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**LEGEND OF THE TOPAZ.**

Why the Jewel Is Called the Stone of Gratitude.

The topaz is called the stone of gratitude, and the old Roman books record the following legend, from which the stone derives this attribute:

The blind Emperor Theodosius used to hang a brazen gong before his palace gates and sit beside it on certain days, hearing and putting to rights the grievances of any of his subjects. Those who wished for his advice and help had but to sound the gong, and immediately admission into the presence of Caesar was obtained. One day a great snake crept up to the gate and struck the brazen gong with her coils, and Theodosius gave orders that no one should molest the creature and bade her tell him of her wish.

The snake bent her crest lowly in homage and straightway told the following tale:

Her nest was at the base of the gateway tower, and while she had gone to find food for her young brood a strange beast, covered with sharp needles, had invaded her home, killed the nestlings and now held possession of the little dwelling. Would Caesar grant her justice?

The emperor gave orders for the porcupine to be slain and the mother to be restored to her desolate nest. Night fell, and the sleeping world had forgotten the emperor's kindly deed, but with the early dawn a great serpent glided into the palace, up the steps and into the royal chamber and laid upon each of the emperor's closed eyelids a gleaming topaz.

When the Emperor Theodosius awoke he was no longer blind, for the mother snake had paid her debt of gratitude.

**PASSPORTS IN FRANCE.**

The Kind That Were Issued in the Time of Louis XVI.

The mysterious cards of the Count de Vergennes each contained a brief history in cipher of those to whom they were given. De Vergennes was Louis XVI's minister of foreign affairs, and when strangers of a suspicious character were about to enter France he issued to them these strange cards, which acted as passports, and were also intended to give information concerning the bearer without his knowledge.

In the first place, its color indicated the nationality of the man who carried it. The person's age, approximately, was told by the shape of the card. A fillet around the border of the card told whether he was a bachelor, married or a widower. Dots gave information as to his position and fortune, and the expression of his face was shown by a decorative flower.

The stranger's religion was told by the punctuation after his name. If he was a Catholic it was a period, if a Jew a dash, if he was a Lutheran a semicolon and no stop at all indicated him a nonbeliever.

So a man's morals, character and appearance were pointed out by the pattern of his passport, and the authorities could tell at a glance whether he was a gamester or a preacher, a physician or a lawyer, and whether he was to be put under surveillance or allowed to go free.—Sunday Magazine.

**Materialistic Man.**

Sir James Crichton-Browne, the English physician, speaking before some members of his profession, protested against the tendency to adopt too materialistic an explanation of man. The raw material of a medical practice became a mere contrivance of matter and force; the brain of this poor consumer of pills and potions a "glue-like substance, nine-tenths water, with a little phosphorus thrown in." "They left us man," said Sir James, with a smashing figure, "a motor car, self made and self started, with no passengers and no chauffeur, moved by a series of explosions or redistributions of energy, and rushing on to inevitable destruction."

**A Prayer.**

Send some one, Lord, to love the best that is in me and to accept nothing less from me, to touch me with the searching tenderness of the passion for the ideal, to demand everything from me for my own sake, to give me so much that I cannot think of myself and to ask so much that I can keep nothing back, to console me by making me strong before sorrow comes, to help me so to live that while I part with many things by the way I lose nothing of the gift of life.—Hamilton W. Mabie.

**Maude Was Willing.**

A strict housewife said to a new maid, "I forgot to tell you, Maude, that if you break anything I'll have to take it out of your wages."

But Maude, whom two days had heartily sickened of her berth, replied, with a merry laugh: "Do it, ma'am; do it. I've just broke the hundred dollar vase in the parlor, and if you can take that out of \$4—for I'm leavin' at the end of the week—why, you'll be mighty clever."—Argonaut.

**The Other One.**

"What is the meaning of 'alter ego'?" asked the teacher of the beginners' class in Latin.

"The other I," said the boy with the curly hair.

"Give a sentence containing the phrase."

"He winked his other I."

**Long Sighted.**

New Nurse—But why don't you want to take your bath, Johnny?

Little Johnny—Cause somebody said the good die young, and I don't want to take chances on being drowned. See?—Exchange.

Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow; it empties today of its strength.—MacLennan.

**EARLY GENIUS.**

Men Who Were Young in Years, but Old in Hours.

Davy made his epochal experiment of melting ice by friction when but twenty. Young was no older when he made his first communication to the Royal society and was in his twenty-seventh year when he first actively espoused the undulatory theory. Fresnel was twenty-six when he made his first important discoveries in the same field, and Arago, who at once became his champion, was then but two years his senior.

Forbes was under thirty when he discovered the polarization of heat, which pointed the way to Mohr, then thirty-one, to the mechanical equivalent. Joule was twenty-two in 1840, when his great work was begun, and Mayer, whose discoveries date from the same year, was then twenty-six, which was also the age of Helmholtz when he published his independent discovery of the same law. William Thomson was a youth just past his majority when he came to the aid of Joule before the British society and but seven years older when he formulated his own doctrine of dissipation of energy. And Clausius and Rankine, who are usually mentioned with Thomson as the great developers of thermo-dynamics, were both far advanced with their novel studies before they were thirty. We may well agree with the father of inductive science that "the man who is young in years may be old in hours."—Exchange.

**CHINESE SKILL WITH AXES.**

Carpenters of Cathay Will Compare With Occidentals.

In judging the performance of the native Chinese workman it is almost impossible to avoid the popular bias that addition to their own methods and tools invariably bespeaks fatuous conservatism. Though this is in many cases true, it will often be found on careful observation that what has passed for a stubborn blindness to the virtue of innovation is in reality a keener perception of comparative merits than the judge himself was aware of.

This is particularly true of Chinese carpenters. While most of their commonest tools differ in some radical way from our own, it is never safe to assume the superiority of the western product. Their small ax, for example, is a beautifully balanced tool, and they are remarkably adept in the use of it, being able to work as true a surface therewith as can be obtained with an ax in the hands of the white man.

On heavy work it is customary for two to hew together on opposite sides, striking alternate blows. Both hands are used, and the recover is over the shoulder, alternate right and left. There is a freedom of swing with an accuracy of delivery that is a treat to watch, and the rapidity of blows is almost bewildering.—Engineering Magazine.

**The Great Bustard.**

The great bustard (Otis tarda), a bird still found in the southern provinces of Russia, is the heaviest European fowl. In size it exceeds the Norwegian blackcock. The old males attain a weight of thirty-five pounds, and where food is plentiful specimens weighing thirty-eight pounds and even forty pounds have been captured. These birds have disappeared from western Europe, where once they were almost as numerous as partridges, and are seen only in small flocks in the sand hills skirting the lower valley of the Dnieper and here and there along the north coast of the Caspian. The hen lays eggs as big as ordinary pears. A larger and heavier bird, the cassowary, is incapable of flight, but it can kick with the strength of a mule and uses the sharp, bony quills of its wings as a cock uses his spurs.

**Granted In Advance.**

The young doctor who had lately settled in Shrubville had ample opportunities to learn humility if nothing else in his chosen field. One day he was hailed by an elderly man, who requested him to step in and see his wife, who was ailing. At the close of his visit the young doctor asked for a private word with the man.

"Your wife's case is somewhat complicated," he said, "and with your permission I should like to call the Brookfield physician in consultation."

"Permission?" echoed the man indignantly. "I told her I knew she ought to have a good doctor, but she was afraid you'd be offended if she did."

**"Paradise Lost."**

Milton's "Paradise Lost" was commenced between 1639 and 1642 and completed about the time of the "great fire of London" in September, 1666. Its author composed it in passages of from ten to twenty lines at a time and then dictated them to an amanuensis, usually some attached friend. It was first published in 1667 by one Samuel Simmons, and a second edition appeared in 1674. For these two editions Milton received £10 and his widow £8 more.—London Graphic.

**Over and Above.**

"Mother, does Dr. Smith wear his everyday clothes under that long white gown when he preaches?" asked a little girl who had seen the edge of the minister's trousers under his robe.

"Yes, dear," was the reply.

"Well," she continued, "now I know why it is called a surplus."—Harper's Weekly.

**Good For Luncheon.**

"At luncheon I had something which was excellent, but not substantial."

"What was it?"

"An excellent appetite."—Il Diavolo Rosa.

The two greatest stimulants in the world are love and debt.—Beaumont.

**SOCIETIES OF KLAMATH FALLS.**

A. O. U. W.—Linkville Lodge No. 110 meets in the A. O. U. W. hall every Tuesday evening. Visiting Brothers always welcome. Roy Hamaker, M. W. J. W. Siemens, Recorder.

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W. O. W. Ewauna Camp, No. 799. W. O. W. meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Sanderson's hall. All neighbors cordially invited.

C. K. Brandenburg, Clerk.

A. F. & A. M.—Klamath Lodge No. 77. Meets Saturday evening on or before the full moon of each month in the Masonic Hall. Alex Martin Jr., W. M. W. E. Bowdoin, Secretary.

O. E. S.—Aloha Chapter No. 61, meets in the Masonic hall every second and fourth Tuesday evenings in each month. Christine Murdoch, W. M. Jennie E. Reames, Secretary.

I. G. O. F.—Klamath Lodge No. 137 meets every Saturday evening in the A. O. U. W. hall. Jasper Bennett, N. G. Geo. L. Humphrey, Secretary.

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**Petition for Liquor License**  
To the Honorable County Court of the County of Klamath, state of Oregon.

We the undersigned, residents and legal voters of Sprague river precinct said county and state, respectfully ask that a license to sell Spirituous, Malt and Vinous Liquors, in less quantities than one gallon in the precinct aforesaid for a period of Eight (8) months from the 12th day of March, A. D. 1907 be granted to C. D. Willson and William Woods, under the firm name of Willson & Woods at Bly, in said Precinct, and your petitioners will ever pray.

S. C. Hamaker, W. F. Reed, W. W. Finley, P. Bush, Ed. Bloomingcamp, C. J. Martin, Nels Urik, Mans Thompson, John Daragh, O. T. Anderson, L. L. Griffin, A. W. Evans, J. H. Boyd, O. Peterson, W. H. Casebeer, R. J. Courtwright, H. J. Langham, Q. N. Anderson, Geo. Bloomingcamp, J. S. Watts, John W. Wells, Amos Lundy, O. R. Stewart, Geo. S. Boyd, Neil Campbell, J. E. Sullivan, Chas. T. Powne, E. W. Whetstone, Spratt Wells, Wm. G. Snider, L. B. Yadin, W. F. McArthur, J. A. Parker and Jno. B. Kappes.

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RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 274,343.66
Overdrafts	6,329.72
Bonds and Warrants	59,252.58
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	13,824.59
Real Estate	6,166.99
Due from Banks	256,966.66
Cash in Bank	31,191.63
	\$648,075.63
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock, fully paid	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided profits	13,213.01
Individual Deposits, subject to check	514,361.63
Cashier's Checks outstanding	1,034.50
Demand Certificates of Deposit	19,466.49
	\$648,075.63

I, Alex Martin, Jr., Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
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