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FREAKS FOR FAIR

CURIOUS PROPOSITIONS MADE TO THE OFFICIALS

Some Are Accepted, but Many Are Rejected—The Airship Enthusiast Is Always in Evidence—Monstrosities and Relics Are Being Continually Offered.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—Many curious suggestions for features at the approaching world's fair are being received by the exposition officials. Occasionally some of these are accepted, but by far the majority of them are "turned down."

Miss Belle Harvey of Bowers Mills, Mo., one of a family of four, all of whose members have a curious birthmark, offers to exhibit the family at the fair. "We are three sisters and a baby 2 years," she writes. "All of us have black hair with a large lock of pure white hair beginning just above our forehead and running back a ways. The flesh under this hair is pure white and runs down on our foreheads beyond the hair. It never tans or sunburns like the rest of our flesh. The white spot is so large and forms such a contrast to the dark part of our hair that it makes a very remarkable sight. We are the wonder of all who see us. It is a family inheritance. Our ages are 23, 21, 19 and 2 years."

Mrs. Laura Proctor, of Auxvasse, Mo., writes to the "Secretary of the Relief Department" that she wishes to sell or exhibit at the exposition the "watch key" or General Jackson.

Clinton Cox, of Youngstown, O., wishes to show at the fair a six-legged steer. "The animal," he says, "weighs 1,300 pounds at two and a half years of age. The freak legs are 22 inches long, 2 inches thick and grow from the top of the shoulders of the animal."

John B. Cayo, of Hoxie, Ark., sends drawings of an airship which he declares will "travel forward at greater speed than an express train." He wishes to interest capital in the airship so that it may be constructed in time for the competitions at the fair. The machine, according to the drawings, has a gas reservoir, beneath which is suspended a platform for the machinery. This consists of an engine, of no specified character, which drives a fan by means of a belt, the fan producing a current of air which strikes the propeller of the airship. "This," says the writer, "gives ample power for forward propulsion. The original ship will have one of these propellers at every 12 feet on each bulwark throughout its length. In this way I can get all the power I want."

IDAHO'S BUNGALOW.

Most Unique Building to Be Erected at St. Louis Fair.

Somewhat different from the other state buildings is the structure that Idaho is erecting at the world's fair. It is unique, handsome, comfortable and attractive, says a Boise paper.

It is an original design, and stands on the hill overlooking the agricultural and horticulture palaces. It has for neighbors the California and Illinois state buildings.

The building is 60 feet square and one story high. It is designed along the lines of a bungalow, with clean-cut, plain outlines. The exterior walls are cream-colored stucco, and the roof of red Spanish tiling. The arrangement of the interior is that of a Spanish hacienda, the ten rooms being arranged on the four sides of an open court or patio. In the center of the court will be a beautiful fountain, surrounded by inviting flower gardens.

The building will be an exhibit showing the richness of Idaho's forests, for all the rooms will be finished in the natural wood, and each room will possess a different finish. It will be a state club house, where each visitor to the world's fair from that state may be sure of finding a hearty welcome and an ideal resting place.

Idaho in presenting her resources at the world's fair will concentrate her exhibits in the departments of agriculture, horticulture and mines and metallurgy. Executive Commissioner Hurtt has scoured the state and he promises to have a show that will be a revelation.

In the mines department Idaho will exhibit the largest and richest nugget ever mined. This was taken in August, 1903, from the Coeur d'Alene mines, and weighs ten tons. It contains 30 per cent pure silver and 60 per cent lead. If placed on the market the great nugget would bring for its metal value alone many thousand dollars.

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DO NOT FEAR MASSACRE.

Threatened Slaughter of Jews is Not Anticipated.

Washington, Jan. 7.—According to the Russian calendar today is Christmas day and the date set by alarmist reports for a second great massacre of Jews at Kishinef. In response to popular demand, the state department recently sent inquiries to the American diplomatic and consu-

lar agents throughout Europe asking what grounds if any existed for the rumors of impending massacres.

The replies to these inquiries would indicate that no foundation whatever exists for the widespread apprehension among the people of the Jewish race. If any further ill-treatment or killing of the Jews had been contemplated it is believed that the agitation in the United States and England over the first massacre would cause the Russian government to take vigorous steps to prevent any further slaughter of the helpless people.

The Musical Guamites.

The Guamites are a musical people. The well to do own pianos and are fair musicians. Others have organs, and many, many more possess accordions. They enjoy singing and are fond of American popular songs. Their own songs are rather weird and mournful, though always harmonious. At night the voices rise in sharp, nasal tones, singing the "novena," a term applied to nine days of special worship to some particular saint. Novenas are ever in evidence, for no sooner do they finish with one than it is time for another to begin; consequently "neighborhood sings" are frequent.

The accordions are pleasing to the natives at their dances and fandangoes or weddings. These latter always occur Thursday mornings at 4 o'clock. The names are cried in the church three times before the wedding. Wednesday evening there is a social gathering of the families and friends of the bride and bridegroom, with dancing and refreshments. Guests accompany the happy pair to the church, where the priest unites them. Often there are three or four weddings on the same morning, and happiness reigns supreme.—Independent.

Origin of the Wedding Ring.

The wedding ring is the subject of quaint historical facts and endless superstitions. It was probably chosen as the symbol of marriage more for convenience than anything else. It is supposed to be a symbol of unbroken love and of power and to carry special curative virtues with it. The old good luck saying about it is, "As your wedding ring wears your cares will wear away." The ancients, Pliny among the rest, believed that a delicate nerve ran directly from the "ring finger" to the heart and that the ring placed on that finger was very closely connected with the heart. In early Christian marriages the bridegroom put the ring first on the bride's thumb, then on the first finger, then on the second and last of all on the third, saying as he did, "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." The thumb and first two fingers represented the trinity, the next finger was the one the ring was left on, to show that, next to God, a woman's duty was to her husband.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Hardly Complimentary.

A certain author, having explained the nature of his occupation to an old Manx woman, was hardly prepared for the comment, "Well, what does it matter so long as a body makes his livin' honestly?" the words being evidently meant to put him on better terms with himself. But worse still fared an English clergyman, for some time vicar of a Manx parish and from ignorance of the people and their ways not a very popular one. Having received preferment elsewhere, he started on a round of farewell visits, but without bearing a single regret.

At last one old woman told him she was "mortal sorry." In his delight the vicar let curiosity outrun discretion, and he asked for her reason. "Well," said she, with touching candor, "we've had a lot o' passins over here from England, and each one has been worse than the last, and after you're gone I'm afeared they'll be sevin' us the devil himself."

The vicar left hurriedly.—London Saturday Review.

Veneration For a Single Hair.

Look at the veneration paid in Asia to even a single hair of the beard of Mohammed. This precious relic is enshrined in a monument erected especially for it in 1135, 500 years after the prophet's death. Where it had reposed during the long interval is as great a mystery as that connected with the holy coat of Treves. But at any rate there it is now, a precious "hair"-loom kept in a box of gold and crystal, in which small holes have been bored for the purpose of admitting water to float the blessed hair, which is done at an annual festival when the faithful from all parts are gathered together.—English Magazine.

A Pleasant Prospect.

A young man named Mooney enlisted in the army. After he had been in India for about five months he received a pathetic letter from his parents which said that if he did not send them some money they would be forced to go to the workhouse.

The young man sat down and answered the letter as follows: "Dear Father and Mother—Try to keep out of the workhouse for six years and seven months until I come home, and then the three of us will go in together."—London Tit-Bits.

The Value of Science.

Science is a first rate piece of furniture for a man's upper chamber if he has common sense on the ground floor, but if a man hasn't plenty of good common sense the more science he has the worse for the patient.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Tooth.

Bobby—My gran'ma's so old she ain't got a tooth in her head.
Tommy—Ain't she? Well, mebbe they're in her bureau drawer, like my Aunt Tillie's is sometimes.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

ARE THE AMERICANS A SELFISH PEOPLE?

A distinguished visitor now within the gates of Denver is N. Dou Bay, the interesting Russian sociologist, who is making a tour of the world on foot, says the Denver Post.

He left Russia in 1893 and he has been traveling ever since, walking all the way. Sometimes he worked and again he delivered lectures to pay his way. Since he started he has traveled 52,000 miles. On his return to his country he will write a book detailing his adventures and observations in other countries.

Followed Star of Empire.

Manchuria, Korea, Formosa, Siam were all included in his itinerary. Reaching British India he studied for a year and seven months its strange people and their stranger customs. British Afghanistan, Persia and North Africa were visited next. Malta, Gibraltar, Spain, Portugal marked his route to Paris and the exposition. After travels through England, Ireland and Scotland, he sailed for America on the ill-fated Lusitania, which was wrecked on the coast of Newfoundland. The passengers were rescued and N. Dou Bay found himself in Quebec, from which place he walked to Montreal.

The Buffalo exposition next engaged his attention and then he went on to New York. Finally the continent was traversed and he arrived in San Francisco, Victoria, Seattle, Portland and Sacramento have also been visited. Through Arizona and Mexico he has come to Colorado.

route to the world's fair at St. Louis. Every country in South America and Australia must be seen before the pilgrimage is finished.

"I have promised my heart to visit every country in the world before I rest," declared this interesting pilgrim to a chance acquaintance today.

Thinks Americans Selfish.

"What do you think of this country and its people?" he was asked. "I like the country much, especially California, but the people—the people seem to me very selfish. Every man tries to fool and rob every other man and the one who succeeds is called smart and intelligent."

"What do you think of the prospective war between Russia and Japan?"

"I am a man of peace, do not believe in war and think the day is coming when there will be no war, no kings; a time when all men will live together as harmoniously as the birds. Now, the Russian soldier fights because the czar commands it. The American soldier kills for money and neither does right."

"What have you to show for your long journey?"

"Well, I have four and a half volumes which I have sent to my good friend, the professor in Russia, to have translated from the Russian into French; 5,000 stamps from all the countries of the world; 3,000 old coins and many other curiosities. If I should die while traveling about these are to be sold and the money to go to the education of the poor in the Russian schools. If I live to return to Russia, I will give one-half that I own to the same good cause."

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These parts are then assembled as they are needed in another department, where they are put together by experts, who handle them as easily and almost as unconsciously as a great pianist will strike the keys of his piano. The completed watch is tested and timed, and then, strange to say, is put into a refrigerator with the temperature below freezing point and kept there for a number of days to cool off.

After it has been frozen the watch is taken to a furnace, where it is allowed to lie for several days more in a temperature of 95 degrees. This particular discipline is intended to teach the watch that it must not mind changes of weather, and that the steel and other metals of which it is made must not allow themselves to contract or expand by cold or by heat. You can learn a good deal in a watch factory.—From an article by William E. Curtis in Chicago Record-Herald.

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