

NOTICE

All the suits containing the will of the late Benjamin J. Gifford, are now being sold at a public auction, several hundred acres of good and located in Jasper and Lake counties, which I will sell as executor on reasonable terms, but cannot take any more.

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GEO. E. GIFFORD,
Executor.

— The — Scrap Book

BIBLES IN STRANGE BINDINGS

All Sorts of Materials Seem to Have Been Used as Coverings for Sacred Book.

The taste for having a particular Bible bound in a manner that is out of the ordinary is common to many people.

It is strange to think of a huntsman in the wilds of Asia killing the bear, or a sailor in some northern sea catching the seal that gives the skin with which a Bible shall eventually be bound to grace the desk of some eccentric millionaire. Yet such is often the case.

One Bible is covered with a long, thick, soft hair, so shaggy that the shape of the book is hidden. This was taken from a grizzly bear. Another is made from the skin of a serpent. A grey, beaded surface, resembling glass, is presented by another binding which came from a man-eating shark.

There is a badger Bible and a skunk Bible, the latter looking for all the world like a lady's muff. The Persian sheep, the Himalaya sheep, and other foreign varieties of this family have been called upon to furnish Bible coverings. Most curious of all is a Bible bound in the skin of a giraffe.

COFFIN MADE OF CAST IRON

Recent Find in Louisiana Swamps Is Something of a Puzzle to Archaeologists.

An archaeological mystery was unearthed in Louisiana swamps a short time ago, when two negro hunters found an ancient coffin, made wholly

ANCIENT MARVEL OF EGYPT

Labyrinth Constructed Some 3,500 Years Ago Was a Structure of Colossal Size.

King Minos, with his labyrinth on the island of Crete, is generally supposed to have been the originator of the maze idea; but Egypt has a labyrinth, too, and Egypt manages to hold the record for antiquity in almost everything, labyrinths included.

This Egyptian labyrinth is 3,500 years old. It is merely a chaotic mass of rocks piled up in the desert a few miles out of Medinet. The outlines of the walls merge dimly here and there from the ruins, and from these outlines, and the carvings on the stones, Egyptologists deduce that the labyrinth was built by a certain King Labarys, who was more popularly known as Amenemhat III.

The structure was 500 by 600 feet. It contained 3,000 rooms, half above ground, half below. Remember that the largest hotel in our present day world boasts about that number of rooms, on a dozen floors and covers a city square, and some idea of the size of the two-story labyrinth can be gained.

Nobody has figured out yet why King Amenemhat built this enormous palace or tomb. In the lower story, history says, the sacred crocodiles and kings were buried, while the upper floor was, a few centuries after King Amenemhat's time, used as a seat of government.

The labyrinth was a wonderful place, one of the most wonderful in Egypt, if our ideas of it are correct, and its greatness was its downfall. The citizens of a near-by town, who worshiped the ichneumon, resented the sacred crocodiles of the labyrinth. And so they made an attack upon one of King Amenemhat's successors and reduced the largest structure in Egypt to a ruin.

LAND OF RACIAL TEMPESTS

Dalmatia Has Been an Unquiet Spot in All the Years of Her Tragic History.

Dalmatia, elongated so that it is nowhere more than 35 miles wide, tapering down to but a mile at Cattaro, has been swept by continuous racial tempests for the last eight centuries. Croats and Serbians constitute the Slavic element in Dalmatia, speaking the same language, but employing two alphabets. The Serbs use the Russian, and the Croats the Latin letters and alphabet.

The Latin influence is more prevalent in the cities, the story of Dalmatia being the reason therefor. In the middle ages the Dalmatians were a people without the consciousness of a country. During the Slav influx into Illyria the invaders encountered little opposition, except in the seaport towns. The Latin element in the cities resisted the migration and thus engendered the strife for supremacy which persists to this day.

Much of the early Dalmatian rivalry was economic, the tradesmen and farmers naturally wishing to exchange their goods with the Hungarians. The maritime cities preferred to do business with Venice, which controlled the Adriatic.

How Chinese Use Peach Stones

Women and children are to be seen in the markets of China, picking up peach stones, which are put to several uses. Broken into pieces and dried in the sun, they furnish excellent material for fuel.

Another profitable use of the peach stone is made by artists and engravers, who carve them into different forms of animals. Some of the larger stones, if round enough, are carved into finger rings. During the season one may see in the interior of South China yards of poor people full of peach stones drying in the sun. After being cleaned, the small stones are used for fuel, groups of small boys picking out the larger ones.

The kernels are sometimes sold to chemists and druggists. They are preserved in bottles and used as cough medicine after the kernels are turned into white powder. This white powder is a very popular, convenient and cheap medicine for poor people in many villages as a remedy for coughs.

Scientist Was Fooled

A few years ago Doctor Emmens, a distinguished American scientist, was convinced that he had discovered a "missing element" between gold and silver, which he called "argentaurum." He melted Mexican dollars in a crucible, dissolved the silver with nitric acid, and exhibited a residue of undeniable gold.

Explanation lay in the fact that there was originally some gold in the silver out of which the dollars were minted. This is commonly the case (owing to imperfect metallurgical processes) with the older Mexican coins.

Chinese Study Real Work

Even a Chinese pocket dictionary contains more than 10,000 characters representing words, and if a man intends really to master Chinese he must learn to recognize them all—stupendous task. However, 3,000, 4,000 or 5,000 syllables are all that a Chinese of average education requires, and if anyone will persevere until he has thoroughly conquered a thousand, he will be in a position to have some appreciation of a novel and to master the difficulties of a simple business document. But for the sincere student a thousand characters is the minimum.

SWORE BY 'TEDDY'

Yellowstone Park Rangers With Roosevelt to a Man.

Colonel's Characteristic Greeting of Down-and-Out, Whom He Had Known in Happier Days, Is Still Remembered.

Of the few out-of-season visits paid to the Yellowstone, that of Colonel Roosevelt, who, when president, spent 24 days of the late winter of 1903 there, has the most prominent place in the annals of the Spread-Eagle rangers. He found the scouts, then serving as chaperons for luckless cavalry troopers and doing their own work besides, to be men after his own heart, and did not hesitate to say so. Before he had been in the park a week every ranger was swearing by him.

"Anybody know the whereabouts of one William Jones?" was one of the colonel's early inquiries.

Jim McBride, the present chief ranger, who was then assistant chief of the park scouts under the late Buffalo Jones, knew a Bill Jones, wood chopper and ne'er-do-well, chiefly remarkable for an insatiable thirst and a knack of ministering to it in a bone-dry park. He was about the last man in the Rockies for whom a president of the United States would be expected to inquire.

"Bill put me into office once," said Roosevelt. "I want to see him, drunk or sober."

He further explained that the derelict had been sheriff during his own days as a ranchman and had made him a deputy in a horsethief posse.

"It took three days to find that old horned toad and bring him in," said McBride, in recalling the incident, "but just to listen in at the colonel's hearty greeting of that down-and-outer was pay-in-hand."

"Well, Ted, you got a right swell job since I seen you last," Jones remarked when they had exchanged how'd'ye-do's; but that needn't stand between friends—I got something on my hip."

"Colonel Roosevelt didn't partake, but he did spend the best part of an hour swapping yarns of the days when Bill was a 'white man' and sheriff of his county. The woodchopper tried to buck up after his talk with the president, but it wasn't to be done. The next winter we found him dead in the brush over on Bear creek."

"The colonel was enthusiastic over the sport of ski running, and was something of a performer on the slabs himself, for a novice. He strapped his feet into them as often as opportunity offered. One morning on a slide near the Canon hotel he broke one ski and came a heavy cropper."

"The government has fallen at last," he cried with a molar showing grin, as I coasted down to help untangle a living president and a pair of dead sticks.

"He was looking at the wreck he had made of the hickory slabs when Capt. John Pitcher, of the First cavalry then in command of the park, arrived."

"Have you plenty of these?" Teddy said.

"Only a few pairs, and they are the property of the interior department," replied the officer.

"In less than three weeks there came a rush shipment of a hundred pairs."

Next afternoon the president challenged me to a race on snow shoes from Canyon to Mammoth, a distance of thirty-one miles. Those with him decided that the trip would be an unwise strain upon him, and began to argue against his attempting it. He got me to one side after a while and whispered:

"We'll let them talk, McBride. Just you stick around until midnight. They'll be asleep then, and we'll hit the trail!"

"It took Harry W. Child and Captain Pitcher two hours to talk him out of that. He wasn't at all pleased at having to veto his own plan for a secret departure."—Ethel and James Dorrance in Munsey's Magazine.

Bird Study of Interest

A novel opportunity for studying the influence of extremes of climate on birds is offered by the English sparrow. This bird was introduced into New York city soon after 1860, did not reach California until 1871 or 1872, but has recently been found by Dr. Joseph Grinnell, of the University of California, to have settled in the heart of Death valley at times exceeding 130 degrees F. and great dryness. How development will be affected is a matter of much interest.

Navy Dirigibles World's Largest

Two superdirigibles, the largest in the world, are planned by the navy, and one of them now being built in England, will attempt a transatlantic flight next fall. Captain Craven, director of naval aviation recently told the house naval committee. American naval officers and enlisted men who will fly the British-built ship to America are in England training. In asking \$2,700,000 for construction of a second superdirigible, Captain Craven said it would be 50 feet longer than the British-built craft, which is 644 feet—Scientific American.

Unceasing Vigilance

"Why was it that the prohibition meetings failed the highest?" "Bingbanger happened to remark in the hearing of one of them that there was a bottle baby."

Man Power and Gasoline Prices

SO LONG as the acute shortage of man-power in the United States continues, the demand for gasoline power will continue to increase.

Every increase in the demand for gasoline power will affect the price of gasoline, because, though petroleum production is continually increasing, it is not keeping pace with the demand for gasoline.

The latest figures available illustrating this point are for March, 1920:

Petroleum Production:	Petroleum Consumption:
Daily Average	Daily Average
1,177,129 bbls.	1,417,129 bbls.
Total for Month	Total for Month
36,491,000 bbls.	43,930,999 bbls.

If production continues for the rest of the year at the rate established in the first quarter, the total production of petroleum for 1920 will be in excess of 410,000,000 barrels.

If consumption continues for the rest of the year at the rate established in the first quarter, the total consumption of petroleum for the year 1920 will be in excess of 495,000,000 barrels.

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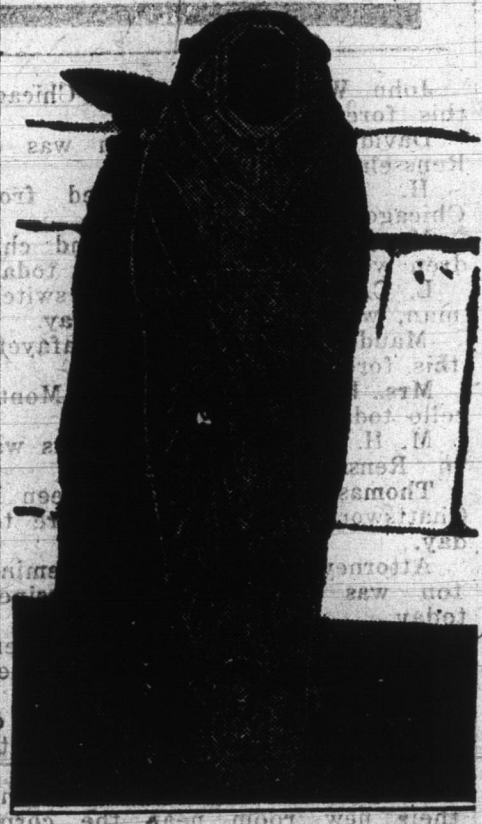
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of cast iron. The folds of a shroud are skillfully imitated in the metal, while at the feet is an hourglass design, and at the breast space for a nameplate. The head has an octagonal window opening, and the upper and lower halves are united by 15 cap screws, and have tongue-and-groove edges. There is little mention of metal burial caskets in the history of burial customs.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Faked Fur.
A new and improved method of making imitation fur has been patented in France.

It is equally suitable for the manufacture of false plush or velvet. The process starts with hair, or a collection of animal or vegetable fibers. These are frozen in a block of ice. The ice is then sawn into slabs, and each slab is made to undergo a surface melting so as to partially free the hair fibers on one side.

After a suitable glue or cement has been applied to this surface, a sheet of flexible material is laid on to act as the foundation of the new material. When the hairs or fibers have adhered to this basis—usually rubber—the whole is freed from the ice by melting, and the imitation is complete.

Too Much of a Bad Thing.
"And here we come," droned the pilot in the Great Crystal Cave of Blackgate (sixpence entrance fee, and don't forget the guide)—thank you kindly, ma'am!—and here we come to the celebrated and famous cavern of the 24 echoes, where only last year a gentleman who heard them suddenly and quite unexpectedly went stark, staring mad!"

"Goodness, gracious me!" exclaimed an old lady, "how perfectly shocking. How did it occur?"

"His mother-in-law," explained the guide, "called out to him; and when the poor and unfortunate fellow heard four and twenty mothers-in-law call him all at once and the same moment, it was too much for him!"—London Tit-Bits.

His Negative Merit.
"What strength of character, pooh! Your wife leads you around by the nose."

"Peek—Well, doesn't it take strength of character to stand such treatment without complaint?"—Boston Transcript.

Modest.
Miss Willing—Nora, if Mr. Simpson calls while I'm out, hold him until I return.

Nora—Oh, miss, sure O! wouldn't like to do that.—Boston Transcript.

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