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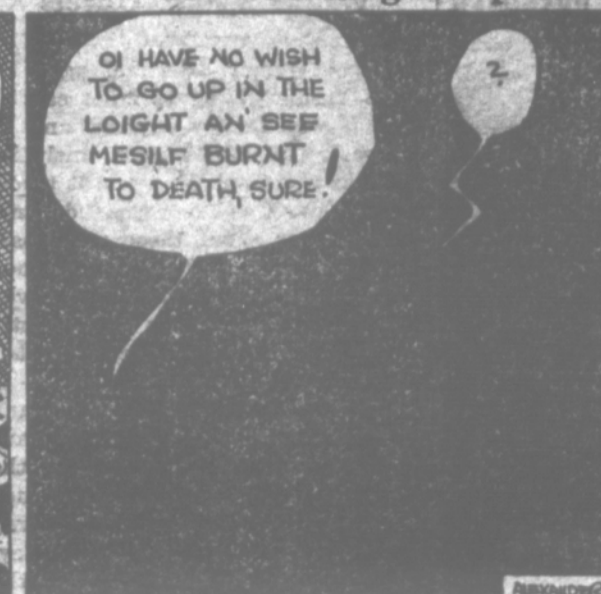
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Old Romans Regarded Kiss as Holy Symbol

The Romans knew all there was to know about kisses. In the chaste days of the republic, however, kisses were very solemn and holy, so much so that Cato, the censor, whose ideas ran to the blue law variety, deprived a senator of office because he had kissed his wife in the presence of their daughter.

When a couple were formally betrothed the engagement was usually sealed with a kiss in the presence of the relatives. If one of the couple died before the wedding day the other had to return all the engagement presents unless there had been this public betrothal kiss. It finally came to have such weight that it was regarded with nearly as much reverence as the marriage ceremony, and after a couple had kissed each other the engagement could be broken only for the most serious reasons, nearly as serious as grounds for divorce.

But in the latter days, under the empire, kisses became as common as breakfasts in Rome, and when a fashionable woman met a fashionable man it was quite the thing for him to kiss her. Among the wealthy classes it became the mode for men and women to put perfume on their lips before they went to a social gathering.—Exchange.

Rebuke to Emperor by Master of Music

At a concert in St. Petersburg, before a brilliant assemblage which included the czar and many members of his court, Franz Liszt was conducting a symphony. During the course of the music the czar began to converse in audible tones with one of his fair neighbors. In the very midst of the movement Liszt gave with his baton a signal for the music to cease, and the players stopped short.

The abrupt silence filled the audience with surprise, and the czar at once sent an enquiry to ask for an explanation. Whereupon Liszt sent back word:

"When the czar speaks, all the rest must be silent."

As this was a court regulation, the czar had to suffer the rebuke of a foreign musician administered under the guise of obedience to court etiquette. Hans von Bulow, in relating his father-in-law's unprecedented act of courage, says George S. Hellman, who tells the story in "Lanes of Memory," said that he would have given a year of his life to have had such an opportunity to teach an emperor that art must be respected.

They're All Like That

Unwittingly, upon their honeymoon, she had said something that rubbed him the wrong way.

"Ah, my darling," she cried, "I have hurt you!"

"No, dearest," he answered, gravely, "the hurt I feel is due to the fact that I know it hurts you to think you have hurt me."

"Ah," she exclaimed, "do not tell that hurt you for an instant! My hurt is because I know it hurts you to feel I have hurt myself by hurting you!"

"No, no, my precious!" he cried. "My hurt is because you are not hurt over feeling that I am hurt because you feel that you have hurt me, and therefore hurt yourself."

The Modern Miracle

Mrs. Baddley Bull had set out determined to obtain a magnificent gown which she had seen advertised in the morning paper.

But, unfortunately, the gown did not fit her ample form.

"I like this frock," she said to the saleswoman in the World's store, "but it's too tight here and here. Alter it to fit me and I'll buy it."

The saleswoman regarded her a moment.

"Alter it, madam, to fit you?" she replied. "Oh, no, madam, that is never done. But if you'll be good enough to visit our beauty department on the second floor they'll alter you to fit the frock."

The Moral Sentiment

The foundation of culture, as of character, is at last the moral sentiment. This is the fountain of power, preserves its eternal newness, draws its own rent out of every novelty in science. Science corrects the old creeds, and necessitates a faith commensurate with the grander orbits and universal laws which it discloses. Yet it does not surprise the moral sentiment. That was older, and awaited expectant these larger insights.—Emerson.

Valley Once a Lake Bed

San Luis valley is the bed of an ancient lake. Countless ages ago there was an upheaval that opened the mountains that surrounded the valley, and the lake ran out. Today arid plain wells of fresh water are found only a few feet below the surface. The great sand dunes, called the "American Sahara," and reached from Alamosa and other towns, are a remnant of this ancient lake, the winds of the ages having created the vast expanse of sand into great hills.

Prize Money For Teams

J. C. McKean, manager of the Farmers State Bank and also manager of the Farmers Elevator & Supply company of this city, has posted two additional prize money offers for contestants at the annual Sherman County Fair to be held at Moro on September 8-9-10.

The bank offers an additional prize of \$10 for the best 4-horse team shown on the track during the county fair and the elevator company offers a similar prize of \$15 for the best 6-horse team shown on the track during the fair.

Mr. McKean says that the two offers are made to encourage more

Electric Lights Trap Bugs

Electric lights now dot some of the broad rice fields of Japan where farmers have learned that by the use of electric lamps they can fool myriads of bugs and cause them to commit suicide. These same bugs deposit ravenous larvae in the rice plants to the detriment of the crop.

Experiments have revealed that one 50-watt lamp suspended over a vat of water for each two and one-half acres of ground would attract enough of the insects to materially reduce the damage. The bugs, flying toward the points of light strike against the lamp bulbs and fall into the water to die.

\$100,000,000 Spent by Scotch Women for Bobs

Glasgow.—Close to \$100,000,000 a year is spent by women and girls on bobbing and shingling in Scotland, according to James Stewart, the "hair-dresser" M. P. for St. Rollox, and as a consequence, he says, a new occupation has been started which employs many thousands of men and women.

"I am sure women will not return to the long hair fashion, because the present mode is so comfortable and hygienic," he went on. "Shingling is as popular with the women of the mining villages as it is with the women of Mayfair."

In England the cost of treatment of the hair varies from 25 cents in the working class village to \$125 in the fashionable salons of London. Some rich women think \$25 to \$125 quite normal expenditure for hair treatment at one session, but such extravagance is abnormal.

"The average woman probably spends about \$6 to \$8 a year on hair cuts," Stewart concluded, "which compares favorably with the expense of the average man on shaving, hair cuts, and shampoos."

Temple Yields Facts About Ancient Mexico

Mexico City.—A sumptuous chamber, the walls of which are covered with fresco paintings, said to be very similar to those found in the prehistoric temple of horticulture in the archeological city of San Juan Teotihuacan in the Valley of Mexico, is reported to have been discovered in the Maya ruins at Chichen Itza, Yucatan, by Dr. Sylvanus G. Morley, in charge of archeological investigations in Yucatan under the auspices of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., and the Mexican government.

The frescoes are said to be marvelously preserved and it is expected that when the picture writings are finally deciphered by scientists much new light will be shed on the history of Maya civilization.

Dr. Morley announced to the Mexican government that his work of exploration has been stopped for the year, because of the intense heat.

"Gate-Crasher" Fails

London.—Chagrined over what he said was his first defeat in thirty years of "gate-crashing" in America, Canada and Australia, "One-Eyed" Connolly was sent back to the United States.

New Tree Will Develop Wood Pulp in 18 Years

New York.—For production of wood pulp a tree has been developed that will grow to a height of 60 feet and a thickness of 18 inches in 18 years, says the New York Evening Post.

This tree, a hybrid poplar, has been developed by Dr. Ralph McKee of Columbia university and Dr. A. D. Stout of the New York Botanical gardens. The work was backed by the Oxford Paper company of Rumford, Maine.

The paper obtained from poplar pulp, said Dr. McKee, is superior to that now generally obtained from spruce. The new trees can be propagated from seedlings.

Worked Other Way

Toronto, Ont.—Having lived fifty-five days of nothing but water in an effort to improve her health, Mrs. Hope Leontovich is in a serious condition at a hospital.

The development of a tree which will grow to a height of 60 feet and a thickness of 18 inches in 18 years is a notable achievement. Not only will this tree—a hybrid poplar—be advantageous for reforestation purposes, but the paper obtained from poplar wood pulp is said to be superior to that made from spruce. The world is now consuming wood pulp four times as fast as it grows in the forests. The new tree, however, is expected to remove the production of wood pulp from the category of forestry to that of farming and permit the growing of trees in regular crops as rapidly as they are needed. This development, the work of New York scientists, is particularly significant in view of the fact that the wood-pulp supply for newspapers and magazines has been menaced by the rapid depletion of the spruce forests.

At least one civic body, the Ohio Institute, has taken the trouble to determine by comparative statistics how far modern youth is slipping into criminal ways. It found that in Ohio, from 1880 to 1900, 20 per cent of convicted murderers were under twenty-five years of age. From 1906 to 1910 the percentage increased to 27, but fell to 21 per cent during the five-year period from 1921 to 1923. So much for crime-to which adults are principally addicted. The ages at which criminals were convicted, the Institute discovered, have varied only slightly and show no trend, but in all times most criminals have begun their careers in adventurous youth.

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