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WANTED TO KNOW TOO MUCH

Young Financier Forgot That Bank's Relations With Its Clients Must Be Confidential.

Banks and bankers give much time and attention to the training of their apprentices. The head of a big downtown institution was once giving a lecture on the work of the paying teller and, as Homer occasionally nodded, this man felt justified in lapsing, toward the end of his talk, into an informal narrative of some of his early experiences. He told of the natural reluctance of a bank to refuse to cash a check for one entitled to the money who might not be fully or regularly identified and of various ways in which an experienced teller satisfies himself of an applicant's good faith.

"Once a charming young woman presented a small check at my window," said the speaker. "She was transparently honest, but had no acquaintance in the bank nor any letters or other papers with her. I asked her if she had a handkerchief or some article of jewelry marked with her name or initials. After a moment's deep thought her face brightened and she asked: "Would an initialed garter buckle do?"

In the tumult that followed a budding financier near the back of the room raised his voice to ask, in a tone of detached scientific inquiry: "Did she get the money?"

"Young man," answered the great one. "I have to remind you that a bank's relations with its clients are often highly confidential."—Wall Street Journal.

UNMARRED BY PLOW'S TOUCH

Rolling Plains a Scene of Great Beauty Before the Advent of the Agriculturist.

Seventy years ago . . . Indians were Indians, and the plains were the plains indeed.

Those plains stretched out in limitless rolling swells of prairie until they met the blue sky that on every hand bent down to touch them. In spring brightly green, and spangled with wild flowers, by midsummer this prairie had grown sere and yellow. Clumps of dark-green cottonwoods marked the courses of the infrequent streams—for most of the year the only note of color in the landscape, except the brilliant sky. On the wide, level river bottoms, sheltered by the enclosing hills, the Indians pitched their conical skin lodges and lived their simple lives. If the camp were large the lodges stood in a wide circle, but if only a few families were together, they were scattered along the stream.

In the spring and early summer the rivers, swollen by the melting snows, were often deep and rapid, but a little later they shrank to a few narrow trickles running over a bed of sand, and sometimes the water sank wholly out of sight.—George Bird Grinnell.

Queer Drugs Once in Use.

Alchemy and medicine, as it was practiced in the early part of the Fifteenth century, had many strange beliefs. Among them was that a roasted mouse would cure cannon ball wounds if it was bound tightly to the fracture, and old blood could be made young again by transfusion. Every starbeam was thought to be a thread of light that ran directly to the head of some living man, and his fate was determined by its action. It was also believed that rock crystal was ice that had been buried a thousand years, and that gold was once lead, that after being buried 200 years changed to red arsenic and 200 years after that was changed to tin and then to silver and last to gold.

A favorite treatment for gout was a tea of daisy petals and cures were many, although the real secret was in the fact the physicians put the patient on a diet and a rest cure went with the flowers.

Mixture of Races in France.

The mixture of races that have constituted the French people of today has determined the principal physical characteristics of our people. Thus it has been found, writes the Paris correspondent of the Journal of the American Medical Association, that the average height for men is 165 cm. (5 feet 2 inches).

The observations indicate that 85.10 per cent of the French people have chestnut hair. The blonds are next in order, forming only 12.32 per cent of the population. Pure black hair is found in 1.83 per cent—that is, slightly more frequently than red hair, which altogether was found in only 0.72 per cent of cases.

Pure black hair, so rare in France, is the rule in certain Mediterranean countries (for instance, in definite regions of Spain). Very light blonds form the majority of the population of northern Europe.

Best Sprinkler.

Many persons must have noticed that the most diligent sprinkling of lawns and flowerbeds fails to impart to the grass and plants a vital stimulus equal to that that comes from a good shower of rain.

It is because rain, falling from a great height through the air, brings with it a considerable quantity of carbonic acid, of nitrogenous particles, and of other elements nutritious to plants, which it has washed out of the atmosphere. So a sprinkler used from the top of a tall building might be slightly more effective than when employed at the surface of the ground.

NEVER GAVE UP A PROSPECT

Salesman Would Wait but He Had No Idea of Losing Sight of a Possibility.

Some years ago I went into a store to inquire the price of something, an expensive thing this was, that I wanted to buy some day when I had the price, says a writer in the New York Herald. They were just as nice to me as they would have been if I had come in ready to buy and plunk down the cash.

Then for the time being I forgot all about it, but they didn't. About a year after my visit to the store the salesman I had seen there came in to see me. He was a very agreeable gentleman and in no way insistent; he had just looked in on the chance that now I was ready to buy; but my bank account hadn't looked up to any great extent and I was not ready, as I told him; but I added that when I was ready I would come in, and I would come to him.

That, I thought, ended it as far as hearing from them was concerned; but not so. A year later I had another call from the salesman, my friend, if he will now permit me so to call him, on the same errand; a pleasant call and a pleasant little talk, but with the same result as before; and now, a year to a day after that second call, he has been in to see me again. We had our usual pleasant little talk, and then I asked him:

"Don't you ever give up a prospect?" To which he answered, smilingly:

"We never give up a prospect till he dies."

Imprisoned in Coffins.

The most terrible prison in the world is in Urga, Mongolia. It consists of a triple stockade enclosing a number of underground dungeons which are pitch dark and almost devoid of ventilation. But this is not all. The wretched prisoners condemned to inhabit them are shut up separately in heavy, iron-clamped chests, in shape resembling coffins. There is a small hole in the side of each, just big enough for the poor wretch inside to thrust out his head or his manacled hands. They see daylight for but a few minutes daily, when their food is thrust into their box-prisons through the hole. They can not lie down flat, they can not sit, for they are not only manacled but chained to the coffins. The majority are in for life sentences, and no prisoner is ever allowed out of his box under any circumstances, except when he is to be executed or, as happens very rarely—to be set free.

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