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Literary Fame Came

Slowly to Johnson Samuel Johnson gained little money when he compiled an English dictionary, but the work served to make his reputation secure. He had been in London ten years, living obscurely as a hack writer and slowly winning a reputation when he was given a chance to prepare the dictionary, for which he was to receive \$4,500.

It took him seven years to complete the tremendous work and he had to pay several assistants. The work is remembered not because of its merits. but largely because of Johnson's letter to the end of Chesterfield, who had rebuffed the editor until he heard the dictionary was nearing completion and then hoped to be regarded as one of the benefactors of the scholar.

Upon the publication of the diction ary, Johnson was given recognition as the greatest living figure in English literature. Fielding was dead, Richardson was living in retirement, Gibbon was in Switzerland, Gray and Cowper were publishing little. Johnson was hailed as England's greatest scholar. The honor had been slow in coming, for 18 years had passed since he had left Lichfield to make his fortune in London.-Kansas City Star.

Famous "Last" Names on Pages of History

"Last of the Fathers" was a title given by the Latin church to St. Bernard, who lived from 1091 to 1153. "Last of the Goths" was the title given to Roderick, the thirty-fourth and last of the Visigothic line of kings, who filled the throne of Spain from 414 to 711. To Phillipoemen, who lived from 253 to 183 B. C., a native of Arcadia, was given the appellation "Last of the Greeks": and he was the last really great and successful commander of the ancient Greeks. "Last of the Mohicans" is the title of Cooper's novel of the same name, under which title the Indian chief Uncas is personated. The general Actius has been called the "Last of the Romans." He checked the first invasion of Attila by the relief of Orleans in Gaul, modern France. in the year 450 A. D. With his death, which occurred in 454, the last support of the western empire fell.

Sesquipedalian Words

Mark Twain was not the only person to find amusement in the German language. A foreigner thus accounts for the deliberation with which the negotiations held at Locarno were carried on.

"Our interlocutors cannot end their explanations," said this foreigner. "With the best will in the world they cannot pronounce rapidly such words as this: Antialkoholcongressmitglederverzeichnissesdruckkostenvoranschlagprufungscommissionsversamm. lungeinladungskarten."

This little word means "Invitation cards for the meeting of the commission for verifying the accounts of the expenses of printing the list of members of the anti-alcoholic congress."

Truth at Any Price

Each man should learn what is within him, that he may strike to mend; he must be taught what is without him, that he may be kind to

Moslem Pilgrim Rites Pious Moslems who make the pllgrimage to Mecca go seven times round the Kaaba, or tomb of the prophet, reciting prayers and reverently kissing the Black Stone. They then proceed to the sacred spring of Zem-Zem, which is said to be the fountain Jehovah opened in the desert for Hagar and Ishmael. There each pilgrim dips into the water two white shirts held together by strings (no pins are permitted for that purpose). These garments must be dried in the court of the mosque, and afterward are laid aside as the burial clothes of their owners. According to tradition a shroud that has been soaked in the water of Zem-Zem will protect its wearer against the fiery heat of the

To End Church Debt

Last Judgment.

Amos Skinner had never done any real work ; instead, he had tried to invent something that would bring him fortune

Meeting an old friend, he rushed up to him, greatly excited.

"I've got it at last !" he shrieked. "Made my fortune, sure as eggs !" "What is it this time?" asked his friend.

"Just a little device," said Skinner, "but it will bring me millions. Every church in th country'll buy one, You see, it's a collecting box with different slots for different coins. All sllver money falls on velvet, while coppers drop on a big bell !"

Chinese Legend

The legend of the Chinese willow plate design is the love story of LI Chi, the only daughter of a mandarin, and Chang, her father's secretary, who lived in an island cottage at the top of the plate. When the mandarin forbade the match the lovers eloped and lay concealed for a time in the gardener's cottage, from there escaping to the lover's home. The father, pursuing them with a whip, would have beaten them to death had not the gods changed them into turtle doves. At the time of the elopement. the willow shed its leaves.

Birds' Food Important

Choice of food by a bird usually is the most important factor in its relation to man. One of the reasons for importing the sparrow was to have it eat dropworm, a shade-tree pest which spun down its silken threads among pedestrians. The dropworm is no longer a pest in cities, and entomologists give sparrows the credit. Not only this pest but almost every injurious insect we have is eaten at times by this ubiquitous alien.

Displaying the Flag

The Shenandoah method of displaying the American flag is as follows: A hole is placed in the curb and plugged when not in use. A flagstaff is erected 14 feet 6 inches and the diameter at the base is 1% inches. A weather proof American flag, size 4 by 6 fect, is put up. These flagstaffs are always placed near the curb line near the pavement and the gutter and are 122 feet apart.

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THE MONITOR

partment.

our senses, is the current year, the with a determined idea to carry out Jefferson Reporter, a weekly, pub- my plans as I have outlined to them lished at Wrens (population about in my address. 1,500), Georgia, carried, without has been suggested that it was the plea of an irate father for his son, and they try to reciprocate quicker and as such faintly justifiable. We than the white man. doubt it. It may have been the request of some one who never heard of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. We doubt that, too. In Georgia, as in other parts of the South, these amendments are not unknown. But systematically, repeatedly, in the most diverse and ingenious ways, and with a persistence that would do credit to a far better cause, they are ignored .- The Nation, June 22, 1927.

STANDARDS OF LIVING

(From Opportunity Magazine) The mischievous myth persists among industrial managers and many cent Negro labor, and the plant a social workers, that Negroes can live losing proposition. Today, with 75 on smaller wages than other races, pecause their wants are less. This proposition and one of the best pays the "lower standard of living" fa- ing plants in this division. I think miliar to students of social problems. Class by class, living costs for them From the bottom of the list, with 25 are probably greater than for any per cent Negro help, to the head of other race, and it might reasonably the list, with 75 per cent Negro help. enough be argued that this is so, mainly because they want things which others feel that they should the management, as without co-opernot have. The cost of food is not ation of these men, it would have reduced in Negro communities. They been impossible for the writer to have pay the same, and, if the testimony made first base. That is what Negro of shop keepers means anything, they labor will do with the right treatment are most generous in their expendi- and given an even chance with the tures for this commodity. The cost of white man. clothing is no cheaper for them, and "I may be optimistic in making this the exigencies of their rough work, statement, but my opinion is Negro

on the one hand, and a greater group labor if given the opportunity in the social life than the corresponding next ten years will replace many of class for whites, on the other, require the white men's jobs. that their purchases be more fre-"In regards to Negro labor with

quent. Rental costs are actually foreign, I'd rather have one Negro higher for them; they pay from 20 than two foreigners, as a Negro unto 50 per cent more for the same derstands what you are telling him. houses occupied by a white family, You do not have to waste half your and in spite of the acceptance of time trying to make him understand lodgers they never are guilty of the what you want done. If it is a small astonishing limits of overcrowding job the Negro will have the job done reached by some immigrant fimilies. while you are trying to make the for-They pay more for their insurance, eigner understand what you want because of their death rate (which done."

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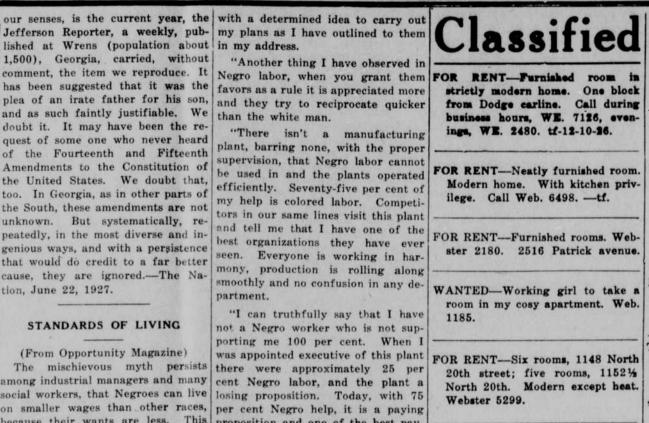
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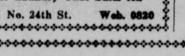
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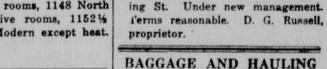
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others. It can never be wrong to tell him the truth: for, in his disputable state, weaving as he goes his theory of life, steering himself, cheering or reproving others, all facts are of the first importance to his conduct; and even if a fact shall, discourage or corrupt him it is still best that he should know it, for it is in this world as it is, and not in a world made easy by educational suppression, that he must win his way to shame or glory. -Robert Louis Stevenson.

#### Well Foretells Weather

In eastern Oregon is an interesting well that not only gives supplies of good water but acts as a sort of barometer to tell the approach of storms or changes in the weather. From 12 to 24 hours before a storm, it "exbales" a current of air. The draft increases as the storm approaches, sometimes reaching the intensity of a whistling, roaring jet and shooting up a mist of water with it .- Popular Mechanics Magazine.

#### The Kiss in History

Kisses between men were common in England until the Seventeenth century. Medieval knights used to kiss each other before they began jousting, as modern heavyweights shake hands. Pages in France used to kiss articles they were given to deliver, both when they received them from the hands of senders and just before they delivered them to recipients, as a sign of honor.

#### Geological Wonder

Juniper mountain. 30 miles west of Craig, Colo., is a geological wonder. The United States survey says that it is the dcepest mountain on the western hemisphere. This means that the bottom of Juniper is buried in the earth deeper than any other on this continent. It is walled with rock. and is one of the outstanding sights in the region reached from Craig.

#### Plea for Brotherhood

What a great and glorious world this might be if we always kept the attitude toward one another which prevails in the hour of flood and fire and earthquake. Oh! The pity of it that we wait for some colossal disaster to awake us to the real spirit of universal love .- Ella Wheeler WilOne-half of Families Living in Harlem Spend Nearly Half of Their Earnings for

#### Rent

families in Harlem, approximately gue that they should want less, which 12,501 persons, 1,044 families, are paying more than 40 per cent of their point. total monthly earnings for rent, a

rental payment far in excess of what WHITE MANUFACTURER SAYS the majority can afford to pay.

This interesting fact is disclosed by a survey of social conditions in Harlem recently concluded by the New

York Urban league, the purpose of attention to composition of house- corporation.)

holds, size of families, housing, the lems of working mothers.

tion show that every fifth person in "I have handled all classes of men the families was under 15 years of and find the Negro laborer both skillage; that there were 3,314 lodgers, ed and unskilled, will give a firm the averaging more than one to a household; that more than one-half of the does. I find them just as observing families had from one to ten persons, and just as quick to learn and will and that more than a fourth of the work for a firm's interest equally as homes were overcrowded.

#### **NEGRO BOY RUNAWAY**

"A small colored boy, about 14 assistant electrician and also as opyears old, ran away from his home near Stapleton, January 4th. Any- two as foremen. These two men who one seeing him will please notify me and hold him until I arrive. I will ers and can get the maximum work pay reward. I object to anyone else at minimum cost from their men as using him. Roy Haines, Stapleton, Ga., Route 1, Box 16."

The interesting little advertisement printed above was not, devoted read- ting much better results from the re of, say May 2, 1849, or even the

Charleston Courier of possibly April 16, 1855. One of those worthy pa-

GOES TO LANDLORD give relief in kind freely among themselves, and have larger families than native American whites.

If custom will not permit them fairfly to get more than those who can disregard the item of race in their accounting, certainly they New York, N. Y .--- Of the 2,326 should get as much. Actually to aris, in a strict sense, aside from the

> NEGRO LABOR IS GOOD AS WHITE IF CHANCE GIVEN

(Extracts from a letter sent to T. Arnold Hill of the National Urban which was to find out the factors af- League by the general superintendfecting the Negro. The survey paid ent of a Chicago plant of a large

"Many of the manufacturers have length of residence, condition of the an idea that the only place Negro apartments, relations of rent and in- labor can be used is as porters, come, rentals per room, average earn- housemen and janitors. My experiings of families, occupations of men ence with Negro labor is that they and women workers, and the prob- can do anything a white man can do when given the same consideration Facts brought out by the investiga- and the same opportunities.

same co-operation that the white man

well as a white man. "I am using Negro labor as fire-

men in the power house, coal passers,

erators on machines, and also have are foremen are just as good organizthe white foreman does. In fact, in

the packing and binding rooms I dismissed a white man and replaced him with a Negro foreman and am get-

er, taken from the Richmond Enquir- Negro foreman than I did from the white foreman.

"Quite frequently I call my men together at a get-together meeting, and ners has long since gone to its re- in addressing them I find the colored ward, and the other has changed its man will pay more attention to what name. But on January 27, 1927, I have to say than the white man which, if we are not taking leave of does, and goes back to his duties



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