

WELL-INTENTIONED, BUT EMBARRASSING

Servant's Gift Traveler Was Unable to Accept.

Ferdinand Ossendowski, whose books on Asia have caused such an unusual stir, relates in "Man and Mystery in Asia" that on one occasion when he was leaving the wilds of that continent for Europe he was presented by his faithful servant with a camel, observes the Argonaut. The gift was declined as impracticable, but the man vowed his determination to give something, since his master had saved his life by amputating a thumb after it had been bitten by a poisonous spider. So he rode off, to return later with a companion who immediately attached himself to the traveler with great devotion, waiting on him hand and foot. Complimenting the youth on his deftness, the traveler was startled to discover that his new attendant was no boy, but the sister of his former servant, and that she had been presented to him as a gift "wife."

Defective Vision Said to Be on Increase

The increase of blindness and lesser eye troubles has become so alarming in the last decade that experts who have been collecting data on the subject do not hesitate to declare that the nation is confronted with a menace of great magnitude. It is estimated by the eyesight conservation council that defective vision afflicts 25,000,000 of the 41,000,000 persons in gainful occupations. During the war eye troubles ranked third as a cause rendering young men unfit for military service; about 11 per cent of the young men had defective vision, and it is estimated that this ratio of serious eye defects prevails among the children in both city and rural schools.

In its investigation of waste in American industry the committee of the Federated American Engineering Societies discovered that in some factories nearly as many as half the men had serious eye troubles. — World's Work.

Weather Affects Tumors

That the growth of malignant tumors is related to the general weather conditions and to sunlight in particular has been shown by investigators in the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research. Drs. W. H. Brown, L. Pearce and C. M. Van Allen have had a number of rabbits suffering from malignant tumors, under observation. A comparison of meteorological records and the growth of tumors in diseased rabbits revealed a striking coincidence between the decrease of tumor growth and the periods of maximum and minimum sunlight, that is, in summer and winter seasons; while the greater malignancy occurred at the times of sudden and rapid changes in the hours of sunshine a day. The latter periods correspond roughly with spring and fall of this year.

Flattery Does It

Albert Keller, general manager of the Ritz-Carlton hotel group, said in an address to New York waiters: "A good waiter makes his obstacles his stepping stones. "Walter" thundered a man with a head as bald as a billiard ball. "Yes, sir?" "Walter; there's a hair in this soup!" "Why, so there is, sir. I'm very, very sorry. But don't you think it must have fluttered off your head, sir?"

Divorce Psychology

Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts said at a Washington dinner party: "Divorce has increased 100 per cent among us since 1913. This is terrible. "Divorce thoughts distort and discolor even our etymology. A young and pretty girl applied to me for a position the other day. "You are unmarried? I said to her. "Oh, no," said she, with a blush. "I haven't been married yet."

Infant Mortality Heavy

In some districts of the Belgian Congo there are more deaths than births and in some places in this territory one-half of the children die before they reach the age of two. Reports indicating conditions such as these have led the national children's bureau of Belgium to appropriate, for the first time, 50,000 francs for a campaign against infant mortality in the Congo.

He Wished to Know

"Mercy sakes alive!" ejaculated Mrs. Johnson in the midst of her reading. "A doctor says here in the paper that you can't keep healthy by bathing alone!" "I'm!" responded Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "How many people does he say or bathe together, and when and whurr?"—Kansas City Star.

Big Difference in Price

Helium has been greatly reduced in price since it was first produced. Its original cost was \$1,700 a cubic foot. Now it can be extracted, 92 per cent pure, for 7 cents a cubic foot.

OBSERVATIONS

None but a fool is always right.—Hara. Imitation is the sincerest flattery.—Cotton. Simple duty hath no place for fancy.—Whittier. Sensuality is the grave of the soul.—Channing. Maternal love! thou word that seems all bliss.—Pollok.

UNKNOWN RACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

Hitherto unknown white race, suggested by some to be of Welsh origin, is reported by explorers just back from the Darien district of Central America, thus adding to the number of mystery races discovered in recent years, says London Tit-Bits. The Japanese census of a few months ago revealed the unsuspected existence in that country of a tribe whose members wear no clothing, hunt with the bow and arrow, and speak no known dialect. Inhabiting a remote valley in North Japan, these strong people are almost savages; while that is more interesting to the ethnologist, or student of races, is that they are white-skinned. Not long ago a nearly white tribe was located in the heart of Brazil, where tradition states that white Indians have long lived. No direct evidence is available, but more than one explorer, among them Colonel Fawcett, perhaps the greatest living authority on Brazil, believes that they are still to be found in considerable numbers. These Indians are said to have blue eyes. Compared with their neighbors, the people of Ankole, in South Uganda, are quite pale in complexion. They are of fine physique and apparently have no affinity with the negroes of the country.

WAYSIDE MUSINGS

Riches have wings and travel faster than a flying ace. The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way. A lawyer doesn't know everything, but he thinks he does. The problem of life cannot be solved by touching the button. The most trouble a woman has with her husband is getting him. One day is as good as two for him who does everything in place. Your character cannot be essentially injured by your own acts. It always makes a man feel out of place when he loses his situation. Customarily, "tributes" to anybody are not as reliably read as wall-pops. To affect always to be the best of the company argues a base disposition. Usually the homelier a man is the more he thinks lovmaking is his forte. The line to walk is that which lies between self-depreciation and self-assertion. An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.—Mrs. L. M. Child. No civilization that didn't wear trousers ever lasted. 'Tis why Sparta disappeared and Rome fell.

Pottery That Bounces

One of the many interesting features of the famous Wembley exposition is the British Guiana pavilion. The attendants show among other things some perfectly designed jars and vases which suggest the finest examples of pottery from Egypt or the earliest days of Greece. But the attendant will surprise you by taking up one of the jars and throwing it on the floor. It will bounce into the air, and you can catch it unharmed. These jars, which look for all the world as if they were delicate, as most jars seem to be, are an example of the art of British Guiana, where the natives make dishes and pots out of the sap of a tree. The raw sap is white, but with the addition of pure dyes, extracted from tree bark, this bouncing pottery is colored and made very beautiful.

Unconventional

He took his ticket leisurely at the booking office of a suburban railway station, but, on hearing the train approaching, made more haste than speed to the platform. He was going well until, nearly at the top of the steps leading to the platform, something or other caused his foot to slip. His silk hat had wobbled onto his brow, his bag and umbrella betook themselves one to the right and one to the left, but he manfully regained these possessions in a grasp-all sort of fashion while on his knees.

Matrimonial Whoop

Dr. Carver—How old are you, uncle? Uncle Amos—I is ovah ninety years old. Why, Lawsy me, doc, I was sixty when I got de wife I ain't got now; an' I was married fo' times befo' dat. Dr. Carver—Well, uncle, what became of all your wives? Uncle Amos—Well, de first one, she died. An' den de second one 'vorced me. An' de nex' one warn't no 'count nohow, so I 'vorced her. An' de foth wife, well, I nevah did know wot come of dat woman.

Odd Baseball Happening

In a baseball game at Climac, Pa., the batter chopped a ball directly in front of the plate and headed for first base. The catcher, scrambling for the ball, threw quickly, only to have the ball disappear from sight. Not until the runner reached first and tossed the ball to the pitcher was it discovered that the backstop's throw had landed the ball in the batter's hip pocket.

The Advantage

The golf liar has one advantage over the fishing liar. He doesn't have to show anything to prove it.—Life.

The Rivals

Sheldon Whitehouse of the Paris embassy condemned, at a dinner on the Paris, the more immodest fashions in dress. "I was talking to an old lady the other day," he said, "about two very beautiful young women whose taste is unfortunately a little immodest. "They spend a lot on their clothes," I said. "They're rivals in dress, aren't they?" "Yes," answered the old lady. "Yes, each tries to outstrip the other."

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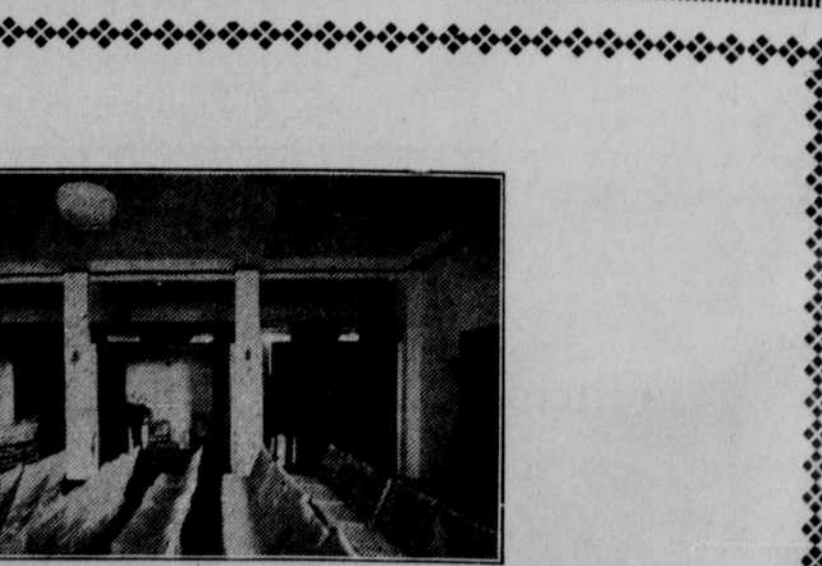
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