

Romance and Flowers in Long Association

In the development of gift-making in courtship a certain amount of romance centers around the flower. The flower is the gift of lovers, and in early Greek times a flower was worn as a sign of the engagement, the full-blossoming flower suggesting love awakened. The Polynesian men, as well as the women, wear flowers behind their ears when they are in love. The survival of another picturesque medieval custom centering around the flower is found in the bride's flower girls of today. In olden times these little girls, usually sisters, dressed exactly alike, carried garlands of wheat before the bride in the marriage procession as a symbol of fruitfulness and plenty. The very old and universally observed custom of throwing rice after the departing bride and bridegroom as a symbol of a fruitful union has its origin with the ancient Persians. Rice has always played an important part in the marriage ceremony of these people, while the wheat shower, expressing the same sentiment, was common among the early Anglo-Saxons and certain other people employing corn. Another interesting tradition regarding the rice shower is that rice was thrown after the bride and bridegroom for the purpose of giving food to the evil spirits that were believed to accompany newly married people, and that it was to appease these spirits that rice throwing originated.

Hawaiian Island Has Many Claims to Fame

Mau, one of the islands of the Hawaiian group, has for its motto the phrase "Mau no ka oi," meaning "Mau the First." The island authorities have just cited a number of historical facts in support of their boast. Mau has Haleakala, the largest extinct volcano crater in the world. The scene in 1823 of the first Christian funeral of a Hawaiian chieftain. The earliest island newspaper, as well as the first on the Pacific ocean, was published there in 1834. The paper was called Ka Ilima Hawaii, meaning The Arm of Hawaii. David Malo, earliest Hawaiian historian, was a Mau man. The island also had the first telegraph line strung between Haliu and Waikiki in 1878. The first Hawaiian wheat was planted at Makawao, Mau, in 1815, and not long afterward the first potato plantation was started at Kula, where tubers were raised for the California gold miners.

Oxygen in Air

Normal air contains about 21 per cent of oxygen, says the United States bureau of mines. Man works best at this proportion of oxygen. A candle or oil flame will not burn in atmosphere containing less than approximately 16 1/2 per cent oxygen, yet man is sufficiently adaptable to get along fairly well in 12 per cent of oxygen. He will breathe a little faster and a little deeper. But most men cannot work in air with oxygen below 13 per cent, the point where an acetylene flame is extinguished by oxygen deficiency. In an atmosphere containing between 10 and 13 per cent oxygen, men become dizzy, pant, have a rapid heart beat, and often suffer from headache. 8 to 9 per cent usually produces unconsciousness and ultimately death.

Trollope's Cigars

Lord Birkenhead recently boasted a lifelong devotion to cigar smoking, but he can hardly claim to have given more thought and time to his hobby than did Anthony Trollope, remarks the Manchester Guardian. Trollope, as soon as his income was large enough to stand the expense, had one entire wall of his library equipped with air-tight little bins fitted with sliding doors and numbered. These he kept filled with choice cigars, laid across and across like planks of timber, to get thoroughly seasoned. True to the Trollope tradition, he worked through the bins in methodical fashion, refilling each as it was emptied with special imports from Havana. Thus, he declared, he attained the most perfect smokes in the world.

Porpoise's Fish Appetite

The porpoise has a great appetite, is feeding constantly as opportunity offers and lives principally on fish, and scientists were able recently to get a clue to the number of fish a lively porpoise may eat when a giant porpoise was caught and 15,133 otoliths were found in its stomach.

The otolith is the earbone of a fish, is very hard, supposed to be the last remnant of a fish that is reduced by the chemical process in the mammal's stomach, and the large number found may be far less than the number of fish served live and wiggling for the satisfaction of the porpoise. At any rate, it bids fair to hold first place as a fish eater.

Bees Dumb, Says Scientist

Bees may be busy, but not bright, says J. B. Millet, a French scientist who has been investigating their efficiency in gathering honey. Experiments have proved to him that the buzzers are guided solely by odor, and they often pass by scentless flowers with stores of honey and go to those that have a sweet perfume and little sugar. He says that they even try to extract honey from perfumed artificial flowers.

Knows the Location

A real black is the fellow that thinks entente cordiale means the kind mother used to make out of blackberries and put away in the dark closet in the cellar.—Baltimore Sun.

Trace Wedding Cake to Old Roman Custom

The wedding cake is believed to be the survival of an old Roman practice when the bride and groom not only ate together as a sign of their kinship and mutual love, but feasted the guests as well. At this time it was good etiquette to break the cake over the bride's head as a sign of plentifulness. In the marriage ceremonies of the early Anglo-Saxons huge baskets of dry crackers were employed. After the feast each guest took a cracker home with him and the remainder was distributed to the poor. Later it became the custom for the guests themselves to bring to the wedding small, richly spiced buns, which were piled in one huge mound on the table. It was a common occurrence for the bride and groom to attempt to kiss each other over this mound, and if they succeeded they were assured lifelong prosperity. It is said the wedding cake of today is due to the genius of a French cook, who, while traveling in England, observed the inconvenience of stacking hundreds of these small cakes in a mound and conceived the idea of cementing the mound into a single huge cake with icing. At the wedding feast it was the duty of the newly married man to wait on his bride at the table, whence came the name bridegroom—signifying one who serves the bride.

Mother Ants Employ Babies as Needles

"A baby that you sew with, a baby that's needle and thread—child labor with a vengeance, eh?" The naturalist closed a book by a brother-naturalist, Glenwood Clark. "Glenwood Clark tells us all about it here," he said. "The baby I refer to is an ant, not a human being. In the chrysalis or baby form this ant secretes a silk, and with this silk its mother sews the leaves together to make the ant nest, using the baby itself as a needle, mind you." "The ant nest is built on a twig rather high up in a tree. The leaves that form it are held together by one group of ants, while another group—mothers armed with their babies—does the sewing." "They hold their babies in their claws. They press the tiny heads against a place where two leaf-edges join. The heads deposit on the leaves their cobwebby silk, and then they are moved across the leaf joint, needle fashion, back and forth, and as they move they make a thread." "In this manner, thanks to the needle-and-thread babies, the ant's nest is soon ready."

The Journey of Life

When about to undertake a journey we consider the way, the people, and the conveniences of travel, and try to meet their requirements in advance. An effort is made to learn what we can from the reports of those who have traveled that way, and we accordingly supply ourselves with accessible literature pertaining to it. This is the course that wise people follow, but there are many inconsiderate ones who give no attention to same preparation, and therefore get confused respecting the course, get off at uninteresting and dangerous places, suffer much inconvenience, and derive little benefit. Therefore, let us give heed to the proper beginning of our journey.—Psychological Magazine.

Violin Is Given Motto

Johannes Robey, the well-known collector of violins, has one instrument of which he is particularly proud, since it contains a label which is a curiosity, states the Pathfinder Magazine. The label is in old Latin and it reads: "Viva fuy in sylvis; sum dura ocissa securi. Dum vixi, tacui; mortua, dulce cano." Which being interpreted, means: "I was living in the forest; the cruel ax slew me. While I was alive I was mute; dead, I sweetly sing."

This violin is a product of the sixteenth century "luteist" or violin maker named Gaspa Dullifogru-car.

Helpful Suggestion

Peter, three and a half, was caught red-handed throwing the morning's letters into the grate fire and gleefully watching the flames. It was his third offense. Seriously, his father took him in hand. "I don't want to punish you, Peter, but what shall I do to make you remember?" The young delinquent looked thoughtful; then, brightening, advised: "I'll tell you what to do, daddy—you just put it down in writing."

First Secretary of State

Thomas Jefferson was chosen by President Washington to be secretary of state or secretary of foreign affairs in the first cabinet. But Jefferson was still in France when the new government began to function. John Jay was secretary of foreign affairs under the articles of confederation and acted as secretary of state, at Washington's request, until Jefferson's arrival in March, 1790.

No Superlatives

An English teacher was making it a practice of giving an S A class a review of a certain point in grammar each day. One day she said, "You may compare the adjectives I shall give you."

The entire class looked puzzled. To the first girl the teacher said, "high." There was a little pause and finally in a little hesitant voice, the girl said, "hello."

Common Trouble

Radio trouble found to be quite a common one—too many people trying to talk at once.

National Emblem of Wales Is Red Dragon

While the harp is a Welsh national instrument, it is not recognized as the national emblem. The national emblem of Wales is the red dragon of Cadwallader, the last of the Welsh kings. This emblem had a place in the royal arms of Great Britain as a supporter in the reign of King Henry VII, but that king, toward the end of his reign, changed the supporters, which were the two white lions of March, to the Welsh dragon on the dexter side, with the white greyhound on the sinister. The latter emblem was representative of either the De Beauforts, his own ancestors, or the Nevilles, the ancestors of his wife, both of these families using the white greyhound as a family badge. In 1523 his son, Henry VIII, used for supporters to the royal arms the golden lion on the dexter, while the red dragon of Wales, which his father had used on the dexter, he relegated to the sinister side. These supporters continued in use until the accession (in 1903) of James VI of Scotland as James I of England. James kept the golden lion on the dexter, but changed the red dragon of Wales on the sinister to the unicorn, as in the royal arms of Scotland—an emblem of purity.

"Star-Spangled Banner" Finished in Rowboat

The last lines of "The Star-Spangled Banner" were written in a rowboat by Francis Scott Key and were not penned in the hold of a prison-ship, as the old school books taught. Legendary history was that Key was a prisoner of war while watching the British bombardment of Baltimore and Fort M'Henry during the War of 1812. The correct story has been brought to light by the Woman's Home Companion, which shows that Key was permitted to go to the British flagship under a truce signal to obtain the release of a friend who had just been taken prisoner, and arrived just as the enemy was ready to open fire. The young poet developed his verses during the anxiety of the night, but it was while returning to shore in a small boat the following morning that he wrote exultantly "Tis the Star-Spangled Banner. Oh! long may it wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Then the Fun Began

A young university undergraduate had to present himself for an examination in which he was expected to read a short thesis on Greek tragedy. Knowing nothing of the subject, he asked the help of a friend, who was an expert. This gentleman wrote and gave him a masterly little treatise, of which the only fault lay in the penmanship. At the examination all went well until the young man startled his audience with the sentence: "We now come to the tragedies of Bophocles." "The tragedies of whom?" gasped one of the examiners. "You mean Sophocles!" exclaimed another. For some moments the young man gazed earnestly at the manuscript. Then he looked up with a reassured smile, and said, "No, it is distinctly Bophocles here."

Tips to Bosses

Don't hire a man with light hair and blue eyes for an office job unless you're going to give him a great deal to do and a heap of credit for doing it. Men work harder if they think they are appreciated. Half an executive's job is to learn when and how to praise men under him. Most of our great students, philosophers and scientists have rather dark complexions. Most of our leaders, pioneers and executives have had a leaning toward light hair, eyes and skin. To reach people you have to approach them as friends, not as policemen or teachers.

His Own Religion

I often wonder at religious men, they have such varying ideas on the subject. I was talking lately with a prominent man—one whose name is really a household word—and he said: "I was brought up in a religious family. I have chosen to accept religion in my own way, but never bother others with it. I have no desire to convert the world. I wouldn't give a d—n to convert anybody tomorrow."—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

"Jingoism"

Jingo is supposed to be derived from the mountain soldiers of Basque, who were employed by Edward I in Wales. The common oath of these Basque soldiers was "by Jinko." The modern use of Jingo really dates from McDermott's music hall song in 1878, when war with Russia was threatening Great Britain. The first line of the song ran: "We don't want to fight, but by jingo if we do."

Eats Fruit Tree Pests

The orchard oriole, sometimes called basket bird, is found in eastern North America, over the central plains, south to the Gulf of Mexico. The tribe is of sufficient numbers, says Nature Magazine, to be useful to the agriculturist as a destroyer of injurious insects and their larvae, especially those affecting fruit trees.

'Twas Ever Thus

"It's all right to be dignified, but don't go through life on stilts. The unbending chap bangs his head against the tunnels that other fellows duck.—Farm and Fireside.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE ON EXECUTION AND FORECLOSURE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of an execution and order of sale and foreclosure issued out of the Circuit court of the State of Oregon for Lane county on the 26th day of July, 1927, in a suit wherein J. H. Hendricks, plaintiff, recovered judgment against George N. Neely and Mary N. Neely, his wife in the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from the 24th day of October, 1926, and the further sum of seven and 5/100 dollars (\$7.05) together with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the 5th day of May, 1927, and the further sum of seven dollars (\$7.00) and the further sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) reasonable attorneys fee and costs

and disbursements amounting to sixteen dollars (\$16.00), which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office in said court in said county on the 26th day of July, 1927, said execution to me directed commanded me in the name of the State of Oregon in order to satisfy such judgment, interest, attorney's fee, costs of suit and accruing costs, to sell the following described real property, to-wit:

Lots five (5) and six (6) in Block three (3) of D. O. McFarland's fifth addition to Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon.

Now therefore, in the name of the State of Oregon in compliance with said execution and order of sale and in order to satisfy said judgment, interest, attorney's fee, costs of suit and accruing costs, I will, on Tuesday, the 30th day of August, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock

in the forenoon of said day at the south-west front door of the county court house in Eugene, Lane county, Oregon, offer for sale and sell for cash at public auction, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right title and interest of said defendants and all persons claiming by, through or under them or either of them in and to said premises.

FRANK E. TAYLOR, Sheriff of Lane county, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Jacob E. Barnum, deceased, has filed his final account with the County Clerk of Lane county, Oregon, and that by order of the county court of said

county, Saturday, the 3rd day of September, 1927, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. at the county court room in the court house in Eugene, Lane county, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place of final hearing upon said final account and for the settlement of said estate. All persons having objections to said final account, or any item thereof are hereby notified to present the same to the county court on or before the time fixed for final hearing herein.

J. E. BEAN, Administrator.

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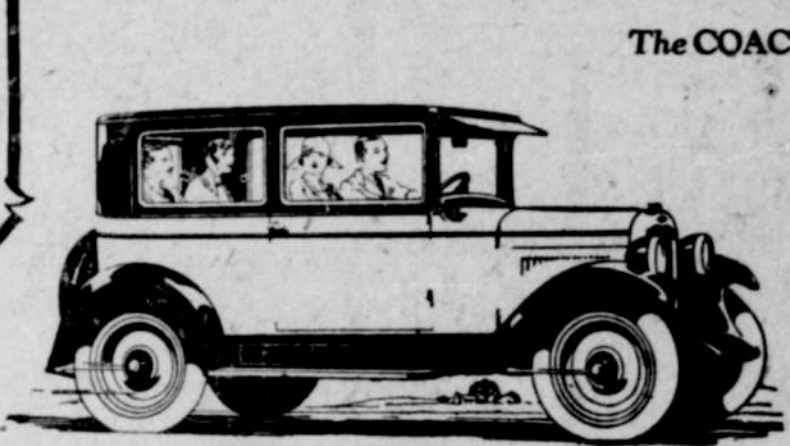
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