

They'll Do It Every Time

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Small Worlds Around Us

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The Exotic Lotus Looks Like A Salt Shaker

The lotus blossom looks like a salt shaker. Rather a homely way to describe an exotic flower that the Hindu people believed symbolized female beauty and the one the ancient Greeks and Egyptians considered sacred, but the seed pod of the lotus certainly looks more like a salt-shaker than anything else.

The "pale hands that wait beside the Shalimar" were the color and texture of this glorified water lily. The lotus has been cultivated for centuries in temple pools and shrines where pagodas reflected their Oriental splendor and Buddha watched in grinning silence.

Long before the fragrance of the blossom or its delicate beauty were appreciated, the nut-like seeds, as well as the roots, were used as human food. In Ceylon the lotus was cultivated as a crop.

Rare Beauty

Travelers carried the seeds to every corner of the world and gradually it became recognized as a thing of rare beauty. Architects in ancient Egypt shaped the capitals of columns to represent the flower bud. The outlines of the leaves and blossoms were painted on walls and worked into the designs of rugs and tapestries.

The flower, however, has no connection with the so-called "lotus-eaters," a race of Africans who ate the berries of the lotus tree. Tradition has it that the "lotus-eaters" were dreamy, absent-minded folks who sat and dreamed of pleasures existent away from home. The old story tells of armies who invaded the land of the "lotus eaters," partook of the fruit and never wanted to return to their native homes.

All down through the centuries the lotus flower has kept its personality and retained its original characteristics, with the exception of its color. Today it can be found in pink, yellow and white. The Japanese variety is white; the East Indian, pink; most of the cultivated varieties are yellow.

The flowers are delicately

fragrant and grow singly on a long stem. The leaves, too, are single but unlike most of the water lilies the blossoms are carried on tall stems which hold the flower several feet above the water's surface in which they grow. In the center of the flower is the "salt shaker," which holds the seeds.

As the seeds ripen, the stem that holds the bud weakens, then the weight of the flower eventually bends the stalk downward until the seeds sift out the little holes provided for just this purpose. Being heavy the little seeds sink down to the mud at the bottom of the pool and begin to grow.

The receptacle that held the seeds, the salt shaker arrangement, turns a rich, dark brown color and becomes very hard. This interesting object now becomes an article of sale in curio shops and sold to people who may have never seen the exotic beauty of the lotus; the strange seed pod that Nature designed as an ornate "salt shaker" for the scattering of lotus seeds.

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Hope To Fulfill TV Commitment

New York—UPI—Comedian Bob Hope flies back to Hollywood today to fulfill a television commitment, taking with him medical assurances that he will regain full vision in his left eye.

Hope, 54, will be released from Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center for the trip, but he may return here next week for further diagnostic studies if physicians feel they are necessary. His television appearance is scheduled for Sunday.

Dr. Algernon B. Reese, the nationally known specialist who is treating Hope, said two days of tests indicated a blood clot in the retinal vein of Hope's left eye can be expected to disperse with continued use of anti-coagulant drugs. Reese said an operation to restore vision in the eye, now cut 50 per cent, would not be necessary.



TESTIFYING BEFORE HOUSE COMMITTEE, Defense Secretary Neil McElroy (left), says U. S. policy is not to strike first blow in war but "whether that always will be true is another matter." With him are Gen. Nathan Twining (right), chairman, joint chiefs of staff, and Oliver Gale, McElroy's special assistant, before hearing started.

Young Scientists Urged To Develop Mental Discipline

Washington—(Science Service)—Mental discipline is the greatest asset young budding scientists have to offer society and their professions.

The 40 young winners of the 18th Science Talent Search were urged to develop this discipline by Mark W. Cresap Jr., president of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, at the Annual Awards Dinner here.

Cresap said that the mental discipline of a scientist might be defined as an attitude or a philosophy or a sense of values.

"It is the conviction that what one is doing is eminently worthwhile," he said. This includes the attitude that the job demands a person's best effort, and the belief that competence is something to be sought after.

Youths Congratulated
"Regrettably," he said, "this kind of philosophy is not one which permeates large segments of our citizenry. I join with those who are increasingly concerned about the growing tendency of so many individuals to accept mediocrity as a personal standard of performance."

He congratulated the 31 boys and 9 girls—all high school seniors—who were chosen top winners among thousands of entrants in the competition, and charged them with the responsibility for developing their disciplines and talents.

Conducted annually by Science Clubs of America as an activity of Science Service, the Science Talent Search is supported by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation as an contribution to the scientific future of the nation.

Mexico Will Get American Bank Loan

Washington—UPI—The U.S. Export-Import bank will grant Mexico a \$100 million credit today to strengthen its foreign reserves and continue vital imports for the next six months.

The action came less than two weeks after President Eisenhower flew to Acapulco for a conference with new Mexican President Lopez Mateos.

Although the credit has been in the works for some time, Eisenhower was known to have taken a personal interest in speeding the economic aid to the Latin American neighbor.

NET WARTIME TORPEDO

Warsaw, Poland—UPI—A fishing vessel netted a wartime torpedo Wednesday in coastal waters five miles off the mouth of the Vistula river. The odd fish was draped with an assortment of nets, indicating how many times it had gotten away.

TEACHER SENTENCED

Montgomery, Ala.—UPI—Robert E. Haynes, a Sunday school teacher, began a three-year prison term today for buying and selling property stolen by William Head, 17, a member of his class.

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