

MOTHER NATURE AS SCULPTOR

Marvelous Beauty of Yosemite Valley Due to Erosion of Water Through Uncounted Ages.

After the visitor to the Yosemite valley has recovered from his first shock of astonishment—for it is no less—at the supreme beauty of the valley, inevitably he wonders how nature made it.

It will not lessen wonder to learn that it was water which cut most of this deep valley in the solid granite. Originally the Merced river flowed practically at the level of the canyon top.

But geologists have determined, by unerring fact, that the river did by far the most of the work, and that the great glacier which followed the water ages afterward did little more than square its corners and steepen its cliffs.

USED HUMAN FLESH FOR BAIT

Hawaiian Kings Utilized Bodies of Slaves or Enemies to Lure Monsters of the Ocean.

In the days of Hawaiian kings, every part of the bone and skin of a shark was supposed to confer unflinching bravery upon the possessor.

Kamehameha I. was especially proud and jealous of his title of the Great Shark-Fisher. He kept his victims penned up near the great temple of Mookini, near Kawaihae, on the island of Hawaii.

The person chosen to act as bait, was killed, cut up, placed in a calabash, and allowed to mellow for a few days. The mellowing process consummated, the bait was lashed to the outrigger of the royal canoe in such a manner as to leave behind a dripping trail of blood and oil.

History of Ballooning.

The first ascension in a balloon filled with hydrogen was made in 1783 by M. Charles and M. Robert at Paris. Henry Cavendish, about 1766, discovered the great levity of hydrogen gas, and the following year Doctor Black of Edinburgh announced that a thin bladder filled with this gas must ascend into the air.

Eyes of Fishes.

Although there are a few exceptions to the rule, the eyes of fishes are intended to see beneath the water with, and, as in the case of the eyes in all animals, sight only becomes possible to the eyes of diurnal animals when there is light present.

Tried to Follow Instructions.

When a youth of Buffalo was invited to his first formal dinner party his mother advised him how to appear in the best advantage and told him to say something complimentary about the food.

WHAT APPEALED TO CHINESE

Consideration Accorded Women by British Authorities Evidently Made Deep Impression on Natives.

"If one were to ask a native of Wel-hai-wei what were the characteristics of British rule that he most appreciated, one would perhaps expect him to emphasize the comparative freedom from petty extortion and tyranny, the obvious endeavor (not always successful) to dispense even-handed justice, the facilities for trade, the improvement of means of communication.

"What is it we like best in our British rulers? I will tell you," he said. "Our native roads are narrow pathways, and very often there is no room for two persons to pass unless one yields the road to the other. When our last rulers—the Japanese—met our small-footed women . . . along such a path they never stepped aside to let the woman pass by . . . An Englishman, on the contrary, whether mounted or on foot, always leaves the road to the woman. He will walk deliberately into a deep snowdrift rather than let a Chinese woman step off the dry path.

WHY THEY ARE "DOUGHBOYS"

Origin of Nickname Applied to United States Infantrymen Traced to Mexican War.

The term "doughboy" as a nickname for the American infantryman is a very old one, dating back to the Mexican war of 1846. In that year the United States regular soldiers first made acquaintanceship with the houses of mud-colored, sun-dried bricks that are seen everywhere, even today, in New Mexico, Arizona and the southern part of California.

These bricks are called by the Mexican adobes (pronounced "doh-bies"), a term also applied to the small, squat, flat-roofed houses built with them.

When the American invaders entered what was then Mexican territory, the infantrymen found these dwellings—mostly deserted by their panic-stricken inhabitants—handy as billets, and promptly occupied them as such. But the cavalrymen, who had to be near their picketed horses out on the open prairie, were unable to avail themselves of similar accommodation.

Partly in envy, and partly in good-natured chaff, these christened their more fortunate comrades "dohbie dodgers," and afterwards shortened to "dohbies," a good, round-sounding nickname that was bound to stick, and which in course of time became corrupted into "doughboys."

John Burroughs' Rabbit.

In July the woodchuck was forgotten in our interest in a little gray rabbit which we found nearly famished, writes John Burroughs. It was so small that it could sit in the hollow of one's hand. . . . We had to force the milk into its mouth. But in a day or two it began to revive, and would lap the milk eagerly. Soon it took to grass and clover, and then to nibbling sweet apples and early pears. It grew rapidly, and was one of the softest and most harmless-looking pets I had ever seen.

Tri-Color Not of Equal Proportion.

It is evident from the appearance of the French flag as a pictorial decoration that many artists are unaware that the tri-color does not consist of the three colors, blue, white and red, in equal proportion. When the famous flag was adopted in the year that gave the United States its Constitution, 1789, it was complained that due to an optical illusion, the white, in the middle, looked narrower at a distance, than the blue, which is next to the staff, and that the red, on the fly end of the flag, looked narrower than the white.

Ladies Shave in Japan.

There are many things the Japanese do differently from ourselves. For instance, ladies sit with their hands folded palms upward in Japan. They all shave. They never brush their hair, but only comb it. For the English "a thimbleful" the Japanese speak of "a sparrow's tear," and instead of talking of putting a thing on the fire to cook, the Japanese speak of putting the fire through it. A man never wishes his wife good morning first—a truly oriental touch. She greets him and he replies. A woman never speaks of her husband as such. She speaks of "the house."

MAY MEAN MUCH TO WORLD

Aviators Believe That Flying is Bound to Have Great Influence on the Minds of Men.

Flying, in the opinion of British aviators, is going to change the character of the world's thought. It will have a broadening influence and it will bring a fresher, cleaner flow of ideas into the brains of men.

A man, the flyers argue, who has seen before him at the same time the cliffs of England, the long flat fields of Holland and the smiling countryside of Belgium and France is bound to think in a different way than a man whose horizon has always been bounded by bricks and mortar, or even by hill and dale.

Traveling may have made him think nationally, but flying will make him think far more largely. He will see England and France lying close to each other, separated only by a shining strip of water. He will see the green and brown mosaic of Belgium, which in its turn merges into the distant shadow of Holland, while, still farther on, across the wide Scheldt he will see the distant lowlands sweep on over the rim of the world.

How will he regard petty spites between individuals and cliques then? the birdman asks. He can cover with his thumb from the heights a feverish city swarming with a million people. What will he think of those who live next to each other and will not speak? How mean and petty their quarrels and jealousies and hates will seem.

The true meaning of human intercourse and friendship will come home to him. He will gain an almost divine outlook upon the world. Dishonesty, civil strife, all will seem to him contemptible. Perhaps, say the aviators, this is the new view which will bring the millennium.

NOTHING DOING FOR JOSEPH

Might Be the Engineer, but Found He Had Little Control Over Steam Powers.

Meekly made up his mind that he wasn't going to be bossed any longer by his wife, so when he went home at noon he called out, imperiously: "Laura! Laura!" Mrs. Meekly came out of the kitchen with perspiration on her face, her hands covered with war flour, and a rolling-pin in her hand.

"What do you want with Laura?" she asked. Meekly staggered, but braced himself up. "I want you to understand, madam," and he tapped his breast dramatically—"that I am the engineer of this establishment, that I am—"

"Oh, you are, are you? Well, Joseph, I want you to understand that I—here she looked dangerous—"I am the boiler that might blow up and sling the engineer over into the next street. Do you hear the steam escaping, Joseph?"

Joseph heard, and prayed that he might be passed Grade 1 when he went before the medical board.—London Tit-Bits.

Locating Ore Beds.

Beds of ore are stated to have been located at a distance of two and a half miles by the electrical method patented in the United States by Professor R. A. Fessenden. In the locality where the existence of valuable ores is suspected, a number of holes several inches apart are bored, then filled with water, and a Fessenden sound oscillator is immersed in one as a transmitting apparatus, the receiver submerged in each of the other holes being an Einthoven recording oscillograph. The holes may be five miles or more apart over the area being investigated. In the study of the oscillograph records, special attention is given to the relation between sounds received direct and those from echoes, and it is found possible to get a fair idea of the character of intervening masses of rock and of the position and distance of neighboring deposits of ore.

World's Greatest Soldier.

Physically, Foch is a little man, his inches are about those of Napoleon, and he has Grant's fondness for the cigar. Like Joffre, a southerner, he has frankness of speech which his old commander has never displayed. Unlike Petain his words are rarely caustic and he has made friends among all his allies. An old man, close to seventy, yet younger than Cleopatra, he was still handsome when the war began, but the strain has marked his face and only his eyes reveal an unshaken spirit.—Frank H. Simonds in Metropolitan.

Sing Sing Jail Short of Labor.

The labor shortage has hit even Sing Sing, which has a stationary supply of 1,500 men. The officials are puzzled because they are unwilling to employ women. Although Warden Moyer has an allowance for a maid, he never has hired one. The only woman ever employed within the prison walls, a telephone operator, left after a few days, saying that there were too many men.

Enterprising Alaskan Village.

Noorvik, a native village near Nome, Alaska, is said to be the only Eskimo village in northern Alaska possessing electric lights and a wireless plant. The light plant and wireless station were installed by Delbert Replogie, teacher at the Noorvik government school. Mr. Replogie, who was in Nome recently on his way to the States, said he left natives in charge of the improvements.

Order Directing Publication of Subpoena to Answer.

In the District Court of the United States, for the District of Oregon. In the matter of

W. B. Simmons, Alleged Bankrupt. Upon the reading of the affidavit of Walter Rosenfeld, President of Rosenfeld Smith Co., one of the petitioners in the above entitled matter, and it satisfactorily appearing therefrom and from the files and records of this cause that W. B. Simmons, alleged bankrupt, has departed from and resides out of this District and cannot, after due diligence, be found within this district; and,

It also appearing from the petition herein duly verified by said petitioners, that a good cause for the adjudication of said W. B. Simmons, a bankrupt, exists herein, and that W. B. Simmons is a necessary and proper party respondent hereto; and,

It further appearing that a subpoena to answer has been duly issued out of this Court in this matter, and that personal service of the same cannot be had upon said W. B. Simmons for the reasons hereinbefore stated and by the said affidavit made to appear; and that the Marshal of the District having duly made a "not found" return on said subpoena;

Therefore, on motion of N. Ray Alber, of attorneys for petitioners. It is ordered, that the service of subpoena to answer in this matter be made upon the respondent and alleged bankrupt; W. B. Simmons, by publication thereof in the Headlight, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Tillamook, County of Tillamook, District of Oregon, and that said publication be made not less than once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks;

It is further ordered, that a copy of the petition and subpoena to answer, duly certified to, be mailed to defendant at the town of Wheeler, County of Tillamook, State of Oregon his last known address; and,

It is further ordered, that said W. B. Simmons, alleged bankrupt and respondent herein, be and he hereby is granted and given up to and including the 6th day of January, 1919, to answer or otherwise appear and plead herein; that in default of same he be adjudicated an involuntary bankrupt in accordance with the Bankruptcy Law and the rules and practice of this Court.

R. S. Bean, Judge. Dated this 12th day of December, 1918.

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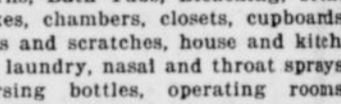
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