

Everlasting Fires in Region of Desolation

Few regions are more remarkable than those near the Caspian sea. The waters of the sea once stretched far north and joined the Arctic ocean, but now, after countless ages, they have receded to their present limits. Vast stretches of waste and barren land are left where the waters once extended—deserts of reddish clay, with occasional marshes.

This is the region known as the "Land of Everlasting Fire." After sunset, leaping up on all sides from rents in the interminable plain, rise ghostly, dancing tongues of flame, untarnished by smoke, casting a lurid light all around.

Dotted about the squat temples, from whose pinnacles rise columns of fierce flame, the dread gods incarnate of the fire-worshippers. The columns are said to have burnt continuously since the birth of Confucius.

The everlasting fires are not the disembodied souls of dead men and demons, as the natives believe, but are due to torrents of gas which stream from underground regions, and are ignited spontaneously.

It is possible to dig a small hole and then, by applying a live coal, cause it to burst into flames. If a tube of paper is stuck about two inches in the ground, and the top of it touched with a live coal, a flame will issue from it, but if the edges of the paper have been smeared with clay it will not take fire.

Human Blood Stream Has Tides Like Sea

The only time most people think anything about the ebb and flow of tides is when they are at the seaside or on the river. Few people know they have their own daily tides in the blood stream pumped from the heart.

That this is so has been shown by Dr. F. B. Shaw, who declares that the high tide of the white corpuscles of the blood usually comes just after midnight and again in the afternoon. These tides, he says, may be related to the hours of eating and sleeping or to the changing positions of sun and earth.

Another doctor has discovered that anger makes the blood sweeter. After making several people angry, he drew off samples of blood, and in all cases found more sugar in the blood after the fit of emotion than before.

His Impulse

The following true incident was told to a friend of the Companion not long ago by a woman of the Quaker faith.

A Quaker was once passing a Quaker meetinghouse in the country when suddenly he felt an impulse to go in and preach, although there was no audience. He acted according to his impulse, preached a short sermon and then left the building.

Some years later, while in London, he was accosted by a man who said to him, "Sir, you saved my life."

Astonished at such a remark, he said, "What do you mean? I do not know you."

"Well," said the man, "I was passing a certain meetinghouse one day and, hearing a voice, I listened outside the window." And then he added in a low voice, "I was an ex-convict and in despair, but your words saved me."—Youth's Companion.

Great Wall of China

Few people realize what an almost perfect condition prevails along a large part of the great wall of China. The bricks of the parapet are as firm as ever, and their edges have stood the severe climate of north China with scarcely a break. The paving along the top of the wall is so smooth that one may ride over it with a bicycle, and the great granite blocks with which it is faced are as smooth and as closely fitted as when put in place over 2,000 years ago. The entire length of this wall is 1,400 miles; it is 22 feet high and 20 feet in thickness. At intervals of 100 yards or so there are towers some 40 feet in height.

Considerate

The artist had agreed to paint the portrait of a beautiful young girl in her very becoming lavender evening gown.

The girl's mother decided, as she thought the matter over at home, that she would prefer to have her daughter wear a yellow dress.

A few days later the portrait painter received a message over the telephone from the young girl: "Mother thinks I'd better wear my yellow dress and hopes you haven't bought the paint yet!"—Vancouver Province.

One Year's Moose Bag

It has been estimated that about 10,000 moose are killed in Canada each year. This seems a heavy slaughter, but far from there being any danger of extermination from this toll taken by the moose hunter, authorities in different sections are of the opinion that a killing of twice that number could be made each year and the natural increase would definitely offset any danger of the extinction of the moose.

Not to Be Consoled

Little Katherine was crying, not for anything in particular, but for every thing in general. Her mother, trying to divert her attention, said: "Oh, look at that pretty horse tied out there."

But Katherine took it as one more grievance in life, saying: "I wish that horse to be a mule."

Jewels in Profusion Decked Desert Queen

It is not generally known that the Sahara desert has encroached hundreds of miles eastward during the centuries since the great days of Egyptian civilization, and has in consequence buried in sand many forgotten cities and centers of population. One often thinks of the treasure lying on the floor of the ocean, but the treasure buried under desert sands must also be incalculable.

A sensational discovery was made recently, not on the Egyptian side, where the sand almost succeeded in overwhelming the mighty Sphinx, but on the western side of the desert. The body of some ancient queen of the Sahara was found beneath the sand. On her arms were found eighteen bracelets, nine of gold and nine of silver; five necklaces of jewels were around her neck, and on her head was a diadem of gold studded with jewels.

There was much exquisitely carved furniture in the tomb, and near by were piles of jewels—emeralds, rubies, onyx, and so on. On the opposite side was found a superb statue of a woman carved in stone. The date of this tomb is placed at least a thousand years before the Christian era.

One European People Was Napoleon's Dream

In all the six years of his captivity, he does not seem, even once, to have sung the praises of General Bonaparte. If he is summing up what he achieved, he says:

"My fame does not rest upon my 40 victorious battles, nor does it lie in the fact that I bent the monarchs to my will. Waterloo will wipe out the memory of so many victories; the last act makes one forget the first. What will never pass away is my book of laws, minutes of my council of state, my correspondence with my ministers. . . . Through its simplicity my code of laws had more effect than any civil codes before it; the schools I have kept up, my methods of instruction, are creating a new generation; crime decreased during my rule, whereas in England crime has become more prevalent. . . . I wanted to found a European system, a European code of laws, a European court of appeal; there would have been but one people throughout Europe."—From Emil Ludwig's "Napoleon."

Old Criticism of Dance

The dance craze was the object of almost as much criticism a century ago as it is today. This was shown by a book, yellowed with age, which was found recently in the walls of an old mansion demolished in Medford, Mass. Under the heading, "Dancing," the author, in 1831, wrote: "Nothing shows the national character, or thoughtlessness and gayety, more plainly than a strong and general propensity for dancing. A passion for this amusement affects persons in every grade of life. It might be supposed that those only would be disposed to engage in it whose spirits are continually elastic and buoyant, under the cheering smiles of prosperity and ease. But this is not the fact. The thoughtless and gay will often do it in order to suppress those movings of conscience which would lead them to a life of religion."

Trade Mark Protection

The courts have said that a person entering a field of endeavor already occupied by another should, in the selection of a trade name or trade mark, keep far enough away to avoid all possible confusion. Whether there is an infringement of a trade mark does not depend upon the use of identical words, nor on the question as to whether they are so similar that a person looking at one would be deceived into the belief that it was the other. The courts incline to hold that infringement occurs if one adopts a trade name or a trade mark so like another in form, spelling or sound that a person with a not very definite or clear recollection as to the real trade mark is likely to become confused or misled.

Donkey-Foot Mascot

Thieves of all kinds have the strongest belief in charms. In a London police court a detective produced a black pebble taken from the waistcoat pocket of a man he had arrested, and said that that kind of thing was a charm for good luck. A burglar caught in Camberwell said bitterly to the officer who had arrested him: "It serves me right. I came out without my donkey foot." His mascot was the shod hoof of a donkey, which he had carried during the whole of his criminal career.

The black-cat superstition is as powerful as ever, and a burglar will actually turn away from a house if he finds a black cat seated on the doorstep.

Prayed for a Rest

The story goes that several college presidents were discussing what they would do after they retired. What would they be fit for was the question.

"Well," said one of them, "I don't know that I'd be fit for anything, but I know what I'd like to do. I'd like to be superintendent of an orphan asylum so I'd never get any letters from parents."

"I've a much better ambition," exclaimed another. "I want to be warden of a penitentiary. The alumni never come back to visit."—Harper's Magazine.

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PEARL WILSON.
4t-8-26-27

John Adams, Attorney PROBATE NOTICE

In the matter of the estate of Washington Pridgett, deceased.

Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the administratrix of said estate, before me, County Judge of Douglas County, Nebraska, at the County Court Room, in said County, on the 3rd day of November, 1927, and on the 3rd day of January, 1928, at 9 o'clock a. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 1st day of October, 1927.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,
4t-9-2-27 County Judge.

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Henry Hunter, deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition

before said court on the 24th day of September, 1927, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 24th day of September, 1927, at 9 o'clock a. m., to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Frank Blackwell or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,
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HATTIE J. PITTS,
4t-8-12-27 Plaintiff.

Charles F. Davis Attorney

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In the matter of the estate of George G. Johnson, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 17th day of September, 1927, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 17th day of September, 1927, at 9 o'clock a. m., to contest said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Ray L. Williams or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

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