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LIGHT NOW PLACED ON MAP

Uncle Sam Officially Recognizes Beacon Designed to Commemorate the Titanic Disaster.

After seven years the "tute" light in the lighthouse on the roof of the Seamen's church institute has obtained official recognition on the government charts of New York harbor. For years this green beacon was ignored. Later it was recorded as a "nixed point." Now it is marked with a star on maps.

The lighthouse was erected to commemorate the heroes of the greatest marine disaster in the modern world, the sinking of the steamship Titanic off Newfoundland April 15, 1912. The lighthouse was dedicated on the first anniversary of the disaster as a memorial created by public subscription and the work of prominent women. The light called "tute" by seamen, soon was guiding pilots who, as they "turned the Hook" 15 miles or more away, might make out the green and brilliant star supplied by the 7,500 candle power of three Cooper Hewitt quartz electric lamps 211 feet above the city streets. This green light on the starboard especially provided an excellent range for vessels making their way to the East river.

The lighthouse also has carried since November 1, 1913, a time ball 4 feet in diameter which drops each day at "standard mean" noon, when, as 'Arry remarks to Bill down in "the slip," "she's jes 5 er'clock in Lunin."

WERE BURIED IN PYRAMIDS

Aztec Dignitaries Had Imposing Tombs in the Little Village of San Juan Teotihuacan.

The little village of San Juan Teotihuacan, which in the Aztec language meant "City of the Gods," was in the early days of Aztec history the scene of extraordinary religious ceremonies. The two pyramids, one dedicated to the sun, the other to the moon, are known to have been the

tombs in which hundreds of tribal dignitaries were buried and excavators have exhumed wrought stone containing human bones, obsidian knives, terra cotta heads with broad faces and flat noses, fragments of rare pottery and great numbers of arrowheads. One of the most recent and most valuable discoveries was a jadeite mask of some past monarch, with the brow covered with the diadem known to early Mexican history. The pyramid to the sun and the one to the moon both contain chambers and their several stories are complete temples in themselves, but connected by winding stairs.

The inscriptions having Chinese characteristics were discovered through excavating in the ruins of what has generally been known as La Ciudadela (The Citadel), but which, according to recent reports of investigators, are what is left of a pyramid larger and, perhaps, older than the two pyramids to the sun and the moon.

Whence Comes Turpentine.

Most people know that turpentine is a product of the pine tree, but are not acquainted with the means by which it is obtained.

Beneath the bark of the tree are resin-secreting cells, whose output is meant by nature for healing wounds.

If the skin of the tree be wounded severely, many more of these cells, much larger in size, develop and pour out great quantities of resin.

Hence, to procure the resin, the bark is well scarred with cuts (preferably made in a series of parallel V's), and a receptacle is placed beneath to catch the fluid as it exudes.

The fluid is then distilled and the volatile part of it, which passes over, is turpentine. The residue is what we call "rosin" and is used for many purposes, one of its employments being in the manufacture of explosives.—Kansas City

When carpets are too old for use cut and trim up and place in front of door, both inside and out, to wipe the feet on.

MEN'S SEVEN SHOPPING AGES

Periods of Life Which All Salesmen Recognize as Unchangeable as Nature's Laws.

Merchants divide their customers into seven classes according to age. First there is the toddle age when all articles of wear are selected without consulting the personal taste of the wearer. Then comes the 'teen age when the chief concern is to find clothing made of some fabric that will resist the rough surfaces of cellar doors, tree trunks, outbuildings, and other prominences on which small boys and girls will climb in spite of all attempts in educating them otherwise. Third is the sweetheart period, when boys and girls first find that they shouldn't scratch each other's eyes out. It is at this time they begin to take a first interest in clothes. The tendency is toward loud ties, striped socks, fancy dresses, etc., to the delight and profit of the merchants. Fourth, comes the courting age during which each sex is looking for his or her life mate. Each dresses with the chief purpose of pleasing the opposite sex. Candy merchants, flower shops and theaters reap a rich harvest from the folks of this period. Fifth stage is the early-wed. The young folks are becoming established in a home. They first learn the real value of money and the joy of citizenship. Sixth, the practical age. In 99 homes out of 100, the problem during this period is economy. Consequently, sales of all kinds appeal to the mothers of this age. Seventh and last, the sunset age, that glorious period of life rich in its experiences and friendship. Comfort is about the only appeal that salesmen can make to this period of life.

BASED ONLY ON TRADITION

Ancient Religions All Had Foundation in Supposed Wisdom Handed Down by the Ancients.

A state of original barbarism prevailed through the fragments of remote antiquity preserved among various nations and through all the religious traditions of the ancient world, according to books esteemed sacred by various oriental nations.

In the Skeking and other fragments of Chinese history, and in the Ramayan of the Indian Vedic, pictures are drawn of the happiness and virtue of the first men. Plato said that his countrymen derived all their knowledge of divine things from the ancients, who, as he affirmed, "were wiser and lived nearer to the gods than we."

The Egyptians began their history with dynasties of gods and heroes who were said to have assumed human form, and to have dwelt among men. The golden age of the Hindus, and their numerous avatars of the gods, are fictions of a similar character, as well as their two royal dynasties descended from the sun and moon, a remarkable coincidence with which is found in the traditions of Peru.—Detroit News.

Rainmakers' Beliefs.

From very ancient times superstitious beliefs have existed concerning rain, and many quaint little rites have been performed by agricultural people anxious for the welfare of their crops. For a cat to appear unusually restless is still held by some to be a sure sign of rain. It has also been noticed that when the cows all lie down in the fields rain very often follows before long, usually of a more or less violent character. In one of the northern provinces of India the maidens used to have a quaint custom. When rain was desired they would sally forth with jars of water, which they calmly poured down the backs of any old women they happened to pass. This dangerous practice is now, fortunately, out of date. Some people believe to this day that, in a case of severe drought, flogging the surface of rivers, ponds, etc., will quickly call up refreshing showers. The flogging is done with rods, preferably of hazel.

The Dusk and Stars.

The rain had ceased falling softly through the dusk. A cool green wind flows through the deeps of air. The stars are as wind-whirled fruit blown upwards from the tree tops. Full-orbed, and with a pulse of flame, the moon leads a tide of quiet light over the brown shores of the world. But here I stand upon the brown shores of the world, in the shine of that quiet flame where, full-orbed, the moon uplifts the dark. I think only of the stars as wind-whirled, fruit blown upward from the tree tops. I think only of that wind that blew upon the tree tops, where the whirling stars spun in a mazy dance, when, at last the rain had ceased falling softly through the dusk. O wind-whirled stars, O secret falling rain.—Flora Macleod.

Do It Now!

Who would imagine that Sir Walter Scott, the great Scottish poet could sometimes feel lazy? Yet he says that he often found the beginning of the day's labour as distasteful as "plunging into cold water." "We shiver on the brink," said he, "but once in, are full of vigor and energy. If the morning hours are squandered in idleness, we are apt to think the rest of the day is too short to trouble about, and so the precious time passes away with no achievement." Such a thought as this makes one inclined to obey the advice of another philosopher, who said: "Don't wonder when to do a thing, but do it now!"

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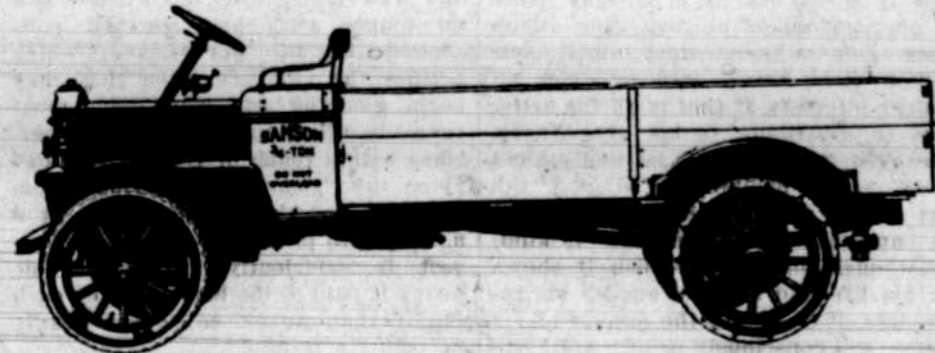


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