

**TRUE TO THEIR INSTITUTIONS**

Unchanging Character of the Saxon Race as Evidenced Throughout the Centuries.

This tribe of Saxons had, by accident or wise leadership, happened upon the very country best suited to them. A fertile island, cut off from the rest of the world and with room for all, so that each one might, with his family, have a kingdom of his own. This, with as little machinery of government as possible and yet all ready to combine as equals in self-defense. But as they made their land productive, as they became rich, they became the prey of other peoples from north-western Germany and what is now the Scandinavian peninsula and were forced to defend their possessions and their customs against Angles, Danes and Normans.

It is a curious feature of the abiding, unrelenting purpose of these Saxons to govern themselves and to be let alone that, though they were conquered in turn by Angles, Danes and Normans, they swallowed up all three in the end and imposed their customs, their language, their habit of mind and their institutions upon each of the invaders in turn. They would have nothing to do with the half-developed feudalism of Angles and Danes, nor with the full-developed feudalism of William the Conqueror and his followers. The conqueror claimed that the land was his and that every holder of land owed fealty to him personally. It took about 160 years for the Saxon idea to prevail over the feudalistic notion, and the result was magna charta. The magna charta wrested from King John by the barons was in reality the shaking of personal allegiance to a chieftain by the Norman barons, aided by the Saxon gentry, who had finally imbued them also with their own love of independence and free government. They insisted then, and have maintained ever since, that they derived their rights, their liberties and their laws not from a king, but from themselves. In the days of William the Conqueror their king was elective, though chosen from the reigning house. As late as 1689 the commons voted that King James had abdicated and that the throne was vacant! They chose their own rulers, and no doubt would do so again to-day if necessary. It is much too long a story to go, step by step, through the recital of this development. It concerns us here only to note these unchanging characteristics of the race, maintained and strengthened through centuries of war, tumult and conquest.—Scribner's Magazine.

**Heal by Aid of Music.**

Boston has a number of different kinds of faith healing, the newest being the "musical healing service." Rev. Clara E. Strong is originator of the idea and holds meetings where the power of song is said to effect cures. One feature of the service is the perfect silence that prevails in one part. Healing the absent by the power of thought is another of the beliefs of the new faith.

**Wanted to See Liberty.**

Miss Ainslie says that Turkey rejoiced greatly over the opening of parliament, cannon being fired and processions formed. One woman came to Miss Ainslie and told her that she wanted to meet Liberty, who had saved her from the tax gatherer, and that seemed to be about all the majority of the people knew as to the meaning of the rejoicing.

**One Thing Needful.**

"Picking pockets," says Nifty Mike, "is like any udder bizness. It's a cinch after ye gits yer hand in."

**Uncle Ezra Says:**

"The cup that cheers would be all right if that wuz the end uv it."—Boston Herald.

**And How Few Do!**

Man's chief wisdom consists in knowing his follies.—Rochefoucauld.

**And the Proper One.**

The road leading to justice is the safest.—Hesiod.

**Use for Scotch Water Power.**

The growing industry of extracting aluminum has stimulated the search for water-power in the British Isles, because the extraction of aluminum is so expensive that only low-cost power can be economically employed. In this respect Scotland, with its mountains, is coming to the front. The water power at the falls of Foyers, in Scotland, has hitherto been the largest in Great Britain; but now a still larger plant, at Kinlochleven, utilizing the rainfall over a tract of 55 square miles, is about to be put into operation for the production of aluminum. Its nine hydraulic turbines, each of 3,200 brake horsepower, are the largest water wheels in the British Isles.

**To Mark a Key.**

When there are two or more keys on the key ring of approximate size and appearance draw a file over the stem of the one most in use. This makes a nick which easily distinguishes it from the others. The little dent is better than a string or other mark, the key being easily recognized by it (in slipping it through one's fingers) in the dark.

**Pieces Contained in Violin.**

A violin contains 69 pieces, made up in the following way: Back, two pieces; belly, two; ribs and blocks, six; sides, five; side flanges, 12; bar one; purflings, 2; neck, one; finger board, one; nut one; bridge, one; tail board, one; button for tailboard one; string for tailboard, one; guard for string, one; sound post, one; strings, four; pegs, four.

**Chances of the Sailor Man.**

The sea as a calling is certainly not what it once was by a long way. The class of men who did well 40 years ago would make a poor show now. It was common enough in days gone by for owners to look for a suitable man, and then build a ship for him, but it's the other way now.—British Nautical Magazine.

**Feminine Intuition.**

A young girl has nearly always more sense of duty and more mental balance than has a boy of her own age. Her training and the disposition of her sex both combine to steadiness and a ripe view of marriage obligations in the vast majority of cases.—Hearth and Home.

**Servia No Hunting Ground for Cupid.**

Servia retains many memories of Turkish rule. The women are kept in the background. The men marry for the qualities of the housewife rather than for romantic love. It is often that young men marry women much older than themselves.

**Improvements on Old Sayings.**

"Never do things by halves," unless you open oysters. Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well. Let your motto be "Excellor!" Single out some specialty for which you have genius, then devote yourself to it thoroughly, and you won't have to look for a job, the job will be looking for you. The most brilliant men are often lamentable failures. Be thorough! Stick like the postage stamp—till you get there. Dogged does it.

**Take a Cab.**

A friend the other day came in bewailing the ruin done to her pretty shoes, frock, hat, etc., by a heavy shower, through having to wait for an omnibus. "You ought to have taken a cab," I told her. The idea of such extravagance quite appalled her; yet more than the amount spent would have been saved to her wearing apparel. This fallacy of judgment is very common among women, I have observed.

**His Effort Wasted.**

Lecturer on Art—"Before I sit down I shall be happy to answer any questions that any of you may wish to ask." Gentleman (in audience)—"I have enjoyed the lecture much, sir, and have understood it all except a few technical terms. Will you please tell me what you mean by the words perspective, fresco, and mitekanjele?" (Lecturer sits down discouraged.)—Chicago Tribune.

**Curing by Sympathetic Magic.**

"A friend of mine came across a native sitting in the veranda of a house from which groans proceeded." Mr. E. Thurston stated at the British Royal Society of Arts in a lecture on the natives of southern India. "He learned that the man's wife was sitting on a swing studded with sharp nails in order to cure him by sympathetic magic of some trifling ailment."

**Trout for British Colonies.**

Britishers are the first colonizing race and the most resolute sportsmen in the world, so that it was natural that British colonial waters should have been the first scenes of experiment in artificial propagation of fish. Trout have been established in the streams of Kashmir, the Nilgherries and Ceylon, and of New Zealand.

**Case of Unselfish Crusaders.**

We Irish have got the name of being an adventurous people. You will hear the Irish accent in every continent. There is no speech or language where our voice is not heard. We have helped to civilize every country except our own.—Dublin Irish Home-Steak.

**Queer Habits of Authors.**

Both Dumas and Balzac showed no inclination to pass the wine-bottle. On the other hand, Voltaire drank huge quantities of coffee when engaged in writing. As a matter of fact, over-indulgence in that beverage during a protracted literary effort was the real cause of his death. Schiller also drank coffee "to thaw the frost out of his wits," but he fancied imbibing the infusion while seated with his feet in hot water. This, he believed, stimulated his imagination in sluggish moods, and he refreshed it during work by copious draughts from a flask of Rhenish wine.

**SMALL BANK IS DOING WELL.**

Diminutive Institution in Raleigh, N. C., Makes Money for Stockholders and Depositors.

Raleigh, N. C., has the smallest bank in the state, this country, or the world, for that matter. It is the Wake County Savings bank, and was opened for business on the first day of January, 1905. It was originally built as a hallway, but stairs were run to one side of it, and in the tiny room thus left the bank was established. It has a front of 7½ feet, all glass, consisting of a narrow door and a curved window, and its depth is 25 feet. There is barely enough space above its front for the sign in letters of gold. Next to it is a national bank of usual size and this makes the baby institution seem even smaller by comparison. Yet this little bank has been a success from the very start; has over 600 depositors and its assets aggregate \$150,000. It has never failed to pay dividends to its stockholders, and has also paid over \$10,000 in interest to depositors.

The president is William W. Vass, whose father, of the same name, at the time of his death some years ago, was the oldest railroad treasurer in the world, having begun his railway life in 1840, and being one of the high officials of the Seaboard Air Line. The cashier of the bank is William H. Grimes, whose father was a noted confederate major general, who surrendered at Appomattox. Within the little bank, which is an object of very great curiosity to bank men from all points of the compass, there is a little safe and a narrow counter. Every inch of the small amount of space available is utilized.

**Redeemed Life by Death.**

An honorable burial, the reward for an honorable death, was accorded S. J. Frooman, a convict, who died in the San Quentin prison, California, recently, from injuries received while bravely fighting the fire in the penitentiary. Frooman displayed a reckless gallantry during that exciting period. When the call came for volunteers, he was among the first to step out. It was his one opportunity to retrieve his dishonored name, to clear himself of the taint of a criminal being, to take his place as a man among men. He lived in dishonor, but died a man and for his manner of death was buried as a man in San Rafael cemetery not as a criminal in a convict grave. This will be the only satisfaction to his wife and daughter, who are in Europe and unaware of his crimes and his death. He was convicted for forgery and would have been released in 1911. The expenses of his funeral were paid by the guards of the prison.

**Hard to Understand.**

"What's Johnny been doing?" asked the patient father. "He had an altercation with the neighbors' children, was warned by the police, broke the cellar window tried to put a cartridge in the furnace and that's all I can think of just now." "It's absolutely marvelous, isn't it?" "What is?" "That anybody should have the nerve to kidnap a small boy!"

**Knows the Reason Why.**

"Women is not supported by her husband," declared Rev. Anna Shaw, recently, "any more than a hard-working mule is supported by its owner." She says men are too proud to look at the relationship of the sexes in the right light. They insist in their egotism upon male superiority.

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