

GIVE "OLD PEOPLE'S PARTY"

Iceland Young Folk Hold Entertainment Once a Year, and Call It Gamalmenntasameti.

What a world! Translated it means "old people's party"—an institution that is held once a year round Christmas in the little fishing town of Isafjord in Iceland.

The festival starts at five o'clock in the evening and does not close until on the following morning. First there is a big tea.

During the war the old people would often ask anxiously: "Will there be a party this year?" For they realized that it was almost impossible to get fruit of any kind or the sugar with which to make the great variety of little cakes of which the old people are so fond.

USE OLD ROMAN RESERVOIRS

Sources of Water Supply Constructed Centuries Ago Employed by People of the Holy Land.

The Pools of Solomon—which have nothing to do with that monarch except that they are located near the gardens named for him—were constructed by Roman engineers to supply a population that must have been much the size of that which occupies the Holy land today.

Two have been cleaned out, the leaks that have developed during centuries of disuse have been stopped up, and Jerusalem has waterworks as modern as the heart of an engineer could desire.

"Rat Tail" Cigars' Days Numbered.

Four old men in Pittsburgh, all upward of sixty-five, are engaged in rolling a certain form of "smoke" known as the "rat tail." The rat tail, which is often confused with the stogie, is a long thin, hand-wrapped roll of tobacco similar in appearance to the rodent's tail.

When the first Conestoga wagons rolled their way over the Alleghenies the Indians who lived on the site of Fort Duquesne traded with the pioneers the rough outlines of what came later to be developed as stogies.

Indian Mummy Centuries Old. Wrapped in tattered deerkin robes and covered by a piece of a coarse grass matting probably woven by the hands of an Indian squaw centuries ago, the partly mummified remains of a prehistoric Indian have been discovered under an overhanging bluff on the Cowasick river, near Noel, Mo., archeologists announced.

The party making the discovery is in charge of M. B. Harrington and represents the Museum of the American Indian, Heye foundation, of New York city.

"We regard the find as particularly interesting," Mr. Harrington said, "because it reveals the mode of dress of those early Indians, whom we have called, for convenience, the Ozark Cliff Dwellers."

Everybody Glad.

A long-winded inquirer for Frank Henley, adjutant of the Indiana department of the American Legion, had been talking to one of the attaches of the department for about ten minutes, despite the fact she was trying to get rid of him all that time. He kept repeating: "I'm glad I called, anyway, I got

to talk to you." Finally the young woman at the telephone, in a tone meant to be frigid and crushing, said: "I'm glad you're glad you called," and slammed the receiver down with a bang.—Indianapolis News.

OBJECTED TO BEING BROILED

"Straddle Bug" Walked Off the Grill as Often as Cook Recaptured and Replaced It.

A friend of mine is very fond of lobster, but, like many men, has no idea how such food is prepared. His wife had occasion to be absent from home one day last week and she told the servant girl to broil a lobster for my friend's dinner.

"Is that lobster ready?" "No, sir, it isn't," said the girl. "Well, hurry up with it. I'm as hungry as a bear," said he. "I can't, sir," said the girl. "The mistress said to broil the lobster, and I got him on the grilliron after a deal of fuss. The more I poked the fire the more he walked off, and I thought he was haunted and no good would come from cooking a straddle bug like that."

"What did you do with it?" said my friend, getting mad. "The last I saw of him he was going out the back door with his tail up, like the maniac he was."

He had sardines for dinner.—Judge.

FEW BIG BANKNOTES IN USE

Those of Five or Ten Thousand Dollars Practically Flourish Only in Fiction.

Banknotes of \$5,000 or \$10,000 size flourish only in fiction. They rarely figure in real life outside of bank transactions.

Occasionally a man of the Gates type likes to flash a note of dazzling dimensions. I saw "Charlie" calmly hand a \$5,000 bill to the cashier of a Philadelphia hotel, observes "Girard" in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The young man in the brass cage had been trained by the Boldt system, and he was quite as matter-of-fact as the son of the man known as "Tiet-you-million" Gates. So he took the \$5,000 as if it were an hourly habit, and passed back the change, amounting to about \$5.985.

You can tell that we use few \$5,000 and \$10,000 bills by the small number of them which wear out. The federal reserve bank destroys each year just about a billion dollars of its own worn-out notes, but in eight years it has canceled only 50 of the \$5,000 and 120 of the \$10,000 denomination.

It would seem from this that \$10,000 bills are three times as common as the \$5,000.

Unconquered California Valley.

The discoveries of new territory are comparatively few in the United States, owing to the great activity of the geological survey, as well as explorers and mountain climbers. There seems, however, to be an unconquered valley in Siskiyou county, California, Hidden valley. G. W. Pellepreau, the discoverer of the valley, said he had glimpsed it from a mountain peak with the aid of high-powered binoculars.

From all reports he believed the valley had never been entered. Some men believe it abounds in game and that mineral deposits are likely to be found. Walls of sharp peaks surround the valley, standing like a barricade against man's advance.

The Radio in Politics.

It is suggested that the presidential campaign of 1924 will have a revolutionary new feature, due to the development of the radio. It is assumed that all of the national parties will take over one or more powerful broadcasting stations and fill the air at all hours of the day and night with statistics, arguments and the speeches of candidates. There is even the possibility that the Presidential nominees will be able to return to the old practice of remaining at their homes and doing all of their speaking from their front porches, which, of course, will be wired for broadcasting. This revolution will have its agreeable features. No one need bother himself with politics unless he wishes to listen in.—Lincoln (Neb.) Journal.

PAGE FROM MOTHER GOOSE

Persons With Names of Famous Characters Before United States Civil Service Commission.

One would not think of Mother Goose in connection with Uncle Sam, but recently when a woman took to the Civil Service commission the request for her transfer to a different department, the clerk whose duty it was to pass on such matters noticed that her name was Sprat, and he asked, in his most official manner: "Any relation to Jack Sprat?" "Yes," was the quiet answer, "he's my husband." Then, laughing at his astonishment, she continued: "His name is

John, but everybody calls him Jack Sprat." The clerk scrutinized the papers further and added, "I suppose you have learned to eat lean meat by this time?" "Oh, yes," she replied, "we try to live up to our name." "All right, I'll order this issued," and he affixed his official O. K.

Another woman proved to have the odd name of Mrs. Eve Apple. Noticing the clerk's incredulous look, she remarked: "Yes, everybody smiles at my name, but you know history sometimes repeats itself." "Only, in this case," he interposed, "you accepted an apple instead of giving one."

HARD TO DECIDE MEANING

Preacher Might Have Had Either One of Two Things in Mind in His Prayer.

Representative John Garner of Texas, says: "One of the stories I like best was told by old Bob Taylor, but I've found that of all the Taylor stories this one is not very well known."

In the South there was a struggling preacher with a family so large that it took all his meager pay to keep going. And besides that, the children kept coming along. He was very poor. "One more baby arrived. So the congregation got up what is known in the South as a pounding. The idea is that everybody gives a pound of something to stock up the family food supply. And in addition the congregation got up a purse for the preacher."

Two members of the congregation, of a sporting turn of mind, made a bet on the issue of what the preacher would speak of first in his prayer next Sunday morning, whether it would be the arrival of his son or whether it would be the gift from the congregation. But when Sunday came they could not decide who had won. The preacher started off the prayer: "Oh, Almighty God, I thank you for this sinner."—New York Herald.

Metal Paper.

It is reported that lithographers here and abroad have for some time been using plated paper instead of thin metal sheets, preferring the former as the paper body gives a soft cushioned effect which cannot be obtained with the solid metal. For this purpose the metal is electro-plated on the surface of the paper, which has first been coated with a layer of graphite to give it a conducting surface. The principle thus employed is old, but the difficulty has always been that the liquid in the plating bath would soak into the paper and would loosen the metal film from it even while this was being deposited. Now the users have learned that by first coating the paper with a varnish or lacquer impervious to moisture, they can make it immune against the direct action of the liquid, so that the film of metal will cling firmly to it.—Washington Star.

Milk by Parcel Post.

Here is "something new under the sun." A dairyman at Franklin, Va., has established a rural parcel post milk service. He has thermic containers for his fresh milk, and has substituted the parcel post service on four routes. He gathers the fresh milk from the farmers and, without open-

ing the individual containers, delivers it to the town customers. That beats driving nanny goats from door to door, as they do in some countries, milking as per order.

The object of this new method is to insure its usability before the postmaster general, with the view to enlisting nation-wide co-operation of the post office in spreading the system, until the whole land will be literally "flowing with milk" if not with honey.—Washington Star.

Odd Days and Lent.

"Everything's changed nowadays," remarked Jones at lunch, "due I suppose to the wave of modernism sweeping the country. It makes one wonder continually what'll happen next."

"It's had its effect on religion as well. Why, this year, even Lent isn't normal."

"What? Lent isn't normal? What do you mean?" inquired one. "I should say it isn't. Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, was Valentine day. Sending comic valentines to your friends surely is no religious way to usher in Lent, is it? Easter, which marks the end of Lent, is April Fool's day. The way people have been acting of late seems to have had an effect on the calendar."—New York Sun.

Information From Postmasters.

This may seem a novel method of searching for rare meteoric finds, but it has proved to be efficacious. The curator of geology of the United States National museum corresponds with the nearest postmaster to a reported find, and the latter is usually able to put him in touch with persons who can give reliable facts.—Scientific American.

Conversation or Relationship.

This conversation took place in a crowded elevator following a meeting recently of the Indianapolis Bar association.

Judge James M. Leathers remarked to William E. Jeffrey, an attorney, that he had confused his name with that of Frank M. W. Jeffrey, another lawyer, in a case in court that day.

"You men are brothers, aren't you?" Judge Leathers asked. "No, our names are not even spelled alike," Mr. Jeffrey replied.

"None, they are not brothers, they are just brothers-in-law," said Judge T. J. Moll, from his corner of the elevator.

We spend immense sums for coal, anthracite and bituminous, dug out of deep mines by strenuous toil, carried at large expense in railroad cars to our cities, trucked to our individual coal bins with more expense. Hydrogen gas would do its work better in every way, both for factory and home use. And instead of working to exhaust a fixed supply, already estimated, we should take nothing from nature that would not be restored. The hydrogen, burning, would not cease to be hydrogen. It would precipitate itself when recombined with oxygen and become water again without man's assistance.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Worcester, Mass.—After being confined at a hospital here two years, supposed to be suffering from an incurable hip disease, Ednaest Kinnari, eleven, decided it was time to leave. He liked home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kinnari. He was then officially discharged from the hospital.

DEAR TO HEART OF INDIAN

Horses and Calico Always Among the Gifts Exchanged After Ceremonial Visit is Over.

Horses are always considered among Indians the very finest present that can be given, and following a visit of

one tribe to another, as the homeward trek is in progress, each Indian family will have several leading behind, presents from their late hosts. The Ponca, Gros, Pawnee, Cheyenne and several other of the plains tribes, use a series of long poles or beams with which to travel about the country, and in the warmer months of the year it is not unusual to encounter long strings of those going on a visit to some other tribe.

Boils of gaily colored calico constitute the popular gift, whenever an entertainment of any kind is being given the Indian by white persons. It matters not what the other presents may be, there are always many bolts of calico, and these are always gratefully received and appreciated.

It has been the custom of many of the tribes for centuries for the squaws to carry their papooses on their backs, with the babies strapped to boards and then placed upright over the women's shoulders. Calico is always wrapped around boards which happen to be about the right length for papoose carriers. In the old days when the traders bartered bolts of calico for pelts the squaws immediately grabbed these boards on which the cloth was bound, for their infants, and this custom is followed to the present day. In fact, the squaws visit the merchants in Ponca City and other towns where the Indians trade, and have all of the boards saved for this particular purpose.

WOULD CHANGE THE WORLD

Chemist's Assertion That He Can Obtain Hydrogen From Water is Most Important.

Germans have dreamed a lot of things, or have been reported as dreaming a lot of things in chemical discovery since the war ended. If a Munich chemist has found a way of getting cheap hydrogen from water, and has patented it, his patent might be said to be worth enough to pay all Germany's reparations.

This is chemistry's crock of gold. All around us is water in unlimited supply. Two-thirds of that water is the hottest burning gas we know of, Professor Einstein is right in asserting that fuel conditions the world over would be revolutionized if water could be inexpensively transmuted into its oxygen and hydrogen.

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