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The Licensed Falsehood.
Every man, if he catches his son in a falsehood, will at least reprimand him. But the greater the falsehood the man's favorite statesman tells, the more apt he is to vote for him, and bothers others to vote for him.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

Diplomatic Youngster.
Harold was often allowed to visit his grandmother, but was always told he hour he should return home. On arriving at his grandmother's one morning he was asked how long he could stay. "Well, grandmother, I don't remember whether mother said ten o'clock or three o'clock, but I'll go home after dinner and ask her."

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Internationalization of Famous River Completed by Action of Interested Allied Powers.

BARRIER AND BATTLEGROUND

Danube Has Long Been Chain Upon Which Romance and History Have Vied With Each Other to Hang Interesting Traditions.

Washington.—The completion of the internationalization of the Danube by the recent formal action of the interested allied powers, announced in Paris dispatches, is the occasion for the issuance from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society of the following bulletin, descriptive of the famous river.

"From the Black forest to the Black sea, over a course 1,800 miles in length, the Danube has long been a chain upon which romance and history have vied with each other to hang interesting traditions and occurrences. Geography, too, has done its share, and although the Volga exceeds its rival in length, and although the Rhine in Thackeray and Hood has had better press agents, the Danube is large enough and beautiful enough to rank in interest with the great rivers of the world.

Less a Highway and More a Barrier.
"There was a time when the Danube was symbolized by an old-fashioned walz. But since the World War began, nothing but a hesitation typifies the place the river has held in the economic life of the countries through which it runs. It has been less a highway and more the barrier than in prewar days. Not yet does it serve to bind the various nations through which it passes into a friendly and co-operating group. It has been officially open to ships of all nations since the forming of the Danube commission in 1856 and the various states interested long co-operated to improve the navigation facilities, especially in the lower reaches of the river; but political conditions have done much to weaken the economic link which once bound Linz and Vienna to the great grain shipping center of Braila, to which ocean-going vessels can steam, and to the Black sea ports themselves.

"Charming villages, beautiful meadows, picturesque hills crowned with ruined castles, princely palaces, ecclesiastical piles and two of the world's most fascinating capitals are strung along the lengthy and winding river. Thriving industries raise their smokestacks beside the stream whose legendary color is blue but whose true tint varies from a dirty green to a muddy yellow. More tragic than the encroachment of factory smoke has been in late years the sad sight of countless chimneys from which the life-breath of industry seemed to have expired forever.

Hohenzollern Castle on Banks.
"Near its source at Donaueschingen, the river passes between the castle which gave its name to the late ruling family in Germany and a war monument to the Hohenzollern men who fell in the Franco-Prussian war. Farther down it passes through the once-proud capital of Austria-Hungary, where the fine government buildings stand to the despairing inhabitants as a mocking reminder of better days, and beside the Prater, once a deer park and later a pleasure garden noted for its Viennese gaiety.

The Danube.
"Still farther along its course just after entering Czechoslovakia, at its junction with the March, there is a towering cliff spired with a monument erected to celebrate 1,000 years of Hungarian nationality. This is Czechoslovakian territory now, and there last summer the Stars and Stripes were draped on the occasion of the visit of a large group of Czech-Americans to the newly freed land of their fathers.

"Bratislava, now Czechoslovakia's river port, was once the city in whose dignified cathedral the Hungarian kings were crowned. The boat station there reveals the changes which history has wrought. Over the center of the landing the present name is given, but to the left one can see most of the letters of the German name 'Pressburg' and to the right there is the Hungarian name 'Poszony.'

Budapest Not War-Torn.
"Vienna, brooding in its lovely parks, which lack the care that was once lavished on them, and content plating with cynicism the motto 'Si Vis Pacem, Para Bellum,' whose golden letters decorate the walls of the ministry of war is a sad sight. But Budapest, still militant, still haughty in the consciousness of its beauty, seems to have been less troubled by the passage of war.

"Food is the main reason, Hungary, reduced as it is, still contains some of the best land in Europe. Vienna, its industry stopped, can do little to earn the food it needs. During the summer of 1920 all traffic between the two capitals was stopped by mutual boycotts and although steamers plied the Danube from Linz to Budapest, no through passengers or freight were received.

"To the casual observer, Budapest is the same proud city as of old. The fine parliament building and the imposing palace on the belchets across the river, where Admiral Horthy now rules, seem as attractive as before the war. The upper river is still crowded with bathers and with canoes and rowboats in which charming women and stalwart men do their best to attain a spacious coat of tan. Along Franz Josef quay, the promenade adds a lively touch of color to the drab scenes to which the beautiful blue Danube has become accustomed.

Celtic Fortress Still Stands.
"From Zemun, once the last Hungarian port on the Danube, a short trip between low banks brings one to Belgrade, the capital of the new kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, where the steamer rounds the base of the ancient fortress which dates back to the time of the Celts, the Romans and the Franks, and comes to its dock a little way up the Save, which here enters the Danube from the south.

"About four hours sail below Belgrade the wide plains give way to hilly country where the Transylvanian Alps curve down toward the jumble of mountains which extend to Montenegro and Greece. It is in this region that the main obstructions of the river occur. But the most famous obstructions and the finest scenery come at the Kazan Dufia and the 'Iron Gates,' where the river has collected a gruesome toll.

"At Ruschuk, the railway traveler from Roumania ferries across a broad and sluggish stream to continue his journey to Sofia and Constantinople; and here the banks of the Danube are lined with huge barges, many of which are still idle. Below Silistria, the river curves to the north and passes through Roumanian territory throughout the rest of its length. At Cerna Voda, it is crossed by one of the longest railway bridges in the world, the last of the many bridges which cross the stream, some of which are now destroyed as a result of the war and post-armistice fighting.

"Braila, 125 miles from the three main mouths of the Danube, is a port for the grain and produce of a rich agricultural region. In prewar days its wharves teemed with life and its huge grain elevators bulged with the rich products of Wallachia and Dobruja, which has seen great development since the Russians gave it to Roumania instead of the more valuable and fertile tracts of Bessarabia. From Galatz to the sea the Danube has already been under the control of an international commission whose duty has been to tame the river and the many nationalities to whom the river is highway or barrier, according to the tides of human passion and national life."

BLAME BLISTERS ON KISSING

Health Board in Pennsylvania Town May Put Ban on Osculation to Stop Plague.

Uniontown, Pa.—Kissing is blamed by physicians of this city for the spread of an epidemic of blisters, which has now grown to such proportions that the board of health may be called on to place a ban on osculation until such time as the disease has abated or disappeared entirely.

Local physicians are authority for the statement that there are hundreds of cases of a skin disease here which spreads in a manner similar to anxious weed poisoning. The disease has the nature of an eczematous rash, and has been found very difficult to control and even more difficult to eradicate once it has taken hold on a person.

While not all the persons affected with the "blisters" are in their teens and early twenties, a great majority of them are at what is known as the "kissing age."

The hint dropped that the board of health might be asked to declare kissing taboo until such time as the "blister epidemic" has subsided has aroused a strong protest from all over the city.

HOCH HOUND FINDS LIQUOR

Dry Agents Would Buy Terrier Named William Jennings Volstead, but Owner Refuses.

Huntington, W. Va.—Bernard Staley has a dog that is worth a million which he has refused to sell to the state prohibition department. His name is William Jennings Volstead, they call him Bone Dry for short, and he's a hooch hound.

Bone Dry is a rat terrier and he has a red nose, and his nose got that way digging for liquor. The prohibition authorities want him, but they can't have him. In two days Bone Dry has uncoined two quantities of buried hooch. His master, hearing him bark at a stump in a neighboring field, investigated and dug up several quart bottles of very fine moonshine. His other escapade of the 48 hours was the recovering of several gallons buried in a creek bed.

Staley has refused fabulous offers for the dog, it is said.

Big Feet No Help in Killing Rattlesnake

James Kiernan, Tuscan, N. Y., nearly lost a battle with a four-foot rattlesnake because his feet were too big. Kiernan got both feet on the rattler, but was unable to club it to death as he could not hit the snake without bruising his own toes. He was nearly tired out before he managed to get in a blow which stunned the snake so that he could get off and finish the job.

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A Real Boy.
Billy had a silk suit with ruffles on the collar and cuffs. He fussed every time he had to wear this suit and when asked why he disliked it he said, "It's so much girl."

Old English Superstition.
An old Sussex (Eng.) cure for whooping cough is: Borrow a donkey, place the patient on its back with his or her face towards its tail and lead it to a certain spot fixed on in your own mind three times running for three succeeding days.

Curious Masterpieces.
Literary masterpieces have been written on strange mediums. Smari's poem, "Song to David," was written with a key on the walls of a madhouse. Coleridge once wrote a sonnet on a scrap of seaweed.

Prussia's Barren Area.
The area of barren land yet to be found in Prussia alone is estimated at not less than 3,705,000 acres. Between 1856 and 1918 approximately 1,970,000 acres were brought under cultivation. A further 2,705,000 acres of rich soil is yet to be obtained by drainage.

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill
Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1893.
Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.
Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denial, shall for each offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.
"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs. State, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 688."
"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in a more private part of the house. Ferguson vs. Gies, 82 Mich. 353; N. W. 718."