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Rare Book Secured by

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One of the rarest of books on science, the first edition of Sir Isaac Newton's "Principia," was obtained by the Library of Congress after years of search. Though only an inch and a half thick and ten inches high by seven and a half inches wide, with 510 pages, it has been termed "the most important printed work on exact science ever published." It was published in 1687 in London, and in it Newton first gave to the world the results of his fundamental study of the laws of gravitation. Two issues of the first edition were made in the year of its publication, one being intended for sale in England, and the other on the Continent. The Library of Congress copy is of the first issue. However, the entire edition was small and it is related by contemporary writers that as early as 1891 it was very difficult to obtain. At present it is almost completely unobtainable. The library's copy was bought for Watson Davis, managing editor of Science Service, but upon learning of the library's desire for a copy, he relinquished it. The full title of the book, in Latin, is "Philosophiæ Naturalis Principia Mathematica." An interesting feature of the title page is that it bears the imprimatur, or approval, of Samuel Pepys, famous for his diary, who was at that time president of the Royal society.

No Word or Deed but

Leaves an Impression

Kelvin, the great scientist, once told his students, as he put a piece of chalk on a certain mountain, that it strained the whole globe. If there were instruments delicate enough, its effect might be measured in the most remote place.

That is how science speaks of the "influence" of a bit of chalk. That there are no instruments delicate enough to measure the influence, does not make it any the less real or far-reaching.

A bit of chalk, a child's football, even a bird's alighting, is felt right through the earth. Minute influences are set going, to which in a real sense is neither measure nor end.

It is never true to say in such a world that things don't count or don't matter. Everything counts, every obscure deed, every haphazard word. Things are not nearly so insignificant as sometimes they seem.—Christian Herald.

Minute Eyes

The structure and function of eyes so small that 3,000 would not fill the space occupied by a pinhead have been ascertained after years of study by Dr. S. O. Mast, professor of zoology at the Johns Hopkins university.

They are the eyes of the volvox, minute greenish organism which flourishes near the surface of still water and is of particular interest to science as one of the simplest forms of life. Each cell in a volvox, numbering from 200 to 2,200, is equipped with one of them ranging from .001 to .003 millimeters in diameter and working independently toward a common objective.

Then He Remembered

A celebrated composer, who had written a very successful "Romeo and Juliet" opera, was paying his first visit to Stratford-on-Avon and being shown the memorials.

Suddenly he interrupted his friend's description of an old-world cottage.

"Shakespeare?" he queried. "Who was Shakespeare?"

The other was flabbergasted.

"My stars!" he exclaimed. "Didn't you set his 'Romeo and Juliet' to music."

"Oh-h! Now I remember," replied the composer. "The librettist, eh?"

Always the Improvident

The races and nations of mankind are not and never have been equally intelligent and resourceful in devising and adopting those institutions and customs which enable the populations in some measure to avoid widespread poverty. There are parts of the world whose peoples are improvident and irresponsible, and the pressure of want against their ineffectual resistance is a danger to the defenses of those peoples that have for the time successful ly repelled the common enemy.—T. N. Carver in "This Economic World."

Figure This One Out

"Where did you buy that miracle hat?"

"I'm sorry, but I don't think I know what hat you are referring to."

"Well, yesterday you had a new hat on and I understand some one was calling it a miracle hat."

"I remember some one telling me how well it becomes me, but I can't seem to recall anyone calling it a miracle hat."

"Indirectly some one did. If a hat can become a girl I certainly would call it a miracle hat."

Waltz Shown to Be

Akin to Wallowing

Would you ever suspect that there was any relation between wallowing in a ballroom and wallowing in a mire? There is, however, for waltz is distinctly related to the Anglo-Saxon word walter, the basic meaning of which is to roll. Waltz itself is German, where again the basic meaning is to roll. In an encyclopedia of 1882 this was noted about the waltz: "Those maniacal turnings and gesticulations which have lately become fashionable in this country (England) under the appellation of German vaults (or rather, walzen)." Waltz may have come, according to some authorities, from the same source as volte or vault, the turning in horsemanship or fencing. This sense of the word is also found in volte-face, meaning to face suddenly about.—Dance Magazine.

Religion

The religion that makes people respect other people's religion; the religion that makes people tell the truth and pay their debts; the religion that keeps people from gossiping about their neighbors; the religion that makes no difference between poverty and wealth; the religion that makes men honest and upright; the religion that is a part of people's everyday life, exemplified in kind deeds, charitable acts, cheering words, is the kind of religion the world needs today.—J. A. Griffith, in the Lusk (Wyo.) Herald.

Award Made for Lumber Slogan.

Washington, D. C.—James E. Noble Jr., Sanatorium, Miss., was announced as the winner of the first prize of \$5000 in the "Slogan for Wood" contest conducted by the National Lumber Manufacturers' association. His slogan was: "Certified by Centuries of Service." Six other grand prizes were awarded and 50 state and regional awards of \$1000 each were made. The total prize money was \$15,000. Approximately 400,000 persons entered the contest.

Synthetic Wood From Coal

Since coal is largely vegetable matter, scientists will be able to convert it into artificial wood for the manufacture of furniture and many other uses, experts point out.

Cellulose or vegetable matter is now being manufactured into synthetic wood for various purposes. It is durable, hard and heavy, and takes a good polish. A large supply is seen in the tropics, where trees and plants now grow in great profusion and are serving no useful purpose.

Decline Verb "to Cuss"

The other man had darted to the door and with his pistol was gesturing the manager, John H. Cussen to a chair.

As Cusser burst yelling from the door opposite they leaped up and the four sped after the fugitives. At police headquarters Cussed identified both men, as did Miss Reardon.—New York Times.

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22 Years Ago

September 21, 1906

Chas. Norris, M. M. Johns and D. H. Preston were in Weston Wednesday.

Jimmy Froome is down from Prescott, Washington., visiting his Uncle, J. E. Froome.

E. L. Barnett and Attorney Peterson went down to Pendleton this morning.

Harry McBride has added a fine canopy top surrey to his Commercial livery stable equipment.

La Brache Bro.'s orchestra plays for the dance in Weston tomorrow night. A good time for all who attend.

Ed Manasse, the merchant, is in Walla Walla, where he is taking a week's course of medical treatment.

Mrs. A. B. Stone is in the city from Walla Walla visiting friends. Dr. Stone is practicing medicine in Portland.

Down at Charley Norris' harness shop there is a \$40 Mohair lap robe that is attracting considerable notice. It is a beauty.

The many friends of John Gillis, who for several years has been in the gold mines of South Africa, will be pleased to learn that he has returned to America. Mr. Gillis is now at his boyhood home in Prince Edward's Island, where his brother, A. M. Gillis of this city, is visiting.

Frank Swaggart and Charles Brown will leave Sunday for a hunting trip on the head of the John Day river. Incidentally Mr. Brown will devote a portion of his time to prospecting.

Ray Gallagher is in town today from Walla Walla.

Robt. Jamieson was in town yesterday from Weston.

Mrs. Austin Foss, who went up to Spokane yesterday, will be the guest of Mrs. J. Bloch and daughters.

Fred Kershaw was taken sick yesterday, and today is confined to his room.

John Benson, who was threatened with typhoid fever, was feeling some better yesterday.

Ralph McEwen returned to Eugene Saturday to attend the State University, after spending the vacation term at home.

Mrs. T. J. Kirk came home from Walla Walla Sunday evening. Her son, Grant Erhart, who was operated on for appendicitis, is getting along nicely and his permanent recovery is now assured.

A horse buyer this morning purchased the big black dray team from Sam Hutt, paying for the horses \$550. He also purchased a team of roans from A. L. Swaggart, the price paid not being stated.

Tom Caton has been a very sick boy for the past few days, but is improving now. Tom likes blackberries, and ate too many for the good of his stomach. It is safe to say that he will fight shy of this variety of fruit, in large quantities, at least, hereafter.

Harp of Ireland

In the "Gold Room" at Trinity college, Dublin, rests the "Harp of Ireland" that sounded "once through Tara's halls." The story is that "after Brian Boru was killed at the battle of Clontarf, this harp was given to Pope Alexander II. It remained in the Vatican for nearly 500 years, and was given, in 1521, to Henry VIII in recognition of his defense of the Seven Sacraments. Twenty years later Henry VIII gave the harp to the earl of Clarendon, and it was handed down until it came into the possession of a Limerick antiquary. Archeologists, however, say the harp is not older than the Fourteenth century.

Lamp's Long Sea Trip

A curious-looking object was seen bobbing up and down on the waves at a north Wales coast resort. When landed it was found to be a solid brown mass with a thick suit-like coating. This was removed and disclosed an Oram lamp bearing the identity mark of a place one and a half miles across the water.

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