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OMENS SAID TO INSURE LUCK

happenings That Foretell Coming Good Fortune Are Worth Keeping In the Memory.

We must all have noticed how many unlucky omens there are, and how few signs that foretell good fortune. It has been well explained that we need to be prepared for bad luck, but that good fortune does not require to be guarded against.

All the same, it would certainly add to the cheerfulness of life in general if lucky omens were more widely known, says London Answers. How much brighter things look to us if we have reason to hope that something good is coming to us!

Everybody, of course, knows that it is lucky to pick up a bit of iron or coal. So it is to pick up a pin if its head is toward you; if not, let it lie!

It is, of course, a sign of good fortune to put on some garment inside out, but only if it is done by accident, and the garment is allowed to remain reversed during the day. William the Conqueror put on his mail-shirt back to front on the morning of the battle of Hastings, and we all know what luck he had on that occasion!

If you find your keys or other steel articles rusting, do not be annoyed about it; it only shows that somebody is putting money by for you.

It is lucky to be followed home by a stray dog. Still better it is if a strange cat comes to stay at the house. Speaking of cats, pessimists, of course, assert that when they tear the furniture with their claws, it is a sign of rain; but others hold that they are "scratching luck" to their masters.

NOT ALL INDULGE IN KISS

Many People Know Nothing of Occasion, at Least as Masculine Form of Greeting.

The kiss, which appears constantly in Semitic and Aryan antiquity, as in the Book of Genesis, "The Odyssey," and in Herodotus' description of the Persians of his time kissing one another, and which is still prevailing even among men in France and the Slav countries, relates a writer in the Louisville Courier-Journal, seems to be unknown over the entire world, where the prevailing salute is that of snuffing or smelling which belongs to the Polynesians, Malays, Burmese and other Chinese, Mongols, etc., extending thence eastward to the Eskimo and westward to Lapland, where Lynnaeus saw relatives saluting by putting their noses together.

Among the manners and customs of the French allies in France, which most American soldiers "over there" saw for the first time, nothing probably seemed stranger to them than the practice of kissing among men.

As for the custom of kissing men on both cheeks, that has come down from the days when young French noblemen, about to be knighted for some valiant deed, spent 24 hours in solitude and prayer and then came forth, kneel, received the stroke of the sword across their backs and were kissed by the knight who was conferring knighthood. Napoleon, when he formed the Legion of Honor, eliminated many of the old customs, keeping the touch of the sword and the kiss.

History of Brooklyn Bridge.
Brooklyn bridge, the first bridge to span the East river, is over a mile in length and cost to date more than \$25,000,000, estimates the Automobile Blue Book. It has been numbered among the seven wonders of the world. Designed by John A. Roebling, this masterpiece in engineering was started January, 1870, and opened to traffic May, 1883. During the preliminary work John Roebling met his death. His son, William A., took up the task of completion. He was subsequently seriously injured by fire while in one of the caissons and became an invalid. In compliance with his wish he was stationed in a home on the heights of Brooklyn, from which, with the aid of a telescope and the assistance of his wife, he directed the work from his window until the last rivet was driven.

WHICH IS CRUSOE'S ISLAND?

Opinion Seems to Favor Tobago Above the Claims Made by Adherents of Juan Fernandez.

For many years Juan Fernandez, a Chilean island off the eastern coast of South America, was known as Crusoe's island, because another adventurer had spent five years there in solitude, and it was thought for some time that Defoe had recorded this hermit's experience. But following Crusoe's directions that he landed on an island in a latitude of 11 degrees nearer the mouth of the Orinoco river, and in sight of the island of Trinidad, one comes upon the island of Tobago, the only one answering the description.

An interesting discovery which gave prominence to Tobago as the real Crusoe's island occurred some years ago, when the skeleton of a goat was unearthed in a cave on the island. This coincided remarkably with Crusoe's statement that he found a dying goat in a hillside cave and later buried it there. "Crusoe's goat" became for a time an object of great popular interest and figured as a prominent exhibit at the Chicago World's fair.

Tobago's failure to obtain greater recognition of its importance as the "only authentic Robinson Crusoe island" is doubtless due to the fact that it is a retiring little island, concerned chiefly with its plantations and trade. Leaving Crusoe out altogether, Tobago has had an eventful history, from the time it was discovered by Columbus, on his third voyage, until England took it from France in 1803, and started to turn it into a profitable colony.

REPEATED HIS GREAT WORK

When Thomas Carlyle Proved Invaluable to the "Slings and Arrows of Outrageous Fortune."

In 1835 there occurred an incident which would have deranged an ordinary man. Thomas Carlyle was living at 5 Cheyne row, Chelsea, near London. He had not earned a penny, says he to himself, "by the craft of literature for 23 months." But with the push of a finger he was plowing his way through his "History of the French Revolution." The first volume was finished. It had taken him five months to write it. He loaned the Ms. to John Stuart Mill. On a certain morning Mill called upon Carlyle, his face as white as ashes. After two hours of awkward fumbling Mill managed to tell it—he had left the priceless Ms. on a desk and the housemaid had taken it to light, the morning fire in the grate! Carlyle was like a stricken man. But one day, as he sat dumbly at his window, he saw cheery bricklayers building a house, brick by brick. He burst into tears and, sobbing like a child, he cried: "I, too, can bring back thought by thought!" He did. He recalled all of the Ms. and rewrote it. What torture!

Snow Houses in the Arctic.

A snow house is the most adaptable of dwellings. If it gets too warm either for the comfort of the inhabitants or because the roof begins to thaw, you can lower the temperature by enlarging the ventilating hole with your knife. If it gets too cold, you make the hole smaller by stuffing a mitten into it. If the roof begins to thaw because it is made of blocks that are too thick, you send a man out with a long knife or machete, and he thins them down until the frost without neutralizes the heat from within, and the thawing stops. But if you have made your roof too thin, and hoar-frost begins to form from your breath and from the steam that rises from the cooking, then a man goes out with a shovel, instead of a knife, and throws a little soft snow on the roof, to blanket it from the excessive cold.—Harper's Magazine.

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The Proof.
I may not rise to wealth and fame and hear the millions praise my name. Not many do. But just the same, I'll do the best I can. If someone else malice my work, let in my breast no malice lurk. That is no reason I should shirk or curse creation's plan. In life's great race where all must run, we cannot all be number one; but someone when the race is done must be an "also ran." And if the man who lost can smile and say "I'm beaten by a mile, but still I'm glad I made the trial," he's proved himself a man.—Kansas City Star.

Important Italian Industry.
Announcement has been made of the formation at Rome, under the auspices of a leading bank, of a large company for the manufacture of safes, vaults and other equipment for insuring the safety of money, securities and valuables. This new industry will fill a long-felt want in Italy, which has always been dependent upon foreign sources of supply for safes and similar equipment.

The Real Trouble.
"The pulling down of the temple was the case of Samson's remarkable feat."
"Remarkable feat? I should call it a case of fallen arches."

Canine Curiosity.
The curiosity of the dog is pronounced if observed for a few minutes. It is quick to notice a strange dog or person and the value of the watchdog comes from the fact that it wants to investigate every noise. It is very interesting to watch a dog when it meets a beetle. At first he seems to be a little afraid of the tiny creature, but finally he can't resist any longer, so he plucks up enough courage to touch it with his paw. Then, realizing that it has not hurt him, he smells it and rolls it over and over with his nose. Then, after he has satisfied his curiosity, he walks away and leaves the beetle to go its way if he has not put it out of commission with the strenuousness of the investigation.

Many There Are Who May Be Unattractive, but Not a Lot Definitely Ill-Looking.

Looking for beauty in the faces and forms passed on the street is such a fixed habit with people in general that it was a bit startling to hear of a man in London who was looking for some one ugly—the ugliest female. In fact, that he could find. This man was an American theatrical man and he desired the ugliest woman to contrast her in a production with a girl said to be beautiful.

The showman found his ugliest woman after looking over eight contestants. The prize winning "clock-stopper" was thirty-two years old and a music teacher. She entered the contest because her mother told her "there would be no harm in trying." On winning she at once insisted on taking a stage name, as she "did not want all the neighbors to know about it." The runner-up in the contest, whose name was not given out, had an unfortunate nose and an "out-size" in mouths.

The contest really was of concern to the theatrical producer, but it served to impress upon Londoners in general the old truth that few people, after all, are really ugly, that every individual looks good to some one.

Two people, who came upon the advertisement of the ugly contest, began to amuse themselves in the general way of human nature by examining their friends and acquaintances to discover which of them had the best claim to the job.

To their disappointment, says a writer in the London Telegraph, they could not think of anybody, not even their pet abomination, who was considered impartially, very ugly. Plain people—oh, yes, hosts of them; disagreeable-looking people—quite a lot; silly-looking people—any amount; but people definitely and conspicuously ugly—not one.

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Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrators, with the Will annexed, of the estate of Mary A. Williams, deceased, have filed their final account as said administrators in the County Court of Yamhill County, Oregon, and that said Court has appointed Monday, March 15, 1920, at 11 o'clock a. m. of said day as the day and hour for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

Now, therefore, all persons interested in the estate of said decedent are hereby notified and required to appear at the County Court room at the Court House at McMinnville, said County and State, at said time, to then and there show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be settled, allowed and approved, and said estate forever and finally settled and said administrators discharged.

Dated February 11, 1920.
Lavinia C. Williams and
Clarissa A. Williams,
Administrators, with Will annexed,
of the estate of Mary A. Williams,
deceased.
Clarence Butt,
Attorney for estate.
First Issue February 12.
Last Issue March 11.

Notice of Appointment of Executor

In the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Yamhill. In the matter of the estate of Davis P. Strait, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Ferris L. Strait, has by an order of the above entitled court, been appointed as executor of the estate of Davis P. Strait, deceased, and that he has duly qualified as such executor.

Now, therefore, any and all persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same verified as required by law, to the said executor, at the office of L. F. Hall, 103 Main street, in the city of Newberg in Yamhill county, state of Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Ferris L. Strait,
Executor of the estate of Davis P. Strait, Deceased.
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