

PASS SUMMER IN TEMPLES

Peking Custom of Which the Only Merit is Assurance of Absolute Peace and Quiet.

"Temple parties" constitute a popular form of diversion for the summer months in Peking. The hills to the westward are dotted with so-called temples—rambling compounds of one-story buildings built centuries ago by emperors in memory of departed ancestors.

It is quite easy and inexpensive to secure the use of one of these temples—one or more of the unoccupied subsidiary buildings—for a week end, a week or the whole summer. They are entirely without furniture except insofar as a raised platform whereon the Chinese used to sleep might be called furniture.

A number of the old-timers in Peking have their temple leased year after year and pass the summer there. For the novice, owing to the general lack of everything that makes for comfort, once is enough. It is a thing, however, that everybody must do once.

CRITICISM MUST BE KINDLY

Nothing Good Can Come of Method Which Does Not "Speak the Truth in Love."

There is the story of a contentious man who said to his pastor "I cannot preach or pray or sing, but I can raise objections." Such men are not rare. There is one, at least, in almost every church, club, lodge or society of whatever kind. The critic is ever with us. And, frankly, we need him. We cannot do our best work without him. He is like the brake in the mechanism of a motor car.

But the method of criticism is also important. The brake should work smoothly. The critic need not destroy the organism he proposes to reform. Often the effect of his criticism is wholly destructive. Sometimes his methods remind us of the man who set fire to a barn to rid it of rats. A sensitive spirit who had been harshly treated by a critic retorted, "I know there is a cinder in my eye, but you can't remove it with a crowbar."

Be Courteous Always.

Next to honesty courtesy is the best asset. Remember few people or firms have such a monopoly of products that they can afford to be discourteous. There are thousands of people who prefer courteous treatment to superior goods. There is no reason why they should not have both. But if one or the other must suffer the courteous chap will win out.

Birds Live Fast.

As a rule, birds do not live very long but they live fast. They have a higher temperature, breathe more rapidly and also have a more rapid circulation than other vertebrates. This is necessary in order to generate the requisite force to sustain their active bodies and a large quantity of food is required. As a matter of fact, birds devote most of their waking hours to obtaining seeds, berries and other kinds of food. The activity of birds in the pursuit of insects is still further stimulated by the fact that the young of most species, even those by no means strictly insectivorous, require quantities of animal food in the early weeks of existence, so that during the summer months—the flood time of insect life—birds are compelled to redouble their attacks on insect foes to satisfy the wants of their clamorous young.

Ready for Emergencies.

Cactus Cal (in the Wild West)—That there new minister of our'n atn't a tenderfoot. See, he's usin' his left hand to shake hands with th' members of his congregation.

Machine Works With Peat Gas.

Danish investors have perfected motors that are claimed to work well with peat gas as fuel instead of benzine or gasoline.

Death of Sister M. Hortense.

Sister M. Hortense, (Miss Anna Gerstner) of the Order of Notre Dame, died on Monday evening Oct. 21st, in Philadelphia following an attack of influenza. She entered the order nineteen years ago in Rochester and for the past seventeen years had taught in St. Boniface School, Philadelphia. She leaves two brothers, George and John Gerstner, of Rochester.

Get the Number First.

Hereafter, the New York Telephone Company's "Information" operators will request subscribers who ask them for numbers that can be found in the telephone book.

Such requests now total many thousands daily, and to handle them requires the unnecessary use of a large amount of operating time.

Officials of the Telephone Company say that while the Company heretofore has always gladly accommodated subscribers who ask "Information" for numbers correctly listed in the telephone directory, this accommodation can no longer be given because of the need for conserving telephone labor and equipment for use in maintaining effective service for essential needs. Calls for numbers not in the telephone book will be handled by "Information" in the same manner as before.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

October

The Holy Rosary.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

27 S. Prudentius Bp. C.

28 M. SS. Simon & Jude App.

29 T. St. Narcissus Bp.

30 W. St. Alphonsus Rodriguez.

31 T. St. Quinctinus M. Vigil (Fast).

NOVEMBER

The Holy Souls.

1 F. All Saints

2 S. All Souls

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The finest of Oysters and Sea Foods served in the dining room.

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Sincerity is an openness of heart; we find it in very few people; what we usually see is only an artful dissimulation to win the confidence of others.

First Electric Lighted City.

Aurora, Ill., was the first city in the world to have its streets lighted by electricity, that method of illumination having been installed there in 1881.

Uncle Eben.

"De man dat makes money too easy," said Uncle Eben, "takes his turn at de hard work when it comes to explainin' how he got it."

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BEDOUINS AND THEIR HORSES Nomads of the Desert Ride the Most Beautiful Animals Ever Subjugated by Man. Charles Dougherty describes a meeting with some Arab horsemen in the desert. These came near, they approached his party and proved to be three long-haired Bedouins who hid their glances (peace). Then he tells of how "a fourth shock-haired cyclops of the desert, whom the fastness of their manes had outstripped trotted in after them, uncouthly seated upon the rawhide, narrow withers of his gromedary, without saddle without bridle, and only as a herdsman driving with his voice and the camel-stick. His fellows rode with naked legs and unshod upon their beautiful manes' bare backs, the latter in one hand, and the long balanced lance, wavering upon the shoulder, in the other. We should think them sprawling riders; for a boast or warlike exercises, in the presence of our armed company, they let us view how fairly they could ride a career and turn; striking back heels, and seated low with pressed thighs, they parted at a hand gullup, made a journey or two easily upon the plain, and now whirling wide, they betook themselves down in the desert, every man bearing and handling his spears as at point, so fetching a compass and war marching, they a little out of breath came gallantly again. Under the most rugged of these riders was a very perfect young and starting chestnut mare—so shapely there are few among them. Never combed by her rude master, but all shining, beautiful and gentle of herself, she seemed a darling life upon that savage soil not worthy of her gracious pastures; the strutting tail flowed down even to the ground, and the mane (orfa) was shed by the loving nurture of her mother nature."

When Sporting Editor Fainted. It was at a ball game between Chicago and Pittsburgh. The score was tied, two men were out, a runner was on third, and Hans Wagner was at bat. The crowd was too excited to be noisy. A sporting editor had taken his neighbor to the game. The neighbor was not a fan, but he had succumbed to the delights of "traveling on a pass," and was having a real, garulous, good time. At the moment when there wasn't a heart beating in the bleachers, and the grandstands were filled with suspense, the sporting editor's neighbor emitted this: "Look Lanke! Look at that croke train! Did you ever see one engine pulling so many cars? I'm gonna count 'em!"

Concerning the Sneezes. Sneezing was considered unlucky in Wales, but in Europe generally it was deemed lucky, unless overdone. If a man sneezed more than three times it was a sign of bad luck. The Welsh belief in ill luck has prevailed and it is a very general custom among Italians when a person sneezes to say "God be with you."

Askan Coast Forests. The coast forests of southern and southeastern Alaska are included in the national forests of Tongass and Chugach, which comprise over 96,000,000 acres, a large proportion of which is covered with trees. Of these Sitka spruce averages about 20 per cent and western hemlock about 75 per cent.

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It is a most beautiful place, the parallel of which you can scarcely find elsewhere. In winter the groves of white birches on the wide stretch of pure snow, lit by moonlight is a scene most holy and sublime. And the lake of Balkat, with its depth of 6,000 feet, the severest of winters can never deprive of warmth. The River Selekta that flows out of it never freezes and the water is pure as crystal.

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Sneezing Superstitions. In Scotland it has been maintained that idiots are incapable of sneezing, and the power to do so has been deemed evidence of the possession of a certain degree of intelligence. It was a Flemish belief that a sneeze during a conversation for a bargain proved that what you said was the truth. The Chinese believe that a sneeze on New Year's eve means bad luck through the coming year. The Japanese hold that one sneeze means that some one is praising you, two show blame, whereas if you sneeze three times, you are merely ill.

Earthquakes in Italy. Statistics gathered in Italy throw some light on the question of the relative frequency of earthquakes by day and by night. It has been alleged that the supposed greater frequency of nocturnal quakes is only apparent, being due to the fact that quiet conditions at night make the shocks more readily perceptible. It appears, however, that considering only those shocks which were so intense that they could not have escaped notice at any hour, 685 occurred during the 12 night hours.

Nurnberg Birthplace of Thimble. As far as we can be certain of anything, the thimble is to be traced to the inventive and ingenious artisans of Nurnberg, who were the acknowledged manufacturers of it in the fourteenth century. It was not, however, until 1534, that the thimblemakers became what is called a corporate body, although for a whole century previously the Nurnberg merchants had carried thimbles with them for sale on their yearly expeditions to the great fairs of Leipzig, Hamburg and Lubek.

Many Uses for Kapok. Kapok is the name applied to the silky fiber found around the seed of the silk-cotton tree (Eriodendron afractuosum). This tree is found in all tropical countries and is very abundant in Java, which furnishes a large part of the commercial supply. Kapok is imported into the United States in large quantities, principally from Java, and is used as filling for mattresses, pillows, cushions and life preservers of various kinds, and as an upholstery material.

Husband Alleges Deception. A California man testifies in the divorce suit that when he was courting his wife she always met him at the front door with a kitchen apron on, leading him to believe she was domestic in her taste, and after he married he learned to his dismay that she had never even learned how to boil an egg, and that she gave him the alternative of boarding or clearing out.—Houston Post.

Tom Thumb. Charles Sherwood Stratton (Tom Thumb) was born at Bridgeport, Conn., in 1838. He was exhibited by P. T. Barnum in various parts of the world. He married in 1863 Mercy Lavinia Bump (Lavinia Warren) also a dwarf. When first exhibited Tom Thumb was only about two feet high, but he grew to a height of 40 inches. He died at Middleborough, Mass., in 1882.

Daily Thought. No really great man ever thought himself so.—Haslitt.

MADE BY SUN WORSHIPERS Theory Advanced Concerning Apertures in Walls of the Casa Grande Ruin in Arizona. According to a National Park newspaper bulletin issued by the department of the interior, there is much speculation and concern on the part of tourists and archeologists over two series of holes in the walls of the Casa Grande ruin in Arizona. The holes are about an inch and a half in diameter, and are bored through walls four feet thick. They occur in pairs, each pair on opposite sides of a great central room. The holes in each pair are in line with each other, so that standing in a dark first-floor room and the center room may look through the innermost holes at the sky. The pair points due east, the other points north at a declining angle.

One can only assume that the tribe which built this most ancient of pueblos were deeply religious people, worshippers of the sun. An interesting theory was recently advanced to explain the holes. It is said that these holes form what might be called a seasonal clock. Twice a year, once as the sun works north and once as it works south along the eastern horizon, it rises in line with the eastward-pointing holes and on one morning, possibly for three minutes, throws a bar of light into the dark inner rooms.

From this the ceremonial calendar could be dated and certain festivals would fall on the same day year after year. One is reminded of Stonehenge, in England, where the sun at its summer solstice shone down a long alley of stone monuments upon an altar placed in the center of a series of circles of stones.

GLOOMY OLD 'FRONT PARLOR' Mid-Victorian Furnishings Served to Remind Beholders of Particularly Solemn Mortuary Chapel. The mansard sheltered the accumulations of two or more GAYHEAD households of mid-Victorian tastes. It was a debauch of black walnut and haircloth in a twilight of heavy lambrequins and large figured wall paper. Never in all my twenty-two years had I beheld so many marble-top tables gathered under a single roof. There were three in the parlor alone. One bore a Rogers group—"Coming to the Parson," it was called; another a stereoscope with views of the Yosemite and the centennial of 1876; the third served as pedestal for a case of pallid wall flowers. On the walls hung "odds" of mountain scenery which it would have crazed a geologist to classify.

"The sitting room, across the wide hall was even worse. It was built by the ugly bulk of a secretary with vicious rams' heads carved on its lower doors. Second in massive gloom was a black marble mantelpiece crowned by a black marble clock with a limping tick and an asthmatic chime. Tables filled the spaces unclaimed by haircloth sofas and chairs, and a what-not bedstee a corner. I was now prepared to find 'The Maiden's Prayer,' and I did, poor maiden, neatly done in best female academy style. There was also a bronze plaque of 'Washington Crossing the Delaware.' It was a bad crossing. None of the pictures were inspiring, but one at least was appropriate. It portrayed the youthful Victoria in her nightgown receiving the news that she was now queen of Great Britain, defender of the faith and high sponsor for art."—Woman's Home Companion.