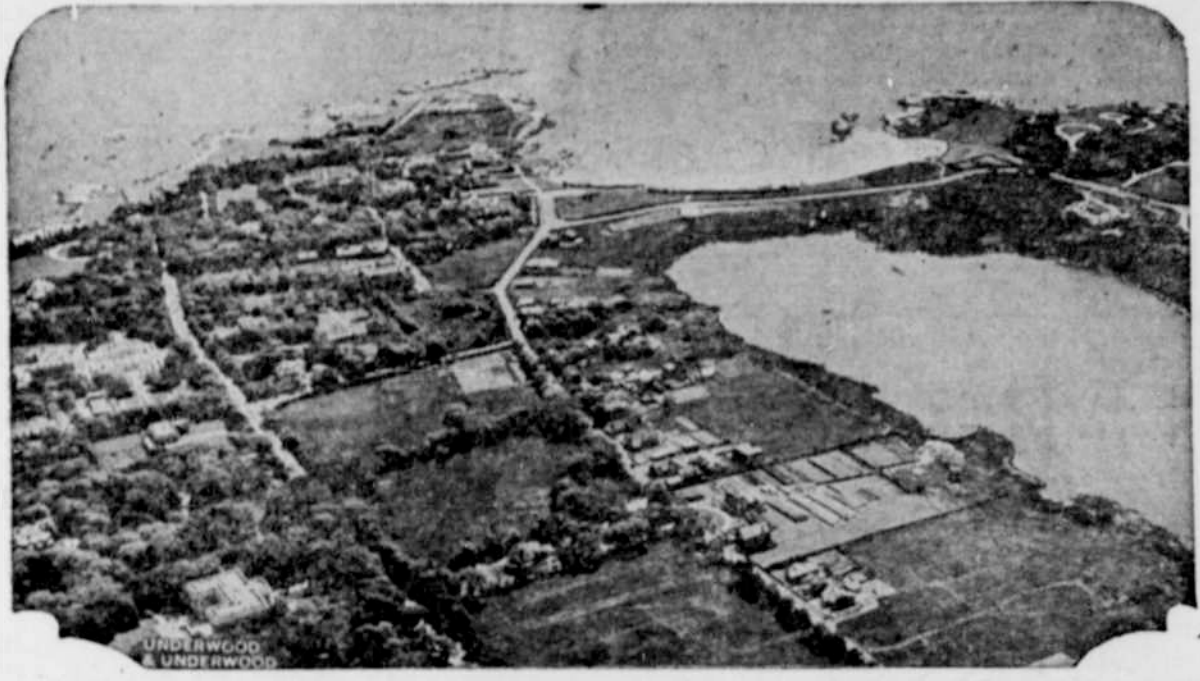


What a Royal Garden Party Looks Like



The royal garden parties are rather frequent functions in London. Here is an excellent view of one recently given at Buckingham palace by Queen Mary at which members of the new Labor cabinet and many other notables were guests.

America's Most Exclusive Bathing Place



An excellent air view of the most exclusive bathing place in the country—Bailey's beach at Newport. Note the magnificent mansions and estates surrounding. The beach is at the little isthmus in the center.

Pope Emerging From the Vatican



Pope Pius being carried from the Vatican to celebrate mass at St. Peter's and to observe the feast day of St. James the Apostle. This was the first time since 1870 that a Roman Catholic pontiff had left the Vatican.

Perry Homestead Will Be a Museum



The Commodore Perry homestead at Wakefield, R. I., which will be a museum commemorating the lives and deeds of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry, hero of the battle of Lake Erie, and Commodore Matthew G. Perry, who opened Japan to American commerce. Mrs. Perry Tiffany, widow of Matthew's grandson, is standing in the doorway.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Wisconsin's leading grain crop is oats. Coal can now be rendered dustless by use of certain chemicals sprayed on it. Seventy years ago it took mull twenty-four days to go from coast to coast. Hawaiian 3-ruble coins minted about 1828 are now worth twenty times their face value.

A train traveling forty miles an hour requires 1,320 feet to stop. Alaska has eighteen co-operative stores owned and operated by natives. Towboats equipped with Diesel engines have lately been put into service. Only two species of flowering plants have been found in Antarctic regions. Less than 5 per cent of the land in Great Britain and Ireland is covered by forests.

HEADS THEOSOPHISTS



Dr. Gottfried de Purucker who has been appointed official head of the Universal Brotherhood and Theosophical society to succeed the late Katherine Tinsley, who died recently in Europe. Doctor de Purucker, fifty-five, is a bachelor and native of the United States. Headquarters of the society are at Point Loma, near San Diego, Calif.

OLDEST CLERGYMAN



Rev. Ebenezer Bean of Urbana, Ill., who recently celebrated his one hundredth birthday, is said to be the oldest clergyman in the United States. He is also the oldest living graduate of Bowdoin university and the oldest member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity. He is a Congregationalist.

Eviding Responsibility

A pocket veto is the act of a chief executive who, when the legislative session will end within the period allowed for returning a measure with his signature or veto, simply retains it and causes it to fall without a direct veto.

This Old Age

It is difficult to get people on their knees in an age when they even resort being on their feet.—Capper's Weekly.

An Adventure of the Scarlet Pimpernel

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CHAPTER V—Continued

He spoke a great many more equally eloquent words, for he had the gift of speech, had this drover from Alincourt. A rough fellow, it is true, but one with his heart in the right place, and born in the district, too; anyone could tell that by the contemptuous way with which he spoke of any stranger born outside this corner of Seine et Oise.

He was listened to with great attention, was the driver. And his words presently carried all the more weight because something very strange came to light. It appeared that the diligence from Molsan with prisoners and escort had made a halt of several hours in Mantes. The party only made a fresh start in the late afternoon. That was strange enough, in all conscience! What did it mean but that Lauzet was courting the darkness for his schemes? But there was something more mysterious still. While the diligence stood before the posting inn ready to start, horses pawing and champing, the driver on his box, whip in hand, the four troopers who were on guard to right and left of the vehicle would not allow anyone to come within measurable distance of it. Be it noted that all the blinds of the coach were drawn so that it was impossible to get a peep at the inside. But two young men, strangers to the neighborhood, who had since come forward, eager to tell their story, more venturesome than others, had crept under the horse's bellies and tried to peer into the interior of the coach. They were almost immediately driven away with blows and curses by the troopers, but not before they had vaguely perceived that there were more than just the prisoners inside the diligence.

The prisoners were all huddled up in the farthest corner of the vehicle, but there were others. The young men who had had a peep, despite the blows from the troopers, had seen three or four men at least. They might have been ordinary travelers who had picked up the diligence at Mantes. But in that case, why all this secrecy? Why the drawn blinds, the shades of evening would actually be drawing in when the diligence and its escort plowed its way through the muddy road of the forest between Mezeres and Epone? Why a feeble escort of only four men when of late as many as eight or ten picked troopers of the national guard had ridden beside the diligence?

Indeed, the drover from Alincourt was right. Indubitably right. Citizen Lauzet and his friend from Paris had entered into a plot, a dastardly, cowardly plot, to cheat the citizens of Molsan of their just share in the capture of the Scarlet Pimpernel. There was no doubt that the Scarlet Pimpernel was having him conveyed in secret to Paris. The escort might appear feeble, but there were men inside the diligence who held the English spy, bound hand and foot, between them with a cocked pistol at his head. Why! The two young strangers who had succeeded in getting a peep at the inside of the diligence quite thought, from the description every one had of him, that one of the men whom they glimpsed was in very truth the Scarlet Pimpernel.

"He was so tall," they said, "so tall that he had to sit almost bent double, otherwise his head would have knocked against the roof of the coach!" They were almost prepared to swear also that this tall man's hands were tied together with ropes.

After that, as the driver from Alincourt very properly said, any man would be a fool who doubted Lauzet's treachery and cupidity. It was resolved to proceed immediately in his wake, to seize him wherever he might be, him and any man who had helped him in his treachery. Aye, if he had an army to protect him, he would find that the men of Molsan and Mantes were not to be fouted and cheated with impunity. The drover from Alincourt was bribed to take the party in his cart as far as Mezeres. He demurred a little at first; seemed to turn crusty and was impertinent to threats. Eventually he was offered one hundred livres out of every man's share if the English spy was captured and one livre if he was not.

"Eh bien!" he said at last in token of consent, and they all scrambled back into the cart.

CHAPTER VI

Surprise

Captain Raffet had given the order to dismount, and the troopers sat by the roadside under the trees, making a pretense to rest. Each man, however, had his saber ready to his hand, and each had seen to the priming of his pistol, while the captain ostensibly

bused himself with examining the fetlock of the mare who had gone lame. The wind had gone down and the torrential rain had ceased, but there was a thin mist-like drizzle that soaked through the men's clothing and chilled them to the bone. The tension had become acute. With nerves on edge the men, those who were in the open as well as those who were cooped up inside the diligence, could do nothing but wait while the time dragged on and the shades of evening drew in around them.

The silence in the woods was full of sounds; of the cracking of twigs, the fall of rain-laden leaves, the scrunching of earth under tiny, furtive feet scurrying away through the undergrowth. The great, awkward diligence loomed out of the mist like some gigantic, spectral erection, peopled by forms that breathed and lived and hardly emitted a sound. Only very occasionally from the interior there came the painful moan, quickly suppressed, from the poor invalid's parched throat.

And all at once something more tangible, a patter of feet, a call, a voice half drowned in the gathering mist. It came way down the road, from the direction of Mezeres. The men sat up, alert, quivering with excitement, their eyes straining to pierce the thicket, since the sharp bend in the road hid the oncomers from view. The order was to feign inattention, to wait for the attack, lest the wily enemy scenting a trap scampered away to safety. And the men waited, very much like greyhounds held in leash, quivering with eagerness, their hot, moist hands grasping sabers and pistols, the while Captain Raffet, as keenly alert as they, carried on a



The Tension Had Become Acute.

desultory conversation with the driver about the mare's injured fetlock. Vague forms began to detach themselves out of the mist, coming round the bend, soon they gained volume and substance. The voice still calling gained power and clarity. It was much as Captain Raffet could do, by muttered word and glance of eye, to keep those human greyhounds of his in check. With the Scarlet Pimpernel perhaps in sight they were straining on the leash to its breaking point.

It was at the very moment that, throwing all prudence to the wind, the men suddenly raised themselves upon their knees and were on the point of springing to their feet, unable to contain their excitement any longer, that Charles-Marie, the loony driver, who had once been a baker's assistant, exclaimed joyfully, "Pardi! If it isn't citizen Plante home from market already!" And the next instant the oncoming figure revealed itself as that of an old man, walking along with the aid of a tall stick, and calling at times to his dog or to the half dozen sheep he was driving before him.

Citizen Plante was not or a granger disposition, nor of an inquisitive one apparently, for he passed by without a word or glance of curiosity directed at the troopers or at the vehicle. All that he did was to nod to the driver as he went by, while the men gazed at him wide eyed open mouthed, as if he had been a specter. And like a specter he seemed to glide past them and out of sight. A minute or two later the twilight and the mist had swallowed him up with his sheep and his dog, and had smothered his monotonous calls in the veils of the night.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Fishermen's Mittens

A strange custom of New England coast winter fishermen is to soak their thick, woolen mittens in the sea and wring them out as dry as possible before putting them on. They say their hands keep much warmer than if they don the mittens when dry.

Thin Film of Metal New Scientific Wonder

Films of metal so thin that they are utterly invisible to the human eye have not only been produced, but also measured in the Bell laboratories in New York city. In experiments to improve the design of photo-electric cells for television, layers of light-sensitive metal known as rubidium, of various thicknesses, were deposited inside glass tubes. When best results were obtained with one particular film, says Popular Science Monthly, the task remained to measure it.

Ordinary methods were out of the question, for the metal particles were beyond the range of the most powerful microscopes. An entirely new method was devised. Polarized light, which is ordinary light shot through a grating that changes a "round" beam into a flat one, like toothpaste issuing from a tube, is twisted in passing through the metal rubidium; and the amount of twist depends upon the metal's thickness. By using polarized light the experimenters found the thickness of their best metal film to be just one atom, or about 1,500,000,000 of an inch.

Bill for Baby

Little Grace lived in a district where scarcely a day passed when an agent or canvasser did not call at the door.

One day when Grace was called into her mother's room to see a baby brother who had just arrived, she exclaimed, "Why, where did he come from?"

"The doctor brought him in," replied the father.

"Oh, I didn't know he was the agent for babies," responded Grace.

"What did you have to pay down?"

Judicial Error

Judge—"Hailiff, tell that man he must remove his hat in court." Bailiff—"But, sir, that man is a woman." "I'st, Constantinople.

Note of Thankfulness

Just a Bit Premature

As the circus performance was drawing to a close the two girls looked uneasily at the crowds around them, eyed the distant tent opening, and wondered how they would ever get there. Seeing no other exit possible, they finally pushed and snatched their way "turtle fashion" out into the open.

Not knowing where to go for the alley car, they followed the crowds and trusted to luck that they would get there.

Just as they reached the sidewalk a circus team stalled and though the driver yelled and the horses pushed, they pulled dangerously near the walk, and the crowd with one impulse moved backward. The girls divided their time praying for the team to depart and mourning over their trampled toes.

Finally, though, the girls were permitted to cross the road. "Thank goodness," said one, "we don't have to go through that again." Her friend looked at her for a moment and then mournfully replied, "I've just remembered that I left my coat on the back of the circus seat."—Springfield Union.

Much More Than Half of People Illiterate

Sixty-two per cent of the population of the world, ten years of age and over, are illiterate. Of a total population of 1,363,500,000, the number of illiterates is 850,500,000. These remarkable figures were obtained through a comprehensive study of illiteracy in the various countries of the world, conducted by James F. Abel, specialist in foreign education, United States bureau of education. In this work Mr. Abel was assisted by Norman J. Bond, statistical assistant.

While only 18 countries report an illiteracy rate of more than 50 per cent, the population of these countries is approximately 618,000,000. Contrasted with this is the total of 408,000,000 inhabitants of all the 45 countries reporting less than 50 per cent illiteracy.

The United States is included in the group having under 10 per cent of illiteracy. Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, however, have a much larger percentage. Porto Rico reports 55 per cent, and the Philippines 50.8 per cent.

Had Him Guessing

Spirivins was attending his first opera and was puzzled. "Is she singing in English?" he whispered to his neighbor. "How do you expect me to tell?" demanded the old-timer. "She's a soprano."—American Legion Monthly.

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Would Ruin Him

Two young prospective aviators were discussing the subject of aviation, and a certain famous flyer, when the smaller, age eight, remarked to the other:

"What if the tail of the plane would get caught as he started up; it would cut a gash in his head, wouldn't it?" His brother answered: "Yes, it would just mash him down and break his back."

And the little fellow said: "Yes, it would break his general cord."

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