

Curios Made From Prisoners' Skin Discovered in Germany

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(United Press War Correspondent)
Buchenswald, Germany, April 21 (Delayed) (U)—The lampshade was made from the skin from a man's chest.

Alongside were book bindings, bookmarkers, and other ornamental pieces—all made from human skin, too.

I saw them today. I could see the pores and the tiny unquestionably human skin lines.

I touched the lampshade. It felt smooth, and clung to my touch. The skin was about one-sixteenth of an inch thick.

The lampshade and other articles had been made from the skin of prisoners in this notorious Nazi hellhole on the orders of the wife of the camp commandant.

"She was a great admirer of tato work," said a Dutch engineer technician who had served 12 months here. "She would have prisoners with tato work on them line up shirtless. Then she would pick a design or mark she particularly liked. That prisoner would be executed and his skin made into an ornament."

The lampshade was about two feet in diameter at the bottom, about 18 inches high, and made of five panels each about nine inches wide. It was a delicate cream color. Some of the panels were tattooed with nude figures; the others were plain.

Another "item" which apparently was used merely as a wall ornament was an entire male chest, completely plain and undesigned. I could see clearly the nipples and navel marks, which made tiny marks in the smooth surface, somewhat like knotholes in a wood panel.

"This is not at all unusual," said the Dutchman. "It's just another instance of the lack of value the Nazis put on human life. They used humans as guinea pigs in experiments of typhus treatments, on restoring sight and hearing, and in treating burns.

"They'd destroy the hearing of a prisoner, or put out his eye, and leave him like that for weeks. Then they'd try to restore his sight or hearing. Sometimes they failed, sometimes they succeeded, but the experiment always ended with the victim's execution."

"Sometimes," the Dutchman continued, "they would put acid powder on a man's arm, letting it burn him to the bone, then experiment in treatments for it.

"They also experimented in sterilization. In one camp section they kept a group of girls for these tests. They always were

Mines Planted

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well-fed and well-treated and had every comfort and luxury they could want. But about one hundred of these girls died every month from the experiments.

"The Nazis permitted prisoners to have children because they were making experiments in twins. Many of the children were killed because they are 'nulsances.' But they always cared well for twins, for their emperments."

on a German city in a single allied raid. Including demolition bombs, however, the European bombardments occasionally were heavier.

A nine-square-mile area of Nagoya ignited nearly 72 hours earlier still was smoking when the first of the Superfortresses swept over the city today at 3 a.m. Japanese time.

For the next hour and a half, the big bombers unloaded their deadly cargoes at the rate of nearly 40 tons a minute on the largest target area yet chosen for an obliteration attack.

Big Area Covered
Up and down and across an area extending for more than four miles along the estuary from the Nagoya waterfront, the Superfortresses strewed death and destruction.

The huge Mitsubishi aircraft plant, largest of its kind in the world, and five other major Japanese war factories lay within the target area, along with less important war works, transportation facilities, warehouses, storage areas, and workers' home industries.

A Japanese communique said fires destroyed part of the roof of the main hall of the Atsuta shrine and a portion of the shrine annex. Most of the fires were controlled by dawn, the broadcast said. It claimed nine Superfortresses were shot down and 32 damaged out of a force it estimated at 100.

A new commercial electric vehicle which, without wires, picks up electricity for its motors from under the ground is reported from Russia; the power is from high-frequency current in an electric-magnetic field formed around conductors placed at intervals underground.

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CAMP FIRE GIRLS

FORGET-ME-NOT BLUE BIRDS
A new group of Blue Birds was organized last week at the home of their guardian, Mrs. William Lindgren. These little girls are second graders at Kenwood. At their meeting Tuesday they chose the name of Forget-Me-Nots for their group. The officers of this group are: Patricia Crawford, president; Shirley Jean Edmison, vice president; Helen Lindgren, secretary; Mardee Dowsett, treasurer. Other members of the group are: Alice Richards, Ruth Jean Eisenbach, Marlene Sherard and Kay Ballantyne. The girls are studying the common flowers and learning folk dances and songs.

PINE BLUEBIRDS
Members of the Pine Blue Birds went on a nature hike last week. The girls took sandwiches and a drink and hiked up on Awbrey butte. They were accompanied by Barbara Blakley. Although the girls were caught in a shower, they all reported a wonderful time.

DAKONYA
New officers have been chosen by members of the Dakonya group. They are: Adella Bartlett, president; Juanita Turner, vice president; Joan Fuls, secretary; Dolores Wilde, treasurer; Thelma Blalock, scribe; Virginia Rhodes, sergeant at arms. The girls voted to meet at the homes of the various members from now on, each girl taking her turn entertaining the group.

GROUP MEETINGS
Monday
Katawasteya — Miss Harriet Harris, high school, 3:50 p. m.
Dakonya — Mrs. Rella Henry, 319 Slemore, 3:50 p. m.
Tanda — Mrs. W. G. Coleman, 1471 West Third, 3:45 p. m.

Tuesday
Unalloyee — Miss Jean Webster, Reid school, 4 p. m.
Wednesday
Wahanka — Mrs. Gail Baker, Kenwood school, 3:45 p. m.
Vetomachick — Mrs. Don Pri-meau, Carroll Acres, 4 p. m.
Pine Bluebirds — Mrs. Gale Blak-ley, 1317 Harmon, 3:45 p. m.
Oregon Trail Bluebirds — Mrs. Carl Erickson, 211 Drake road, 3:45 p. m.
Juniper Jays — Mrs. Claude Cook, 214 Vine lane, 3:45 p. m.
Camp Fire — Mrs. Fred Spivey, 508 Hill, 3:45 p. m.
Thursday
Cheskchamay — Mrs. Clifford Brown, 1237 Cumberland, 3:45 p. m.
Bluebell Bluebirds — Rosella Knight, Reid school, 3:45 p. m.
Otawateca — Mrs. E. W. Will-iamson, 27 Glen road, 3:45 p. m.
Friday
Iyopta — Mrs. Rees Brooks, 814 Harmon, 3:45 p. m.
Happy Times Bluebirds — Miss Charlotte Mullins, Reid school, 3:30 p. m.

Old Warrior, Now 65, Heeds Call Once Again

Santa Rosa Army Air Base, Santa Rosa, Cal. (U)—He's 65 years old, saw action in the Spanish-American war, and retired from the United States army a major after world war I, but he's back at it again, this time a chief clerk at the field's commissary.

He's M/Sgt. Luther B. Stewart, who saw action with the Second cavalry in the Cuban campaign, and fought with the 14th cavalry in the Philippines.

Stewart worked up through the ranks in world war I, performing every duty from KP to post commander. When his son, Jack, enlisted in the air corps just before Pearl Harbor, he felt the call to duty again and was accepted for service November, 1942. This makes his fifth fracas.

G.I.'S IN WAR PLANT
New York (U)—Fifteen United States soldiers granted leave to help increase armament production recently went to work in the Morey Machinery Co., Astoria, Queens. In addition to their army pay, they receive from 90 cents to \$1.15 an hour. As they were machinists before they entered



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the army and saw service in Europe and Africa, they joined the union, although they were informed that they did not necessarily have to, although the Morey plant is a closed shop. They were believed to be the first of 4,000 servicemen to be placed in war production plants in the New York area.

\$22,500 PAPER BAG
Portland, Ind. (U)—For 10 years Henry W. Shindollar, a former schoolteacher and oil operator, carried a brown paper sack along with him, always giving the impression he had his lunch in it.

When he became fatally ill recently, he turned the bag over to a local banker, Lewis Hoover, who found \$22,500 in currency in it. The bills were all \$500 and \$1,000 ones, each carefully wrapped. The will inside the sack said all the money was to go to charity.

AH, LOVE
Indianapolis, Ind. (U)—Martin Minton, parking attendant, blushed when police cars walled to a stop at his downtown lot. Their appearance was a matter of moments after he'd broken a telephone conversation with his girl friend by saying, "I'm being held

up." But what he meant was that customers had arrived just then.

Certain chemicals introduced into the rising sap in a tree make easier the peeling of the bark from the log when the tree is felled, and the process may be widely used in the future; sodium and ammonium salts are used.

Forty-five students are enrolled in a course in placer mining in the University of Alaska, and over 300 are enrolled in a single high-school extension class in the same subject.

SEE JANET BLAIR IN "TARS AND SPARS" A COLUMBIA PICTURE

Catch Janet Blair .. she's on a tear!

Here's your chance to play the M. J. B. Coffee-Quiz game with one of Hollywood's most charming young stars! And even if the lady wins, you're still ahead... because you'll know new facts about coffee! Just read through the questions below, picking an answer for each. Then look at Janet Blair's score and the check-list of correct answers.

- Q. The first printed advertisement for coffee, a handbill, is preserved in...
 - U.S. Library of Congress
 - British Museum
 - Davy Jones' Locker
- Q. Your great, great grandmother might have advised settling coffee grounds with...
 - codfish skin
 - oyster shells
 - a four leaf clover
- Q. One easy way to win a reputation for setting a good table is to...
 - provide individual salt shakers
 - ask guests to make a speech
 - serve mellow-rich M.J.B. Coffee
- Q. Wood of the coffee tree is best described by which of the following phrases?
 - dark, easy to bend
 - speckled and porous
 - white, fine-grained

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