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FORGOT HER TONGUE.

MARIA LIVED ALONE FOR TWENTY YEARS.

But Civilization Killed Her—Died in Less Than Three Months After Being Taken to Santa Barbara—Her Remarkable Dress of Feathers.

About seventy miles off the coast of Southern California lies the island of San Nicolas—a veritable desert, wind-swept to such a degree that one might well imagine that the furies are guarding the island, says the Scientific American. San Nicolas, which is twelve miles long and four or five wide, has no harbors, the anchorage being merely a lee under the low hills, the fact that the wind blows directly off-shore making it possible for vessels to anchor here at certain seasons. On this island, which has been the central point of a romance and tragedy of much interest, deserted and alone, Maria Better-Than-Nothing, the wild woman of San Nicolas, lived twenty years—long enough to forget her people and even her language. The story told by Prof. C. F. Holder is as follows: "For centuries the island was inhabited by a race of hardy mariners who have left their monuments in large shell heaps and mounds that cover many acres. Less than 100 years ago the Franciscan fathers determined to take the natives away from the inhospitable island and provide them with homes around the various missions, where they could also be comfortably converted. With this object in view a vessel was sent to the island, and after much difficulty the Indians, now reduced to about 100, were collected, and taken aboard, deserting thousands of implements which their ancestors had used for centuries. When the vessel was about to sail one of the women discovered that her child had been left behind. But it was blowing a gale and the vessel could not hold, so the captain sailed away, whereupon the frantic mother dashed into the sea and swam back to shore, making her way successfully through the surf. The captain of the vessel promised to return for the woman, but soon after his vessel was wrecked and no attempt was made to rescue the poor Indian woman until twenty years after, when a priest determined to make an effort to learn whether she was alive. He enlisted the services of an otter hunter and several Indians, who, in a small schooner known as the Better-Than-Nothing, set sail for San Nicolas. They landed on the island and very soon found evidence that some one was living there, but avoiding them. To make the search perfect the men formed a line across the island at certain distances apart, which resulted in the discovery of the wild woman. She was sitting by a brush hut in a canyon, about which was a windbreak of whalebones and various material. She smiled and spoke to the Indians in a language they did not understand, but they fell on their faces before her as though to worship her. She offered them food and readily consented to go with them and was taken aboard the schooner with a tame otter. She was dressed in the skins of birds, over which was a garment of sealskin. She was named Better-Than-Nothing, after the vessel, and by signs succeeded in telling some Indians on the mainland something of her history. At first she had mourned the loss of her friends, then the dogs killed her baby and she wished to die and was sick for a long time. She was taken to Santa Barbara, where Indians from all about were brought to her to see if they could understand her language, but without avail. She lived with different families at Santa Barbara, but civilization proved disastrous to her and in less than three months she died. Her remarkable dress of feathers was sent to Rome as a curiosity, and the remains of the unfortunate woman found a resting-place in the sanctified ground of the mission. San Nicolas has proved a veritable treasure house for the archaeologist, and tons of stone implements have been taken from various mounds on the island. One of the most remarkable shell mounds in the world is found here, being, it is said, nearly a mile long and ten feet in average height."

Irish Wit.
Seumas MacManus in the Saturday Evening Post: Two navvies, ill-clad, dirt-covered, rain-soaked, got possession of a heavenly nook between two high stone walls while an extra-heavy sleet shower prevailed. They had "hunkered" low, and were watching the smoke-wreaths mount from their pipes. "I'm toul," said one of them, breaking a reverie, "I'm toul, Jamie, that the king of Jamriny niver sm-kees." Both regarded the wreaths again for a minute in silence. "Poor man! I wouldn't like to be him, Larry—would you?" Betty Haran of Thurmon was a very pious old Methodist. Father Dan often dropped into Betty's for a gossip. "Betty," said Father Dan, "I always find you stuck in your Bible. Now, tell me truly, do you understand it all?" "Of course I do," indignantly. "Well, well, I've been studying it all my life, and I don't understand it all yet." "An' if yer reverence is a blockhead, do ye think every wan else like yourself?"

Women Scarce There.
The disproportion of the sexes is still very great in West Australia. There are only 54,000 women in a population of 168,000.

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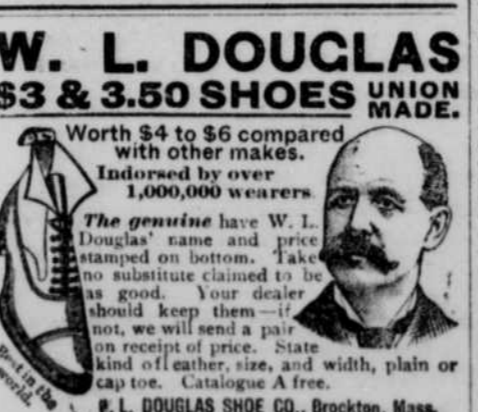
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