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LITTLE KNOWN OF ST. MARK

Facts as to History of Evangelist Have Been Lost in the Passage of Years.

St. Mark, the evangelist, is believed to have been born of Jewish parents, deriving their origin from the tribe of Levi. He is also thought to have been "sister's son" to the apostle St. Peter, though some have confounded him with John, surnamed Mark, "sister's son" to St. Barnabas. He was probably converted by St. Peter, and was his constant attendant in his travels. He is traditionally said to have founded the church in Aquileia, and there to have written the gospel which bears his name. St. Mark suffered on April 25, though the certain year of his martyrdom is not precisely determined by the ancients. St. Mark's symbol is the lion, because he has set forth the royal dignity of Christ; or, according to other writers, on account of his beginning with the mission of St. John, the Baptist, which is figured by the lion; or to a legend that was popularly believed in the middle ages, that the young of the lion was born dead, and after three days was awakened by the voice of its sire, symbolical of the resurrection.

No Novelty.

"How did you find the feller that runs the Busy Bee store?" inquired an acquaintance.

"I just rummaged around till I unearthed him," replied a citizen of Sandy Muth, Ark., who had been shopping in Tumlinville.

"Yes, but I heard that he was in mighty bad health?"

"Mebby so. He may have been puny, but I didn't notice it. I found him asleep in the back room setting on a keg, and when I asked him if he had any axle grease he 'lowed he had, but wanted to know if I couldn't just as well come around later, when he'd prob'ly be standing up. Nope, I didn't see anything peculiar about him.—Kansas City Star.

Muscular Music.

"Thank goodness, now the Hun has shown himself in his true colors, our ears are no longer shattered with the noisy music of Richard Strauss."

The speaker was Handel Booth, secretary of the Denver Philharmonic society.

"I know a chap," he went on, "who said to his music teacher:

"Professor, I'd like to take up the study of Strauss with you. What will it cost?"

"Do, mein friend," said the old professor, "will depend on how many threes der piano will have to be rebuilt."

Denver Discusses the "Evil-Eye" Hope Diamond

DENVER.—This city has talked long and variously about the death by accident of Vinson Walsh McLean, the "\$200,000,000 baby," at the Washington country mansion of the McLears—and about the Hope diamond. For Mrs. Edward Beal McLean is the daughter of the late Thomas Walsh, millionaire mine operator of Denver. Walsh was one of the most noted mining men of Denver. He was the discoverer of the famous Camp Bird mine in the San Juan district. He took many millions from it and then sold the control of it to a London syndicate for \$10,000,000. At one time King Leopold of Belgium was a partner in the mine; at the birth of Vinson the Belgian ruler sent the child a gold cradle. Evelyn Walsh McLean inherited a large portion of the estate of her father. This fortune was supposed to be vast. But at the time of the probating of the will it was found that there was but \$6,210,000 to be divided between the two heirs of the McLean marriage—Vinson and John R. McLean, Jr. So the "\$200,000,000 baby" bubble was exploded.

Perhaps, however, the Denver gossips talked most of the famous or infamous Hope diamond. As everybody knows, Mr. McLean purchased the stone for his wife to wear at a ball in 1911. And the superstitious of Denver point to the grim history of the noted gem and speak of its "evil eye."

Death and disaster have followed the stone since its arrival in France from India in 1638.



LEARN FEW FACTS

Writer Criticizes Modern Teaching of History.

Important Happenings Recorded Without the Events Leading Up to Them Being Set Forth—Makes Heads Spin.

Take English history as it is taught in an English school. We begin with Celtic Britain. Enter Caesar and a Roman host. From where? We never learn, H. G. Wells writes in the Saturday Evening Post. Who is this Caesar and why did he come? Why did he go? Why did the Romans not come again for the better part of a century? Evidently something much more important was going on elsewhere.

A little way on in the story certain Angles, Jutes and Saxons rush in—as inexplicably. Whence? Why? Later come the Danes. The history of England has the effect of something going on upon a doormat in a passage outside a room full of events, with several other doors. The door opens, the Norman kings rush out of the room, conquer the country hastily, say something about some novelty of which we have learned nothing hitherto, the Crusades, and exit to room again.

From which presently King Richard returns dejected. He has been fighting the Saracens. Who are the Saracens? We never learn. What becomes of them? We are never told. So it goes on. The broad back of history is turned to England throughout. Its face and hands are hidden, and we make what we can of the wriggling of its heels.

The American story is still more incomprehensible. An innocent continent is suddenly invaded by Spanish, Portuguese, French, Dutch and British, who proceed at once to pick up the thread of various conflicts—initiated elsewhere. Someone called the pope is seen to be dividing the new continent among the European powers. Colonies are formed. What are colonies? These colonies, in what is apparently a strenuous attempt to simplify history, break off from their unknown countries of origin. A stream of immigration begins from west and east. The American mind establishes a sort of intellectual Monroe doctrine and declares that America has no past, only a future. From which sublime dream it is presently roused to find something of unknown origin called European imperialism wrecking the world. What is this imperialism? How did it begin?

The teaching of history in most other countries is after the same fashion. Everywhere the teachers present more or less similar histories of passages and doormats. Great events—the Crusades, the Reformation, the industrial revolution—come in with a bang and go out with a slam, leaving no clew, leaving our poor heads spinning. Is it any wonder if history falls back for a little human touch upon childish anecdotes about Alfred and the cakes, the peerless beauty of Mary Queen of Scots, and King Charles and his spaniels?

6,000 John Smiths.

The claims and record office of the ministry of labor at Kew, England, which is now dealing with millions of forms in connection with unemployment pay, has electrically driven accounting and tabulating machinery. Figures are transferred to special cards by holes punched in certain positions and the cards are sorted by machine into groups. These groups then pass through a machine which prints the details from each card on rolls of paper, at the same time accumulating the figures and producing a total at any given point.

An alphabetical index, consisting of looseleaf registers of all insured workers, contains 10,000,000 names, of which thousands are identical. There are 6,000 John Smiths, 2,000 John Browns, 2,000 William Browns, 1,200 William Jones, 1,000 John Macdonalds and 1,000 William Davies.

Eye Drill for Flyers.

The royal air force of England has instituted an eye drill that has made many splendid pilots out of men who would otherwise have been useless. It was discovered that a large percentage of men only use one eye at a time, and in the early days pilots were not tested for eye balance. Many men were then passed into the air service who could never land correctly. When these deficiencies were discovered a school was formed and under an eye specialist twice a day airmen undergoing the cure were paraded for eye drill and taught how to use both their eyes at the same time. The result was that 95 per cent of the men who would have been bad pilots became good ones in a little while.

Immigration Statistics.

Between 1790 and 1830 the estimated number of immigrants was 386,985, while the increase in population from other sources was 5,222,254; 1830-40, immigrants 604,125, others 3,022,308; 1840-50, immigrants, 1,514,257, others 4,208,155; 1850-60, immigrants, 2,508,214, others 5,633,231; 1860-70, immigrants, 2,518,824, others 4,701,225; 1870-80, immigrants, 2,812,191, others 8,285,221; 1880-90, immigrants, 3,234,610, others 7,230,851; 1890-1900, immigrants, 3,844,429, others, 6,272,955; 1900-10, immigrants, 3,806,308, others 1,171,408. Until 1850 all alien passengers entering the United States were classed as immigrants, hence the figures until this date do not take into account travelers and are in consequence inaccurate.



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