

**BIRTHDAY CLUB ENTERTAINS FOR MEMBER GOING ABROAD**

The Ladies' Birthday Kensington club held a very artistic exhibit of embroidery and needlework at the beautiful residence of Mrs. Otis Shipman, 2724 North Thirtieth street last Monday afternoon. Vocal solos were given by Mesdames Florentine F. Pinkston and George Dixon and a piano solo by Miss Elaine Smith. The exhibit was given at this time in honor of Mrs. T. P. Mahammitt, one of the members who leaves Saturday morning for New York to sail for a three months' tour abroad. She will be accompanied by Mrs. P. E. Spratlin and daughters, Devonia of Denver, Colo., and will be joined in New York by Prof. V. B. and Miss Estrelida Spratlin, son and daughter of Mrs. Spratlin. Over one hundred ladies attended the exhibit. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Russ and her daughter, Mrs. W. Clark of Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Gordon of Beatrice, Neb.

Omaha and Des Moines in a double-header Sunday at League Park. One game Saturday. A good attendance will help a lot in breaking the local team's losing streak. First game Sunday begins at 2 p. m.

**WILLIAM PICKENS GUEST AT ST. PHILIP'S RECTORY**

During his visit in Omaha, William Pickens, field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. John Albert Williams at St. Philip's rectory.

**PROGRAM, PICKENS MEETING Zion Baptist Church Sunday, June 12, 3:30**

1. Meeting called to order by the vice-president, the Rev. J. A. Harris; 2. Music, Instrumental Selections by Miss Vera Chandler; 3. Presentation of the chairman of the meeting; 4. Music, "America," Audience; 5. Invocation by Dr. W. F. Botts; 6. Music, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," Audience; 7. Introduction of William Pickens by Attorney H. J. Pinkett; 8. Address, "The American Race Problem," William Pickens; 9. Music, Vocal Solo, Miss Lucy Mae Stamps; 10. The Call for Members, Mr. Pickens; 11. Music; 12. Benediction by Rev. O. J. Burckhardt. Miss Dorothy Allen at the piano.

A warless world for 1,000 years. What forces will Cain, the great war lord, during the millenium? Will bloodshed absolutely cease? Will the change be sudden or gradual? The condition of the earth and her inhabitants during this long period are fully described in the Bible. These soul stirring messages of assurance and hope will be delivered Sunday night, June 12, at 8:00 p. m. by Pastor-Evangelist J. W. Allison and Monday night, June 13, by Earnest Lloyd of California, world-wide traveler, lecturer, author and editor. Interesting and important. Don't miss it. Come to Omaha Third S. D. A. Church, Twenty-fifth and Indiana street.

**Hearty Eating**

At the midday repast in the Louvre, Henry IV of France, had served to him dishes of a variety limited only by his imagination. These meals, always heavy and rich, included four kinds of soup. Four entrees, a course of boiled meat, a ten-pound joint of beef, a side of mutton, a capon, and three other chickens. Is a fair summary of the main dishes usually served, while on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays these were augmented by a capon pastry. On days of fast, lighter dishes were helped out with a roasted pike or carp. The evening meals were not much lighter than those of midday and vegetables never appeared on the menu.—Detroit News.

**Easily Satisfied**

Thomas did not like mathematics. He had been absent when long division in algebra had been developed, and on his return to school had been unable to grasp the subject.

The day for the test came, and sure enough, there was a problem in long division. Thomas copied it, studied it thoughtfully for a few minutes and without the least attempt to solve it wrote underneath it the following note: "Dear Teacher—If you will give me five on this problem, I'll be satisfied.—Thomas."

**Explained**

A lady was ill and insisted upon being operated on for appendicitis. When she was better again she asked the doctor what he had found in her appendix. "Well," he replied looking puzzled, "it was extraordinary. I never found anything like it in an appendix before; there were several small hard peas in it." "Oh," said the lady, "that accounts for our having no sweet peas this year. I must have sown the pills."—London Passing Show

**Famous Iron Crown Many Centuries Old**

The historic iron crown of Italy has played a romantic part in the history of the peninsula. It was made in the year 504 by the command, it is said, of Theodolinda, the widow of a Lombard king, on the occasion of her marriage to a duke of Turin.

The crown is of iron, overlaid with gold, and its significance was supposed to lay in the fact that the weight of royalty could never be lightened by its splendid exterior. The iron of the inner portion was traditionally held to be one of the long nails used at the Crucifixion.

For a long time the crown was in the keeping of the famous monastery at Monza. In 774 it was brought forth to be placed upon the head of Charlemagne as "King of the Lombards," and on later occasions it figured in the triumphs of Frederic IV and Charles V. Finally, in the presence of all the representatives of state, the foreign envoys and princes and officers, Napoleon Bonaparte solemnly united it to the crown of France.

The crown belongs to the state and the custodian of it is the legitimate representative of the basilica of Monza. The title of "grand custodian," however, pertains to the head of the Order of Cavaliers.

**Odd Power Attributed to Wearing of Rings**

The ring is an article of jewelry round which clusters innumerable legends and superstitions, belief in some of which still survives. From the very earliest times rings have been linked with good and bad luck. King Solomon believed that a certain ring aided him in forming judgments, and he would never give a decision in matters of law unless he was wearing it. Pliny records that jet rings were supposed to have the power of driving away serpents, a belief that persisted in the East until recent times. Rings of gold, ornamented with certain stones, were thought capable of warding off death by poisoning. That rings have curative powers in certain illness is still fairly widely believed. In the London Medical Journal for 1815 it is noted that a silver ring worn constantly by a victim of epilepsy effected a cure. There are still large numbers of women who regard it as a portent of a broken engagement to lose or even misplace the rings given them by their fiancés. Sailors, again, often wear a ring ornamented with an elephant's head as a charm against sea perils.

**Sure Cure**

A member of the Turngemeinde has found a way to handle pests who are forever "borrowing" cigarettes, but never think of purchasing smokes of their own. He takes advantage of the tradition, observed even by the "borrowers," that it is unforfeitable to accept the last cigarette in a pack. Accordingly, the man in question always carries, in addition to his regular supply, a special pack with just one smoke left in it. When he is pestered by acquaintances who make a habit of "grubbing" cigarettes, he hands over the prepared pack. Invariably it is handed back with the words, "Thanks, old top, but you only have one left and I won't smoke your last cigarette."

**Will Delve Into Past**

The Ural mountains, across which prehistoric men pushed their way in crossing between Russia and Siberia, are to be searched for traces of these old migrations. An expedition planned by the Russian Academy of Sciences will undertake a systematic investigation of the region. It is known that the Ural mountains were extensively mined by Bronze age workmen, and traces of life in that age and in the earlier Stone age have been found, so that the mountain region is regarded as likely to yield valuable relics of prehistory.

**Bad Bargain**

Little Willie's sister had been very naughty, and her mother declared that instead of punishing the child she would just get a good little girl in her place.

But the daughter was not in the least upset.

"You couldn't," she laughed.

Her mother was surprised and asked the reason.

"Because," explained the little girl wisely, "nobody would be silly enough to give you a good girl in exchange for a bad one."

**Putting It Low**

Some one in a London suburb is advertising a "rather nice flat."

Modest, isn't it? and clever, for a good many people who want nice flats are attracted more by under-statement than by exaggeration. If the example were to be followed we should see advertisements of houses "fairly convenient," motor cars "moderately well built," opera cloaks "not too bad," and cigarettes with "a pretty good flavor."—London Daily Chronicle.

**Too Good**

A middle-aged childless farmer and his wife resorted to prayer, that their loneliness might be relieved. After a time they were receiving congratulations on the birth of triplets.

"Prayers are always answered!" exclaimed a piously enthusiastic neighbor.

"Yes, but I never prayed for no bumper crop like that," replied the farmer.

**Hard to Escape From Tyranny of Custom**

There is scarcely a spot in the modern American home, outside the kitchen and the bathroom, which is not an example of the esthetic perversion of the machine. The floors are a flagrant example. In the large and draughty rooms of an older generation, on floors trod by heavy-footed feet, a heavy carpet or rug added to the warmth and quiet, and, in a big room served to draw its various parts into a unity. So matters stood, let us say in 1880. Today the greater part of our newly housed population needs rarely lives in small rooms. With all the imperfections of present-day house design these rooms are well heated usually, indeed too well heated. The people who use them—at least the city people—wear light shoes with rubber heels. The need for the rug or the carpet has disappeared, and the only place where a little rug has even the shadow of an excuse is by the bedside during winter months. But what has happened? Do we take advantage of this economy? Do we adapt our floors to these conditions? Not by a long shot. The rug manufacturers, the vacuum cleaner makers and the interior decorators have all combined tacitly in a drive to put rugs and carpets and the instruments to clean them in every apartment—and all for the purpose of providing a needless and archaic element of decoration.—Lewis Mumford in the American Mercury.

**Arctic Tern Holds Record as Traveler**

Some water birds have developed an extraordinary migratory course, we are told in "Birds and Their Attributes." In this book the flight of the golden plover is pictured as a typical flight of this nature.

This bird leaves its Arctic breeding haunts and upon reaching Labrador's eastern coast takes a course apparently directly overseas to Venezuela.

What is perhaps the longest route of them all is taken by the Arctic tern. A distance of 11,000 miles is traveled annually by this bird, which wants to live always in an equable climate.

The Arctic tern nests and breeds in the Arctic circle, but in the winter it returns to the south as far as the Antarctic circle. To accomplish this at most incredible flight the bird must travel at the extraordinary rate of speed of 75 miles in one day. At the rate it takes only 10 months to change from winter to summer residence.

**Honor Not His Due**

Australia's one great waterway, which carries to the sea the drainage of nearly 500,000 square miles of territory, bears the name of an obscure English politician who had virtually nothing to do with the colonization of the country. Alexander Hume in 1824 discovered the Upper Murray river and named it Hume river; but when Sturt six years later explored its lower reaches, he named it after Sir George Murray, a member of Wellington's cabinet who had had trust on him for a few months the position of British secretary of war and the colonies, and of whom it was written that he "displayed no qualifications in administering a civil office." Not many years ago an atlas used in Australian schools listed the stream as "Hume or Murray river," but during recent years Murray has come into general usage.—Sydney Bulletin.

**Heroism Not Shared**

During a campaign in Egypt, a certain colonel drove up to an outpost in the desert, relates Maj. Gen. Sir C. E. Callwell in "Stray Recollections," and after complimenting the officer in command, declared:

"But understand this! You are in a position of grave responsibility here. I have every confidence in you and your men. But remember this, all of you. You have got to stop here and die, if necessary."

Saying which he whisked his horse around and was off in a cloud of sand.

The little party was still recovering from the shock of the visit, when the effect of the trade was destroyed by a gunner, who inquired:

"But ain't the old blighter going to stop and die with us?"

**Synthesis of a Bore**

The following recipe for compoundng a bore appeared recently in the Atlantic Monthly: "Take a mass of unevenged egotism. Chop a cupful of rite conversational chestnuts, shells and all. Add a quart of dry facts, from which all the juice of humor has been extracted, and a cupful of dates stuffed with statistics. Stir in, very slowly, a pint of personal anecdotes from which all imagination has been drained. Flavor with the essence of complete indifference to anybody's taste but your own. Pour into a mold tamped with your own image and turn onto a platter garnished with plenty of thyme."—Boston Transcript.

**Why Do You Don't?**

Shirley is a youngster who has a penchant for inventing expressions recalling that which Lloyd George coined when he said "That is something for which I have nothing but the very highest use."

Her latest too, came in this manner:

She and her adored older sister were discussing the latter's reluctance to take a walk at the time her fiancé was on call.

"But," persisted Shirley, "Why do you don't want to for?"—Los Angeles Times.

**No Absolute Proof of "Madstone's" Value**

The term "madstone," says the National museum, is applied to a variety of natural objects superstitiously believed to have the power of drawing out poison from a wound made by a venomous animal. One of the oldest forms of the madstone is the "bezoar stone," which is a biliary calculus from the gall-bladder of an animal. Some form of madstones are composed of halloysite, which absorbs moisture with avidity and adheres to a moist surface until nearly saturated. Some years ago what was claimed to be a madstone of known efficacy was offered for sale to the National museum for \$1,000, but it proved to be merely a polished seed of the Kentucky coffee tree. A pebble of carbonate of lime, said to have been found in the stomach of a deer, was presented to the museum as a veritable madstone, and on another occasion two hair balls from the stomach of a buffalo were sent to the same institution as madstones with the statement that one of them had been "successfully used in two cases of dog-bite." The museum says it can supply no information as to the value of objects of this character.—Pithfinder Magazine.

**Writer Wants Proof as to Ange's Wings**

How old things persist! In Samuel Johnson's dictionary the word chicken is defined to mean, among other things, "a term for a young girl." Many young men who refer to a girl as a "chicken" no doubt believe it was invented by some flippancy modern. As a matter of fact, the slang was so common hundred years ago that it found its way into a dictionary of the time.

Speaking of dictionaries, literary people are amused because the latest dictionary, now being issued in England, thus defines the word "wing": "One of the limbs or organs by which the flight of a bird, bat, insect, angel, is effected."

Who knows that an angel has wings? I should say angels have wings solely because of the poor judgment of artists, and that angels get about as did passengers on that famous magic carpet: without effort, and by wishing.

When I become an angel, I shall crumble if compelled to flap wings in order to travel from joy to joy.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

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