

# Announcement

**To The Public:**—I wish to announce that I have employed a licensed undertaker and embalmer, and will, hereafter conduct an undertaking business take charge of and make arrangements for funerals. Besides Mr. W. C. Jones, formerly with Peck & Case of Caldwell, who will be in direct charge, there will be a lady assistant.

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## NOT MERELY FISH STORIES

Showers of Sea Food From Sky Are Authenticated, According to Magazine Writer.

Next time some one tells you of its raining fish and frogs, don't laugh; the story may be true. There is, for instance, record of a fish rain in 1633 that showered smelts all over Standen parish in merry England, says Popular Science Magazine.

In Baton Rouge, in 1896, it rained ducks, catbirds and woodpeckers. We pause right here to say that scientists explain these showers by the lifting power of the wind and the ancient principle that what goes up must come down; and you never can be sure what is up.

Getting down to 1917, John Lewis of Aberdale, Wales, reports: "I was startled by something falling all over me. . . . On putting my hand down my neck I was surprised to find they were little fish."

No less a person than Alexander von Humboldt writes of a downpour of fishes in the Andes which seemed to be aided and abetted by a very active volcano. The natives said they rather counted on fish showers to reduce the H. C. L., usually having several a season.

Singapore, as might be expected, holds the shower record, with a rain of five-inch catfish, which the Chinese gathered by the basketful.

Nine native witnesses urged by a cunning Scot, made depositions before a magistrate attesting the truth of their tales of a shower in Bengal during which at least five kinds of fish fell from the heavens.

Boston, in the days of the "plug" hat, had what is called (being Boston) "a piscatorial deluge." But in Connecticut the same year it rained fish and ice together, which we call thoughtful.

## GOES BACK TO ANCIENT DAYS

Expression Concerning Fires of Faith and the Torch of Religion Traced to Fire Worshipers.

"My faith is like a burning flame," many a martyr has said when he was being sorely tried. "I may carry the torch of the true religion forward" is an expression so often used that it seems almost trite. Is it an accident that many of the most fervent religious phrases are connected in one way or another with the fire-image?

One of the curious customs of Lithuania gives a clue to the answer to this question. Religion and faith are expressed in fiery terms because most of our ancestors were fire worshipers.

The tradition has outlived paganism, has come into Christianity itself, and remains most plainly evident in the language we use when talking of religion.

In Lithuania family councils are held only in front of the hearth. All important gatherings are connected with the fireplace. The fire is never allowed to die out. It is the duty of the oldest woman in the family to tend to the fire, to cover it with ashes at night and to revive it in the morning.

Why the oldest woman rather than the oldest man? Because in pagan days the attendants of the sacred fires were always women, the vestal virgins, whose lives were devoted to that one task.

When we speak of the fires of faith, therefore, or of the torch of religion, we are harking back to the ancient days, the days when fire was faith and religion a torch.

## Bulldogs Made Ferocious.

Bull-baiting at times ranked as the national pastime of England and countless scores of dogs met their death to provide a diversion for the British public. Even royalty favored the "sport," although during the last 100 years of its existence patrons of the bullring comprised exclusively the "lower classes." The bravery of the bulldog, cultivated during centuries of active service in the bullring, naturally became deeply inherited. Owing to the dog's occupation and surroundings he acquired a savageness of disposition which prompted one authority, as recently as fifty years ago, when bull-baiting, which had long been made illegal, was long since over, to state that the bulldog had an intractable temper and that he would turn on his master, if offended, as readily as on a stranger.

## Right Standard of Living.

Byron, after a misspent youth, desired "a soldier's grave" in "the land of honorable death." Far better would it have been if he had, like Tolstol, resolved to live down the errors of his early life, and to build up a future which would have redeemed the follies of the past.

When our own evil deeds have not soured our existence and when we have faith in that eternal justice which sees in the soul of man something greater than nature that will outlive her transitory laws, we shall welcome old age as the portal through which we must pass to live the life everlasting.—Lucian in Rochester Post Express.

## Thought Grandpa Has "Snap."

Grandpa, who was visiting us, was made much of by every member of the family. Harry noticed that everybody tried to make him comfortable, and that grandpa's wishes seemed to be the law of the household. One day the teacher was asking her class what they would all like to be when they grew up. When it came Harry's turn he answered without any hesitation: "When I grow up I'd like to be a grandpa."—Chicago Tribune.

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