

FIRST STRIKE ON RECORD.

Occurred in Rome and Took Place in the Year 300 B. C.

Livy in his famous book, "The Annals," 9, 30, relates in the following suggestive words the story of a singular strike which occurred in Rome in the year 300 B. C. and was probably the first strike ever known:

That year occurred an event little worthy of being related and which I would pass in silence had it not appeared as involving religion. The flute players, dissatisfied because the latest censor had forbidden them to take part in the banquet in Jupiter's temple, according to the ancient custom, withdrew, every one of them, to Tibur, so that nobody was left at Rome to play during the sacrifice. This incident shocked the religious sentiment of the senate, and the senators sent messengers to invite the inhabitants of Tibur to make every effort in order that the flute players should be restored to the Romans. The Tiburtines, having promised not to neglect anything necessary for that purpose, caused the flute players to come to the place where the senate met and exhorted them to go back to Rome. Seeing that they could not prevail upon them to do so, they employed a stratagem in keeping with their character.

On a day of festival under pretext that music would increase the joy of the feast every citizen invited the flute players individually to his house, and wine, of which people of that profession are usually fond, was given to them in such quantities that they fell into a deep sleep. They were then thrown into wagons and transported to Rome. They only became aware of what had happened on the day after, when dawn surprised them lying on the carts, which had been left in the forum. A large crowd had assembled, and they were indignant to find that they would remain at Rome. The right of attending the banquets was restored to these flute players.

ANCIENT LIGHTHOUSES.

Beacon Lights For Mariners Ceased With the Earliest Commerce.

Beacon lights to guide the way to a safe harbor must have been almost coeval with the earliest commerce. There is positive record that lighthouses were built in ancient times, though few evidences now remain to us from old writers or in crumbling ruins. This is not strange, for light towers, never the most stable architectural form, were exposed to the storms of sea and war.

The Greeks attributed the first lighthouses to Hercules, and he was considered the protector of voyagers. It is claimed by some that Homer refers to lighthouses in the nineteenth book of the "Iliad."

Virgil mentions a light on a temple to Apollo which, visible far out at sea, warned and guided mariners. The Colossus at Rhodes, erected about 300 B. C., is said to have shown a signal light from its uplifted hand.

The oldest towers known were built by the Libyans in lower Egypt. They were temples also, and the lightkeeper priests taught, piloted, hydrographed and navigated. The famous tower on the island of Pharos at Alexandria, built about 285 B. C., is the first lighthouse of undoubted record. This tower, constructed by Sostratus, the architect, was square 16 ft. high and great height and built in offsets. An open brazier at the top of the tower contained the fuel for the light. At Dover and Boulogne, on either side of the English channel, were ancient lighthouses built by the Romans. But the lighthouse at Coruna, Spain, built in the reign of Trajan and reconstructed in 1634, is believed to be the oldest existing lighthouse.

The Humming Bird Flower. Alletted avasalis, the wonderful so called "humming bird flower" of the plains of eastern Turkey, stands unique and alone among the many specimens of floral mimicry that have been classified by modern botanists. It is a beautiful blossom of variegated hues, the total length of the entire flower being about one and three-quarter inches. As one might imagine from its name, it is an exact image of a miniature humming bird. The breast is green, the wings deep rose color, the throat yellow and the head and beak almost pure black. The only particular in which it is not a perfect bird is that the stem gives it the appearance of having but a single leg and foot.

Incongruous. A clerical correspondent of one of the London church papers relates that a certain prelate had great difficulty in suppressing his laughter at the consecration of a church the other day owing to the device on one of the school banners which were carried in the procession before the service. This banner was adorned with a very fierce looking lion, with terrible claws and teeth, while underneath him was the legend, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

An Afghan Custom. An Afghan is bound by custom to grant a stranger who crosses his threshold and claims protection any favor he may ask, even at the risk of his own life. Yet apart from this he is cruel and revengeful, never forgiving a wrong and retaliating at the first opportunity.

The One to Brag. "He's bragging that he doesn't owe a cent to any man in the world." "Well, he needn't brag that he does not owe me."

"Why not?" "I'm doing the bragging for that."—Omaha News.

Not money, but the love of it, is the root of evil. The right use of money brings only good.

A Good Beginning. Smythe—I intend Harry for the bar. Would you advise his beginning on such old works as Coke and Blackstone? Tompkins—No. I would begin by grounding him even further back. Smythe—Indeed! In what? Tompkins—The Ten Commandments.

Division of Profits. [Littant—You take nine-tenths of the judgment? Outrageous! Lawyer—I furnished all the skill and eloquence and legal learning for your cause. Littant—But I furnished the cause. Lawyer—Oh, anybody could do that!

MENTAL ATTITUDE.

It Has Much to Do With Winning Success in Life.

The mental attitude which we always hold toward our work or our aim has everything to do with what we may accomplish. If you go to your work with the attitude of a slave who goes lashed to his task and see in it only drudgery; if you work without hope, seeing no future in what you are doing beyond getting a bare living; if you see no light ahead, nothing but poverty, deprivation and hard work all your life; if you think that you were destined to such a hard life, you cannot expect anything else than that which you look for.

If, on the other hand, no matter how poor you may be today, you can see a better future; if you believe that some day you are going to rise out of humdrum work, that you are going to get up out of the basement of life into the drawing room, where beauty, comfort and joy await you; if your ambition is clean cut and you keep your eye steadily upon the goal which you hope to reach and feel confident that you have the ability to attain it, you will accomplish something worth while. The direction of your effort will follow your eye. If that looks up as well as on, you will climb.

That one quality of holding persistently the faith in themselves and never allowing anything to weaken the belief that somehow they would accomplish what they undertook has been the underlying principle of all great achievers. The great majority of men and women who have given civilization a great uplift started poor and for many dark years saw no hope of accomplishing their ambition, but they kept on working and believing that somehow a way would be opened. Think of what this attitude of hopefulness and faith has done for the world's great inventors—how most of them plodded on through many years of dreary drudgery before the light came, and the light would never have come but for their faith, hope and persistent endeavor.

What if they had listened to their advisers! Even those who loved them tried to beg them to give up the foolishness of coining their lives into that which would never be practical or useful. We are enjoying today thousands of blessings, comforts and conveniences which have been bequeathed us by those resolute souls who were obliged often to turn a deaf ear to the pleadings of those they loved best as they struggled on amid want and woe for many years.—Success.

CHRISTMAS.

Negroes consider Christmas day the best in the year for a wedding.

Christmas was first celebrated as a feast of the Christian church about the year 190 A. D.

At Cullinst, in Ireland, the game of kamman, a sort of hockey, is played on Christmas day.

A leaf from Christmas decorations is preserved in Yorikshira as a remedy against toothache.

Scottish servants each endeavor to be the first to draw water from the well on Christmas morning.

It is an old Irish superstition that gold should not be paid away on Christmas day nor silver lent.

Christmas day at Cape Town is usually celebrated with picnics. The temperature averages 82 degrees.

On Christmas morning in Norway every gateway, gable or barn door is decorated with a sheaf of corn fixed on a tall pole in order that the birds may eat from their Christmas dinner.

To Make a Canary Sing. Generally any kind of soft, sibilant noise will tempt a bird to sing. A canary hung in a kitchen will usually start his song if he hears, say, the frizzling of a frying pan. We utilize special devices to tempt the shy singer, who is perhaps rendered the more bashful by finding himself in novel surroundings. For this purpose we employ whistles and song organs, which artificially reproduce the "tours" of the roller. This latter method is found to be irresistible when all other plans have failed. The bird feels apparently that he is being challenged and forthwith responds to the challenge by pouring forth the best of his song.—London Post.

Vulcan. Vulcan, the god of ancient blacksmiths and metal workers, was lame in consequence of a pretty fall he had in his early days. Jupiter and Juno had a row, and Vulcan sided with his mother against the old gentleman, who promptly kicked him out of heaven. He fell for a whole day and lighted on the island of Lemnos, broke his leg and received a severe shaking up as though he had tumbled down an elevator shaft. Esculapius set his leg, but having only just received a diploma did a poor job, and for a long time Vulcan went on a crutch.

All at the Head. Glass stands first of elastic substances, pearl is the heaviest of animal substances, mercury is the heaviest liquid, the heaviest woods are pomegranate and lignum vitae, cork is the lightest wood, and platinum is the most ductile metal, capable of being drawn so fine as to be invisible.

He Will See Them. "A prominent oculist says he never saw a pair of perfect eyes," said the woman who reads the newspapers. "That," replied Miss Cayenna, "merely proves that the prominent oculist was never in love."—Washington Star.

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