

Old Algebra Blocks Recovered Professor Finds Old Friends Helped Make Them 39 Years Ago

We are often surprised to meet old friends in queer and unexpected places. The same is true of objects that were familiarly associated with old friends and remind us forcibly of them. An incident that occurred this week at Albany College illustrates this.

Prof. Mattoon has a class in college algebra, and the lesson for the particular day under consideration, included the demonstration of the rule for cube root. Just a few minutes before the class period was over the Professor was rummaging a closet in which odds and ends for use in teaching mathematics had been thrust. Among other things was a bundle consisting of some 40 or 50 wooden

blocks. They had a strangely familiar look to the old teacher and he carried them to a table in his classroom and looked them over. They were the very identical blocks that he and Pres. E. N. Condit had made the summer of 1881 and had taken to Portland to a meeting of the state teachers' association and used to demonstrate to the public school teachers of Oregon the rule for cube root.

Well Prof. Mattoon took those same blocks that he and President Condit had made thirty nine years ago and demonstrated cube root again to a class in Albany college, we may believe with the same zest that he employed nearly two score years ago.

Of Interest To Women

The first marriage of a Hindu widow was celebrated at Calcutta in 1856.

It is just fifty years since the medical profession in Sweden was opened to women.

In the United States there are more than fifty women who earn their livelihood as blacksmiths.

Yellow, signifying "the sere and yet low leaf," is the mourning color of the widow's caps in Brittany.

The first notable convention of woman suffrage advocates in the Pacific Northwest was held at Portland, Ore., in 1873.

The woman's bowling championship of the United States will be decided at a tournament to be held in Chicago next April.

Since 1892 women students have been admitted to nearly all departments of the University of St. Andrews, the oldest of Scottish universities.

Typewriter dealers in New York report that an ever increasing number of society women are using the machines for their private correspondence.

One of the few equestrian statues of women to be found anywhere in the world is that of Queen Victoria, which was erected in Liverpool just fifty years ago.

The only woman ever honored with a public funeral in Washington, D. C., was Marcia Burns Van Ness, noted social leader and philanthropist, whose death occurred in 1832.

Prominent New York society women, members of the National League of Women's Service, acted as judges in a series of boxing bouts staged recently in the army base hospital at Fox Hills, Staten Island, for the entertainment of wounded soldiers.

A peeress's court train is strictly regulated as to length, and varies according to her rank. A duchess will have her train three yards long, a marchioness two and a half, countesses are limited to two yards, viscountesses to one and a half, and baronesses to one yard.

On Italian maiden will consent to be married in May. Certain days of the week, too, are prohibited—Monday, for instance, is held to be unlucky to future generations. Saturday is reserved for widows, Tuesday is considered impossible on account of its being a day devoted to witches and evil spells, and Friday and Wednesday are fast days. Sunday therefore is the day almost always chosen for the celebration.

In Canada women are eligible both for the Federal parliament and the Provincial legislatures. No woman has yet been elected to the Dominion parliament but several have been chosen to seats in the lawmaking bodies of the different Provinces. Mrs. McKinney, who stood as an Independent, was elected to the Alberta legislature in 1917, and in the same year Miss Roberta MacAdams was returned by the overseas Canadian forces. Mrs. Ralph Smith was also elected in 1917 to the British Columbia legislature, and Mrs. Ramsden, a Liberal was returned in Saskatchewan.

The percentage of left-handedness among women is higher than among men.

Women ushers were employed in many of the London theatres fifty years ago.

The Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs embraces 420 clubs with an aggregate membership of nearly 35,000.

Miss May Wilfly, prominent Denver society girl, is an expert electrician and a recognized authority on lighting systems.

A beauty specialist recommends her patients to eat a finely grated carrot before breakfast every morning to improve their complexions.

The Turkish mother loads her child with amulets as soon as it is born, and a small bit of mud, steeped in hot water, prepared by previous charms, is stuck on its forehead.

The first woman graduate of a medical college west of the Mississippi was a Mrs. Munson, of Virden, Ill., who received her diploma from the St. Louis Homeopathic hospital in 1871.

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FRANCE TO GIVE MEMORIAL CARDS

American Legion Collecting Names of Boys who Died in War

Engraved memorial certificates, significant of France's gratitude to America, will be presented the nearest relatives of all Oregon boys who died during the World war in the uniform of their Country. Ceremonies throughout the state will be under the auspices of local Posts of the American Legion on February 22nd.

France selected the American Legion as the representative of this country's fighters and the agency through which the delivery of the memorials should be made. The certificates are delivered to the war department and distributed to all parts of the country through the recruiting offices.

Relatives of boys who made the great sacrifice have been requested to turn in their names to Edwin F. Fortmiller, secretary of the American Legion, with their address or place they can be found on February 22nd. Every effort is being made to have the lists complete and correct as possible that no one will be overlooked.

The memorial programs being prepared in honor of the young men are under local post direction, committees have been appointed to arrange the details.

The memorial certificates are the work of Franklin Booth, an American artist, and are commemorative of the service of the American doughboy, glib and latherneck in the greatest of wars. Each is inscribed with the name of the dead fighter whose nearest of kin receives it.

Those who have not signed up the state war medals are also requested to do so at once at the same address.

Today's Calendar of Sports

Racing

Winter meeting of Cuba-American Jockey club, at Havana.

Winter meeting of Business Men's Racing Assn., at New Orleans.

Trotting

Special meeting of board of review of National Trotting Association, at Canton, O.

Automobile

Opening of shows at Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Shooting

Close of Sunday South Handicap Tournament, at Houston, Texas.

Polo

Opening of the polo season at Del Monte, California.

Swimming

Oregon State championships, at Portland.

Boxing

Eddie McAndrews vs. Willie Ryan, 6 rounds, at Philadelphia.

Young Chaney vs. Harold Farese, 6 rounds, at Philadelphia.

Patsy Johnson vs. Hoe O'Donnell.

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Party Submits Its Platform

SALEM, Jan. 30 — A. P. — The platform of the land and labor party submitted today, includes the abolition of the state senate, public ownership of all public utilities, and natural resources, and an increased tax on community-made values. It also provides for voting by mail and automatic registration.

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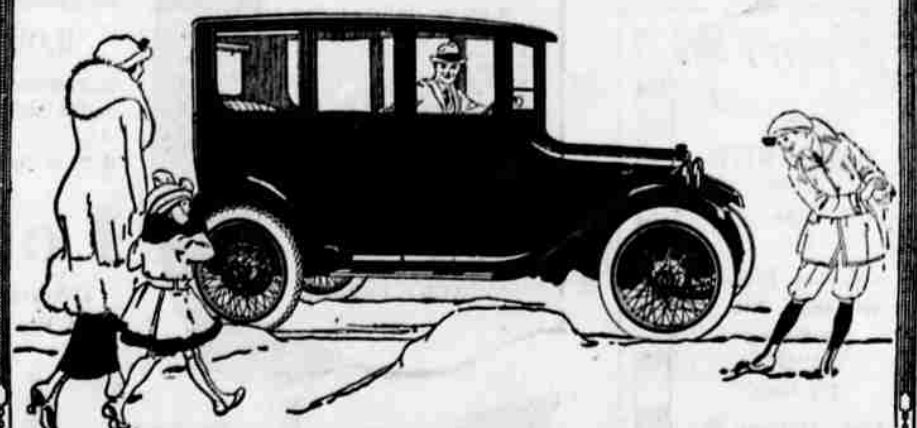
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