

**Curious Reflection**  
 "Have you seen the Museum ghost?" asked my friend, an Egyptologist, when with him in the Egyptian gallery of the British museum. We had just passed the empty black basalt coffin of a priest of Ptah, but on looking through the glass case that contains a statuette of Isis, he pointed out that the previously empty coffin now held a mysterious figure! My companion's explanation of this some what disturbing apparition was that the reflection of an effigy in a coffin on the other side of Isis' case was caught by one glass of the case and thrown by the other glass right into the vacant coffin of Ptah's priest. The illusion is certainly remarkable.—London Mail.

**Knotty Legal Point**  
 Whether the son of an American ambassador, born in a foreign country while his father was on duty would be eligible for the Presidency is a debatable point. The situation has never arisen. Under all the laws of the United States, the child of American parents, born abroad, is considered an American citizen in exactly the same status as one born in the United States. On the other hand the Constitution expressly states that the President must be American born. It would probably require a Supreme court interpretation to settle the matter.

**Great Cuban Harbor**  
 Guantanamo bay, Cuba, the winter rendezvous of the navy ships stationed on the Atlantic side of the United States, is on the south coast of Cuba, about forty miles east of Santiago. This bay is about four miles wide by ten miles long, has deep water and is sheltered by hills from hurricanes. This bay was for a long time a rendezvous for pirates and buccaneers, who lay in wait for the galleons coming up from the Spanish main and merchantmen bound from Santiago, Cuba.

**In Oil**  
 Little five-year-old Betty's grandmother had received a post card from Betty's aunt and uncle, and was discussing it with the little girl's mother. Betty overheard some conversation about their having visited the Holy land and now being in Greece.

When Betty's father came home in the evening she ran up to him and cried: "Oh, daddy! Uncle and aunt are in oil."

**Silver to Purify Water**  
 By injecting silver in a specially prepared form, Dr. George Krause, an engineer of Munich, Germany, says he has found a new way to purify drinking water. About a twentieth of an ounce of silver, he says, is sufficient to disinfect billions of gallons of water.—Popular Science Monthly.

**Trace Pipe Organ Back to Earliest Civilization**  
 The story of the pipe organ—the noblest of musical instruments—abounds in romance, for its beginning lies in remote antiquity and its development follows the progress of civilization for more than 2,000 years. Limited space permits only briefest mention of a few cardinal points in its history.

Of first importance, the parent instrument was a set of pipes fastened together in a row and made to sound by the direct force of the breath. Later some 200 years before Christ, there came the water organ, which, in turn, gave place to the bellows type of instrument that was first used in the church about 430 A. D. It is the bellows type, highly perfected, that is in common use today.

In this country, our strait-laced Puritan ancestors opposed music as an invention of the Evil One himself, so its acceptance came slowly, and up to the middle of the Seventeenth century, only that of the crudest kind was heard.

The real history of the pipe organ in America began about 1713, with the importation from England of what has come to be known as the Brattle organ. It came to Boston, Mass., as the property of Thomas Brattle, a prominent man of the time, and was set up in King's chapel.

Other organs were imported in the years that followed, until John Clemm produced the first American-built instrument in 1737.

**Dread of Evil Spirits**

**Inherent in Papuans**  
 Papuans are pagan, and largely governed by superstitious beliefs handed down from generation to generation. The Papuan cautiously approaches the rocks on the shores of the ocean and inland streams lest a spirit that abides there stir up a storm. A spirit in the clouds destroys their children, but the strongest spirit lurks in the forests. For this reason tribesmen seldom venture out at night. Papuan villages are built more for protection than comfort. Near the sea coast and rivers many of them are built over the water, while in the interior they occupy the hills where the tribesmen can survey the neighborhood for enemy invaders. If a village is in a valley, it is usually protected by a high stockade or the huts are in the tree tops. Tree platforms are the tribal watch-towers.

**Trumped**

Dropping into his club, a thirsty member ordered a bottle of beer, but before he could enjoy it he was called away to the telephone. In order to protect his property he seized the top card of a pack—it happened to be the three of diamonds, and, writing his name upon it, leaned it against the bottle and went to answer the call.

When he returned his beer had gone. "I say," he complained loudly, "where's my drink?" "Oh, didn't you know?" chuckled a nearby denizen of an easy chair, "Old Jenkins came along with the ten of diamonds and took the trick."—Weekly Telegraph, London.

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**Device That Measures Temperature of Moon**

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**Short "Sob Story" of Two-Wheeled Tragedy**

The flames shot upward; the smoke curled in clouds around the doomed building.  
 Suddenly a young woman rushed up to one of the firemen.  
 "Oh," she cried, "save it for me! Save it!"

She pointed to a second floor window, and without a word the fireman rushed to do her bidding.

"How old was it?" asked one of the bystanders.

"Only a month!" sobbed the woman. "And look!"—as the figure of the fireman could be seen coming down the ladder again. "He has failed! He's coming back without it! Oh, what shall I do?"

The fireman approached.

"I'm sorry," he said, "but I could find no child."

"Child?" cried the woman, "I said nothing about a child!"

"Then—what was it?" they asked her.

"It was my b-b-bicycle!" she sobbed. "I'd only had it a month—on the installment plan, too!"—London Tit-Bits.

**If They Had to Try It**

I am tired of hearing our clever young men and girls say they would rather be living in the Eighteenth century. Like children, they imagine they would all have been fine ladies and gentlemen, Horace Walpoles and the like. It is more likely they would have been Spitalfields weavers, grenadiers with the lash waiting for them, footmen and maids sleeping in dark rooms, ragged and starved ushers, some of Squire Western's oafs and slatterns. A day of what was ordinary life to the average man or woman in the Eighteenth century would probably reduce them to screaming imbecility. No, we move on, in spite of all our stupid people—and our clever people.—London Saturday Review.

**Wizard of the Wires**

"Almost every man can find work if he uses his brains," asserted one who had traveled a good deal—"that is, if he has the ability to adapt himself, like the piano tuner I once met in the west of America."

"Why," I said to him, for we were in a wild, unsettled country, "surely piano tuning can't be very lucrative here? I couldn't imagine that pianos were very plentiful in this region."

"No, they're not," said the piano tuner, "but I make a pretty fair income by tightening up barbed-wire fences!"—London Answers.

**Correct**

A teacher in one of the fashionable Westchester schools in ordinary routine requested that the children put on a card certain information which included the occupation of the father. This particular thirteen-year-old boy put down "Expressman," which caused a question on the part of the mentor because of the general type of children who went to the school. Taking it up further it was found that this particular lad was the son of the president of the American Express company.—Forbes Magazine.

**Indian Relics in Germany**

Europe's finest collection of material on the North American Indian is said to be that at Radebeul, Germany, near Dresden. It is a replica of a block house beside the home where lived Karl May, European writer of blood-and-thunder Wild West thrillers, says the Living Age. But, the magazine declares, the bulk of the collection of arrows, headdresses, etc., was brought to Europe by Patty Frank, a Viennese who toured America with Buffalo Bill and other showmen as an acrobat.

**Laws That Led to War**

The acts passed by the British parliament in reference to the American colonies were: Navigation acts, 1690, 1693, 1672, 1696; Molasses act, 1763; Sugar act, 1764; Stamp act, 1765; Quartering act, 1765; Townshend acts, June and July, 1767; Act Imposing Duties on Paper, Glass and Other Articles Imported to Colonies, 1767; Boston Port bill, 1774; Massachusetts Government acts, 1774; Administration of Justice act, 1774; New England Restraining act, 1775.

**Probably Only "Ghost" of Island on Record**

I was staying in Oranava, Tenerife, with the family of the English choralists there. One very sultry day he asked me to come up to the flat roof of the house, as he wished to show me something very remarkable. Finding I had strong and far eyesight, he asked me to count the islands I could see round the coast of Tenerife, and I found that, with Grande Canary, they numbered seven.

He then requested me to look through the telescope and name what I could see on the islet beyond Palma. And after I had specified a small palm tree, some low-growing trees and a small white hut, he showed me the latest map of these islands—which did not include the island we had remarked; there were six only with Tenerife. The old charts gave this island when Portugal ceded these islands to Spain in 1473, but several years later surveys sent out to locate this island had failed to find it. Yet it reappeared from time to time in some particular state of the atmosphere—and is, in fact, the ghost of a submerged island.—London Post.

**Successful Hotel Man Must "Know the Ropes"**

Every big metropolitan hotel faces bankruptcy its first year. People are skittish about going to a new one, no matter how fine it is, until some one breaks the ice. Fortunately is the hostelry which can attract a few notables under its roof soon after it opens for business. That is why free board and lodging frequently are offered certain celebrities who may be bought off that way. Once it is noised around that people of importance are putting up at a hotel the herd follows. Then, of course, continued prosperity depends upon service standards maintained. The management always tries to create a prosperous air around a new hotel. One trick is to turn on the lights at dusk in every outside room. Employees circulate around raising and lowering shades to give an air of bustle and life. Page boys are instructed to shout important names in the lobby and dining rooms even if the owners of those names are in Europe. All these tricks help.

**Disappearing Gulf**

However slow and imperceptible the process may be, it is a well-established fact that the contour of the earth is changing constantly. Sea captains frequently note the presence of islands in midocean where no islands were ever seen before and just as often note is made of the total disappearance of points of land in the sea. The peninsula of Lower California, in the western part of Mexico, is, as most persons know, a long tongue of land following the coast line and forming the elongated Gulf of California. Recent observations show that the land of Lower California is raising and accordingly increasing in width and at the same time the gulf is narrowing so that in the course of time the land of the peninsula may be joined to the mainland of Mexico and water now separating them will disappear entirely.

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