

LAKES WITH NO OUTLETS.

And Fantastic Mirages That Greet the Desert Traveler.

A playa is a shallow, flat floored depression, characteristic of valleys having no regular drainage to the sea, in which storm waters collect and evaporate. It may be a shallow lake or a salt incrustated mud flat.

In his description of the ancient Lake Lahontan, in Nevada, I. C. Russell writes:

"The scenery on the larger playas is peculiar and is usually desolate in the extreme, but is not without its charm. In crossing these wastes the traveler may ride for miles over a perfectly level floor, with an unbroken sky line before him and not an object in sight to cast a shadow on the ocean-like expanse.

"Mirages, which may be seen almost every day on these heated deserts, give strange fanciful forms to the mountains and sometimes transfigure them beyond recognition. A pack train crossing the desert a few miles distant may appear like some strange caravan of grotesque beasts fording a shallow lake, the shores of which advance as one rides away. The monotony of mid-day on the desert is thus broken by elusive forms that are ever changing and suggest a thousand fancies, which divert the attention from the fatigues of the journey.

"The cool evenings and mornings in these arid regions, when the purple shadows of distant mountains are thrown across the plain, have a charm that is unknown beneath more humid skies, and the profound stillness of the night in these solitudes is always impressive."—United States Geological Survey.

ANCIENT BANQUETS.

Cleopatra Didn't Have to Spend Much, For Things Were Cheap.

We hear a great deal about the luxury and extravagance of Cleopatra, the queen of the Nile, and of the gorgeous feasts she and Mark Antony had together, yet these little dinners and suppers for two cost Cleopatra only about 4 shillings, with wine and attendance.

If Cleopatra had lived in these times she could not possibly get a supper at 2 shillings a head, with waiter and wine included.

In those days a large jar of wine cost only 4 shillings, and this probably lasted a long time. A pigeon was dear at 2½ pence, and a quantity of vegetables which lasted for months could be bought for about 8 shillings.

Slaves were easy enough to get, and their dress was so scanty that liveries couldn't have been expensive.

Cleopatra once went in for a very costly drink. She melted a priceless pearl in a glass of wine and presented it to Mark Antony. But the queen of Egypt did not go in for such extravagances every night.

Nero, the tyrannical emperor of the Romans, famed for his extravagant, luxurious living, who gave twenty-two course dinners, where the guests reclined on ivory and silver couches and dipped their fingers into fluted bowls which contained costly wines, did not spend nearly so much on feasting as many modern millionaires.—London Answers.

STEALING ELEPHANTS.

It Would Seem Difficult, Yet It is a Regular Trade in Siam.

It would seem that an elephant would be about the last thing in the world a man would be able to steal. Yet in Siam one must keep a careful watch on such elephants as he may own, no matter what their size, lest they be stolen from him.

Elephant stealing in Siam has always been more or less prevalent and for some time past has been a source of much anxiety to the officials. Regulations were drawn up about fifteen years ago by the British and Siamese authorities with a view to the suppression of this offense. Later these were supplemented by additional regulations, embodying definite rules for the purchase and sale of elephants and imposing penalties on all persons in possession of elephants who are not provided with sale papers properly executed before the local authorities.

Notwithstanding all these precautions elephant stealing continues in Siam, and in one year alone fifty elephants were stolen from British foresters, representing a loss of some \$45,000.

The Karen tribesmen are the chief offenders; but, though their somewhat inaccessible villages are well known to the near kwea, or district official, in no single instance has the assistance rendered by the Siamese officials led to the discovery of the elephant stolen or of the thief. In short, recovery, when effected, has been due to the activity and energy of the British foresters and the searching parties sent out by the British companies who employ the foresters.—Los Angeles Times.

BARRISTERS AND BEARDS.

In Former Days Lawyers in England Were Forced to Shave.

Nowhere was there more prejudice against beards than at the Inns of Court centuries ago. The "Black Books" of Lincoln's Inn of the sixteenth century are full of references to offenders who were "fined double comens duryng such tyme as they shall have any berde."

This proving ineffective, a whole batch of bearded barristers was in 1554 "banyshed from ye Howse," and shortly afterward a Judge's order was obtained for the compulsory shaving of some of the members. The inner temple benches were not quite so severe, for a fine of 20 shillings was the sole penalty imposed in 1555 for "wearing beardes of more than three weekes growthe."

The war against bearded barristers continued at the Inns of Court until the seventeenth century. Long after this, however, the prejudice against the unshaved barrister remained. The late Vice Chancellor Bacon carried his dislike so far that he always refused to listen to bearded or mustached counsel, pretending that he could not hear them. Even now, although there are plenty of bearded barristers and K. C.'s, few have attained eminence.

The most brilliant exception was perhaps the late Judah Philip Benjamin, "silver tongued Benjamin," who despite his mustache and American "goatee" earned the princely income of \$35,000 a year.—London Chronicle.

Your Health

Dog fanciers have long noted that when a house-dog begins to get fat and wheezy it is pretty apt to be attacked by a stubborn skin disease. In such a case they cut down the diet and increase the open air exercise, thus relieving the over-burdened body of poisonous substances.

The sin of gluttony is common and therefore much condoned, but like every other violation of nature's law, sluggish mentality, the reddened nose, the pimpled face, certain of the chronic skin eruptions, and much fatigue and nervousness are due to the abuse of digestive apparatus. Rich, indigestible foods in large quantities, highly seasoned to stimulate the jaded palate, are forced into a body that is already rebellious from repletion. Exercise is largely confined to walking to and from the table and bodily deterioration proceeds rapidly. Many an over-fed, dyspeptic, suddenly dragged by the stern hand of circumstances from a life of physical ease and plenty and forced to work out of doors suddenly discovers that his semi-invalidism has gone, that a chronic skin derangement of many years' standing has disappeared and that a new vigor and zest of life has been given him.

Not everyone can spend his whole time in the open air but a certain amount of exercise and plain wholesome food in an amount not exceeding the body's needs, can be had by almost everyone. These are not faddish food theories, they are just plain common sense.

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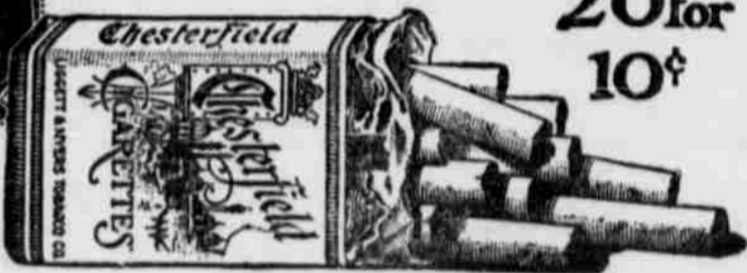
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"A study of weather and business has its surprises. For instance, restaurant men know that appetites are not the same on a dark, gloomy day as on a day that is bright and cheerful. Natural enough! The surprising fact is that people eat most on the day that is dark and dismal.

"On a cloudy day," an old restaurant man tells me, "people just sit and eat. There is nothing else to do. On a nice day they eat less and hasten out into the open. But the less they eat the more particular they are about the quality."

"Not so long ago a young woman opened a good little restaurant near the department of agriculture in Washington. Most of her customers are employees of that department. She does a big business every day, but the rush is greatest when the day is the stormiest. On a fine day the men from nearby buildings walk to restaurants farther away, just for the exercise. Those who do not go to other restaurants cut down their eating in order to spend all the time possible in the open air."

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