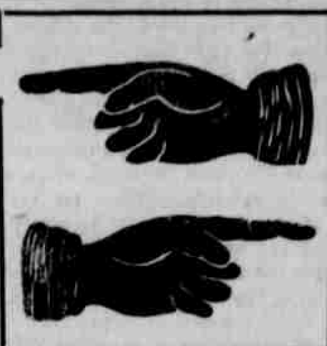


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### MEN OF IMMORTAL MEMORY

Many of the Works of the Greek Philosophers, Plato and Aristotle, Are Still Preserved.

Plato (427-347 B. C.), the celebrated Greek philosopher, taught that the true source of knowledge is the reason, observes an exchange. According to his teaching, we come to consciousness through innate ideas developed by contact with the outer world through senses. He distinguished between empirical knowledge and reason, and divided philosophy into logic, metaphysics and morals. He was the first to attempt the construction of philosophic language; to develop an abstract idea of knowledge and science; to state logically the properties of matter, form, substance, accident, cause and effect, reality and appearance; to describe the divinity as a being essentially good, and tell of his moral attributes. He taught that matter is an eternal and infinite principle; that God is the supreme intelligence, incorporeal, without beginning, end or change, and that the soul of man is immortal. Aristotle (384-322 B. C.), another celebrated Greek philosopher, was the pupil of Plato and the teacher of Alexander the Great. He makes logic the instrument by which all general knowledge is obtained. He enlarged the limits of philosophy to include all sciences except history. He taught that nature is a machine, active through deity or a first cause.

### CATFISH CLIMB SMOOTH WALL

Certain Species Equipped With a Peculiar Suction Apparatus That Makes Feat Really Easy.

An interesting account of the climbing catfish of Columbia (Arges marmoratus) was published a few years ago by R. D. O. Johnson. These fish can climb, by means of suction apparatus, not only up the steeply-inclined bed of mountain torrent, but even up a smooth, vertical surface. Mr. Johnson saw some of them climb a vertical distance of 18 feet in half an hour, up a wall of rock over which trickled a thin film of water.

In connection with a recent publication of this article, G. K. Noble states that other species of fish are known to climb in the same manner. Several of these occur in the Himalaya. Nemaichilus rupestris, and perhaps other species of mountain cyprinids, adhere to the rocks by means of their smooth ventral skin and enlarged lips. The silurid genera Pseudocheneis and Glyptosternum cling by means of a well-developed abdominal sucker.

The mountain torrents of the Himalaya form the nursery for many species of frogs. Their tadpoles, like the fish, have become adapted to their location; some cling by means of their lips and ventral musculature, while others possess a well-developed ventral sucker.—Scientific American.

### Was Sunday Your Birthday?

People born on this day may not live long, but will achieve many great things and win much renown while they do. They will learn many trades and will make and spend much money, their chief trouble coming through their marriage. They will be subject to headache, toothache and fever, and may be in danger from fire and plagues. They will be much beloved, will marry more than once and will be lucky in dealing with horses.

### Burmese Fond of Flowers.

Who would suspect that in the tropics, in sun-drenched Burma itself, there are acres of gardens given over to nothing else but the cultivation of roses? All through the hot weather, in Lower Burma, they flourish; not till the rains break are they beaten to earth and almost washed away. The Burmese are very fond of flowers; no Burmese house is without them; they are lavished on the pagodas, and women decorate their hair with them.

### Thackeray and Dickens.

It has often been observed that persons who care greatly for the writings of Dickens seldom care greatly for the writings of Thackeray, while those who care greatly for the writings of Thackeray seldom care greatly for the writings of Dickens. The reason is plain. Dickens deals with the masses, Thackeray with the classes; in the one we find democracy, in the other aristocracy.

### The Licensed Falsehood.

Every man, if he catches his son in a falsehood, will at least reprimand him. But the greater the falsehood the man's favorite statesman tells, the more apt he is to vote for him, and bothers others to vote for him.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

### Land of the Incas.

The Peruvian Central railroad is a wonderful monument to the science of railroad engineering, the climb being made through a system of "switchbacks" and having 54 tunnels in its trajectory. At one point, Tickle pass, it rises to an altitude of nearly 19,000 feet. The mines are rich in historical lore, having been operated in a primitive way by the Inca Indians a long time before the advent of Pizarro, the famous conquistador of Peru.

In the near vicinity of the mines are many ruins of old Inca temples and other evidences of a remote but well-developed form of civilization that dates back to ages that as yet have not been definitely established.

### Pointers for Aviators.

Prehistoric birds resembled the early airplanes in their small wing expanse and large tails, according to a British engineer, indicating that man's and nature's development work have been parallel. Flying fish are more likely than birds to yield information about soaring flight, in the opinion of another observer.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### May Be in Earnest.

"This burlesque queen says she's going to play Hamlet."  
"For why?"  
"She says she wants to do better work."  
"She's bluffing."  
"I don't think she's bluffing. She needn't hunt for an excuse to wear tights."

### Ordered Maypole Cut Down.

John Endicott was the Puritan who caused a Maypole at Salem, Mass., to be cut down. Sent to Salem by a settlement company, Endicott displayed his stern opposition to all "vain amusements" by cutting down a Maypole, which had been put up by an earlier settlement attempted at Cape Ann by Rev. John White, who had been rector of Trinity church, Rochester, England. Endicott named the place Salem, the Hebrew word for "peaceful," and lectured the people on the folly of amusements. He was a most rigid Puritan in thought and manner. Endicott was commissioned governor of the colony.

### Savages Give to Missions.

Two hundred boys from the Naga Hill tribes of Assam went to the war in France, and all were baptized into the Christian church while in the army. Upon returning home every one donated a month's pay to mission work as a thank offering for their preservation.

### House Names.

I liked the English habit of naming their houses; it shows the importance they attach to their homes. All about the suburbs of London and in the outlying villages I noticed nearly every house and cottage had some appropriate designation, as Terrace house, Oak-tree house, Ivy cottage, or some villa, etc., usually cut into the stone gate post, and this name is put on the address of the letters. How much better to be known by your name than by your number! I believe the same custom prevails in the country. . . . It is a good feature. A house or a farm with an appropriate name, which everybody recognizes, must have an added value and importance.—John Burroughs

### HOW ASIATICS TAME EAGLES

Spirits of Fierce Birds Are Broken by Deprivation of Sleep for Long Periods.

The Asiatic eagle is the golden eagle. It is a big bird, many pounds in weight, and exceedingly swift in flight, as well as fierce when attacked. Indeed, to see the natives on horseback carrying golden eagles on their arms is a strange sight, for the birds are usually tame, when one considers how they act when free.

The eagle fancier has a problem in taming, much less training, a golden eagle. The eagle hunter finds where an eagle frequently rests during the day. He climbs to this place and ties a live fox there, trailing the rope into some heaped-up stones to form a cavern in which he hides, firmly grasping the rope.

When the attention of the soaring eagle is attracted by the fox, the eagle drops down and kills it. So intent is the greedy bird on tearing his prey that he doesn't notice the dead fox is slowly being drawn along the rocks. When it is within easy reach the hunter casts a net over the eagle and secures him.

Kept absolutely in darkness, and with drums beating night and day so it cannot sleep, the spirit of the eagle is broken. When he shows signs of submission the trainer feeds him a little at a time and gradually wins his respect, if not his affection. With the passage of months the eagle attaches itself to the man who feeds and trains him.—Detroit News.

### IGNORED WEALTH UNDER FOOT

Spanish Treasure Seekers Mocked by Fate When They Overlooked Vast Mountain of Iron.

Near Mercado mountain, Mexico, a legend goes, Spanish soldiers slew an Aztec chief, who said that the hill was the upthrust finger of the Spirit of Fury, and that it would some day avenge the folly of Spain. The incident was in time related at court, and the fine men and women there laughed over it.

Like the gold seekers who overlooked the fortunes that were under their feet in the wonderful soil of the English portions of the United States, the Spanish silver sleuths looked with unseeing eyes upon a naked, blood-colored hill worth more than all they were to take out of Mexico and Peru in a century. Mercado used it to hang his name on, and rode away after the metal he had come to regard as the only form of real wealth.

Just what effect the discovery of this greatest body of iron ore above ground in the world would have had, had the explorers grasped its real value, is hard to say. But there is hardly a more mocking incident in history than that of the Spanish soldiers, when Spain was surfeited with silver and destitute of iron, circling around one of the most perfect iron supplies on the face of the earth, and cursing their luck because they had found nothing of value beyond the mountains.

### Ethics of Shoveling.

You can make a science out of anything. You may remember the old joke about the Irishman who said that Hogan was a good shoveler, but he wasn't what you'd call a fancy shoveler.

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eler. A big plant that manufactures shovels has made a study of shovelology and has unearthed some interesting facts. For instance, a good shoveler should pick up a heavier load than 21 pounds. A good shoveler should not throw further than ten feet horizontally or eight feet vertically. Shovelers should have two ten-minute periods of complete relaxation every two hours. Shovelers should work in pairs, not alone. Two men together will shovel twice as much as two alone. Now, spit on your hands and go to it!—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### First American Stock Market.

The first congress of the United States, while in session in Federal hall on Wall street, New York, in 1788-89, authorized and subsequently issued bonds (then called stock) amounting to \$80,000,000 for the purpose of discharging debts incurred by the Continental congress and the various colonies. This naturally led to orders for the purchase and sale of these bonds being sent to New York. These orders first came to merchants, attorneys and others, but later, as the transactions increased, some men began to give special attention to this business, becoming the first brokers in America.

### Science and Theory.

Theorists may disagree, but not scientists. Science means knowledge and men are scientists only to the extent of their absolute knowledge. The true scientist will never ask that you accept his opinion; he only asks that you accept his facts.—Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins.

### Foolish Question No. 8,427.

No, Roger, we should not call it a case of heredity when a hard-headed business man has a bonehead son.—Boston Transcript.

Japanese Idea of Tea. The first thing which happens when you pay a call in Japan, he it a business or social call, is the arrival of a cup of clear Japan tea, and the second and third things which happen are the arrival of the second and third cups. writes Julian Street in McClure's. The tea of Japan is green tea, and it is taken without cream or sugar from cups having no handles. Such tea is made with hot—not boiling—water. Tea in its highest sense is not a beverage, but a creed, a ritual, a philosophy.

Remarkable Family. A woman with six young "hopefuls" of assorted sizes entered the day coach. She selected a double seat and occupied one-half herself. The oldest child lay down on the opposite seat and the other five sat on his prostrate body. By and by the conductor appeared, and upon being handed one full-fare ticket he sized up the little group and said: "You'll have to pay for some of these children. What is the age of the oldest?" To which the lady answered artly: "Go on with ye; the oldest one's under five."

Famous Old Pohick Church. Pohick church, Fairfax county, Virginia, seven miles from Mount Vernon, was built in 1773 from plans drawn by General Washington, who was a vestryman for 20 years. The church was used as a stable during the Civil war, but has lately been restored and is now practically in its original condition.

Truth Breaks in at Last. Marriage teaches us that it is a darn sight easier to follow a woman than it is to lead her.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

Mistaken in His Ideas. "Occasionally," said Senator Sorghum, "a politician honestly thinks he is saving the country when he is in reality engaged with all his might in self-preservation."

Bears and Telephone Poles. Every telephone and telegraph pole in the remote districts of Norway has to be constantly watched on account of the bears, which have a mania for climbing the poles and sitting on the cross bars, swaying backward and forward until the pole falls.

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