

INSCRIPTION ON FISH'S TAIL

Mystery to Natives of Zanzibar, Though Scientists Say It is Nothing Much Out of the Ordinary.

A strange fish was recently caught at Zanzibar with Arabic characters upon its tail. The fish was not one of a large haul, but was caught by a single fisherman, who brought it to the fish market. There it remained for some time, having no purchaser, as it was a strange fish and one that had never been seen before in those waters. Finally an Indian of the sect called "Memen" purchased it and, on the strange markings being noticed, it was taken to a widely-known Arab scholar, who deciphered the inscription. It was afterward taken to the sultan, who also recognized the writing.

That night 3,000 rupees was offered for the fish and refused, and on the following day 5,000 rupees was refused, according to Scientific American. The original price paid for the fish was 5 pice (about 3 cents) and it was eventually decided to have it preserved. For this purpose it was taken to the government laboratory, where it was treated with formaline. It has since been placed on public exhibition. There are two distinct inscriptions on the tail, one on each side. On the one side it reads "Lailaha Illalah" ("There is no God but Allah") and on the other "Shani Allah" ("A warning sent from Allah"). There is no suspicion of anything in the nature of a fake about the matter and the mystery is so complete that no explanation of the strange phenomenon is forthcoming. The Arabic lettering is perfectly plain and the discovery has caused wonderment throughout the Mohammedan community of Zanzibar.

It was identified as holacanthus semicirculatus, Cuv. et Val., a widely distributed Indo-Pacific species of chaetodontidae. An authority on zoology considers the markings as falling within the limits of normal variation of the species.

EXERCISE OF WILL NEEDED

No Reason Why Women Should Not Obtain a Maximum of Physical Strength and Power.

Women can obtain greater physical strength and power so soon as they determine to do so, and adopt a different mode of living. There is absolutely nothing in the woman's organization that forbids it, as we are finding out more and more daily. Many young women are too lazy to grow strong. They cannot walk a dozen blocks, or do anything that calls for the slightest physical strength. Why? Because there is an inherent quality in the woman's body forbidding it? Not at all. Because they never have done it. There is no other reason on earth. The women who are growing stronger mentally and physically can smile at the objections who tell them they cannot do this or that, and answer by doing what they are accused of being incapable of doing. But the more timid and younger ones, who yet hesitate to venture into new fields of activity in the face of opposition and ridicule, need the assistance of professional opinion and the encouragement of those who have gone before.—Montreal Herald.

Old City of Timagd.

Timagd is an ancient Roman city, forgotten and buried on the slopes of the Aures mountains. The desert winds heaped the market places and ruined streets with shifting sand; the jackals and birds of prey made the stately forum, with its crumbling columns, their haunts and hunting grounds. For centuries Timagd lay deserted and forgotten, unvisited except by occasional wandering caravans.

In recent years, however, the city has been partially restored and excavated by French architects and archeologists. The columns of the facade of the capitol have been re-erected; the sand cleared from the mosaic floors of the ruined baths, whose colors are as fresh and bright as in the old days of Roman splendor. The arch of Trajan over one of the two main streets stands as it did in the days of the great emperor, the founder of the city. The amphitheater, typically Roman, held at least 4,000 spectators in the days when gladiatorial combats were considered respectable.

Her Golden Circlet.

There are several theories as to the origin of the wedding ring. Here is one of them: Before the time of mints and coinage the gold money in Egypt was made in the form of a ring, usually worn on the finger as a convenient method of carrying and safe keeping. The men and women, therefore, had all their gold or wealth made into rings, and for the majority of people these rings were no larger than the plain gold bands of today. Thus, when the groom placed the ring on the bride's finger he meant exactly what the modern service makes him say—he did actually endow his bride with all his worldly goods.

Feminine Diplomacy.

"Yes, I finally got rid of him," she said, "without having to tell him so many words that I never could learn to love him. I didn't want to do that, because he's an awfully nice fellow, and I should have been very sorry to cause him pain."

"How did you manage it?" her friend asked.

"Why, you see, he's subject to hay fever, so I decorated the house with golden rods whenever he sent word that he was coming."—Brooklyn Citizen.

Discovers Ice Cream Soda.

The honor of discovering ice-cream soda is generally given to Robert M. Green, who served the delicacy to the semi-centennial celebration of Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, in the summer of 1874, and advertised it at that time as something absolutely new.

GENERAL BADOGLIO



General Badooglio, under chief of staff of the Italian armie, who has figured prominently in the battles along the Piave.

POSTSCRIPTS

Two gyroscopes are used by an Iowa inventor to keep a single-wheel motorcycle steady, the rider and motor balancing one another.

Asbes from Luzon's occasionally active volcanoes fertilize the soil and enable the Philippines to produce the world's finest hemp.

The owner of some limestone caves in Virginia has piped the air from them into his house to provide an even temperature the year round.

Officials in the Philippines are investigating the possibility of obtaining larger quantities of a high-grade lubricating oil from a vine that grows wild throughout the island.

To enable the operator of an old-style typewriter to watch its work as in a visible machine, an inventor has patented a pair of mirrors to be mounted on it in the proper position.

The production of potatoes in England and Wales last year has been officially estimated at 3,339,095 long tons, about one-third more than the year before and the greatest crop on record.

Japanese scientists are searching for an explanation of an apparent relationship between the frequency of earthquakes of Tokyo and the amount of rainfall and snowfall in other parts of the empire.

All the works of a new clock are enclosed in a ball representing the world, which slides down a strip of parchment inscribed with the hours, the numerals being pointed out by a figure of Father Time.

SHOTS FROM THE MAGAZINE

After all, the hardest extravagant habit to give up is one's wife.

A lord high admiral of the German navy has resigned; but the navy quit first.

Germany seems to have found a good market in the United States for tainted money.

A pacifist is one who judges the patent medicine by the almanac that comes with it.

Peace treaties are like oranges; picked too soon, they are green; left too long, they are rotten.

Many a young man goes to sleep over a harmless flirtation and awakens to find himself married.

Trouble is inexhaustible; despite the increased number of borrowers there is always enough to go round.

Of course the Germans are not taking the American troops in France seriously; they are not taking them at all.

Prospective candidates for state office are respectfully warned that the early boom doesn't always catch the nomination.

Germany's peace terms to Russia look suspiciously as though she were trying to squeeze the bears in a cornered market.

The planet Pallas was discovered by Olbers, an astronomer, in 1802?

Walnuts yield their own weight in oil, the flavor of which is considered equal to that of the finest Lucca oil?

The world produces 13,000,000 tons of cotton a year, nine of which come from America and two and a half from India?

Scientists have recently discovered that most fishes are able to focus their eyes on near objects by means of superior and inferior oblique muscles?

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

BY ALLMAN



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