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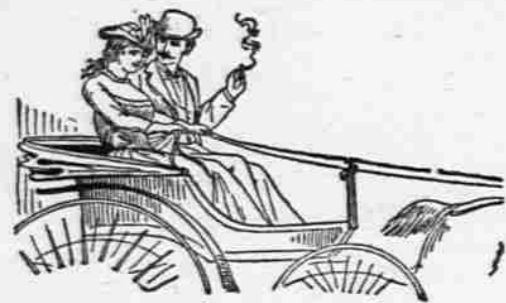
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THE GIANTS OF OLD

ANCIENT RACES MARVELS OF PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT.

The Semibarbarians of One Thousand Years Ago Were All Remarkably Proportioned Men—The Giants of Ancient Greece and Rome.

That the human race has degenerated in size as well as longevity is a fact well attested by various authorities. A prominent Washington physician who has made a life study of brain and cerebral developments, says that, on visiting the catacombs of Paris, which struck him most in those vast repositories of the contents of the city's ancient graveyards was the great size of the skulls in comparison with those of more modern mankind. This superiority of development in the men who lived 1,000 years or more ago the scientist attributes to the open air life then in vogue and the physical sports and exercises indulged in.

There are several races of giants mentioned in the Bible, and the Greek and Roman historians have recorded many examples which serve to show that these specimens of elongated humanity were by no means rare at one period of the world's history.

Thus it is mentioned that the Emperor Maximian was eight feet some inches high. The body of Orestes, according to the Greeks, was eleven and a half feet in height, the giant Galbora, brought from Arabia to Rome under Claudius Caesar, measured near ten feet, and the bones of Secundilla and Pusio, keepers of the gardens of Salust, were but six inches shorter.

The probability is that outside of cultivated Greece and Rome among the semibarbarians of the greater part of present day European nations physical development reached often to more wondrous proportions.

The Chevalier Scory in his voyage to the peak of Tenerife says that they found in one of the sepulchral caverns of that mountain the head of a Guanache which had eighty teeth and that the body was not less than fifteen feet long. The giant Ferragus, slain by Orlando, nephew of Charlemagne, was eighteen feet high.

Revlund, a celebrated anatomist who wrote in 1614, says that some years before that time there was to be seen in the suburbs of St. Germaine the tomb of the giant Isoret, who was twenty feet high.

At Rouen in 1509, in digging in the ditches near the Dominicamo, there was found a stone tomb containing a skeleton whose shin bone reached up to the girdle of the tallest man there, being about four feet long, and consequently the body must have been seventeen or eighteen feet high. Upon the tomb was a plate of copper upon which was engraved, "In this tomb lies the noble and puissant lord, the Chevalier Ruon de Vallemont, and his bones." There is, indeed, evidence in the ponderous armor and two handed swords which remain to us in museums to prove that the knight of the ages of chivalry was a heroic specimen of human architecture.

Platerius, a famous physician, declared that he saw at Lucarne the true human bones of a subject who must have been at least nineteen feet high.

Valance, in Dauphine, boasts of possessing the bones of the giant Bucart, tyrant of the Vivarais, who was slain by an arrow by the Count de Cabillon, his vassal. The Dominicans had a part of his shin bone, with the articulation of the knee, and his figure painted in fresco, with an inscription showing that this giant was twenty-two and one-half feet high and that his bones were found in 1705 near the banks of the Moderi, a little river at the foot of the mountain of Crusol, upon which (tradition says) the giant dwelt.

On Jan. 11, 1833, some masons digging near the ruins of a castle in Dauphine, in a locality which had long been known as the Giant's field, at the depth of eighteen feet discovered a brick tomb thirty feet long, twelve feet wide and eight feet high, on which was a gray stone, with the words "Theotobochus Rex" cut thereon. When the tomb was opened they found a human skeleton, entire, twenty-five and one-half feet long, ten feet wide across the shoulders and five feet deep from the breastbone to the back. The teeth were each about the size of an ox's foot, and his shin bone measured four feet.

Near Margarino, in Sicily, in 1516, was found a giant thirty feet high. His head was the size of a hog's head, and each of his teeth weighed five ounces.

Near Palermo, in the valley of Magara, in Sicily, a skeleton of a giant thirty feet long was found in the year 1548 and another thirty-three feet high in 1550. Several of the gigantic bones of the latter subject are still preserved by private persons in Italy.

The Athenians found thirty-two famous skeletons, one thirty-four and another thirty-six feet in height.

At Totic, in Bohemia, in 758, was found a skeleton the head of which could scarcely be encompassed by the arms of two men together and whose legs, which are still preserved in the castle of the city, were twenty-six feet long.

The celebrated English scientist, Sir Hans Sloane, who treated the matter very learnedly, does not doubt the facts above narrated, but thinks the bones were those of elephants, whales or other animals. But it has been well remarked that, while elephants' bones may be shown for those of giants to superficial observers, this can never impose upon such distinguished anatomists as have testified in many cases to the mammoth bones being unmistakably human.—Philadelphia Record.

Be patient with every one, but above all with yourself.—Francis.

PIANO EXPERIMENTS.

Playing by Sweeping the Strings With a Feather.

Open wide your piano so that the wires are exposed. Over the wires place sheets of music, and when you strike a tone you will find that it has a rattling sound. If now you play a tune in the same manner, with the sheets of music still lying on the strings, it will sound as if the instrument were a banjo. Anyhow, it is a good imitation.

Now remove the music sheets and press down gently, but firmly, the keys belonging to any cord. Take the simple cord C, E, G, for example. The keys must be pressed down without sounding them and held down while some one gently brushes the strings with a feather or a straw. The effect will be as if the cord were played far away and is heard by you as very soft tones.

Change the cord, always pressing down the keys without sounding them, while the feather still sweeps the strings lightly. In this way you may modulate or play a slow piece, and the effect will be very beautiful, indeed, as if heard from a great distance.

The reason of this is that ordinarily a damper rests against each string, but when the corresponding key is struck or pressed down the damper is raised. In sweeping the strings with the feather, lightly, only the strings that are undamped sound, the others being held mute by the dampers, but if the touch of the feather is too heavy even the other strings may sound, so your care must be in making a light and delicate touch.

Now press down a key gently and hold it. Strike very hard the octave above this key, but do not hold it after striking the tone. When the wire of the tone struck has been sufficiently damped, so that it does not sound so loud, the pressed down key will be heard to "sing" clearly, even though it was not struck. This is because every note struck is composed of several notes, being in reality a cord in itself, and each note contained in that cord causes the corresponding note in the keyboard to vibrate, or "sing," in sympathy if held down in like manner.

The other notes that will sound under these conditions will always be the fifth above the octave, the second octave and the third and fifth above that, and these tones that sound are called "overtones."

For illustration, if C in the lower part of the piano be struck, any or all of the notes that follow will sound if their keys are first pressed and held down.—Philadelphia Press.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

When you are all done but finishing, you are just half done.

If you have time to boast about being worked to death, you have not much to do.

Some people are so unfortunate that their troubles make people laugh instead of cry.

A man who underestimates himself may be tiresome, but he is not a circumstance to the man who brags.

People may disdain a compliment, but they feel a tender little spot in them where it hit and refused to be dislodged.

It is a theory growing in conviction that the man who says a mean thing about another isn't as mean as the man who carries it.

The man who travels over the path behind you wisely looks at your footprints and sees where you could have avoided many a pitfall.—Atchison Globe.

Tiny Trees.

The midget of the whole tree family is the Greenland birch. It is a perfect tree in every sense of that term and lives its allotted number of years from 75 to 130 just as other species of the great birch family do, although its height under the most favorable conditions seldom exceeds ten inches. Whole bluffs of the east and southeast coast of Greenland are covered with "thickets" of this diminutive species of woody plant, and in many places where the soil is uncommonly poor and frozen from eight to ten months a year a "forest" of these trees will flourish for half a century without growing to a height exceeding four inches.

Strange Dances.

Queensland's government aboriginal settlement on Frazer's island holds a weekly dance for the blacks. Among the bundles of old clothes sent to the settlement there are often ball gowns, so the gins sport decollete dresses. Neither sex wears boots. The sexes have to dance separately.—Sydney Bulletin.

Shrewd Guess.

Senior Partner—We must be careful not to give Billings any more credit. He's evidently losing money. Junior Partner—How do you know? Senior Partner—I heard his remark today that "life is full of ups and downs." No man ever admits that until he begins to strike the down.—Philadelphia Press.

Rejected.

"I have called," said the confident young man, with a manuscript sticking out of his pocket, "to see whether there is a vacancy in this office."

"No," replied the melancholy editor as he looked round the place; "I'm sorry to say there is none. Even the waste paper basket is full."

A Change.

"Well, well! There goes Miss Strong. When I saw her last she was posing as a bachelor girl. That's her hobby." "All that's changed now. She dropped her hobby for a hubby."—Exchange.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate filings have been made in the county clerk's office since last Thursday evening:

V. Franklin to W. H. Galloway wd to n hf e hf 18-3-28	2,600 00
J. L. Simms to T. R. Zimmerman wd to nw qr 21 & ne qr 20-1-28	7,000 00
L. Cann to H. V. Lord, wd to lt 2 in 9 Danbury	75 00
Ella M. Lower to W. A. Minnlear wd to ne qr 15-1-28	1,500 00
E. Simon to I. Sheets, wd to s hf nw qr 15-3-28	1,450 00
Jennie M. Kennedy to Eliza Hamilton wd to its 6 & a hf 5 in 2 McCook	2,500 00
A. G. Bump to J. O. Hammond, wd to its 1 & 2 in 27, 2nd McCook	1,700 00
A. P. Bonnet to Jeanne M. Kennedy, wd to lt 7 in 24, 2nd McCook	2,200 00
A. G. Bump to T. G. Neil wd to lt 7 in 9, 1st McCook	1,200 00
I. N. Biggs to J. Haun wd to lt 10 in 7 Willow Grove	800 00
J. E. Harvey to W. O. John wd to se qr 12-4-28	6,000 00
Jessie B. Byrd to Mary Lehn wd to its 18 in 25, McCook	1,000 00
J. W. Shirley to Ella Lee, wd to lt 6 in 25 McCook	1,050 00
C. F. Lehn to L. L. Elliot, qcd to sw qr sw qr 29 & nw qr nw qr & s hf nw qr 22-1-30	500 00
W. Thompson to H. F. Wilson, wd to nw qr 5-4-27	2,700 00
L. D. Newberry to J. T. Baughan, wd nw qr 10-1-28	2,300 00
J. T. Baughan to D. P. Treadway, wd to nw qr 10-1-28	8,000 00
J. J. Curran to V. J. Gathercole, wd to lt 18 in 25, 2nd McCook	1,300 00
J. W. Arbogast to R. Carston, wd to s hf se qr & sw qr 10-4-26	4,800 00
R. Smith to T. A. Haley, wd to lt 3 in 8 Malmore	20 00
C. M. Pinkney to Maude Haley, wd to its 5 & 6 in 37, Indianola	60 00
Agnes Crippin to Elmer Robbins, wd to n hf sw qr 27-4-29	1,400 00
H. T. Casford to W. N. Casford, wd to n hf se qr & n hf sw qr 10-3-20	1,000 00
A. G. Bump to C. D. Noble, wd to lt 10 in 12 1st McCook	350 00
S. Hine to Clara Harvey, wd to w hf nw qr & w hf sw qr 30-3-30	400 00
C. B. Harvey to A. G. Bump, wd to w hf nw qr & w hf sw qr 30-3-30	600 00
Minnie R. Wick to I. M. Smith, qcd to und hf in its 1-2 & 3 in 7, 1st McCook	300 00
L. A. Hariburt to W. Sullivan wd to lt 18 in 17 McCook	300 00
Lincoln Land Co to Minnie M. Snyder wd to its 1 & 2 in 12 4th McCook	275 00
Lincoln Land Co to J. Jackson, wd to lt 6 in 9 4th McCook	150 00
H. C. Rider to Sally M. McCann, wd to lt 13 in 11, Riverview	5 00
F. J. Schumaker to G. R. Hoar, wd to und hf in n hf 11-4-30	2,700 00
E. L. Meane to G. R. Hoar, wd to und hf in hf 11-4-30	2,700 00
J. C. Birdsell to W. Stokes, wd to its 7-8-9 in 16, 1st McCook	1,500 00
Lincoln Land Co to Minnie F. Gordon wd to lt 2 in 23, 2nd McCook	125 00

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State of Nebraska, Red Willow County, ss: To all persons interested in the estate of Alexander Campbell, deceased: Notice is hereby given that Mary Campbell, executrix of said estate, has filed her petition in the County Court of Red Willow County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are for a decree confirming her right to all of said estate and that an order may be made finally discharging her from her trust. You are hereby notified that said petition will be heard by the County Judge at the county court room in the city of McCook, in said county, on the 31st day of May, 1906. It is ordered that a copy of this notice be published once each week for three successive weeks in the McCook Tribune, a newspaper printed and published in said county. Dated this 12th day of April, 1906.—4-3ts. (SEAL) J. W. MOORE, County Judge.

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