

**Trace Wedding Cake to Old Roman Custom**

The wedding cake is believed to be the survival of an old Roman practice when the bride and groom not only ate together as a sign of their kinship and mutual love, but feasted the guests as well. At this time it was good etiquette to break the cake over the bride's head as a sign of plentifulness. In the marriage ceremonies of the early Anglo-Saxons huge baskets of dry crackers were employed. After the feast each guest took a cracker home with him and the remainder was distributed to the poor. "Later it became the custom for the guests themselves to bring to the wedding small, richly spiced buns, which were piled in one huge mound on the table. It was a common occurrence for the bride and groom to attempt to kiss each other over this mound, and if they succeeded they were assured lifelong prosperity." It is said the wedding cake of today is due to the genius of a French cook, who, while traveling in England, observed the inconvenience of stacking hundreds of these small cakes in a mound and conceived the idea of cementing the mound into a single huge cake with icing. At the wedding feast it was the duty of the newly married man to wait on his bride at the table, whence came the name bridegroom—signifying one who serves the bride.

**Mother Ants Employ Babies as Needles**

"A baby that you sew with, a baby that's needle and thread—child labor with a vengeance, eh?" The naturalist closed a book by a brother-naturalist, Glenwood Clark. "Glenwood Clark tells all about it here," he said. "The baby I refer to is an ant, not a human being. In the chrysalis or baby form this ant secretes a silk, and with that silk its mother sews the leaves together to make the ant nest, using the baby itself as a needle, mind you. "The ant nest is built on a twig rather high up in a tree. The leaves that form it are held together by one group of ants, while another group—mothers armed with their babies—does the sewing. "They hold their babies in their claws. They press the tiny heads against a place where two leaf-edges join. The heads deposit on the leaves their cobwebby silk, and then they are moved across the leaf joint, needle fashion, back and forth, and as they move they make a thread. "In this manner, thanks to the needle-and-thread babies, the ant's nest is soon ready."

**The Journey of Life.**

When about to undertake a journey we consider the way, the people, and the conveniences of travel, and try to meet their requirements in advance. An effort is made to learn what we can from the reports of those who have traveled that way, and we accordingly supply ourselves with accessible literature pertaining to it. This is the course that wise people follow, but there are many inconsiderate ones who give no attention to sane preparation, and therefore get confused respecting the course, get off at uninteresting and dangerous places, suffer much inconvenience, and derive little benefit. Therefore, let us give heed to the proper beginning of our journey.—Psychological Magazine.

**Violin Is Given Motto**

Johannes Robey, the well-known collector of violins, has one instrument of which he is particularly proud, since it contains a label which is a curiosity, states the Pathfinder Magazine. The label is in old Latin and it reads: "Viva fuy in sylvis; sum dura ocella securi. Dum vixi, tacui; mortua, dulce cano." Which being interpreted means: "I was living in the forest; the cruel ax slew me. While I was alive I was mute; dead, I sweetly sing.

This violin is a product of the Sixteenth-century "lulist" or violin maker named Gaspa Dullfopgrugar.

**Helpful Suggestion**

Peter, three and a half, was caught red-handed throwing the morning's letters into the grate fire and gleefully watching the flames. It was his third offense. Seriously, his father took him in hand. "I don't want to punish you, Peter, but what shall I do to make you remember?" The young delinquent looked thoughtful; then, brightening, advised: "I'll tell you what to do, daddy—you just put it down in writing."

**First Secretary of State**

Thomas Jefferson was chosen by President Washington to be secretary of state or secretary of foreign affairs in the first cabinet. But Jefferson was still in France when the new government began to function. John Jay was secretary of foreign affairs under the articles of confederation and acted as secretary of state, at Washington's request, until Jefferson's arrival in March, 1790.

**No Superlative**

An English teacher was making it a practice of giving an SA class a review of a certain point in grammar each day. One day she said, "You may compare the adjectives I shall give you." The entire class looked puzzled. To the first girl the teacher said, "high." There was a little pause and finally in a little hesitant voice, the girl said, "hello."

**Jack Rabbit Forced to Succumb to Auto**

A western physician returning from a professional call across the country stirred up a jack rabbit, says the Evansville Journal. The animal trotted along in front of the physician's car undisturbed apparently while it was traveling 25 miles an hour. Here was a sporting chance to try out the runner made famous by Mark Twain. The physician speeded his car from 25 to 30 miles, and then to 35. The rabbit held its place in the road apparently enjoying the race at that pace. Then the doctor turned on the gas to a speed of 40 miles an hour. The rabbit held the road until it sensed the car was gaining upon it and then loped off into the brush at the side of the road. Thus it appears that the unknown speed of the famous animal has been established. Many a good hound dog has run itself almost to death in pursuit of a jack rabbit before it would give up the chase. Even the greyhound has never been able to carry on with a jack rabbit. It has taken an automobile to drive the jack from the field in a race for speed. No doubt the jack is wondering what sort of a dog has come into its field to defeat it in a trial of speed.

**Gospel in Form That Appeals to Tibetans**

Tibetan printed books are printed from wooden blocks on very fine buff-colored paper manufactured in the country from the bark of a certain shrub. The pages are long and narrow. They are not bound into a volume, but lie loosely one above another. When not in use the leaves are inclosed in two wooden slabs, which are often finely carved, and tied with silk ribbons. The whole is wrapped in a beautifully embroidered silk cover. The sacred books of Tibet, produced in this way, are regarded with the greatest reverence. A lady missionary working on the borders of Tibet suggested to the British and Foreign Bible society that a part of the New Testament should be produced in Tibetan style. "This," reports the society, "has now been done. St. Mark has assumed a dress which will make a strong appeal to the Tibetans. They will be led from the attractive appearance to the contents, which are still more attractive, and we hope that many of them will be led to the Lord himself."

**The Willow Does**

A Vancouver writer attempts to answer the question, "Do animals weep?" Certain poets describe a stag as doing so, but when pinned down they admit they have never seen a stag, either weeping or laughing. Virgil describes a horse that wept behind its master's bier, but at a time long antedating that at which the writer lived. In short, there is no trustworthy evidence of the phenomenon. The weeping of animals would be improbable, if only because they do not comprehend what human beings are, and what they are doing, well enough to grieve about it. The case of the crocodile is different. It might very reasonably break down and cry every time it realizes it is a crocodile.

**Bring On Your Victims**

"Well," said the bearded physician, "I find that you are suffering from an assorted crop of suppressed desires. You are also the fortunate possessor of three types of complexes: superior, inferior and ulterior. Your thyroid gland is slightly out of focus, while neurotically your reactions are very poor. I find definite traces of dual personality and chronic melancholia. You live in a dream world and are mixed up in five or six interlocking personalities. I think you are perfectly safe. Go ahead. No jury will convict you."

"Thanks, Doc," gratefully answered Hamlet. "Do you know where I can have a dagger sharpened?"

**Great Roman Ruler in Advance of Age**

Appius Claudius Caecus, who appeared in history in 312 B. C., was called by one German historian the boldest innovator in Roman history. By law the tenure of office of a censor was limited to eighteen months, but Appius Claudius seemed so much the superior of all other men of his age that he was censor for five years and he carried through, despite frantic opposition from the conservatives, a law to bring new blood into the governing classes.

The aristocracy was jealous of its prerogatives and made birth the essential to a senatorial career, but Appius Claudius broke down the admission requirements. He put into the senate the names of many plebeians who had recently attained wealth and even free men of distinction who were not especially prosperous.

Probably the greatest contribution to Roman progress was his building of two great public works on a scale that Rome had never known. They were the famous Applan way, the great road that led from Rome to Capua, and the vast aqueduct to bring water to the city. Few tourists who visit Rome have failed to drive out upon the historic Applan way or have failed to catch sight of the tremendous ruins of the once mighty aqueduct that strikes across the Campagna.—Kansas City Star.

**Herculean Viewpoint**

A colored man who owned a large wagon and a small horse was hired to haul away some trash from a home. The trash contained many bricks and made an awkward load. As he was ready to drive away, the owner of the house said to him: "If you intend to haul such large loads you need a larger horse." The colored man replied: "If you had to lift him up every morning like I do you would think he is heavy enough."

**"Jingoism"**

Jingo is supposed to be derived from the mountain soldiers of Basque, who were employed by Edward I in Wales. The common oath of these Basque soldiers was "by Jaiako." The modern use of Jingo really dates from McDermott's music hall song of 1878, when war with Russia was threatening Great Britain. The first line of the song ran: "We don't want to fight, but by Jingo, if we do."

**CLAIMS REACH \$100,000 MARK IN KANSAS RIOT**

**G. W. Anderson Asks \$15,000—Says He Was Wounded by Rioters —City Faces Heavy Damage Suits**

Coffeyville, Kan.—With the 90-day period following the race rioting, expiring Saturday, the claim of G. W. Anderson, colored, for the sum of \$15,000 damages against the city of Coffeyville was filed with the city clerk Friday afternoon.

This brings the total claims filed against the city as the aftermath of the rioting to approximately \$100,000, the exact amount being about \$4,500 less than the round figures.

Anderson, who is a brother of N. B. Anderson, owner of the pool hall which has figured so widely in the riot stories, says in his claim that as he was enroute to his home from the Peoples drug store the night of March 18, he was hit in the jaw by a charge of shot and severely wounded.

Anderson says he has been unable to work any since the rioting and asks the sum of \$15,000 for pain, suffering, mental anguish and the permanent disability resulting from the wound.

This is the first time that the wounding of this claimant had been made public. Other Negroes wounded who have filed claims in the riot shooting were his brother, N. B. Anderson, and Herschel Ford.

Attorney Harry Bucher represents the claimant, G. W. Anderson.

**LITTLE ROCK POLICEMEN STOP A MOB WITH BULLETS**

**Three White Officers Wounded Saving Colored Prisoner From Infuriated Mob That Seeks To Lynch Him**

Little Rock.—Three members of the mob which wounded three policemen in an attempt to seize a prisoner were to be arrested late Wednesday, according to an announcement from North Little Rock police headquarters.

The men will be charged with assault to murder. The police officers were not injured badly.

The mob formed in North Little Rock late Tuesday night, after the police had fatally wounded one race man and captured another who accosted a white woman.

The captured man is Robert Allen and the slain was John Johnson.

A North Little Rock white woman told police early Tuesday night that a man had called her over the phone and attempted to make a date. She was advised to make the date by Police Officers W. J. Haynie, George Merriman and J. A. Lindsay. They accompanied her to the place where the pair halted her. When the police appeared Johnson is said to have showed fight, and was killed instantly by the return fire of the officers.

The sound of the shots drew a curious crowd, which quickly changed to an angry one when the members learned of the incident. The officers resisted all attempts of the crowd to seize the remaining prisoner, and after a gun fight in which three of them were wounded, managed to take him to the police station.

**DIXIE STIRRED BY MIGRATION OF NEGRO**

**Cities Sense Real Crisis as Exodus of Race Citizens to the North Becomes Increasingly Large**

Atlanta, Ga., June 22—The southern states are becoming alarmed as a new wave of migration among colored Americans is reported to be sweeping the South. The exodus of the North has been definitely reported by authorities in most of the southern states. The situation is especially evident in Louisiana and Alabama, and in these states authorities are debating means of keeping

**their colored citizens.**

**Better Treatment Needed**

The suggestion put forth as to ways and means of stopping the migration have been wide and numerous. Seeing the necessity of giving the colored American better treatment if they hope for them to continue to live below the Mason and Dixon line, plans for improvement of their conditions have been especially prominent.

**Would Hold Workers**

Another suggestion is the enactment of legislation similar to Georgia's which makes it unlawful for any labor agent to recruit colored workers for any city outside the state. Agents from Northern cities are particularly active now, it is said.

Another proposal would be to make conditions more attractive for the colored citizen so he would not be lured away so easily by promises of better jobs and more money in the North. Best authorities in the South admit living conditions for the Negro are anything but desirable.

The only way it is pointed out for the Southern cities to keep their colored workers is to build better schools, better houses and better streets in the race sections, and higher wages and more money for recreational purposes and public parks.

**Metropolis Feel Effects**

The cities of Birmingham and New Orleans are said to be losing race population steadily, and vigorous campaigns have been launched in both localities to check the exodus. The labor commissioner of Louisiana is authority for the statement. Orleans will face a crisis if the ranks of colored workers in the employ of contracting firms are further depleted.

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