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Making Real Pearls
Japanese pearls formed by an oyster around a nucleus of mother-of-pearl can now be definitely told from real pearls by spectrography with monochromatic X-ray waves. The mother-of-pearl center in the Japanese pearls produces a definite figure arrangement not unlike the Lano figures, while the real pearl shows a definite unstriated series of rings. The difference between the simple structure of the true pearl and the double structure of the Japanese-grown pearl can be immediately recognized.

Totem Poles Figure in Religious Belief
The western and northern Indians have no monopoly on the ornamental totem, according to those who have made a study of the subject. Totemism appears in kindred forms all over the world. Savage tribes all apparently possess a set of beliefs and practices, mythological, religious, artistic, ceremonial and economic, that grow from their attitude toward animals, plants and inanimate objects. These beliefs and practices govern their mode of life and give rise to their forms of worship. This idea still lingers with the Alaskan Indians in the significance of the totem has in regard to their family and the family myths and superstitions. These Indians believe they are descended from some bird, fish, beast or other object, and take this as their symbol. The emblem chosen is carved or painted on all belongings, and is regarded as the visible being who has to do with their welfare, and carries with it certain obligations. Those with the same emblem, for instance, cannot intermarry. Christianity in some places leading to the abolition of the totem—Nature Magazine.

Work and Worry
That "laughing philosopher" of old, Democritus, jesting at mankind's anxieties, lived to a great age. We all admit that it is not work but worry that kills. Both of these call for the expenditure of a proportionate amount of nervous energy. Work, however, has a definite aim and termination, the result of which is the feeling of achievement. On the other hand, worry, having no definite objective, is a constant, achieving nothing beyond a constant waste of energy, accompanied by actual wear and tear of gray matter and nerves that may in the long run be productive of physical weakness.

The Newest in Fall Dresses And Coats

Now that Labor Day is nearly here, it is time to think of that fall dress or coat. Milady will want to look her very best for the Horse Show, and a stunning new fall dress out on the very latest lines will aid her in looking her best.

At the popular dress shop of Mr. S. Kiener at 599 Hudson Avenue, you will find the very newest in fall styles, and at prices most reasonable. The fall stock is one of the most complete in the city, and we are sure you will find here just what you desire.

A popular feature of this shop is that you can select any material in stock, have your measurements taken and Mr. Kiener will make it up in any style desired. Satisfaction is guaranteed, and you will be delighted with your dress or coat. All trimmings, including fur, is carried in addition to linings of all descriptions, so that you will be able to purchase everything right here.

One of the new materials for fall is "needlepoint", and a material that is very good looking. In addition to the above, Mr. Kiener has a complete stock of children's coats. Now would be a good time to buy the kiddies school coat, and, of course, don't forget the dress-up coat also. You can take advantage of the wide selection by purchasing it now.

Mr. Kiener's shop is one of the most popular stores in the Hudson-Clifford section, due to the fact that here are found a combination of reasonable prices, satisfactory service and courteous treatment. This, of course, is combined with goods that are new, up-to-the-minute and of good value.

Relics of Pagan Days

Not everybody knows that every time he or she writes down the name of the day of the week, the name of a Pagan god or goddess is being perpetuated. When England passed under the sway of the Norsemen the people largely adopted the Norse system of gods, fitting them in to the nearest corresponding planet or deity of the Roman calendar. So the Day of Mars—the Roman god of war—turned into the Norse god of war; the Day of Mercury into Woden's daeg, Jupiter's day into Thor's day, and the Day of Venus into the Day of Freya, the Norse goddess of love, corresponding with Venus. Whether Saturn's day remained as it was or turned into the Day of Sæter, we don't know for certain. But the Sun's day and the Moon's day are obvious.

Scientists See Ending of Niagara's Grandeur

Once more the scientists have been casting a calculating eye upon Niagara falls. In the news headlines we are told of a situation gaining in gravity on the Canadian side through the recession due to the wearing away of the limestone bed of the river. In a report to the Smithsonian Institution, says the New York World, we read that, in effect, the falls are committing suicide and that the speed of the operation increases relentlessly.

However, as we read on in these forecasts we find comfort for wedding tourists and exposition promoters alike. The falls, it appears, have taken 10,000 years to go seven miles in their recession to date. On the Canadian side they are now receding five feet a year, at which rate it will take rather more than a thousand years to score only another mile.

While a thousand years may be but yesterday in the sight of science, it is really quite a space of time in the affairs of commerce and the tourist trade.

Combined Attack of Gulls Drove Off Hawk

Seagulls' victory over a hawk is described by Albert R. Keen of North Devon in a recent issue of the London Times. He says: "I was visiting Lyn-ton recently and from the high cliffs above the sea I witnessed a most remarkable air battle between about a dozen or more seagulls and a hawk. Their organization and method of attack on the hawk was very much like air battles in the World war. The attack lasted for about fifteen minutes, until the gulls had driven the hawk entirely away from their domain where they were nesting and chased him off down the coast for a mile or two. The gulls all together cleverly pounced on him with severe pecks and then the other gulls closed in around. It was a very interesting sight."

Leather Retains Strength

That leather of good quality kept for ten years, under ordinary conditions, does not lose more than 15 percent of its strength was shown by experiments of the bureau of standards. Being stored in the laboratory for a decade was found to be only slightly weaker than new material of the same grade, indicating that articles made from it would be preserved for an indefinite period if subjected to normal atmosphere, ventilation and light, while dampness and sunlight appear to have a harmful effect on the leather. It is believed the results of the studies will enable manufacturers of shoes, luggage and similar goods to alter shipping and storage practices, since such articles may be capable of many years of service even though they might not reach the user until one to three years after they are made.—Exchange.

His Lambs

On the occasion of a special service at a village church the vicar of a large London parish was persuaded to preach. The congregation was naturally an agricultural one.

After the service the London clergyman stopped to speak to a very old shepherd in the churchyard, and asked him how many sheep he had in his flock.

"Three hundred," replied the old man.

"That is nothing," said the other; "my flock is over five thousand strong."

"My word!" gasped the old shepherd; "you must have had a terrible busy time last lambin' season."

Pigeon Aids Identification

A homing pigeon was the means of discovering the identity of a man found unconscious and badly injured at the foot of a steep hill at Woodseats, near Sheffield. On the back of the cycle was found a basket containing homing pigeons, of which the police took charge. All attempts to identify the man by sending out a police description and by an appeal from the Sheffield relay wireless station failed, and recently the police liberated two of the pigeons, with notes attached to their legs. Shortly afterward they received a message from one of the owners of the pigeons, living near Chesterfield, who telephoned information which gave a clue to the man's identity.—Family Herald.

SAUCE OF THE APPLE

"The editor regrets—"
"Come again, any time."
"We have the loveliest summer auto touring."
"What a perfect baby!"
"If you dare do that again I'll scream."
"Old-fashioned chicken dinner."
"How becoming you look in your new hat."
"Plenty of room inside."
"Life is so much more pleasant out West."—Judge.

Not Even One Honest Man in French Village

Just as New England has its stories of wooden nutmegs, so France has certain classics revealing the tendency of her countrymen to save pennies now and then at the expense of their fellows.

One of the best concerns a popular village priest. The villagers voted amid great enthusiasm to give him a barrel of their best wine for his birthday. Each of the wine growers was to bring a bottle and empty it into the barrel.

On the appointed day peasant after peasant marched up to the barrel, eulogized the priest, and plunging the nozzle of his green bottle through the bung-hole poured its gurgling contents within.

When the last contribution had been made the chairman of the committee made an even longer speech of praise, and drew from the barrel to drink the health of the priest.

To the astonishment of everybody, the glass contained only clear water. Each farmer had assumed that the other would bring the wine.

Speed Contests That Are Not on Record

An exciting contest took place recently between a motorcyclist and an express train along the 500 miles between Sydney and Brisbane, Australia. The lone cyclist won, reaching his destination 80 minutes before the train. A kangaroo raced a train in Australia, keeping alongside the locomotive for three miles, according to Tit-Bits.

Perhaps the most grotesque railway races have been on occasions when members of the crews have had to race their own trains, after having signaled the train to proceed and then being unable to board any of the cars. One man in England gave the "right away" signal and then found the train had gathered speed so quickly that he was unable to board it.

His absence was not discovered until the next station was reached.

After several minutes the guard was seen sprinting after the train. He lost the race by 11 minutes. Another guard missed his train but pursued it on a motorcycle which he commandeered.

Dig Up Martyrs of 1684

An ancient coffin was recently unearthed in the Townhead district of Glasgow which contained the skeletonized remains of a man. The coffin was found some 15 feet behind the well-known Martyrs' monument, which fronts Castle street, a circumstance that gave rise to the theory that the remains were those of one of the three men—James Nisbet, James Lawson and Alexander Wood—who were martyred in 1684. The excavation process has disclosed only one grave, and it is suggested that the remains may be buried near the monument erected in 1818 and renewed in 1862. The three martyrs commemorated by the monument were apparently originally laid to rest in a piece of ground now of triangular shape situated behind James Nisbet street, but no longer marked as a spot of sanctity or sepulcher.—London Mail.

Eruption of Mount Pelee

Mt. Pelee is an active volcano on the northwestern side of Martinique, an island in the West Indies belonging to France. Notable eruptions of Mt. Pelee occurred in 1762, 1851, 1902 and 1906. During the eruption of May 8, 1902, a giant rock 1,000 feet high was forced out through the crater dome. The town of St. Pierre was completely destroyed and between 25,000 and 30,000 people were killed. In the fall of the same year another eruption partly destroyed Morne Rouge and killed about 2,000 people.—Pathfinder Magazine.

He Wasn't Fired

One morning an invoice clerk turned up at his office even later than usual. His employer, tired of waiting for him, had himself gone about the work. The enraged merchant laid his pen aside very deliberately.

"Mr. Jones," he said, sternly, "this will not do!"

"No, sir," replied Jones, glancing over his employer's shoulder, "it will not. You have made these invoices out to the wrong people. Far better to have waited till I came!"

Heater English

Hester English was a Frenchwoman by extraction, and she was eminent for her fine chirography in the time of Queen Elizabeth and James I. Many of her performances are still extant, both in the public libraries and in the hands of individuals. She was thought the most exquisite writer of her age. She married, at the age of forty, Bartholomew Kelso, a North Briton, and had a son, who was educated at Oxford and was minister at Speckshill, in Suffolk.—Chicago Journal.

Reason for Dirty Hands

Little Hazel—Did you say that we are made of dust, mamma?
Mamma—Yes, dear.
Little Hazel—Well, I guess that's the reason the baby's hands are always dirty.

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