

Let Indians Believe He Cast Out Witches

Early in 1880, Dr. Benjamin Denton, just graduated from the medical department of the University of Tennessee, went to southeastern Oklahoma and opened a practice among the Choctaw Indians. The Indians, however, would come to him only when their own witch doctors had failed to expel the witch that had caused, they believed, their ailments. Instead of attempting to dissuade them from their belief in witches, Doctor Denton resorted to suggestive therapeutics and told the sufferers that "witch killing" was his specialty. He would then give treatments that he assured them would drive out the witches—and seldom failed to effect the desired result. He followed this line of least resistance for many years, he says in the Daily Oklahoman of Oklahoma City, leaving the labors of enlightenment to those of the Choctaws who in the course of time began attending schools provided for them and who on returning home informed their fellow tribesmen that there really were no witches.

Part Heredity Plays in Mental Disorders

When there has been a considerable amount of mental disease in several generations of a family, the probability of the continuation in future generations of a mental disorder is fairly great. When, however, a few sporadic cases of mental disease occur in a family, there is little reason to be fearful of the results of the continuation of such a family strain. These are the conclusions reached in an article on causes of mental disease by Dr. H. C. Solomon in Hygeia Magazine. Study of the ancestry of a group of patients with severe mental disease will show that some mental disorder or peculiarity appeared in about 60 or 70 per cent of the ascendants and collaterals of the previous generation. This would seem to indicate a hereditary connection. However, if one searches the ancestry of a random group of ordinary mentally well persons one will find mental disorders in almost the same percentage, Doctor Solomon stated.

Pure Anglo-Saxon Stock

Ellen Churchill Semple in the bulletin of the American Geographic society says in regard to the inhabitants of the mountainous regions of southeastern Kentucky that they are the purest Anglo-Saxon stock in the United States. There is practically no intermixture. They are direct descendants of the early Virginia and North Carolina immigrants. The stock is chiefly English and Scotch-Irish, which is largely Teutonic in origin. There is scarcely a trace of foreign admixture. Occasionally there is a French name which points to a strain of Huguenot blood from over the mountains in North Carolina, and names of Germans who came down from the Pennsylvania Dutch settlements.

Composition of Fog

The dense fogs which during the winter months, especially, are apt to afflict great maritime cities are in their essentials, merely cumulus clouds resting upon the ground, or near it. It is the soot and other impurities they hold in solution that cause them to be unpleasant. A sea fog is the same thing, minus the impurities. Being composed of particles of watery vapor, it is clean and though dangerous to shipping, it is not particularly so to breathe. Low-lying city fogs are usually shallow, though some have been found by aeronautes to extend upward to a height of 2,500 feet.

Vacations on Ranches

"Dude" ranches are colorful vacation havens in Texas, the Dakotas, Montana and Wyoming. "Dude" ranching is not a new business by any means according to the owner of one of the largest of such ranches. As far back as 1847 Howard Eaton, pioneer "dude" rancher, moved from Pittsburgh to Dakota. At various times he invited his friends out for visits, and they enjoyed it so much that they came back as paying guests. Later Mr. Eaton moved to Wyoming and started another ranch, and many others of the same kind are now operating.

What Is Force of Habit?

The brain is like a dense forest, and our thoughts are backwoodsmen blazing a trail. When once a certain thought has passed through, it is easier for the same kind of thought to come again. That is habit. Fold a piece of paper, then spread it out. It is easier to fold it again in the same crease than in any other way. That is habit. So, to create a habit of cheerfulness, we must send cheerful thoughts along again and again until the trail in our minds is thoroughly blazed. Then it will be easy to be cheerful.—R. P. Anderson.

Might Sing a Duet

She (to odd-job man)—I want you this morning to double-dig the kitchen garden, saw down that old tree in the corner, chop it into suitable sizes for lighting fire, clean out the two sheds, overhaul the mowing machine and thoroughly wash and comb fluffy. Odd-Job Man—And to fill up the mornin', shall I 'op into the 'ouse and give yer a 'and with yer crochet?—Christian Advocate.

Four-Year-Old Case May Be Settled Soon

Newport, Ind., Nov. 22 — (U.P.)—When the November calendar of the Vermillion county circuit court is completed, Samuel Withrow, will learn whether he has won his four-year battle against charges of burning the Bridgeton school house. Ben Stephenson, Parke county prosecutor, was defeated for election, and it is not known what action his successor will follow in the case. It was considered likely that if Withrow is not forced to face the court in his fourth trial of this session the charge against him will be dropped.

Antioch Revival Meetings Will Continue This Week

The revival meetings are still in progress at the Antioch church with good interest. Some souls are accepting the light and finding victory, while others are rejecting Christ and going on in darkness. The day meetings at 10 o'clock are very helpful and inspiring to the Christian and all who come. There is to be a special service for the young people Friday evening. The Evangelist list W. H. Johnson has a special message for the young people and he invites the young people from all communities to attend this service. He has a special interest in the young and desires to help them. All are welcome.

Program Is Ready For History Conference

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 22—(U.P.)—The Tenth annual program of the Indiana History Conference, to be held here December 7 and 8 has been announced by Dr. C. B. Column of the Indiana Historical bureau. The conference is sponsored by the Society of Indiana Pioneers. The first event on the program is the Historical Society luncheon. Readings from a play about George Rogers Clark and written by Mrs. Emma S.

Backus, Cincinnati will be given. Harry D. Bertsch, Centerville, will talk on the old homes in that town.

Professor E. W. Crecraft, Akron University, will address the afternoon session on "Sidelights of the Lerey Massacre". George A. Scott, Vigo county historical society member, will talk on "The Recovery of the Indiana-Illinois Boundary stone".

Other speakers include: Robert LaFollette, Muncie Ball Teachers' college professor; Grover Van Huyn, Hancock county superintendent of schools; Harlow Lindley, Fremont, O.; Professor Louis M. Sears, Purdue; Otto M. Knoblock, South Bend; James A. James, Northwestern University; Prof.

essor W. O. Lynch, Indiana University and Frank M. Settler, University of Chicago.

Bloomington, Ind.,—Indiana University will collect approximately \$3,000 in rain insurance on the Indiana-Northwestern football game, according to an announcement made by U. H. Smith University Bursar. Approximately the same amount was collected on the Ohio State-Indiana Homecoming game, it was announced.

Anderson, Ind., Plans to bid for the next state bowling tournament in April 1929. The selection of the tournament site is to be made at Indianapolis next Sunday.

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