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CHATTER REMINDS OF SURF

Diner Waxen Poetic in Describing His Impressions of Ordinary Restaurant Gabble.

"In the big and busy restaurant where I dine," said Mr. Flickerton, "I am reminded constantly of the surf that breaks along a stretch of ocean shore; not the heavy, smashing, pounding that comes when the rollers are storm driven, but the gentler rising and falling, more nearly droning, sound of the surf in fair weather; the restaurant surf, of course, being the sound that arises from the combination of the voices of many people briskly talking.

"The likeness of this sound to surf might not strike you until there came a general lull in the hum of conversation.

"On the shore the surf seems to break continually, endlessly; it is always curling and tumbling, seemingly incessantly; but as a matter of fact there comes now and then a time when by mere chance no wave breaks within immediate hearing, when the sound of the surf dies down, and it is precisely like that with the table surf in a restaurant.

"There are times in the restaurant when, by the merest chance in the world, everybody, or almost everybody, stops talking at the same time, when the vocal surf dies away almost completely, and the restaurant is practically still, as the shore is when the waves cease to break.

"Like the surf, it always seems to me. Did it ever strike you that way?"—New York Sun.

TRAIN MIND TO REMEMBER

By the Proper Exercise of Will One Can Teach the Brain to Register Photographs.

A man who has a wonderful memory says in the American Magazine:

If you can train your right arm to deliver a good blow, you can train your memory to retain facts. There are just as many flabby-minded men in the world as there are flabby-bodied ones. Both kinds of flabbiness are due to laziness, the one mental, the other physical.

Above all, you must remember that the brain is a photographic machine—and you can make it take an enormous number of photographs. I don't contend that each man may eventually have as good a memory as his neighbor's, but I am firmly convinced that 99 men out of 100 can have better and more serviceable memories than they now have.

Teach your brain to register photographs of what you want it to retain. Be enthusiastic about it. Work at it every day while you are doing your other work. It isn't very hard. Most men use about 30 per cent of their available energy when they're working. Concentrate on what you are doing. Let it soak into you. Absorb it—and always absorb it with the conviction that it is going to stay absorbed.

There you have my recipe for a good memory: Determine to remember, don't worry, and learn how not to let your office worries and work go to bed with you at night—and, above all things, get into the open and give nature a chance. Fresh air and sunshine have as beneficial an effect on the memory as they do on the other parts of your general makeup.

New Brand.

Mrs. Leeder—I can't do without my matutinal coffee.

Mrs. Newrich—Is that a new brand? We've tried so many that are poor.—Boston Evening Transcript.

By eating more perishables here at home we may save others from perishing "Over There."

MYSTERY IN OCEAN CURRENTS

No Scientist Has Been Able to Explain Satisfactorily the Many Vagaries of the Waters.

There are as many vagaries in the waters as in the winds. Why, for instance, should great ocean currents send their warm waters across the wide Pacific and Atlantic? Other and equally mysterious currents exist in well-nigh all parts of the world.

It is on record that the water has run for weeks out of the Java sea, through the Strait of Suda and thence back again for the like period without any perceptible rise and fall during those times.

Then there is the Equatorial current that flows into the Caribbean sea, the ever-flowing current to the eastward around Cape Horn, the cold stream flowing from the icy regions of the north past Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and along the American coast to the extreme end of Florida, the continual current running with a velocity of from four to five knots an hour through the Strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean sea, the swift current running across the rocks and shoals off the end of Billiton island, which apparently starts from nowhere and ends nowhere in the vicinity of the same place, and the current which, starting half way up the China sea, runs from two to three knots an hour to the northeast and finally ends abruptly off the north end of Luzon.

Then we have those tidal vagaries known the world over as bores. Those that run up the Hugli and Irrawadi rivers, from side to side, till they reach their limit, often tearing the ships from their anchorage, originate nobody knows where or why.

At Singapore it has been observed for days at a time that there has been but one rise and fall in the 24 hours.

ORIGIN OF ALPHABET LOST

Generally Accepted Theory Is That the Letters First Came Into Use Among the Egyptians.

The alphabet we use is a queer thing, when we come to think of it. In effect, it is made up of conventional signs.

Turn this page upside down, and you cannot read it. It might almost as well be printed in Russian characters or in Arabic.

Few subjects have enlisted on the part of language students more speculative thought than the origin of the alphabet. It is today a matter much in dispute.

There are those who aver that on pebbles almost as ancient as the early cave dwellers of southern Europe have been found inscribed characters representing the origin of some of our alphabetical letters of today.

But the theory most generally accepted at the present time is that the letters of our alphabet originated with the ancient Egyptians. They were, to begin with, "ideographs."

Take "S" for example. In form it represents a snake. The sound of the letter is the hissing of a snake. There you have it. What more could be demanded of a single letter in an alphabet? It is a whole picture.

"Q" is supposed to have been a knot in a string—the letter being originally a piece of sinew. "G" was a bow pulled taut. "C" was the hollowed hand, from which one drank—whence the sound of the letter. "L" was the crooked stick used in primitive times as a plow. "N" was a pickaxe. "V" was an ox yoke. "X" was a crossroads. "T" was a tally—a primitive mode of counting. "Y" was the right hand upheld.

Bagdaders Think Jinn Lights City.

When the electric light company lighted the streets of Bagdad with electricity, the people were filled with astonishment, according to a Bagdad newspaper, translated for the Review of Reviews by Miss Mary Caroline Holmes. Some declared that nothing less than the Jinn could produce such brilliant light. Others asserted that it was male and female, the latter being the lights of the city, while the males were kept in the pockets of the Englishmen.

Still others said that in their opinion these wonderful lights were the bird "Al Bahman," spoken of by "Al Ardey" in his book, "The Pleasure of the Longing News from the Border." "Al Bahman" is supposed to circle around and around the sea, observing the horizon, then mounting to the top of the tallest mast to warn the sailors of a coming tempest.

Good Word for Snakes.

"Only 17 of the 111 varieties of snakes in America are poisonous," writes Gayne K. Norton in American Forestry. "None," he asserts, "will attack a human being except in self-defense. All of them destroy rodents that injure crops and carry communicable diseases."

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Just how many more snakes we need

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\$2,100, half cash, balance two years or longer if desired for a close in 14½ acres ranch, two buildings and a large barn on this place.

\$4,200, half cash, balance to suit, 49 acres with good barn and shack.

\$3,500 buys 40 acre ranch on main county road. Fair house and old barn.

\$22,000 buys the best ranch of its size in Tillamook County. Reasonable terms.

\$6,000 for an 80 acre ranch on the main county road between Cloverdale and Hebo.

\$6,200 buys an 80 acre ranch with stock and farm tools near Meda.

\$10,000 buys a fully stocked and going ranch and only \$4,000 to put you in possession of the place. Long time for balance.

Dairy lands in the Nestucca Valley bring you a monthly pay check. Why not take advantage of one of the many bargains we can offer you at the present time.

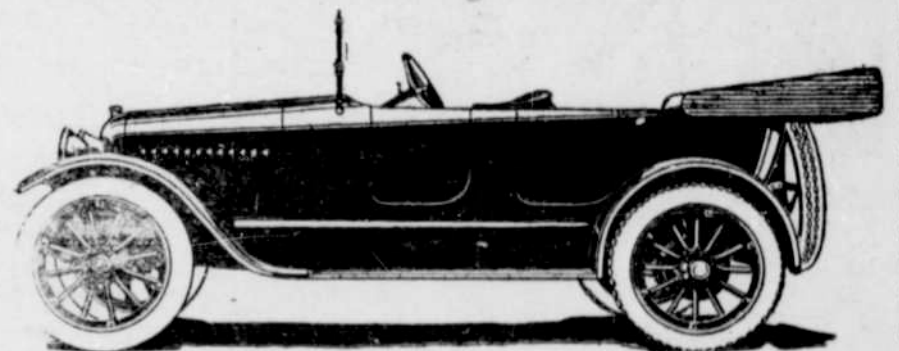
Trades

We have a few trades if your holdings will suit.

To Owners of Nestucca Valley Lands

I have received a letter recently from a Salem party, stating that he has a 7 room bungalow to exchange for land that would make a sheep ranch. Another party has written me from Portland wishing to exchange income bearing Portland property for a well equipped dairy ranch. Has cash and equities. Still another party has two lots near St. Johns car line, Portland, at \$1800 and he wants to trade for land. If you have anything to trade and these appeal to you see me at Cloverdale.

Taylor Real Estate Agency, Cloverdale



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