

TREASURE BOX OF AN OLD HERMIT FOUND

Boys at Corey, Mich., Make a Peculiar Haul—Find Weird Letter.

Corey, Mich., July 8.—A romance of the days when much of the State of Michigan was a wilderness was brought to light when boys of the South Bend, Ind., Y. M. C. A., summer camp, while digging a hole for a flagstaff, brought up a rusty iron box, containing pistols, books and various documents.

The lock could not be opened, so the bottom of the chest was broken. First, the boys found two rusty pistols of ancient pattern. Then followed a money collection, including a plain gold ring, apparently the wedding pledge of some pioneer bride; a silver-cased watch, a small dagger and a rust-stained hunting knife.

There were also books dating from 1767 to 1819, samples of silver, lead and copper ores, arrow heads, and a collection of pebbles.

Rambling Letter Found.

An explanation of the mystery was found in a letter left by the owner of the chest. It read, in part, as follows:

"This chest is the property of Hes-kia Thomas, formerly of New England, later of the Michigan wilderness. A spiritualist of God, believing that my spirit still roams over these lakes in the full moon seasons, guarding all my valuable deposited possessions, for they are many and varied.

"God gave me many wonderful secrets, but because of the great sin he took them all away but one—the least of them—the turning of sable stones into gold. I have buried this secret by the body of old Duckwing in the big swamp. God rest my soul.

"God has filled the earth with gold. Devils do not believe it, but has He not promised 'Seek and find'? The blue heron is wise, and the night owl, but man is an ass, for he walketh not in the ways of the Most High."

Chest Buried by Hermit.

A little of the story of the peculiar old hermit, Thomas, is known here. George Knevels, who lives in a portion of a house built by Thomas, says that as a boy he recollects finding carefully secreted collections of pebbles in the house.

It is said that Thomas' wife deserted him, and that his eccentricities became noticeable about the same time. He roamed the woods, talking to the trees and animals, and believed that he could transmit certain stones into gold. After selling his home here Thomas moved to an island in the lake to which, in one part of his letter, he refers to as the "abode of the seven devils." There he was found frozen to death fifty years ago.

According to another letter found in the box, there are two other chests buried on the island. The whole neighborhood is searching for these remaining chests.

GO TO IRELAND

(National News Association)

London, July 7.—King George, accompanied by Queen Mary and the Prince of Wales, left London today for the first royal visit to Ireland since the death of King Edward. The party drove to Euston station from Buckingham Palace.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Malina Marshall, administratrix of the estate of the late Jesse G. Marshall has filed final settlement report in the Wayne probate court showing that the total value of the estate was \$406.07. The widow received \$325.85 after all debts were paid.

Magna Charta and the Bill of Rights. Historically speaking, there is a big difference between the Magna Charta and the bill of rights. The first was obtained by the barons from King John at Runnymede in June, 1215, the other by the lords and commons from the Prince and Princess of Orange in 1689.

Magna Charta will ever remain the greatest landmark in the constitutional history of England, but next to the great charter wrong from John by the barons must stand the bill of rights that was so graciously acceded to by King William.—New York American.

The Olfactory Test.

It may appear a whimsical theory that the successful grocery store can be detected by its odors, and yet there is as much truth in it—namely, that the grocery store which greets the nostrils with a certain glorious combination of odors of coffee, tea and spices is almost always a paying investment.—Ideal Grocer.

Secrets of Comfort.

Sometimes small evils, like invisible insects, inflict pain and a single hair may stop a vast machine, yet the chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones, alas, are let on long leases.

The Practical Man.

Our idea of a practical man is one who would rather have a ten cent cigar given to him than a five cent named for him.—Dallas News.

Truth is of no value unless it is exemplified in conduct.

Faked Curios.

Australian curios and tribal idols are made in Germany to catch the money of the tourists.

The Palladium will pay 10c for the first copy of Palladium of April 27, delivered at this office.

A Brilliant Scene During the Recent Coronation Parade in London



Is Speed Mania on a Toboggan, Is Question Now Being Asked

BIG MOTOR EVENTS.
July 9—French Grand Prix Race.
July 20-23—Twin Cities-Helent run.
Aug. 25-26—Elgin Road Races.
Nov. 30—Grand Prix, Savannah.

(Palladium Special)

Chicago, July 7.—Is "speed mania" on the toboggan?

The question has resolved itself into the biggest problem that confronts the automobile industry today and it was precipitated by the wave of indignation that has swept the country over the sacrifice of human lives on tracks that are unsafe. Motor car manufacturers, therefore, are asking whether the public has overcome that insatiable desire to plunge over the road, regardless of life or limb, at a 60-mile-an-hour clip.

Makers and designers are aware that "speed mania" is a form of dementia; they know that psychologists have defined the mania as an instinct for rhythmic movement evidenced by all peoples in that satisfaction which is felt in "getting away" with something that may be regarded as dangerous. But the fact remains that in various sections of the country demand has been made upon public officials to stop unsafe racing, the protests, in each instance, following the killing of a driver of a mechanic.

Added to this manufacturers themselves, appear to be in a quandary as to how much speed the public nowadays requires of a car. Regarding the practicality of automobile racing, the makers are about equally divided.

"If races are confined to specially licensed speedways such as Atlanta, Los Angeles and Indianapolis," declares one motor car manufacturer "or to road courses like Savannah, Elgin, Fairmont Park and Santa Monica, where crowds are kept well away from the course and military or police supervision is provided it may result in reducing the number of racing events, but it would at the same time encourage those who have invested large sums of money in the building of safe tracks to take every possible precaution against accidents."

Another authority, taking issue with an eastern critic of motor racing makes this statement: "Automobile racing is still dangerous, but I doubt whether it will be abandoned until perfection has been reached both as to cars and tires."

It is conceded, on the other hand, by most automobile experts that the average man and woman of today are not speed-mad; the qualities they are asking in an automobile are reliability under all conditions, durability of construction, accessibility of parts and ease and certainty of control. In fact the car of today must be serviceable, sturdy and enduring.

Riding a sky-rocket on wheels, according to some observers, no longer appeals to the average American. He knows he never will drive at the break-neck speed attained on the racing saucer, if for no other reason than that he has a wholesome respect for the law. Yet, whether or not he makes a practice of speeding the average motorist likes to know that his car can, in emergency, cover the ground at a clip such as the occasion may demand.

This, then is the nub of the whole situation; it is the reason motor car makers are perplexed. They realize that "speed mania" is fast dying a natural death but they also are conscious of the feeling that the man at the wheel may occasionally demand speed. The problem is just how much speed is necessary in a machine and has that attainment already been reached?

Manufacturers, with the aid of their designers undoubtedly will some day figure it all out to the satisfaction of every one concerned. Meanwhile it is likely that automobile racing, a sport which has taken a firm hold on the American public, will go merrily on for at least some time to come. There are on the calendar any number of big events, including the Grand Prix, the Vanderbilt and the Elgin programs and the management of the Indianapolis speedway is planning a card for September 24.

The Hoosiers are anxious to have some of the racing rules altered before holding another meet on the oval and some of the changes suggested appear to coincide with the ideas of directors and members of the recently organized Motor Racing Drivers' association. It is proposed for one thing, to limit the number of starters in any event, to thirty and also to establish a rule permitting a tire control on the back stretch.

In the recent 500-mile race when cars threw tires in the stretch it frequently was impossible for them to stop at the pits, thus they were obliged to cover the extra two and one half mile lap on a bare rim. The fact that rims were bent handicapped a number of the contestants.

Still another rule hoped for is one which may do away with the practice of mechanics riding on competing cars. This, it is believed, would lessen the liability of accidents and save weight and tire trouble, although on this point there may be a difference of opinion among experts. It is possible that the technical committee of the American Automobile association may be asked to devise a set of rules defining clearly the weights and materials to be used in steering knuckles, tie rods, steering arms and spring shackles.

If regulations governing such points were adopted they would apply to competing cars in contests held under the jurisdiction of the A. A. A. throughout the country, and it is likely they would eliminate one of the principal difficulties encountered in recent meets where cars came to grief through the snapping of steering connections.

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FIANCEE HAD AGREED TO BEING MURDERED

(National News Association)

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 7.—Herbert Cobb, on trial for murder of his sweetheart, Miss Ella Cravens, testified today he killed the girl and shot himself in an attempt to carry out an agreement which the girl urged upon him because of their impending separation.

TAFT OFF ON SHORT VACATION CRUISE

(National News Association)

Washington, July 7.—President Taft left at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Atlantic City where he will address the Christian Endeavor convention tonight. From there he will take a two days' cruise down the coast on the Mayflower.

STOKES SHEEPISH WHEN HE APPEARS

He Looked Embarrassed in Court Following Publication of Letters.

New York, July 7.—Charges that letters written by W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire owner of the Hotel Ansonia, to Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, chorus girls who are accused of trying to murder him, had mysteriously disappeared from the girl's apartment and only part of them produced in court, were made today as court convened for a second session of the hearing.

Both young women were early in court, looking literally cool, despite the hot weather. They were in a merry mood because their lawyers, Clark and Jordan and R. M. Moore, had told them that blackmailing accusations made by Stokes must necessarily fall flat on account of the harmless contents of the letters read late yesterday as exhibits at the hearing. Stokes' excuse for his visit to the girls' apartment on the day he was shot was that he was after the letters. Constant reports had led to the suspicion that the epistolary romance would outlive the weather from a standpoint of passionate utterance. Mr. Stokes looked a little sheepish as he entered the courtroom today following the publications of the letters in one of which he had referred to himself as "rabbed, cross, surly old cove." In others he warned the girls against drink and the lure of the stage.

Stokes today declared Miss Conrad had told him Miss Graham took poison a short time prior to the shooting. Miss Conrad, according to Stokes, called on him May 3, and seemed badly frightened. She told him that she had found a letter on the table from Miss Graham saying she intended committing suicide, then running into another room she found Miss Graham with her face badly burned with carbolic acid. A doctor was hurriedly called and administered an antidote. Stokes swore Miss Conrad told him that Miss Graham's father was a Russian nobleman and her mother came from one of the best families in Louisville. She feared disgrace and asked Stokes to send her to a hospital, which he refused to do. Subsequently he agreed to pay Miss Graham's passage abroad and furnished her spending money. He thought well of her, but positively never made love to her.

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