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"Richest Woman" Lies in an Unmarked Grave

The boldest and ablest woman financier of her time, Hetty Green, who died in 1916, still remains a unique character in the annals of the New England village of Bellows Falls, Vt.

Curiosity led a correspondent to visit her grave in the churchyard of Immanuel Episcopal church. A sexton's helper who was working among the graves was glad to point out the desired spot, writes the correspondent.

His help was surely needed, for the "richest woman" in the world lies in an unmarked grave! The lot in which there had been five interments, bore in its center one modest granite stone, on which were cut only the names of Edward H. Green, Hetty's husband, and his father. Between the graves of the two men, "buried north and south," in accordance with the custom of the Quakers, in whose faith Mrs. Green had been reared, lies all that is mortal of the woman whose grasp during her lifetime was upon nearly every large corporation and enterprise of any magnitude all over the world.

Here in the summer come visitors by the scores. Sometimes there is one from Texas, who claims to be a neighbor of "Ned"—Col. Edward H. R. Green. Mrs. Green's son—sometimes one who, like the New Jersey woman last summer, vents her disappointment in the words, "And have I come 900 miles just to see that?"

French Urged to Wash Their Hands Oftener

It appears that we do not wash our hands enough. In spite of all modern conveniences—faucets in the kitchen sink, bathrooms and things like that—we are neglecting ourselves. It is really unpardonable and we deserve the ills caused by our failure to take hygienic precautions.

What would we say and what maladies would we not suffer if we were without modern comforts? In the Middle Ages the ceremony of washing the hands at midday in the castles was solemnly performed with a touch of solemnity. It was announced by the blowing of trumpets preceding dinner. A ewer and napkin were presented to the guests by a maldservant.

In those days the fork had not been invented and one ate with one's fingers. And even today we do not think that drumsticks, fried apples, or the like, taste good unless held in the fingers. The more reason that the fingers should be clean.

Let us wash our hands. The Koran says we should wash them five times a day; and France is the greatest Mohammedan power. Let her therefore obey in this particular the precepts of the Koran.—Le Petit Parisien.

Chateaus Now City Parks

Many French chateaus, with wonderful old gardens with sun dials, were partially destroyed in the war. Their fire-scarred ruins still stand. In many cases their parks have been taken over, just as they stood, for city gardens, says the Kansas City Star.

The artificial water makes the village pond. The flower beds, without much trouble, have been converted into part of the public gardens. The former owners, dead or dispersed, would hardly know their own houses and grounds if they could see them today.

This work of transformation is like a sort of object lesson and a very crude one in France. The same process, more slowly evolving and less apparent, is going on elsewhere, too. Great estates are being broken up and sold in Belgium as well as France, and what served for the amusement of a single family is now the part property of perhaps a hundred.

Need Water Wagons

Water wagons are a real necessity in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay. E. M. Newman told members of the National Geographic society. There is no running water in any of the houses of the 400-year-old town, he declared, and peddlers of water do a thriving business from door to door. The Indian women of Asuncion smoke not cigarettes, but "whackin' big cheroots," like their sisters across the world in Burma.

The lecture covered a trip to Iguazu falls, the South American Niagara, between Argentina and Brazil, on the upper Parana river. Pictures showed the great volume of water that flows over these cataracts, which are greater than either Niagara or the Victoria falls of Africa.—Detroit News.

Few Old-Time Seamen

With yards braced sharply to starboard an old-time barkentine lay in the harbor at Baltimore while her skipper scoured the waterfront for old-time seamen capable of handling a ship of her type. The seamen of the younger generation can handle a schooner, but a barkentine is different.

Protect Purchases

More than 38 per cent of the people of the United States are now protected by state supervision in the purchase and sale of real estate, according to a survey of real estate license laws made by the National Association of Real Estate Boards.—American Lumberman.

Poisoned Fish

The theory by which English channel fishermen explain their poor catches, is that the fish have been poisoned by the dumping in the sea of unused munitions. Small quantities of arsenic have been found in oysters on the east and south coast.

Queensland Government Sells Homes to Workers

The labor government of Queensland, Australia, has expended approximately \$16,000,000 in the last eight years in the erection of between 8,000 and 9,000 houses which have been sold to the people, said Premier Edward G. Theodore in an interview at the Australian commissioner's office, 44 Whitehall street, according to the New York Times.

Mr. Theodore, who has been premier of Queensland, the second largest state in Australia, for nearly nine years, arrived in New York by way of Canada and was on his way to London to arrange for the refunding of loans amounting to approximately \$125,000,000.

Premier Theodore explained that the housing shortage was quite as bad in Australia as elsewhere and said that under the scheme to build workers' homes the government bought the land, erected the houses and then sold them to individuals, who paid weekly installments no higher than ordinary rent. At the end of fifteen or twenty years the workman owned the home. Queensland is spending \$2,000,000 this year for 1,000 dwellings to be sold in the same way.

Premier Theodore said he expected to see Prime Minister MacDonald whom he knows, on his visit to London. He declared that Mr. MacDonald now had the opportunity of demonstrating that his policy was workable and sane. If he succeeds, said Mr. Theodore, it will have a great effect throughout the British empire.

Among the accomplishments of the labor party in Queensland in nearly nine years Premier Theodore recited the institution of the compulsory arbitration act as among the most substantial, as it practically did away with strikes.

Under government direction the cotton fields of Queensland are being developed intensively. Farmers from the United States will be asked in a year or two to migrate to Queensland to develop the cotton fields, with the inducements of land at low rates and government assistance until their farms yield substantial crops.

East African Elephant Herds Growing Larger

The elephant is a very useful animal both for draft purposes and for ivory. A few years ago 70,000 were slaughtered annually for their tusks, so that it seemed as though there was a good chance of the big animal's becoming extinct. Wise laws, however, have checked the destruction so that the number is increasing. The war gave the elephants their chance and the British authorities in East Africa have also protected them. South of Zambesi the elephant is virtually extinct and the Cape market for ivory has ceased to exist.

At present Mozambique is the center of the ivory trade. Oddly enough, the Portuguese, through whose hands it comes, send nearly all the ivory across to Bombay, where it is sorted and cut and dispatched to the European markets. The world's supply of real elephant ivory is now about 250 tons a year.—Scientific American.

Report Was Erroneous

A caller at the New York city morgue the other day asked to see the body of a man found in the Harlem river. "It's not me," he said to the mortician in charge, as reported in a daily paper. "What do you mean?" the official asked. "I mean," was the answer, "that the report that my body was found in the river is an error. My acquaintances have been running away from me for a week thinking I'm my own ghost." It seems that the body was that of a friend of the caller, and the latter's name written on papers found in the dead man's pockets resulted in the mixup.

Burglar Sings at Work

A nonchalant burglar who sings at his work and yells at his victims recently set Cincinnati residents on their toes until he left the community. The burglar sang as he entered the apartment of the assistant city treasurer, and the mistress, thinking he was a light-hearted peddler, and not wanting any green groceries, failed to answer the knock. He tried a key which didn't fit, and then entered another apartment on the next floor, singing all the while and when he had finished his job left just as leisurely.

Bride Painted a Steeple

Women members of the congregation of a church near New York undertook to repair the building. A young bride of twenty had the honor of painting the steeple, which is 75 feet from the ground.

Champion Knitter

In an international knitting competition in which thousands of women participated, a young woman of Bristol, England, has won a cash prize of \$1,000 and a silver cup emblematic of the championship.

Bay State's Center

The Wayside Inn's neighborhood has been marked by the census bureau as the center of population for Massachusetts. The exact point is eight-tenths of a mile southwest of the Sudbury post office.

Beautiful Shoulders

The most beautiful shoulders in the world are possessed by Mme. Marcell Pledy of Paris, according to a decision rendered by the judges in the recent international beauty contest at Monte Carlo.

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