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WHY

Historians Are Interested in Egyptian Excavations

An eminent British archeologist has expressed the hope that legends in the inner chamber of Tut-Ankh-Amen's tomb may throw a new light on the origin of the narrative of the Flood. The destruction of the world because of the wickedness of man, as told in Genesis, also is read in Babylonian records and is suggested in certain tomb inscriptions in ancient Egypt.

Historians and archeologists will have the keenest possible interest in the pyramid that may be found in the tomb, hoping something will be discovered to give the Egyptian version of the Egyptians' relations with the Jews. So far no reference has been found in all the early records of Egypt to the sojourn of the Jews in that country.

HEROINE OF COLONIAL DAYS

Why the Name of Hannah Dustin Has Been Honored in New England States.

Hannah Dustin was a British-American heroine. March 15 or 16, 1697, Indians attacked the house of Thomas and Hannah Dustin at Haverhill, Mass., killing Hannah's week old baby by dashing it against a tree, and making prisoners of Mrs. Dustin and her nurse, Mary Neff.

George Bancroft, in his 'History of the United States, From the Discovery of the American Continent,' says that Mrs. Dustin 'achieved a startling revenge.' The historian relates that after days of weary marches, Hannah Dustin and her nurse, with a boy from Worcester found themselves on an island in the Merrimack, just above Concord, in a wigwam occupied by two Indian families.

At night, while the household slumbered, the captives, each with a tomahawk, struck vigorously, and fleetly, and with wise division of labor, and of the twelve sleepers, ten lay dead. The gun and tomahawk of the murderer of her infant and a bug, trampled full with scents, were chieftly kept as the trophies of the heroine.

According to Lamb's Biographical Dictionary of the United States, Hannah presented the trophies to the governor of Massachusetts colony. The general court gave Mrs. Dustin and the Worcester had each \$250. A granite monument was erected at Haverhill by the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts in 1874 on the tablets of which are inscribed the names of Hannah Dustin, Mary Neff and Samuel Leonardson.

Why Ozarks Were Popular.

Some think that the chief reason why prehistoric man settled in the Ozarks was because the housing was so good. The high hills are full of caves. Prehistoric man and prehistoric bears fought over their possession.

Why Accuracy is Greatest Asset.

The shorthand speed record is broken again, this time by Nathan Behring, New York court stenographer. In the pencil sprint he takes down 350 words a minute with only two errors.

Why Candles on Birthday Cakes.

The custom of placing candles on a birthday cake—one for each year—comes from Germany. The Germans placed a thick one in the center, called Lebenslicht, the light of life.

HOW

POWER-DRIVEN SWEEPER CLEARS RAILROAD TRACK

A power-driven track sweeper, now in successful use on the Pennsylvania railroad, is described in the Scientific American. It sweeps up and loads into cars the ashes, cinders and condust which rapidly foul the track in the mountain sections of the road where pusher locomotives are used.

The traffic here is heavy and in climbing the grades the locomotives necessarily are worked at high pressure. The heavy exhausts from the smokestack throw out into the atmosphere a certain amount of the material which falls on the tracks; coal is shaken from the tenders or from coal cars, and there is a gradual accumulation of material that is necessarily inseparable from the operation of lines over which a very heavy traffic is carried.

The sweeper is used chiefly on the pusher grades of the Pennsylvania main line through the Allegheny mountains. There are about 102 miles of track that require cleaning from four to six times every year.

The sweeper consists, essentially, of a rotary steel broom, built up from steel splints one-thirty-second inch in thickness and three-eighths inch in width. The broom, which is three feet in diameter and seven feet long, is so suspended under the frame of an old flat car by special hangers that it may be raised or lowered as desired.

IF LONG YEARS ARE DESIRED

How One May Live Considerably Over Century With the Aid of Radio-activity.

Why waste time over foolish, unimportant length regulations? Why deplete to eat less, drink less or smoke less in the hope that it will prolong life and bring ease to your mind?

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At least, so Professor Schummell tells us, and he is the president of the Radium Society, Dover. 'Wonderful and wonderful' is the motto of the day, and like Alice in Wonderland we are growing used to it. Monkeys, glands, are quite a bank number.

The charm that works the miracle is radioactivity. If we allow ourselves to become radioactive, we will live to the age of one hundred and twenty five. Grow fresh hair in middle life. And, perhaps, have a third set of teeth.

The scientists are not absolutely certain about the teeth, but they are working to explore the theory that we only have two sets in this life and are hoping soon to provide us with a third. All that is necessary is to discover the exact chemical composition of the enamel.

Meanwhile, says London Answers, radio-activity will guarantee to increase our hair growth, lengthen our nails and brace up our muscular system generally.

Why Scientist Should Be Honored.

Malaria caused the downfall of the civilizations of Rome and Greece, say anthropologists at a convention of scientists in Boston. Both nations were free of malaria until it was brought in by slaves captured in battle, then spread by mosquitoes.

How Radio Code is Registered.

A machine that would take down telephone conversations in the absence of any one in the vicinity of the instrument was placed upon the market a number of years ago, but was not a success financially. A similar machine is now being developed to register radio code. It is quite possible physically to construct a machine that will register radio conversation. The day may be near when a whole concert can be received during the absence of the owner of a set and reproduced at his pleasure.

DEATHS

Burke—Miss Ethel M. Burke died May 26 at 90 Locust street, aged 26 years. Funeral May 29 from Holy Rosary Church to Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Darcy—George H. Darcy died May 27, at 28 South Ford street. Funeral May 30 from Immaculate Conception to Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Gavin—James Gavin died in Chicago, May 27, aged 64 years. Funeral May 31, from Blessed Sacrament Church Interment in the family lot in Penn Yan, N. Y.

Grebe—Albert Grebe died at Byron, N. Y. May 26 Funeral May 29 from St. Michael's Church, Byron, Burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

McDonald—died May 27, Jerome Vincent, aged 2 months Funeral from No. 6 Walzer road, at St. Salome's Church.

Neu—Mrs. Margaret Fess Neu died May 28, at 26 Holworthy street, aged 61 years. Funeral June 1, from Holy Family Church.

Frost—Emma Demmert Frost died May 28, at 560 Campbell street aged 25 years. Funeral June 1, from Holy Family Church.

Hayes—Mary Corkery Hayes, died May 30, at 175 Averill Ave. Funeral June 2, from St. Mary's Church.

Kramer—Mrs. Frances Kramer died at No. 128 Cameron st., May 27. Funeral from Holy Family church May 30.

McDonough—John W. McDonough died May 28. Corpus Christi Church May 30.

McMahon—William McMahon died at No. 209 Edinburgh st., May 28. Immaculate Conception Church May 31.

O'Brien—Mrs. Ann Burns O'Brien died May 28, at Highland Hospital. Funeral from Corpus Church, June 1st.

Chartrand—Joseph N. Chartrand, aged 41 years, died at Old Forge, N. Y., May 30. St. Mary's Church June 2.

Hayes—Mrs. Mary Corkery Hayes died at No. 175 Averill Avenue May 30. Funeral from St. Mary's Church June 2nd.

Hencheu—Mrs. Virginia Reeners Hencheu died at No. 1339 Jay street, May 20, aged 80 years. Holy Family Church June 2.

Hyland—William Hyland died at No. 60 Phelps Avenue, May 30. Lady Chapel, Cathedral, June 2.

Jackson—Jessie Jackson died at 339 Central Park, May 31, aged 83 years. Funeral Saturday. Interment at Holy Sepulchre.

Knight—Ellen Knight died at 10 Parkway May 30. Lady Chapel of Cathedral June 2.

Schoeneman—Arthur E., aged 33 years, died suddenly May 30. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church June 2.

Vinus—Joseph Vinus, aged 15 years, died May 30. St. Francis Xavier Church June 2.

WISE MEN'S WORDS

The man that makes a character, makes foes. One good friendship will outlive 40 averages loves. Every one knows good counsel except him in need of it. Better aim at a star than shoot down a well—you'll hit higher. Faults of ignorance are excusable only where ignorance itself is so.

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First Communion at Dansville

Dansville, N. Y., - May 27 was First Communion Sunday at St. Mary's church, Dansville, and a large class approached the Sacrament. The altar was richly adorned with flowers in honor of the occasion and a choice musical program was rendered by the large choir. The ringing of the bell and the voicing of the bridal march by the organ announced the solemn procession which formed at the parochial school and under the escort of St. Boniface society marched to the church, the communicants, elected by the pastor. High mass followed then the Rev. Father Hofschneider briefly addressed the class and congregation. He eloquently portrayed the beauty of the joyous occasion and focused all eyes on the tabernacle where the Master of the household, Christ the Lord, beckoned to the little ones to approach and receive Him, to be with Him and feel His presence near, that Jesus might be a vital power in their young lives.

After renewal of the baptismal vows, the children knelt in devout holy expectation at the altar rail as the Rev. Pastor with gentle warning carried a moment on the altar step with the sacred Host uplifted, then followed the "Domine non sum Dignus" prayer, the children in deep humility and with great fervor repeating the holy words, then received, welcomed "their God and King" into their young hearts for the first time—they learned to "taste and see that the Lord is sweet." Their hearts were so attuned that their faces showed the sunshine of God's grace as they knelt in silent adoration and love for the Divine Gift which was theirs then raised their voices in mission in Thanksgiving prayer and promised their inviolable loyalty to their Eucharistic King. The service closed with congregational singing of the Te Deum.

MSGR. TESTA RETURNS TO ROME TO REPORT

Cologne, May 14 - Magr. Testa, special envoy of the Pope, who has been investigating conditions in the occupied Rhur district has returned to Rome to present his report. While in Germany he interviewed prominent officials of the government, high ecclesiastical authorities, and officers of the occupying forces.

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BISHOP CHAPTAL GIVEN CHALICE

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, May 18. - The salons of the French-American Welfare Center in Paris were the scene of an interesting manifestation of international Catholic fraternity when the Catholic priests of all foreign nationalities in Paris assembled there recently to pay a tribute to Msgr. Chaptal, Auxiliary Bishop of Paris, in special charge of the ministry among the foreign colonies of Paris. A very handsome chalice was presented to Msgr. Chaptal by the foreign priests in honor of the first anniversary of his consecration as bishop.

TOOK TURNS BEING SERPENT

Boys Had Alternated in Character That Had Most Desirable Part in the Entertainment.

Mrs. Galles had the barrel of russet apples placed in the attic because they were not quite ripe enough to eat, and she warned her three boys, whose ages range from five to eleven years, not to touch them. Then one rainy day, when she sought the attic to get something from a trunk, she came full upon her sons, surrounded by apple cores. At her approach two of the boys drew closer together, but the third, a little distance off, lay on his stomach, contentedly munching an apple, apparently paid no attention to his mother's entrance. "John! Henry! William!" she exclaimed, reproachfully. "Didn't I tell you not to touch them?" "Yes, mother," replied John, the eldest, "but we're not really eating them. We're saving the garden of Eden. Willie and I are Adam and Eve, and Henry, over there, is the serpent, trying to lead us to our downfall by showing us how good the apples are."

CAN BE CARRIED TOO FAR

Indianapolis Men Satisfied That There Should Be a Limit Placed on Publicity.

A wife, a husband, a lawyer and a young man who had something to do with a publicity stunt have kept a telephone line leading into an Indianapolis theater busy in the last twenty-four hours. Questions put with more than ordinary vigor from a telephone receiver in the northern part of Indianapolis were met at the other end of the telephone with ingenu and devilish explanations, and without appearing the aroused persons until finally the attorney arrived personally on the scene.

The cause of the commotion started when the wife read a note written in feminine hand, brief Chicago, which began, "My Dear" and ended, "With love, Mary." The note told of a photograph "Mary" had seen in Chicago. It urged her friend "My Dear" not to fall for it, as she had been told it was on view in Indianapolis this week. The wife could not believe it was a publicity stunt. The husband fell in convincing her that "Mary" was not someone whom he had met in Chicago, and the lawyer was pressed into service. Eventually he carried a report back to the wife that convinced her that it was on a publicity stunt. The young man at the theater end of the stunt is of the opinion that publicity may be too real.—Indianapolis News.

The purse of many an autoist looks like a flat tire.

Shifting gears is a terrible grind for the new driver.

Two things that annoy the motorist are—tax and tacks.

The man may be at the wheel, but the woman drives the car. In crossing the street pedestrians seldom violate the speed law.