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LUCKY AND UNLUCKY DAYS

Study of Statistics Will Enable Almost Any One to Justify His Pet Belief.

Cold, hard statistics prove that the greatest number of premier awards for gallantry were won on Monday. No other day showing anything like the same record, though the much-maligned Friday stands out noticeably.

Which fact gives some color to the superstitions many people have about certain days of the week being lucky, while others are unlucky.

Tuesday seems to be the bad day of the week; calamities are far more common on that day than on any other day. Railway disasters, fires, street accidents—the record in each case is held easily by Tuesday. And it is the day most favored, too, by those who desire to put an end to their existence.

Saturday also has a bad reputation; its specialty is murders; and fully half the petty crime that is dealt with in the police courts occurs on that day. But probably that is because Saturday also holds the record for drunkenness.

There is nothing very distinctive about Thursday beyond the fact that it is the day upon which the birth-rate is highest; and Sunday is noticeable only for its low death rate.

Wednesday is, above all the rest, the day of weddings. This applies to all classes, and nearly as many marriages are celebrated on that day alone as upon any three of the others.—Montreal Herald.

WANTED TO "GO IT ALONE"

Many Years Ago Missouri Declared Her Ambition to Become an Independent Republic.

Missouri once had intention of setting up as an independent republic all by herself. The Session acts, state of Missouri, 1838-1839, contain a memorial to the congress of the United States relative to the Santa Fe trade. It tells of an expedition of traders to Santa Fe in 1812 from St. Louis, though it is not specifically stated that they went over the Santa Fe trail.

The early Session acts of the Missouri legislature, starting in 1824, contain many interesting resolutions and memorials to congress on all manner of political and historical subjects. Incidentally the Missouri constitution of 1820 starts with the preamble that the citizens of the state agree to form and establish a free and independent republic by the name of the state of Missouri.

Missouri was one of the pivotal states in the history of this country. It was made such in the ancient fight in congress over the slavery question, which took up the admission of free and slave states and considered the balance thereof in congress. Missouri was also a pivotal state in yet another and larger sense—she was the jumping-off place for that wild and unknown country called the Wild West—the land west of the Missouri river. She made the midway point between the frontiersmen of Kentucky and those of the great plains, occupying a generation of history herself as a frontier commonwealth.

Jason a Legendary Character.

Jason was the leader of the Argonautic expedition in Greek legend. The equivalent of his name in Greek is the healer or atoner. Jason was tutored and brought up under Chiron, a Greek myth renowned for his wisdom and skill in medicine, hunting, music and prophecy. Jason's greatest exploit was his expedition with the Argonauts in quest of the Golden Fleece. Jason secured this by the aid of Medea, a sorceress who fell in love with him. She protected him from the bulls breathing fire and hoofed with brass which he was obliged, in order to obtain the fleece, to yoke to the plow. She also protected him from the armed men who sprang up from the dragon's teeth which he was required to sow in the fields. Medea fled with Jason and the fleece and married him. Ten years later Jason abandoned her after she had murdered Creusa, whom Jason had determined to marry.

Lesson in Dietetics.

What bread needs to make it a perfect food—a perfect food is that which contains protein, carbohydrates, and fat in certain definite proportions—is something with fat in it. Hence bread "and butter," and bread "and dripping," and bread "and cheese." Pork and beans pair quite properly, because the beans supply the absent protein. When you eat beef and potatoes, or roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, the pairing makes a perfect food. The pairing of condiments is not a matter of taste alone. Cabbage is peppered because it was discovered that pepper discounted the excessive action of greenstuff on the bowels. Mustard goes with beef, but not with mutton, because mutton is much more easily digested than beef, and mustard is a first-class digester.—Montreal Herald.

Must Have Known What Was Coming.

"You remember the real estate men who used to advertise that buying your own home was better than paying rent."

"Yes."

"Well, they certainly knew what they were talking about, didn't they?"

Economy.

Without economy none can be rich, and with it few will be poor.—Doctor Johnson.

MUFF OF FLOWERS

Latest Accessory Is Used to Enhance Filmy Frock.

Winter Convenience, Together With Parasol, Return to Their Own in Milady's Favor.

In summer the parasol and in winter the muff have been, throughout the ages, excuses for the most languorous and enchanting gestures employed by madame en promenade, says Vogue. What inestimable damage has been wrought by lovely arms during the artful manipulation of a parasol upon a summer day, or when winter winds cause a shy retreat into the deep fur of a muff.

These weapons are replaced in the evening by flowers. There is an irresistible fascination in the sight of a lovely woman at the opera armed with a large bouquet of roses or lilies, placing it upon the rail of the box, raising it to her face, holding it to one side. All is done, of course, in rhythmic unconsciousness, for without doubt she is completely absorbed in the music.

During the war, and especially when it was fashionable to go about tanned to a deep burnt almond, the parasol was discarded; but this season marks its reappearance. No doubt the war is to be blamed for the disappearance of flowers as well. Now, however, the parasol has returned, and the muff and flowers come back together. Throughout the gracious days of summer we shall observe this muff, employed in a hundred delicious gestures, as fair women stroll along the edge of the sea or upon the sheltered terraces of country estates. It will prove an airy complement to delicate, pale frocks, and it will also become very useful as a hiding place for a lace handkerchief, a tiny bouquet of flowers or a gold tipped cigarette.

The muff is also seen at the play, giving the pretty contradiction of arms concealed and folded closely, while shoulders and back reveal an audacious decolletage. It is usually made of flowers, Parma violets or white narcissus, quite round and without ornament.

We may expect, however, to see more imagination displayed; the muff may become a great bouquet of roses, with clusters of them showering down to the hem of the frock; it may be a mass of tulle puffing out between encircling bands of golden laurel leaves, the luster of which is only mistily veiled. Perhaps it will have to be content to remain quietly upon a forearm like a large ornament, or it may take the place of a lace fan, fluttering just below the eyes, which sparkle with an added malice and charm above the transparent mask. A dashing Roman type may fashion hyacinths or roses into a tambourine, surmounted by a butterfly of painted gauze with painted antennae to wave gently, creating a little perfumed breeze.

But, after all, what a useless proceeding to make suggestions to any flower-loving coquette. One need only remark quite casually that a muff of flowers would be a diverting addition to a filmy frock, and immediately her little head is full of the most delightful ideas on the matter, and the golden days and silver nights of summer are more dangerous than ever.

LATEST STYLE IN COIFFURE

This fashionable coiffure is achieved with carefully waved hair and a comb like this fan-shaped one.

Transparent Wraps.

Nets and veilings, as well as chiffons are used to make transparent wraps. When worn over a bright colored frock or a gown with a huge, bright-colored sash, the effect is beautiful, for the wrap serves to shadow the frock. The sashes and other bright-colored garnitures are lovely, showing through the nets. There is much in the way of inspiration to be had from very old-fashioned wraps. The charm of other days is faithfully mirrored today in hip length and shoulder capes composed of tiers of lace—preferably Chantilly.

RUFFLES TURNED UPWARD

This smart party frock is developed in peach meteor satin. The skirt shows cording with three ruffles which turn upwards, giving a decidedly new note to this chic costume.

TUB SILKS FOR SUMMER WEAR

Fabric Shown in Many Charmingly Simple Styles With Striped Weaves in Front Ranks.

Tub silks in fascinating colors are being offered for summer frocks; in fact, ready-to-wear frocks of these tub silks are shown in many charmingly simple styles. Striped weaves predominate. White may be striped with brown, pink, lavender, blue, green, etc., or the color may be played up in the background with pin stripe of white.

The woman who makes her own frocks, or has them made at home, may indulge her fancy for ginghams and dainty cottons without feeling that she is being outrageously extravagant. But the woman who purchases her dresses ready-made will be inclined this summer to hesitate when she sees the price tags on simple gingham and cotton frocks generally, and it is more than likely that pongee and other tub silks will find a very considerable demand. Pongee washes as well, if carefully handled, and in the natural color gives splendid service.

Knitted silk fabrics are as popular as ever this summer. Among the newest frocks sent over from Paris are a number of models developed in knitted silks in various high and rich colors. Silk and wool mixtures are as popular as the all-silk or fiber silk weaves, and, whatever the yarn may be, high colors appear to be in great favor. Frequently two or three colors will be combined in one material. Among the trimming touches favored are heavy silk stitching and fine braidings.

NEW FALL DRESSES OF WOOL

First Line of Styles Will Be of Popular Fabric, Serge and Tricotine Predominating.

The first line of fall dresses to be brought out will be of wool fabric, serge and tricotine predominating. The low waistline is arrived at in various ways. One frock seen in the advance showing has a fitted upper section of metal cloth reaching about to the hips, with serge skirt attached. There is no indication of a nipped-in natural waistline and the metal bodice simply follows the natural lines of the figure, closely but not snugly. This condition exists in all except the models where plaited skirts appear. When unplaited, close reefed is the rule.

Another serge frock featuring the low waistline has flaring cornucopia shaped pockets set on at either side, the upper part of the dress showing an unbroken line to the hips.

FASHION NOTES OF INTEREST

A single taffeta foundation serves for several frocks.

Heavy silk crepe suits frequently are entirely unlined.

By all means consider the fabric hat. It is the mode of the moment.

Even in this colorful season, the black note is accented here and there.

Parasols of unique shapes are many and the shapes vary—some are oblong, others diamond-shaped, bell, mushroom, pagoda and regular.

Short breakfast jackets of accordion plaited crepe de chine are popular. They are frequently trimmed with lace frills at neck and sleeves.

Envelope purses with the convenient strap back now come made of Paisley. They look as if a small corner of a Paisley shawl had been used to develop them. They contain a mirror and puff case, and some of them show the artistic Paisley pattern traced in beads.

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In the [illegible] eating insects [illegible] their prey, [illegible] like the [illegible] sunshine, [illegible] fittest survive. A [illegible] more than a [illegible] struggle for existence [illegible] murder in the [illegible] ous in contrast. [illegible] The crafty little chameleon [illegible] prince of color adapters.

Faculties used, [illegible] neglected, they wane away [illegible] tigis—the appendix in man, [illegible] moles and burrowers are [illegible] closed with skin and fur. The [illegible] little lap dog has [illegible] ern toads, with greatest [illegible] will recover dim perception in [illegible] graduated light. And night [illegible] cats improve their sight to [illegible] shadow land. Man noticed the [illegible] of his eyes contract in [illegible] enlarge in darkness—saw the fact [illegible] understood.

On all sides he saw this principle at work: Bears, fur coated, [illegible] ed to the cold; the dolphin, in the sea; the eagle, the bird of freedom, alert always to escape in flight. He therefore devised the automobile, the airplane and the submarine, to [illegible] from mountain top to ocean bottom.

This adaptability of his body to diversified surroundings has made him monarch of the natural kingdom.

RUSSIA LAND OF HOLIDAYS

Almost Innumerable Occasions When All Work Is Suspended and Time Spent in Pleasure.

Russian people observe [illegible] all religious holidays—five at Christmas, ten at Easter, three at Christmas and almost every week one saint [illegible] when an anniversary of some saint is celebrated. On these days [illegible] is closed, and nobody works. The weeks of fasting preceding Easter are strictly observed by everybody, and the more devout do not even [illegible] drink milk, and do not use butter because it is refined with [illegible] last three days of Holy week [illegible] more respected, for no food is consumed. For Easter Sunday large cakes, sometimes three feet high, are cooked with [illegible] ornaments on the top, and [illegible] fully painted. Both cakes [illegible] with other eatables are [illegible] Easter eve near the church [illegible] all about on the grounds. [illegible] midnight mass a procession [illegible] and choirs comes out [illegible] around the church, [illegible] food, which is brought [illegible] as in a market.

Easter Sunday and the following days are dedicated to [illegible] its. Every man calls [illegible] quaintances. Visitors are [illegible] eat and drink wherever they [illegible] to go, otherwise they hurt the host.

Demi-Gods of Old Rome.

Castor and Pollux, also called [illegible] Dioscuri, were heroes or demi-gods [illegible] early Grecian mythology. They [illegible] brothers and said to be the [illegible] Zeus, who in Grecian mythology [illegible] responds to Jupiter in Roman [illegible] of Rome. Castor was famous [illegible] skill in taming and managing [illegible] and Pollux for his skill in [illegible] though they were buried, [illegible] cian poet Homer, yet they [illegible] every other day and enjoyed [illegible] honors. The worship of Castor [illegible] Pollux was introduced at Rome [illegible] early time. They were [illegible] aided the Romans in battle [illegible] Latins, or natives of Italy. A temple was erected to them [illegible] forum. After these two [illegible] ros was the ship named in [illegible] Paul completed his memorable [illegible] to Italy, in order that he might [illegible] to Cæsar for justice and protection.

Eskimo Inherently Honest.

The Eskimo regards honesty [illegible] mount. He will never [illegible] facts, and although he may [illegible] dispose of an article [illegible] rather depreciate it than run the risk of over praising. A man who deceives another is severely [illegible] An Eskimo will not permit a man to need for food or clothing [illegible] he has enough for himself [illegible] family. War, to the parts [illegible] of the North, is unknown. [illegible] cide differences by singing [illegible] and outsinging each other, [illegible] men act as judges to decide [illegible] In this way [illegible] tality is unknown. In [illegible] ture, fighting the walrus [illegible] and the bear with [illegible] the Eskimo displays [illegible] and plans his way out of [illegible] extreme self-possession.

Value of [illegible]

Most people have a [illegible] ing from snakes, which [illegible] wondered as to [illegible] where their bite is [illegible] fatal. But the grass snake [illegible] to be confounded with the [illegible] cobras or pythons. It is [illegible] to humanity as a [illegible] more useful. No [illegible] bugs is in existence. [illegible] among the most harmful [illegible] field pests. The [illegible] been used to [illegible] snakes and [illegible] as they [illegible]