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"To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

An old fashioned headline, "Speedy Justice Meted to Killer."

Ty Cobb won't play baseball this year, according to a story on the sports page. Which merely shows that winter is still here.

Our winter has not been cold, but it has been consistent and persistent, and if the weather man wants to make us happy he might remove our skiff of snow. It has worn out its welcome.

Typewriter practice up to date: "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party," wrote the girl to her sweetie—and the added, since it is leap year—"and I'm your party."

Was It "The Hermiston Special" Brand of Coffee?
Editor the Herald:

Some lively speculation is being indulged by the residents of the Minnehaha school district as to just what brand of coffee was enjoyed at a board meeting held last Monday evening by the Minnehaha school board.

We are informed that one member tumbled into the "A" line ditch on his way home and smashed himself quite seriously, and the remaining members proceeded to call off the banquet and entertainment which they had invited the residents of the neighborhood to enjoy Tuesday evening, and we had our appetites all keened up and were sitting pretty. Now, we're wondering.

One of the Hungry Ones.

Sowing Wild Oats

To "sow wild oats" means to commit youthful excesses, to spend one's youth in dissipation. Subsequent reform is usually implied. The expression, it is supposed, originated among the country people of England. The wild oats—a tall grass resembling the cultivated oat and by some supposed to be its original progenitor—is a common weed in grain fields. It was natural that a weed so common and obnoxious should become the subject of comparison among the English farmers. At first "sowing wild oats" meant sowing worthless seed or seed which would produce a worthless crop. The transition to the figurative meaning was easy. He who wastes the precious days of his youthful prime in dissipation is sowing seeds which will grow up into obnoxious weeds.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Practical Chemistry

"Young gentlemen," said the lecturer in chemistry, "coal exposed to the elements loses 10 per cent of its weight and power. This is due to the action of the alkali constituents of—"
"But what, if there is a dog sleeping near the coal, professor?"
"None of your levity, young man. This is a serious matter."

"That's what dad thought when 72 per cent of our coal pile disappeared during three nights of exposure. Then he asked my advice as a student in chemistry, and I told him to buy a dog. He bought a dog, with large-sized teeth, and now we don't lose 1 per cent of our coal a month. That's practical chemistry."

The Same Thing

It was obvious that the waiter was frightened, and the manager of the restaurant laid a hand on his shoulder.

"What's the matter?" he asked consolingly.
The waiter cast an apprehensive glance over his shoulder.

"Gent over by the window has ordered roast mutton for his third course."

"Well, and what about it?" said the manager. "The mutton ain't off, is it?"

"Oh, no, sir," replied the waiter nervously. "But he chose roast venison instead of fish for his second course, sir."—London Answers.

Alligator's Handicap

The alligator on land would starve to death surrounded by food because it cannot eat or swallow except under water. At least, a hunter of experience has said so. Their favorite food is fish, although they also eat meat with relish. Their custom is to hibernate in the winter season and those in captivity often refuse to eat during the winter months, which is following their hereditary habit, although they do not actually disappear from view.

Algerian Drug That Stimulates the Brain

Keef is the dried flower of the hemp plant chopped up and smoked like tobacco, rolled in a cigarette or in the bowl of a small pipe. In a different form it is the basis of the hashish sweets rarely seen in Algeria, but very common in the Near East.

The effect of keef on the smoker is to make him practically independent of food and sleep as long as he is under its influence, and a habitual keef taker is easy to detect. His eyes are very bright, his face is pale and drawn, his arms and hands are terribly thin, his movements are restless. At the same time he is not at all dazed, like one under the influence of a drug, and though after a few days' smoking he will drift off into a kind of feverish sleep, during the early periods he is extraordinarily lucid. In fact, it is said that the first effects of keef are to make the brain work at three times its normal pace.

European tourists in the South occasionally get hold of some keef to smoke and complain that it has had no effect at all beyond giving them a sore throat. This is quite normal, as the fact of smoking a little hemp in a pipe or cigarette will hurt no one if not continued. To feel the effect of keef one must smoke for at least one night through, and three days are necessary to get really poisoned.

The danger of an experiment of this kind as that the desire to go on may seize one, and once keef has taken hold of a man it is rare to see him give it up. However, it is quite amusing to go to a keef-smoking den, all the more so as it has to be done in secret and with the connivance of a smoker, as no outsiders know where these little nocturnal reunions take place.—From "Algeria From Within" by R. V. C. Bodley.

Keys of Early Times Not Easy to Handle

The possessive and acquisitive instincts in man, which seem to develop early and to die hard even among the most advanced of nations, writes Louise Gordon-Stables in the London Daily Telegraph, must have produced in quite primitive stages of human evolution some form of lock for the safeguarding of valuables, and capable of being negotiated only by its owner. In several passages in the Old Testament we come across references to such contrivances, as, for instance, in the Song of Solomon, where we read, "My hands dropped with myrrh and my fingers with sweet-smelling myrrh upon the handles of the lock." And that the key proper to the Oriental lock was of great size and considerable weight is borne out by the lines: "And the keys of the House of David will I lay upon my shoulder." For these keys, fashioned of wood and studded at one end with iron pegs to correspond with holes in the wooden lock, might, in the case of the door of the city or of a public building, measure a couple of feet in length and were correspondingly heavy, so that a bunch of them would be carried most easily slung at one's back, the cord threaded through holes in their other extremity, being held in front.

Match's Origin

The first friction matches were the invention of M. Derosne, a Frenchman, and were first used in 1816, but were little used outside of France until 1827, when John Walker (no relative of the famous Johnny Walker of the ante-Volstead days), an English druggist, made the first really practical friction matches, which were known as "Congreves," and within a few years their use spread all over Europe and America, supplanting the use of flint and steel with tinder box and sulphur tipped splints of wood called splunks which were the common means of obtaining fire until Walker's invention was popularized.

"Keeping Tally"

Now and then one still hears the phrase, "Keeping tally," but it is doubtful if many of its users know its original meaning. The tally dates back to the time when only "scholars" could read and write. The tally was a notched stick, generally of seasoned willow or hazel, notched at the edge to represent the amount of the debt, the amounts being indicated by the size and number of the notches. The notch account being made out and agreed upon, the tally was split, one piece given to the creditor as an acknowledgment that the money was due, and the other piece retained by the debtor as a record of the exact amount he had to pay.

Rusty Hands

Alice, a high-school student, came home from school one afternoon and when she walked in her bedroom she found her little sister evidently trying to conceal the fact that she had been playing with her big sister's cosmetics. She hastily picked up the bottle of hand lotion which she had often been permitted to use, and remarked casually: "I just thought that I would use some of this on my hands, they are so rusty."

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

In the matter of the estate of William T. Lambert, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of William T.

Lambert, deceased, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me at the First National Bank of Hermiston, Oregon, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1928.
F. B. Swayze, Administrator. 20-5

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON FINAL REPORT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY

In the matter of the estate of Mary C. McLane, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Mary C. McLane, deceased, has filed his final report with the clerk of the above entitled court and that the judge of said court has designated the 25th day of February, 1928, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the rooms of the above entitled court in the county court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place when and where hearing is to be had thereon. All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be

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Robert B. McLane, Administrator. 21-5tc.

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