F. G. Fricke & Co.

Fell Dead.

These words are very familiar to our reader, as not a day passes without the report of the sudden death of some prominent citizen. The explanation is "Heart Disease." Therefore beware if you have any of the following symptoms: Short breath, pain in side, smothering spells, swollen ankles, asthmatic breathing, weak and hungry spells, tenderness in shoulder or arm, fluttering of heart or irregular pulse. These symptoms mean heart disease. The most reliable remedy is Dr. Miles' New Heart Cure, which has saved thousands of lives. Book of testimonials free at F. G. Fricke & Co., who also sell the New Heart Cure.

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