

Antiquarians Puzzled

Antiquarians of Scotland are puzzled over a recent find in Stirling during the demolition of ancient buildings. They could determine that an old draw well had been under a house built 25 years ago and that window stones with the inscription "A. R." in flowing letters probably dated from the reign of Queen Anne. But a legend on a window is causing them to scratch their heads for they have no record of anything like it. The legend reads "I. B. IT."

Ambassador's Credentials

An ambassador is sent by the head of a sovereign state as his personal representative to negotiate with a foreign government and to care for the interest of his own country. The credentials consist of a sealed letter addressed from his sovereign or ruler to the one to whom he is accredited and embody a general assurance that his ruler will confirm whatever is done by the ambassador in his name.

Simple Blackboard

Blackboards of any size are usually quite expensive, but one woman found a way to make one that costs less than 75 cents. She bought an inexpensive dark-green window shade and a can of flat black paint. Two coats of the paint were applied to the shade, which when dry became a blackboard that could be rolled up out of the way when not in use.

Beautiful Street

Altadena, Calif., has a mile-long avenue of deodars. These are Himalayan cedars. The seeds were brought to this country, sown in beds under glass and transplanted on what is now Santa Rosa avenue in 1885, when the trees were about 2 feet tall. They are now about 80 feet high, with their branches spreading from 30 to 40 feet near the ground. The trees are illuminated from Christmas eve to New Year night.

"First Water"

The limpidity and luster of a precious stone are sometimes referred to in this phrase; a diamond "of the first water" is one perfectly pure and transparent. By extension, almost anything of the highest quality may be spoken of as "of the first water"—but the phrase seems less applicable to a star.

Sparrow Has Many Songs

One song sparrow may have as many as 20 different songs, says Nature Magazine, each as much his own exclusive property as though copyright. But all of these, as well as the songs of all other song sparrows, have certain qualities that proclaim that the singers belong to that species and no other.

For Home Study

The national home study council is the banding together of the outstanding correspondence schools and several resident schools under fair-play standards to protect ambitious people from deception and imposition, and constantly to advance the standards of home study schools.

Bridegroom's Friend

The "best man" is a relic of the faraway days when marriage was effected by capture. The man could not always do it himself, and often he would take a strong-armed friend to help him. And it is this friend of the olden days who has now become the "best man" in the modern wedding ceremony.

Utopia

Perhaps in some happy planet a few quadrillion miles away, the people don't have any social and political problems, but just mind their own business and live and enjoy themselves. — Detroit Free Press.

He Doesn't Understand

A man should be proud when his wife is jealous of him, but he is more apt to act as though he was abused. — Miami Herald.

Regular Hours Best

Keeping regular hours is necessary to good health. Nature will not be trifled with. Loss of sleep can never be made up, no matter how long a person may sleep later. It is even claimed that sleeping in the daytime is never as beneficial as sleeping at night.

Started by Eli Whitney

The automotive industry must defer to an inventor in another field for the establishment of the principle of interchangeable parts, which has played such an important role in motor vehicle building. Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, is credited with the idea.

Hides of Little Value

Compared with the size of the animals elephant hides have very little commercial value. Many commercial articles in which leather is employed have been made of tanned elephant skin, but the skin is not very satisfactory for such purposes.

Friendships

I do not wish to treat friendships faintly, but with roughness. When they are real, they are not glass threads or frostwork, but the solidest thing we know. — Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Try 'Em on Your Friends

The University of California selects these words as tripping most spellers: separate, lose, ninety, privilege, villain, chauntain, accommodate, all right, repetition and ecstasy.

And Probably Is

Contemporary says it's sometimes hard for father to tell whether it's the wolf at the door or daughter's new three-tone motor horn. It could be both, couldn't it? — Arkansas Gazette.

World's Danger

Whenever education and refinement grow away from the common people, they are growing toward selfishness, which is the monster evil of the world. — Henry Ward Beecher.

Old Friends Best

Forsoke not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him; a new friend is as new wine; when it is old, thou shalt drink it with pleasure. — Ecclesiasticus.

Word's Significance

The ending "worth" in the names of places signifies that the town stands on the point of land made by a bend of a river, or a tongue of land between two rivers.

Busted

Little Richard, aged four, had been watching the sun set with great interest. When the sun had sunk halfway below the horizon he turned to his mother and said: "Oh, look, mother, the sun is busted."

And Whisper Low

Sign in a busy man's office: Think Twice Before you Speak. Then Talk to Yourself. — Capper's Weekly.

Spitting Cobblestones

To spit cobblestones for masonry work requires an experienced stone cutter. A pitching tool and hammer are used.

Widely Separated

Zenith and nadir are both Arabic words, the first signifying the point of the heavens directly above one, while nadir denotes the invisible point directly beneath.

Trinidad's History

Trinidad was discovered by Columbus in 1498. It remained in the possession of the Spanish until taken by the British in 1797. It was finally ceded to the British in 1802.

WHOM WOULD YOU HAVE PICKED?



Associated Press Photo



Margaret Ekdahl (right), blonde beauty of Tampa, Fla., was declared "Miss America" by officials of Miami International Beauty pageant association as they disqualified winners of first and second prizes in contest last March for ineligibility. Miss Ekdahl was third in contest at the time and Alberta McKellop (left) of California took second.

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