BRITAIN FREE FROM WOLVES

Country More Fortunate in That Respect Than Are Other Lands in Europe.

We in the British Isles appear to have got rid of the wolf plague. In England, in the early Fifteenth century, the beast ceased to be a danger that had to be reckoned with. It remained longer in Scotland, where the very last wolf ever heard of in the roaming state is said to have been slain by Sir Ewen Cameron of Lochiel during the reign of Charles II—an incident that appears to have been looked upon as distinctly worthy of notice.

The complete and final elimination of the bane is no doubt owing to the fact that, as lupus was steadily being hunted down in the land, our insular position precluded all possibility of fresh immigration. In France the case was different. There was nothing to prevent the migrating wolf from reaching the country from the wildernesses of Central Europe—even from Russia and still more distant Siberia, the classic home of the race.

Many are the legends, to some extent based on fact, of vast armies of wolves traveling—even as the invading Goths and Vandals—from their hungry deserts to the richer lands of the West, to be stopped only by the Atlantic. At any rate, to this day the black wolf crosses the Pyrenees, and the brown wolf the Alps, to reinforce fraternally the ranks of the much-harried gray wolf of France. And the day seems still far distant when the curse will be finally extinguished.—Egerton Castle in the Youth's Companion.

The Joy of Living.

I have never had much money, but I have always enjoyed the things at hand. I have become so familiar with the face of Nature that it is as the face of an old friend and I know and love it in every mood. My years have been full of joy, but they have been years of simplicity and economy. I have never sated myself with anything and the bloom is still on my life.

I have kept young because I have kept free from worldly and selfish ambitions. If I had been miserly and grasping, I would have been old and unhappy long ago. There is nothing like love to keep you young—love for your fellow man and for Nature—and love is Nature's final law. Someone once asked me how I had kept so young and I answered that I had been born young and had never thrown my youth away.—John Burroughs.

Many a young lawyer fails because he practices at the wrong bar.

Despondency is ingratitude; hope is God's worship.—H. W. Beecher.

Patriotism is something that helps pay the taxes without grumbling.

NOVEL HOUSES OF WORSHIP

One Missionary to Eskimos Made Use of Sealskins and Another Employed Only Snow.

One of the queerest churches ever known was built by a missionary on Blacklead island, in Cumberland sound. Finding that the Eskimos had no place in which they could meet for religious services, the missionary started to build a church of the skins of seals, no wood being available. The skins were sewn together and stretched over "girders" of whalebone, empty provision tins serving as seats.

The cold at one time became so severe that for many days the Eskimos of Blacklead island were unable to procure food for themselves or for their animals. One night dogs made their way to the strange church edifice and began consuming it, with the result that when morning came there was not a skin left, the whalebone ribs alone remaining to show that there had ever been a church.

Another missionary in charge of the spiritual welfare of the Eskimo tribe, built his church entirely of snow. Seat, pulpit, altar and, interior equipment, was made of snow, and in the matter of warmth no stone-built church could beat it.

Chinese Studying in France.

Chinese students have been noticed strolling about the Paris Quartier Latin of late. It is still an unusual sight to see the youth of the great nation of the East in the university quarters of the Europeän capitals. But the French people, at any rate, will soon take it as a matter of course, for a Chinese institute is being founded in France, at the instigation of the president of the Chinese republic. It is high time that house accomodation should be provided, for already 800 Chinese students, recently arrived, failing to find lodgings, have had temporarily to be housed at Fontainbleau, Melun, and elsewhere. There is a lack of the preparedness which makes for a hospitable welcome which alone the difficulties of the times can excuse.

The Water Spider.

A correspondent of English Country Life describes a peculiar spider that lives under water the greater part of its life. It builds a dome-like nest of silk among weeds in ponds and ditches, and fills the nest with air. In that strange house it lives and lays its eggs. In autumn it makes another nest at a greater distance below the surface of the water, and, having sealed itself inside, it sleeps until spring. Taken out of the water, the spider looks like any other, but as soon as it is put back, the bubble of air that it collects round it body makes it look like a ball of quicksilver. It is the only spider that has taken to a wholly aquatic life says the writer.

"VERDICT BY JUDGE LYNCH"

Just Where That Famous Jurist First Held Court Has Long Been Matter of Dispute.

"Lynch law" is purely an Americanism. Its origin is somewhat in doubt. No such law is on the statute books, and the application of the expression today refers to outlaw or mob law which circumvents the written law, or inflicts a swift punishment before the legal authorities have had a chance to take action.

Figuratively speaking, such an act is called "a verdict by Judge Lynch." According to one authority, one Charles Lynch, a patriot of Virginia, conspired with Robert Adams and Thomas Callaway, to deal out relentlessly and unhesitatingly, punishment to all law breakers and Tories during the days of our Revolution.

However, this origin is disputed. Some say that there was a small body of water known as "Lynch creek" in North Carolina during the same period in our history, and that on its shores a court-martial was held over the lifeless body of a Tory who had been hanged to prevent his rescue. Naturally, the verdict was death by hanging, and the judge did not have to bother about the execution of the sentence.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Efficient Spending.

The measure of real necessity is surprisingly small. When one finds the medium ground between prodigality and stinginess he will realize that he can live there, even though his income may be moderate. Greater moderation in many things would leave us a healthier and happier race, to say nothing of what it would do for our bank accounts. Certainly, before buying a thing one should honestly ask himself whether he needs it. He should, likewise, give himself an honest answer.

The second principle of efficient spending is that when one has honestly decided that he needs a thing he should buy the best he can get. If one buys at all, it pays to search the market for an article of high quality. Moreover, he is very apt not to find an article of high grade unless he does search the market rather carefully.

Assumed Privilege.

Little Ethel, who was shopping with her aunt, listened while the gruff but intelligent clerk remonstrated:

"Madam, I am sure you will not need so much material. You will find five yards quite ample."

As soon as they had left the shop Ethel exclaimed, indignantly:

"Auntie, I don't like that man, not one bit! Why, he talked to you just like he was your husband!"—Harper's.

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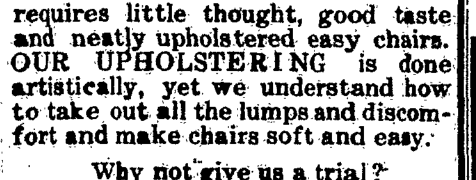
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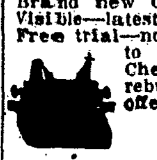
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IN THE LONG-DISTANT PAST

Grandfather Could Remember How Strikingly Like Young Henry He Was as a Youth.

Henry had come home after being at college three months. And he was a very changed young man from the village youngster that had been sent away. He had that know-everything air, a patronising manner toward his whole family, and a bit of black fringe on his upper lip which he was wont to caress affectionately and call a "mustache."

Now that black fringe worried grandmother more than anything else. She complained to grandfather as she lovingly eyed his flowing white beard. "Just to think that your beautiful beard originated from such an insignificant mustache as Henry has now," she deplored.

Back came a retort from grandfather, who was also being much patronized by his grandson. "Worse still," he groaned, "my brain was once just as meager as his now is."

Superstitious Brokers.

Wall street brokers are superstitious, just as other men are. There are some dealers in the financial district who wouldn't pass under a ladder, even if they risked the loss of a profitable sale. There are others who do as little business as they can on the thirteenth of the month, and there, in fact, are few who are free of his pet superstition.

Here is one man who has "worked out a system." For a long time he had written out his orders on blanks furnished by a commission house. Around the first of the year, for some reason or other, he gave the customer's man a verbal order on a trade or two, and they were exceptionally fortunate. He has not signed an order sheet since, and says he never will. He deals in a great many shares of stock each day, and just about takes up all the time of one customer's man.

The paperhanger expects pay for putting up at a hotel.

Earth, with her thousand voices, praises God.—Coleridge.

Be sure of your foundation before trying to put up a bluff.

A man who is to be trusted usually owes a lot of other men.

INSPIRATION ON THE WING

Great Compositions That Seem to Have Been Awaiting the Moment of Their Birth.

Charles Kingsley returned home one night rather dejected because a sermon he had preached that day in London had proved a little too "socialistic" for the incumbent. Instead of going to bed he paced back and forth in front of the fire, and his wife, knowing he was composing, left him, and retired. In the morning he recited to her that moving lyric:

"Three fishers went sailing out into the west,
Out into the west as the sun went down."

There is a tablet in the porch of Wrexham church to the memory of Bishop Heber, which records that the most popular of all missionary hymns was composed in the town. Reginald Heber, who was then vicar of Hodnet, happened to be staying at the vicarage with his father-in-law, Dr. Shipley, dean of St. Asaph's, who was to preach a missionary sermon on the Sunday.

Heber and other friends were assembled in the library on the Saturday, when the dean asked his son-in-law if he could write something for the service next morning. Heber retired to the farther end of the room for the purpose and at the end of 15 minutes he read the first three of the four verses of which the famous hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," consists.

His hearers were delighted, but Heber said the sense was not complete, and devoted another five minutes to the fourth stanza.

Monroe Was Jefferson's Secretary.

Although James Monroe, who was to become one of our most famous Presidents, played his part in the Revolutionary war with gallantry, and was wounded at the battle of Trenton, it was after that wound had forced his retirement to private life that he got his real start on the path that was to carry him to fame. Upon receiving his wound the young man, who had previously been promoted to a captaincy by Gen. Washington, returned to his home in Virginia and took up the study of law. He entered the office of Thomas Jefferson, who was then governor of Virginia. Jefferson had a large library, and inspired Monroe with a desire for study. The two formed a great attachment, and Jefferson made the young man his secretary.

CAN NOT HIDE WEAKNESS

Philadelphia Writer [illegible] From the Life [illegible] Two Men.

There were two [illegible]. One, in order to hide [illegible] the eyes of the public, [illegible] self with many [illegible] himself in character [illegible].

The other man had a [illegible] as sterling in [illegible] and perceptions [illegible].

In the first case [illegible] public, which [illegible] through his friends [illegible].

In the second [illegible] man and his friend [illegible] stood and neglected by the [illegible].

The first man, during [illegible] praised and flattered, [illegible] wealthy, he could very easily [illegible] empty words, but not [illegible] spected.

The second man, after [illegible] last understood, respected [illegible] and loved, but so as [illegible] could not be brought [illegible] grave.

It was a case of the [illegible] —of an unjust, blind [illegible].

Moral—Armor will [illegible] weaknesses.—Charles [illegible] the Philadelphia Record.

Thoroughbreds and [illegible]

The Baldwin locomotive [illegible] an order for a [illegible]. It was shipped in [illegible].

"How did you do it?" [illegible] officials was asked.

"Organization," he [illegible] ganization is the art [illegible] to respond like thoroughbreds [illegible] you chuck to a thoroughbred [illegible] you all the speed [illegible] heart and sinew he [illegible] you chuck to a [illegible].

Here is an illustration [illegible] which surely applies [illegible] as lower animals.

A wonderful thing [illegible] respond with courage [illegible] ever called upon.

And a more [illegible] be able to [illegible] that way [illegible]. That is what [illegible] [illegible]