

The Babe in the Manger

A Christmas Story

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.—Luke 2:8-16

American Language in Need of Equivalents

Some one sends a complaint to the newspapers that there is no shorter and more graphic word than "pedestrian" for the person who uses his legs in walking, says a writer in the Boston Transcript. "Walker" doesn't quite fill the bill; it seems to imply one who makes walking a profession. A "hiker" is one who goes off on holiday rambles. "Footslogger," an English term, is supposed to apply to the infantry branch of the army. Equally unsuitable are "stroller," "footman," "footer," "tramp" and "saunterer." We seem forced to fall back on "pedestrians" to describe the people who go their ways in the city streets and make up the mournful tallies at the weeks' end of those who have suffered in automobile accidents.

So the language has forever lacked a word equivalent to "starve" for those who are undone from thirst. We must always say that one died of thirst, whereas it would be simpler and more direct to say that one "thirsted" or was "thirstgotten." The Germans have "durstleiden" and perhaps "dursttodten." The French seem no better off than we are unless they use "soifmort," which it is to be feared would never have the sanction

of the academic. Perhaps the Greeks have a word for it. But, so long as we have no way of calling a "pedestrian" something less sesquipedalian or explaining that a man perished of thirst in just one word, our language leaves much to be desired.

Nuts of Pinyon Found on Western Pine Trees

Pinyon nuts, the product of several varieties of low-growing western pine trees, constituted a substantial source of the food of Indians of the Southwest before the white man invaded that territory. These nuts have continued to find favor in Mexico and southwestern United States in recent years, according to a ranger naturalist of the office of national parks, who states that at one time they brought as much as 40 cents a pound and represented a total annual market value of \$1,000,000.

These highly prized nuts are found in two small cavities at the bases of the pine cones. Nuts are not produced every year, but when they are a single cone averages about 15 nuts though some contain as many as 34.

Pinyon nuts have soft shells which are easily crushed and contain solid kernels of sweet white meat. Among the Haasupais, Hopis, Navajos and other Indian tribes the nuts are used chiefly in the form of a meal into which they are ground. The Navajos also make the nuts into a paste which they use much as we use butter.

Arctic Patrol

There is no more romantic force in the world than the Canadian Mounted police, at one time known as the North-West Mounted police. From outposts in the Arctic Islands "The Mounties" patrol the "roof of the North American continent" and carry the king's law to within ten degrees of the pole. In 1874, the force, then composed of 300 men of all ranks, made a demonstration from Red River, Manitoba, 2,000 miles across prairies to the foot of the Rockies. Ever since, the Indians have regarded the red coats as their friends. When a treaty between the Blackfoot Indians and the government was under negotiation, their chief said: "They have guarded us as the feathers guard the birds from the snows of winter. I will sign." The force numbers 2,500 officers and men. They watch the international boundaries to protect revenue and prevent the entrance into Canada of undesirables, and they also do excellent service in keeping a watchful eye on drug smugglers.

Azusa Dam Nearing Completion



A general view of the huge dam at Azusa, Calif., which is nearing completion and which, when finished, will provide an additional supply of stored water to the city of Pasadena. It will be one of the largest dams in the country, of modern design and earthquake proof. The new dam is 320 feet high from foundation to crest. Its length at the crest is 800 feet, and its thickness at the foundation, 270 feet.



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