

CITY BELOVED OF TOURISTS

Buitenzorg, Java, Noted for its Gayeties and its Wonderful Display of Horticulture.

When a wealthy Dutch planter in Java discovers that he has acquired brain fog by talking business with his overseers and superintendents he orders his servants to make preparations for a trip to Buitenzorg, the capital of the island.

Buitenzorg is one of those few fascinating cities where the climate is perfect and business never seems to interfere with pleasure. The governor-general's mansion is the center of Javanese government and frivolity—the scene of occasional weighty conferences and many balls and garden parties. In this tropical court the Dutch heiress makes her first bashful bow to society, and noted scientists who come to view the famous botanic gardens of the city are feted.

Bamboo huts of the Javanese, all too small for the families they hold, snuggle within the shadows of modern hotels and shops. All around are gardens overflowing with roses and gay tropical blooms. Flowers are popular in Buitenzorg, but, attractive as the amateur gardeners are, their charm is forgotten in the wonderful beauty of the botanic gardens, which lie within the estate of the governor general.

For more than a century horticultural experts have cultivated these famous gardens, the success of their work being proved by the enthusiasm of scientists, to whom this spot is a botanist's paradise. Unscientific visitors revel in the profusion of blossoms, sweet smelling, gorgeous, strange and lovely, but the scientist hastens past these frankly attractive blooms to expend his enthusiasm on some twisted dwarf, which he designates a botanical triumph and labels with an unpronounceable name.

TRACING LOST INDIAN TRIBE

Scientists Interested in Explorations of Abodes of the Long Gone Arawak Nation.

When in 1494, on his second voyage, Columbus discovered the island of Jamaica, it was populated by the Arawak Indians, who, although at first hostile to him, became friendly on his giving them clothing and other articles hitherto unknown to them.

When later the Spaniards settled the island they forced the Indians not only to do agricultural work in their own island, but to labor in the gold mines of Hayti. So hard were the Spanish taskmasters that by 1538 the whole Arawak nation was exterminated.

During the past eight years efforts have been made, under the auspices of a scientific society, to recover all possible traces of the lost race. To that end explorations have been made in the old kitchen middens, or refuse heaps of the Arawaks, in which there have been found, besides shells and pottery and fish, turtle and cony bones, many celts, or rude chisels, grinding stones, stone pendants and axes—1,500 objects in all, which have been given to the American Museum of Natural History in New York city.

To the anthropologist the most interesting objects are the cylindrical stone pendants, which were fashioned with sand and stone and endless rubbing. Pendants of exactly the same sort are worn today as insignia of office by chiefs or headmen of tribes in northern South America.

HAD ODD TIME MEASURERS

Various Ways by Which the Ancients Kept Some Track of the Fast-Fleeting Hours.

Sacred history furnishes the earliest reference to anything like a fixed and permanent time-measurer. Isaiah speaks of the dial of Ahaz which went ten degrees backward, and this dial, it has been conjectured, was a tall and slender column, which cast a shadow on a series of steps with which it was encircled.

The Egyptians, too, are credited with having used their monoliths, such as Cleopatra's needle, as time-measurers. However, the Chaldeans had other methods of measuring time, for they, as well as the contemporary Hindus, and very likely the Egyptians, were acquainted with the water clock, or clepsidra, which measured time after the fashion of the hour glass, water taking the place of sand.

Indeed, it is believed that the Egyptians actually had hour glasses, for upon one of the bas-reliefs which have come to light after their long interment of 3,000 years or more is an object which those learned to such matters assure us can be nothing else than a sand glass.

In principle the clepsidra was nothing but a rod floating upon water, which was slowly dropping from an orifice in the vessel in which it was contained. Certain divisions were marked upon the rod, and a fixed pointer served the purpose of a clock hand.

But the Greeks, who seem to have used them on every possible occasion, expended much labor and artistic skill upon their manufacture. Sometimes they were groups of children, the escaping water representing the falling tears of some of their number, while others pointed out the time with a wand.

BOAT WAS "SOME" STRETCHER

And Many Will Believe That Old Man Moody Belongs in Much the Same Class.

A group of guides was sitting about the tavern table telling stories. Among them, says Mr. Leon Denn in Outing, was Old Man Moody. When the conversational ball was tossed to him he was ready for it.

"Boys," he drawled, "you remember that collapsible rubber boat that the old gentlemen sent me up as a present from New York last year? The circle of heads nodded recollection. "Funny thing happened this morning. The plover ought to be striking today, thinks I; and I went down to the pond to get my boat. Ed Greene was there. Ed wants to race me every time we meet; he's some handy with the rars. I'll allow, but he can't beat the little old rubber bathtub."

"Today he's got a new scheme; wants to try it across the pond rowing frontwards, facing the bow. Says he can trim me to a frazzle that way. It's a favorite of his, you know."

"Says I 'You can't'; and off we went. We was going like grease, too, but I was kind of playing with him, when all of a sudden, about halfway across, I felt the little boat begin to drag. She dragged harder and harder. 'Gosh all fishhooks,' thinks I, 'she must be hitched to the bottom.'"

"By the time we was three quarters over it was no joke. I was putting into it for all I was worth and having all I could do to keep up with Ed. 'Come on, ol' man,' says he; and we let out for the finish. Well, boys, we hit the bank just about nip and tuck. And what do you think the trouble was?"

He paused dramatically, and the circle regarded him expectantly.

"When I stepped out I heard a sort of splash behind me. I turned round, and there wa'n't no boat there. I'd forgot to nudge her on tother side, and she had snugged clean back."

THEORY OF ODD NUMBERS

As Far Back as Can Be Traced, Superstition Has Held Them in Reverence.

"Why is a hen given an odd number of eggs to hatch and never an even number?" a writer in Tit-Bits asks. He answers himself by saying that it is all a matter of superstition and that, despite our advanced civilization we still cling to things of the rousy past.

Salutes from warships, forts, etc., are always given in odd numbers, he explains, with no valid reason, other than the old theory that the odd number was always lucky.

Virgil records all sorts of charms and spells practiced around odd numbers and never an even one.

People still say, after two failures, that a third attempt may be successful.

Seven is the favorite biblical number, and old divines taught that it held a mystical perfection. Three is the number of the Trinity—an odd number again.

Falstaff, in the "Merry Wives," is entrapped a third time. He is quoted as saying "They say there is a divinity in odd numbers."

The number two was always avoided and had an evil reputation, in ancient times, because on the second day hell was created.

Law Always Governs

Everything out of doors is a matter of law. That is, all actions of all created things are in conformity to the laws laid down by nature. Growth and development are not by chance; they are matters of law. The robin returns to a certain region, not as a matter of accident or chance, but because it is governed absolutely by law—just as the drop of water flows down the steep sides of the roof according to law.

Every action of every created thing affects the actions of all other created things. All nature is interwoven until nothing can do anything without its having its effect upon everything else. That may seem like a strange statement, but it is a fact.

Perfect Automobile Springs

The comfort of the passengers in an automobile is to a great degree dependent upon the character of the springs of the vehicle. These may be adjusted to suit the loads by means of a new invention of French origin. At each end of the rear springs is an elongated slot, in which the eyebolts can be moved by a lever or wheel at the driver's seat. The effect of altering the position of the bolts is to lengthen or shorten the springs, thus decreasing or increasing their stiffness and resistance. Definite positions or stopping points are provided for the sliding bolts, so that the driver may adjust his springs to a specific number of passengers.

The "Know-Nothings"

"Know-Nothings" was an epithet popularly conferred upon the American or native American party, a secret political organization in the United States, because its members when questioned as to its principles and purposes professed "to know nothing." The party was organized about 1854, showed considerable strength the next year, and in 1856 nominated Millard Fillmore for re-election to the presidency. "Know-Nothings" split on the slavery question and became divided into the "North" and "South" Associations. They were merged into the Constitutional Union party in 1860.

SHOW STOCK OFTEN IMPROPERLY TRAINED (Continued From Page 1)

said Director Conklin, at a meeting of the directors recently, "that loss prizes thru the fact that they have not been coached to stand properly while being judged."

"This is especially true concerning those that are exhibited for the first time. In getting ready to enter stock at the Fair the owners would do well to take just a little time to train their entries. This will get them over nervousness and increase their chances of success. The animals should be trained to hold their heads correctly, among other things, for this will give the judge a good first impression."

GET THEIR SUPPLY DIRECT

People of Naples Have Goats Brought Into Their Places of Residence and There Milked.

Goats in flocks, wearing wooden collars and escorted by goatherds, usually women or children, make free of the sidewalks of Naples, and constitute one of the most characteristic sights of that city. The herds are driven through the various streets and are taken into the houses, and even up to the third or fourth story, and there milked. The explanation that is given for the custom of driving the goats into the city and into the houses, sometimes to the top floors, to be milked, is that the consumers are thus assured of having the same quality of milk every day and of knowing that it is not diluted.

Although it would ordinarily be expected that quantities of milk would be sold in a city like Naples, of nearly a million inhabitants, it is, however, not used to a great extent by all classes of native Neapolitans. It is used by invalids, infants and old people, and then only by the poorer classes, because of their inability to get nourishment from other sources.

Naples gets its supply principally from near-by towns through the media of the dairies and other establishments which distribute the milk to the people through the agency of the "latterie," and from the goats or cows kept in or near the city. There is also a small amount of donkey's milk, which is used only in small quantities and for those who are ill.

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