

1921 SUGAR CROP BEING PREDICTED

Honolulu—There are prospects for enormous sugar crop in Hawaii 21, when comparatively low prevailing according to a re-

MADE INNOVATION IN ART

Fra Angelico the First Painter to Depict Angels as Being of the Gentler Sex.

Fra Angelico was the first painter who ventured to depict angels of the gentler sex. This was deemed a bold and un-

PERSIA LAND OF CULTURE

Has Been a Favored Region From the Very Earliest Age—Capital Beautiful in Ruin.

Persia ranks among the foremost of ancient nations that have exercised the greatest influence on the fates of Europe. It has been a region of culture from the earliest age, where traces of the pure religion of Zoroastrianism which he brought among the nations from Mount Alborz, may still be recognized.

Legend of the Lotus.

The lotus is closely identified with the ancient Egyptian religion, and was dedicated to Osiris, the Egyptian deity of approaching a temple without three of the blossoms in his hand.

"Down East" Expressions.

When a South county farmer is tiring from laborious work, he announces that he is "most dead beat" or "bushed" and asks some one to "spell" him—to relieve him by taking a turn at the work.

A Fair Trade.

"That's a beautiful bus," said the salesman, all carried away with his own eulogy of the car. "Of course, there may be some little thing that it needs, but that's to be expected."

THE BURGLAR

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Peggy lay in her white bed, wakeful and staring at the moon. It was awesome of course, to be entirely alone at this silent hour of the night, in an old mansion on an unfrequented suburban road.

Robert took with him a legacy left by his mother, and it was supposed that like a prodigal he would return when that legacy was exhausted.

VAQUE ABOUT "RED" LEADERS

But Young Bolshevik Soldier Had Heard of Trotsky, and Incidentally of Lenin.

I have just had a talk with a Bolshevik soldier, captured by the Poles when he was participating in a bold scouting enterprise. He is a young man twenty-one years old, coming from one of the interior departments of Russia.

Discipline, he said, was very good in the Bolshevik army; still they did not obey orders because they were orders, but "as a matter of conscience."

He had never seen a general or any of the higher officers, but he knew the commander in chief was called Trotsky, and that there was another head man. He pondered a moment trying to recall who the second one was, and then suddenly remembered, "Lenine."

He kept saying "Everyone on our side is a Bolshevik," and seemed to be impressed with the great power and authority of the Bolsheviks. When asked who Trotsky was he replied, "A very popular Jew."

HAS AN IDEA SON WAS RIGHT

Circumstances Brought Wife of United States Senator to Acquiesce in Youth's Philosophy.

Senator Miles Poindexter, from the state of Washington, used to live on a ranch. One hot day he was in the garden weeding onions, when Mrs. Poindexter came across her eleven-year-old son Gale comfortably ensconced on the front porch enjoying the cool shade and a good book.

"Why, Gale?" she cried, "aren't you ashamed of yourself to sit here and read while your poor father is out there working in all that heat? Go and help him this minute!"

About an hour later Mrs. Poindexter heard a low whistle from the onion patch, and before she could take in its significance father and son had disappeared down the hill in the direction of the swimming hole.

In telling the story Mrs. Poindexter said: "I don't know but what Gale's philosophy was the best. Today as a young naval officer he is sailing the high seas; while his father—well, his father is still weeding onions!"

A strange counterfeit turned up at a Washington bank recently—queer because it was a bogus \$5 gold coin and worth about eight times as much as the genuine because it is made of platinum.

The spurious coin was made about fifty years ago and bears the date of 1869. Musty archives of the secret service contain a record of the species and the case is marked "closed."

Great Baby Shrinkage.

Doctor Johnson's dictum that "births at all times bear the same proportion to the same number of people" looks rather like a wide shot in the presence of a row of figures just published by the Cambridge University Press.

The Average Hair Crop.

The Bible tells us that the hairs of our head are numbered, but it does not tell us even the approximate number to a square inch.

But some one has figured this out for us. He counted the hairs in a square inch on many heads.

On the average head there are a thousand hairs to each square inch. Find out the number of square inches in your scalp and you will soon know the approximate number of hairs on it.

We are also told that four hairs will suspend a one-pound weight. Therefore an average head of hair should be able to support the combined weight of two hundred people. Don't try it.—Popular Science Monthly.

HOME CONGESTION MENACES HEALTH

Washington, Jan. 10 — Estimates placing the shortage of houses in America more than one million two hundred fifty thousand will be placed before the national council of the chamber of commerce of the United States at a meeting to be held in Washington, January 27th and 28th, which will discuss measures to relieve the situation.

The housing shortage, according to John Hilder, manager of the national chamber's civic development department, has reached a point where four million persons are inadequately housed. Hilder is helping in the preparation of a program for the conference, which will bring representatives of the 1400 industrial and commercial organizations making up the national chamber's membership. He has made a close study of the housing problem.

"For a number of years prior to the world war," said Hilder recently, "it is conservatively estimated that there were erected in the United States between 350,000 and 400,000 family dwellings in a year. This includes homes and apartments. During the war construction of houses was practically at a standstill with the exception of what building was done by the government. As a result of this we came out of the war far behind our regular building program. The situation has not improved a great deal since the signing of the armistice except for a brief spurt early in 1919, because those who contemplated building homes put it off until prices should become stabilized.

"In 1919 it is estimated that there were built only about 70,000 houses in the United States, while the number erected during 1920 will probably turn out to have been even smaller than that figure.

"While it is true there are many houses for sale, these are nearly all now occupied by tenants. The number of houses for rent in most communities is practically nil and the majority of these houses are not suitable for the needs of the average wage earner. A man with an income of \$5000 a year or more doesn't have much trouble getting desirable quarters as the wage earner who cannot afford to pay high rents. The wage earner and those earning small salaries are the ones who are hit hardest by the housing shortage. It is for these folks that decent homes must be built.

"Meanwhile they, as well as many with larger incomes, are doubling up or taking in lodgers. Increased rents too have caused many families to share their quarters with outsiders, so we have the anomaly of a block or an apartment house containing a larger number of people than it ever did in the past, yet with an occasional house or apartment vacant because those needing better quarters can't afford to pay any higher rents. The overcrowding of rooms is viewed with anxiety by the public health officials who realize how infectious diseases spread under such conditions."

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He Got the Spirit.

There's a suburban home whose owner's principal delight is in keeping it spic and span. After dinner he and a guest were smoking on the front porch. The guest, after lighting his cigar, threw the burned match to the ground.

"Oh, I wouldn't do that, George," said the host.

"Why not," asked the guest, surprised.

"It spoils the appearance of a place," was the answer. "It's just those little things which make a place look bad."

The guest smoked his cigar in silence for a minute. Then without a word, he got up from his chair walked down to the road and disappeared.

He returned in a short while and his host asked:

"Why, where have you been, George?"

"Oh, I just went down to spit in the river," said George.—Everybody's.

Impressible. Judge — And for the levity you have shown during your trial I shall give you an additional fine of \$10. How does that suit you?

Prisoner — "That's what I would call extra fine."—Boston Transcript.

Promise "How should I manage a campaign?" "Promise anything."

"I mean to win a girl—not office." "The same rule applies."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Unexpected Reply. "Woodman, spare that tree," cried the poet.

"All right. No more wood pulp, no more paper, no more poetry."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Dangerous Height. Baby's Mother—"What do you think of the new nursemaid, George?"

Baby's Father—"She looks capable, my dear; but she is so terribly tall. Think what a distance poor baby will have to fall when she drops him!"—Answers.

Holland's Three-Wheeled Car. A popular type of light automobile in Holland has three wheels with a single cylinder motor over the one in front, and is steered with a lever.

How About It? The less you think about what you did yesterday, the more time you'll have to plan what you ought to do tomorrow.

Some Days Never Arrive. The campaign against high cost was like the old dodge of the Chicago saloon keeper. He hung out a sign, "Free Beer Tomorrow." Men who saw it came in the next day for the free beer and the bartender politely told them to get out and read the sign again.

It is proposed to supply paper handkerchiefs free to London school children who are not so equipped.