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DEFIED GODS' WRATH
FOR SAKE OF LOOTProof That Egyptian Under-
takers Stole From Dead.

Evidence that Egyptian undertakers in 2000 B. C. stole jewelry from the dead, defying the gods, and then sent the family big bills has been uncovered by the University museum expedition in the tombs of ancient Egypt, writes the Philadelphia Bulletin.

Dr. Clarence S. Fisher, in charge of the Eckley B. Coxe expedition sent out by the museum, gives these facts in a report just received. The site now being excavated was used as early as 200 B. C. by the mysterious Antef kings. Its tombs, however, according to Doctor Fisher, reach their grandest splendor in the period from the Eighteenth to Twentieth century B. C., when the kings and queens and their courtiers were buried just opposite Luxor.

"It was one of the fundamental requisites in Egyptian religious beliefs that the body of the deceased should be preserved intact throughout eternity, and much pains and ingenuity were expended to accomplish this end," writes Doctor Fisher. "Tombs were constructed with false doors and misleading passages so that the actual location of the tomb chamber would be concealed. Our excavations of Gizeh and Denderah showed us the undertakers intrusted with the disposal of the corpse in its final resting place were, however, willing to defy the gods for spoils."

"Bodies have been found in sealed tombs and in coffins with the lids undisturbed with their hands, feet and heads cut off so ornaments and jewelry could be removed quickly. Having done this hastily, the undertakers departed with their loot, never failing, it is certain, to collect the amount due from the family for their services."

Further evidence that it was a bad practice for a man to try to take his wealth with him after death is given by Doctor Fisher, who adds:

"During the reign of the later Ramesside pharaohs the systematic plundering of the Theban tombs by organized bands became such a public scandal that a commission was appointed to investigate the matter. The robbers after finding a tomb in the midst of a group tunneled under ground to an adjoining one and thus could loot a whole row of chambers, without their work becoming apparent to any one on the outside."

"During the Middle Ages there arose in Europe a demand for the bitumen with which the mummies had been preserved, as it was supposed to have some medicinal value. The cemeteries were the only source of supply, and countless tombs were searched."

"The final phase came with the advent of the modern tourist and his de-

mand for souvenirs of his visit. To this period we owe the wholesale destruction of the decorations on the walls themselves, as many beautiful reliefs were wantonly mutilated to get one coveted head. Happily, the natives have now discovered it is far more profitable and less risky to pass off upon the tourist an excellent forgery, which gives as much satisfaction to the purchaser."

"The lower slope of the cemetery is practically covered with the mud brick houses of the modern Arab town of Dra-abul-negrah. In each case a house marking the position of a tomb."

"The entire village owes its existence to the fact that in this district, excessively hot in summer, a cool subterranean chamber is a necessary adjunct to a dwelling and the rock caverns were a cheap and easy way of obtaining it. When not used for sleeping they made fine stables and storerooms for crops. The chance of finding a treasure was an added incentive."

The Deadly Sex

She invited him to parties, dances, teas and everything that she properly could. Her eyes were very soft. She did her best to please him in every way. She led him through the moonlight and gave him all the chance in the world to tell her the old, old story. But he didn't want her for a life partner, and so, of course, he didn't tell her the story.

But later on another fellow did, and she agreed to wed. And one day she came to meet on the street the chap she had haunted in the past and this, kind and gentle reader, is what she said to him:

"Oh, Jimmy, didn't we used to have perfectly wonderful times playing around together? You were a dandy pal! But, oh, you don't know how different it seems to a girl when she has met the one!"

And still they call them the weaker sex!—William Sanford, in Judge.

Bit of Advice

A fresh youth on a Florida beach eyed a fair bather longer than she considered necessary. She shot him a glance or two that evinced no friendliness. A good-natured native thought fit to offer the young man a word of advice.

"Son," said he, "maybe we Southerners are a trifle fiery. Anyhow, when you see a pretty girl coming out of the surf, remember the words of 'Dixie.'"

"What words?"

"Look away."—Atlanta Constitution.

Double

"I want a hair net, please."
"What strength, madam?"
"Oh—three motor rides, two dances and a picnic!"

Earliest Accounts of
Trade Among Nations

From the time that men began to live in cities, trade, in some shape, must have been carried on to supply the town-dwellers with necessities; but it is also clear that international trade must have existed, and affected to some extent even the pastoral nomadic races, for we find that Abraham was rich, not only in cattle, but in silver, gold, and gold and silver plate and ornaments (Gen. 13:2; 24:22, 53). Among trading nations mentioned in Scripture, Egypt holds in very early times a prominent position, though her external trade was carried on, not by her own citizens, but by foreigners—chiefly of the nomadic races. The internal trade of the Jews, as well as the external, was much promoted, as was the case also in Egypt, by the festivals, which brought large numbers of persons to Jerusalem, and caused great outlay in victims for sacrifice and in incense (1 Kings 8:63). The places of public market were, then as now, chiefly the open spaces near the gates, to which goods were brought for sale by those who came from the outside (Neb. 13:15, 16; Zech. 1:10). The traders in later times were allowed to intrude into the temple in the outer courts of which victims were publicly sold for the sacrifices (Zech. 14:21; Matt. 21:12; John 8:13).

Loaded Shells Spelled Doom of Shot Towers
Until the loaded shotgun shell was developed shot was sold to the jobbing trade throughout the entire country packed in bags, which in turn were purchased by the man having a muzzle-loading shotgun, who was obliged to reload his gun with powder and shot whenever the gun was fired at game or target, says the Detroit News. The loaded shot shell and the breech-loading shotgun sounded the death knell of the old type of shot tower.

The business of the ammunition concerns manufacturing shot shells grew by leaps and bounds so that the shot consumption of the country centered at the points where these shot shells were manufactured, notably in New England, and in the course of events these ammunition concerns began to manufacture their own shot, thus completely destroying the business of the many shot towers located throughout the country.

Picturesque Whitby Abbey
Other of the ruined churches of England have a more picturesque magnificence, but none a more ancient fame than Whitby abbey, Henri Pickard writes in the Cincinnati Enquirer. There the first rude poetry of England was written more than twelve centuries ago. There, earlier still, was held the synod which decided that

the British church should keep Easter at the same time as the rest of Christendom, a choice which meant that Britain remain within the influence of the civilization of Italy and Gaul. But the modern traveler who climbs the many steps which lead from the river to what was "high Whitby's cloistered pile" has seen nothing of the Abbey of St. Hilda. In the ruins on the hill there was no fragment older than Plantagenet times. But discoveries of great interest have now been made.

Only an Antique

Leonla, a colored maid, had a taste for lofty ideas and high-sounding words. One of the members of the family in which she served was a tall elderly lady of imposing figure and fine carriage.

One day after Leonla had for perhaps the hundredth time expressed to the lady her great admiration for her handsome figure the object of her praises exclaimed, "Why do you say so much about my appearance, Leonla? I am only an antique."

"What is that?" asked Leonla in astonishment.

The lady explained to her. "Well," Leonla burst forth, "if that is what you are now, you surely is a powerful indication of what you have been."—Youth's Companion.

In Something of a Hurry

Every trade has its stock of well-known yarns, but occasionally a new one does occur, only, alas, in time to become a classic. A certain well-known newspaper man was holding forth to a group of writers, among whom was a rather famous novelist. The journalist was saying that he had recently been engaged in revising the obituaries held in readiness by his paper. Turning to the novelist, he added jocosely: "I've just been writing you up."

But the novelist, apparently, had not been following very closely, and waking up with a start, he asked eagerly: "When is it going to be published?"

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State of Indiana Noble County SS:

In the Matter of the Estate of Frank W. Burket Deceased

No. 2655.

In the Noble Circuit court January term 1925.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Administrator of the Estate of Frank W. Burket Deceased has filed in said court his account and vouchers in final settlement of said Estate, and that the same will come up for the examination and action of said Court at the Court House at Albion Indiana on the 20 day of January 1925 at which time and place all persons interested in said estate are required to appear in said Court and show cause if any there be why said account should not be approved.

And the heirs, devisees and legatees of said decedent and all others interested in said Estate are also hereby required at the time and place aforesaid to appear and make proof of their heirship or claim to any part of said estate.

A. Howard Smith, Administrator
Posted December 22 1924.
William A. Wigton, Attorney 442w

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

State of Indiana, Noble County SS:

In the matter of the Estate of Buel W. Cowley.

No. 2603.

In the Noble Circuit Court January Term 1925.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned as Administrator of the Estate of Buel W. Cowley deceased has filed in said court his accounts and vouchers in final settlement of said Estate for final action, and that the same will come up for examination and action of said Court at the Court House at Albion Indiana on the 20 day of January 1925 at which time and place all persons interested in said Estate are required to appear in said Court and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be approved.

And the heirs, devisees and legatees of said decedent, and all others interested in said Estate, are also hereby required, at the time and place aforesaid, to appear and make proof of their heirship or claim to any part of said Estate.

Scuyler C. Sackett, Administrator
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