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Blue Sky Only Limit

With Chilean Gamblers
The Mapuche tribes of Chile, have a very peculiar game which is very popular, and is called "rum." A wager is made between two competitors as to which will be the first to break silence. They sometimes remain silent for whole days, until finally the man with the weaker will speaks and loses his bet! This is but one of the many interesting sidelights on the Chilean people in Augustus Edwards' "Peoples of Old." In another game of the "dice" sort with colored beans, the players propitiate their luck by talking to the beans and magically invoking disaster for their opponents. To "gamble your shirt" is no mere metaphor with these people; they gamble their knives, clothes, weapons, blankets—any thing; and frequently the game ends in a general fight!

Coinage of Cents

Indian cents were coined from 1858 to 1900 inclusive. A few rare ones, made of nickel, aluminum or unusual alloys are at considerable premium, but they are never seen in circulation. The Lincoln cents were first issued in 1909. Some of those of that year bear on the reverse the initials of the designer, Victor D. Brenner. These were removed before the end of the year. Under the date on many Lincoln cents appear the letters "S" and "D," indicating that they were made at the San Francisco or Denver mints. The 1922 cent is the rarest of all modern ones. It sells at a premium of a few cents, and is seldom to be seen in circulation. Only a few more than 90,000 of that date were issued.

"Shorthand"

The origin of brief writing, or "shorthand," is clouded in mystery. No authentic record exists establishing its practical use much before the first century B. C. From that period until about 300 A. D. the art flourished throughout the Roman empire. The secretary and librarian of Cleo, Marcus Tullius Tiro, was the pioneer of Roman shorthand. The chief use of shorthand in Roman times was made by the leaders in the church and by government officials. Church dignitaries who made conspicuous use of shorthand were St. Augustine, Origen and St. Jerome. All the Roman emperors employed shorthand secretaries. Several emperors attempted to learn it.

Thankful for That

A little girl who disliked milk puddings had been made to finish her portion before leaving the table. "Now may I get down?" she asked, with a sigh of relief. "When you've said your grace," nodded her mother. "But I've nothing to give thanks for," answered the child. "Then you'd better stay there." This was too much for the little girl, and putting her hands together, she murmured: "For what I have received I'm truly grateful, and I thank heaven I wasn't sick."—Weekly Scotsman.

Possible

Stories about the precocious offspring of professors are seldom true, but usually laughable. Perhaps this is one of the worst. A salesman rang the door of a professor's home and little Willie aged five, opened the door. "Is Mr. Jones in?" asked the salesman. "I am Mr. Jones," replied five-year-old Willie with becoming dignity. Then, after a haughty pause he added: "Possibly you have made a mistake and it is professor and not Mister Jones whom you wish to see."

Leisure of the People

To know a people well, it is less important to know how they dress and what they eat, and the conditions of their labor, than to see what use they make of their leisure, what they read, the shows they go to, and the sort of artistic recreation they indulge in. It is, in fact, in their diversions, in the moments when they are left to themselves, that societies become really natural, and show most clearly what are their tastes, their inclinations and aspirations.—Winnipeg Liberte.

Animal and Bird "Parks"

We hear much about parks for cities and men, but little about such places for animals. Yet they exist. Puffin Island, off the coast of Anglesey, is a "park" sacred to wild birds. At Hawksmoor, near Cheddar, Staffordshire, England, there is another natural "park" of 200 acres for birds. A "park" for birds at Ealing, to be adapted from a large house with grounds, and to cost some \$25,000 was proposed by the Selborne society as a memorial to the late W. H. Hudson. Nestling in the Gulf of St. Lawrence is the beautifully wooded, mountainous island of Anticosti. The 2,900 square miles of this property is one of the best and came "dark."

How "Teddy Bears" Got Their Well-Known Name

About 1888 Margarete Steiff, a crippled dressmaker living in a little village in Germany, used some left-over material to make a toy bear for a child. The bear was popular and other children in the community immediately wanted rag bears. Margarete's brother, Richard Steiff, later saw the commercial possibilities of these toys and put them on the market. George Borgfeldt & Co. of New York imported some in 1902. At that time, of course, they were not called teddy bears and nobody thought of associating them with Roosevelt. It so happened, however, that President Roosevelt went on a hunting trip to Mississippi that same fall. The public was amused when a news dispatch stated that "Teddy" had refused to shoot a small bear brought into camp for him to kill. This inspired Clifford K. Berryman, the cartoonist, to draw a cartoon picturing Colonel Roosevelt in his hunting outfit with his back to a man who is dragging in a small cub with a rope around its neck. Roosevelt, with his gun in his right hand, has his left hand raised after the fashion of a traffic cop to indicate his objection to the procedure. The cartoon is labeled "Drawing the Line in Mississippi." It was a popular hit and Berryman adopted the bear as his cartoon mascot.—Pathfinder Magazine.

British Postal System

Has Many Conveniences
The British post office officials are capable and obliging and if anyone should lose himself, he can go to the nearest post office and mail himself home. An express messenger is sometimes given charge of a person and takes him to his destination, where he obtains a receipt. The charges, based upon the distance traveled, are quite moderate. If you merely wish to prove that a letter has been posted, there is no need to register it. The post office will supply you with a "certificate of posting" for a cent. If you miss the last collection of letters and have an urgent communication to send, ring up the head post office of the district, tell them your plight, and dictate the letter. It will be written out and sent off with the night mail. The charge is six cents for the first thirty words, two cents for every ten afterward, and the ordinary postage and telephone fee.

Darwin's Evolution Theory

The Darwin theory undertakes to explain one phase of evolution. It is the theory of the origin and perpetuation of new species of animals and plants. The theory maintains that organisms tend to produce offspring varying slightly from their parents and that the process of natural selection tends to favor the survival of individuals whose peculiarities render them best adapted to their environment; also that chiefly by the continued operation of these factors, new species not only have been and may still be produced, but organisms of widely differing groups may have arisen from common ancestors.

World Rolls On

When I was a young fellow, I predicted rather frequently that the world was going to the devil; and the world hasn't gone to the devil yet. . . . I believe everyone may confidently plod along with the comforting certainty that the stars will not break loose and smash this little old world into dust. The world takes good care of itself; if you take as good care of yourself as the world does, you'll be voted a wonder. Every little while a human skull is found thousands of years old. No doubt the skull was formerly worn by a man who worried constantly about the world going to the devil.—W. W. Howe's Monthly.

Surely Worth It

Doctor Lewis, an old time Welsh divine, composed a six penny pamphlet on "How Sin Came Into the World." A friend of his, who was known to be somewhat heterodox in his theology, advised Lewis to add a chapter telling how to get sin out of the world; he could thus make it a shilling pamphlet—and it would be well worth the additional sixpence.—Christian Register.

One Good Trait That Village Bad Man Had

The late Chauncey M. Depew was reproving a young critic one day for a harsh criticism. "I'd like to see more of the Kin Kincaid spirit in your work, my boy," the great man said. "Kin Kincaid, you know, was noted for his charity and loving kindness. Never a slanderous word passed his lips. 'Well, the bad man of the village died in due course, and they all roasted him at the general store the afternoon of the funeral. They roasted him hard. They pointed out that he was a drunkard and a miser, a wife beater and a liar, a thief and a scandal-monger, a coward, a usurer and a rake. 'Kin Kincaid listened to all that talk with a little smile of disapproval, and finally the general storekeeper said to him: 'Now, Kin, don't you look so hurt. Ain't everything wot's been said about that old cuss true? Can you name one meritorious trait, jest one, that he ever showed?' 'Well,' said Kin, 'you boys'll have to admit that he certainly had a good appetite.'"

English Bank Holds Relic of Washington

In the archives of Barclay's bank in London is a draft for five pounds sterling drawn October 2, 1720, on "James Barclay, banker, of Lombard street" and remitted for the account of one Patrick Barclay in Jamaica. It bears on its back the signature of George Washington as part of an endorsement. The draft is in fairly good state of preservation. Was it the Father of His Country who put that indorsement there? Not long ago Robert L. Barclay made inquiries in the United States from which it appeared that the great George Washington's signature when he was eighteen years old (his age to the date of the draft) was not materially different from this one. It is not improbable that the draft was sent to Virginia or Carolina, which in those days were in close commercial touch with Jamaica. Barclay's bank was not aware until a year or so ago of its precious possession. The draft was discovered by two girl students from Philadelphia when inspecting some old portfolios in the bank.

Da Vinci, Man of Science

The spiral spring hinge that shuts your screen door was invented by Leonardo da Vinci, the Fifteenth century painter, whose "La Belle Ferroniere" was the subject of an extended lawsuit. Leonardo's fame as a painter has obscured his reputation as an inventor and a trail blazer of science. Yet he stated scientific laws that four centuries of experiment have not altered and many of his simplest inventions have become part of our daily lives. He devised the wheelbarrow, the rotating smokestack that turns with the wind, and the flexible roller chain used on bicycle sprockets.—Edwin W. Teale in Popular Science Monthly.

True Pessimist!

"The real pessimist is he who thinks everything is as good as it can be," says a prominent man of science. It is interesting to make a surmise as to the mental processes which brought the scientist to such a conclusion. Perhaps he was thinking what our condition would be today, were it not for the hopeful men who labored to improve upon the past for the benefit of all mankind. No wonder he declares that the real pessimist is he who thinks everything is as good as it can be.

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Make us to meet what is or is to be With fervid welcome, knowing it is sent
To serve us in some way full excellent,
Though we discern it all belatedly.—Riley.

SQUABS FOR COMPANY DINNER

Squabs are so well liked that one need not fear for their welcome. Split down the back, flatten and brush with butter, salt and pepper, then broil over a hot fire for ten minutes on each side. Serve on a hot platter with buttered lima beans and crisp bacon for a garnish. Corn bread baked in bread stick pan is especially good with this dish.

Squab Plate Dinner.—Roast unstuffed, but well buttered inside and out, three or four squabs. Glaze the breasts with the pan gravy. Make eight potato balls and four carrot balls for each squab. Take six small onions the size of the potato balls and cook the vegetables separately in a very little water. If small onions are not to be obtained take the hearts of larger ones. The remainder of the onion may be used for some other dish.

Make a stuffing of bread crumbs, one egg yolk, a tablespoonful of melted butter, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley and a little thyme. Roll this forcement into small balls the same size as the vegetables and brown them in a little butter. Serve on a hot platter, the squab in the center with the balls around it. Pour the juice of the roast squab over the whole.

Squab with Spaghetti.—Line a buttered glass dish with cooked spaghetti that has not been broken. Split two fat squabs down the back, rub with butter and season and place on the spaghetti. Make a sauce of one-half cupful of cream, the yolks of two eggs, salt, pepper, a bit of nutmeg and chopped parsley; thicken with a tablespoonful each of flour and butter blended. Pour this over the squabs and sprinkle with chopped mushrooms and bake in a moderate oven for one hour.

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Editorial
We cannot place much confidence in the theory that eating spinach gives a man courage, our belief being that the man who eats spinach already has it.
A. M. Johnson Editor

Don't mind any buttons you happen to find in salad. They probably fell off while the salad was dressing.

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23 Years Ago

Friday, May 17, 1907
Dr. Plamondon and the Press man went down to Pendleton Wednesday evening in the doctor's car. The bridge at the Umatilla river on the Wild Horse road was found to be impassible, and a run back to Saxe station, thence via Fulton and then into Pendleton from the north was made. On the trip it was observed that grain is in a thrifty growing condition and every indication points to a crop of the usual standard.

Miss Eva Rider spent Wednesday in Weston.

Mrs. Sam Booher, Miss Fern McPherson and Bessie Parker were in Pendleton yesterday.

The last car of wheat stored in Adams warehouses was shipped to Portland this week.

Mrs. George Gross and little Verva are spending the week at the home of her son, Fred, west of town.

F. S. LeGrow returned home last evening from a trip to the cattle range in the Wenaha reserve.

Mrs. Charles Betts will leave this evening for Pendleton, where she will attend the Baptist convention. While in Pendleton, Mrs. Betts will be a guest of Mrs. S. A. Lowell.

Mrs. H. H. Hill is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otis Whiteman, west of town. Mrs. Hill is improving slowly from the effects of an operation some weeks ago.

Alex McIntyre and other farmers who have finished their summerfallow plowing have taken their work horses to the mountain for summer pasture, until such time as farm work opens up again.

Mrs. E. H. Leonard, of Dayton, Wash., with her children, is in the city visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. Bannister. She accompanied Mrs. Hugh McArthur, who has been at Dayton for a few days, and will visit relatives in this county before returning to her home in Portland.

At a meeting held by horsemen in this city Saturday afternoon, it was decided to hold the annual colt show in this city on Saturday June 22. Charles Norris presented a draft of the outline of classes which met with the approval of the committee which has the arrangements in charge, and entries of stock for the show may now be made by calling on or writing to Mr. Charles Norris.

Mrs. Star Charlton leaves for Hilgard today, where she will spend the summer on the ranch.

Dr. Plamondon, M. L. Watts and Geo. D. Foster are delegates to the I. O. O. F. grand lodge in LaGrande, this week.

Miss Velma Wilkinson arrived home yesterday from a three weeks' visit with friends at Eugene and Portland. Miss Wilkinson reports a most pleasant time on her visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Haworth, who now reside on their ranch near Hepner, arrived in the city Friday afternoon and are visiting at the Winslow home. Mr. Haworth says he hopes to make Athena his home again this winter as he likes the town.

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