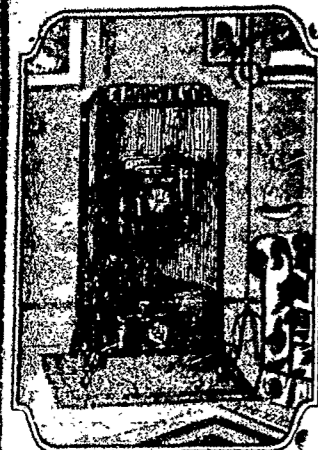


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Sight Not at Best Before Age of Six

A child does not attain his keenest sight until he is six years old or more. Small objects are not so well seen, the parts of the brain devoted to vision being incompletely developed. This is the statement of Dr. Edward Jackson, Denver specialist, who writes for Hygeia, popular health magazine published by the American Medical Association, in an article on "The Baby's Eyes."

Abundant reason exists for using large type in primers, says Doctor Jackson. Fine stitching, beadwork and similar exercises, such as are sometimes expected of young children in kindergarten, may be quite harmful. Even when the object looked at is not small the young child must not be expected to look at it long at a time, but should be encouraged to turn the eyes away frequently to rest them. To "keep the eyes on the book" at times when they are tired does not help the child to learn and may be harmful.

Because they can hold things close to their eyes and still see them, and because they need larger images of what they look at to make up for the incomplete development of the eye, young children are liable to acquire the habit of holding things too near their eyes. As they grow older this should be corrected by encouraging them to try to see things at longer distances. Many children starting to school have "eye strain," or even inflammation about the eyes, merely because they hold their books too close to their eyes.

Newfoundland Is the Oldest British Colony

Newfoundland is often called "The Ancient Colony," because it is the oldest colony in the British empire. It was discovered by John Cabot, who sailed out of Bristol, England, in 1497. Cabot took possession of the island in the name of King Henry VII. Three years later the Portuguese under Gaspar Corte-Real explored portions of the coast. In 1583, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, Sir Humphrey Gilbert renewed the claim of British possession, but his attempt to colonize was not a success, nor were the attempts made later by Lord Baltimore. During all these years the island was visited by fishing expeditions from England, France and Portugal, and the ownership of the island was a matter of dispute. It was finally settled by the Treaty of Utrecht of 1713, which transferred to a close Queen Anne's war, this treaty France acknowledged British ownership of Newfoundland and ceded to Britain the region known today as the province of New Brunswick and New Brunswick.

Tree Frogs Creatures of Peculiar Habits

Many strange variations in breeding habits and rearing of young characterize the tree frogs of tropical America. A famous South American species makes small pens or nurseries under water, in which its eggs are left to hatch, and where the tadpoles are confined, protected from all danger. Another species carries its large eggs on its back until they hatch and the young remains some time afterward. Another species develops pouches in the skin of the back of the female, in which the eggs and young are safely transported.

North American tree frogs possess to a remarkable degree the faculty of changing color by modification of the contents of the pigment cells under the skin, no doubt a provision to enable them to elude their enemies. In winter they bury themselves in the earth or in the decayed wood and dust of old stumps, and breed in the spring.

Retrospect

In looking backward over life I sometimes see much of sadness, and feel life to be a rather sorrowful thing; but far, far oftener it is the laughter that I hear, and it is smiling faces that look into mine. Even men who were hateful, even the memories of merciless drivers, are softened for the reason that time effaces their evil, bringing out more and more whatever of pleasantness they had in them. There were very, very few indeed who meant the evil. At any rate, time shall give them the benefit of the doubt.

Judgment is a poor thing as from man toward man, isn't it? Though I have known human devils, for whom in my heart I can find no respect or love, perhaps the Almighty can. I do not doubt that such is the case, and to Him I will leave the judgments. —Bill Adams in Adventure Magazine.

That Kind of a Mind

Mark Twain hated to have his work edited. On one occasion he sat down to write to a man who had criticized his work. He was first inclined to think, "The ideal! This long-eared animal, this literary kangaroo, this illiterate hostler, with his skull full of axle grease," etc., but restrained himself and pointed out to the man his errors "in gentleness and in the unworldly language of persuasion." "It is discouraging to try to penetrate a mind like yours," he finally wrote. "You ought to get it out and dance on it. That would take some of the rigidity out of it. And you ought to use it sometimes. That would help. If you had done this every now and then through life, it wouldn't have petrified." —Fathinder.

Work Must Have Been Terror to Printers

It has always been a subject of impassioned debate among the unfortunate who have to deal with such things just how bad a manuscript can be.

We have Ben Jonson's word for it that Shakespeare never blotted a line—which must have endeared him to his copyist and printers, no matter what the critic Ben thought of it. We have also Arnold Bennett's assertion that he never touches pen to paper until he has his subject so well thought out that all he need worry about is calligraphy. We know that Anatole France shamelessly seized scissors, paste and pen and began the real revision when the proof sheets arrived, the Living Age says.

But the glory of writing very nearly the worst manuscript in literary history must certainly go to Dostoevsky. The great Russian seems to have had nearly as hard a time keeping his pen sedately at its own proper employment as the ordinary run of mortals experience when they sit down to express what they believe to be thoughts.

One page, which has found its way from his family's possession into the Dostoevsky room in the Historical Museum at Moscow, shows a portrait sketch, a draft of Gothic architecture, and the name Rachel scrawled over and over again in Roman letters of copperplate perfection, contrasting oddly with the incredible badness of the Russian writing.

With all this it is amazing that the novelist should find any room at all for his writing—but he did, and for innumerable corrections, interlineations, and marginal corrections, also.

Cloud Turrets

A scientific explanation of the connection between the imposing masses of cumulus clouds, piled up in aspiringly white turrets, which are popularly called "thunder heads," and the approach of a thunderstorm is offered in a recent report on cloud studies made by one of the government scientists.

It appears that the form of cloud called turreted cumulus is most common when there is a rapid vertical decrease of temperature in the upper air, combined with heating at the ground which favors the ascent of columns of air to great heights, and that is at the same time, a condition favorable to thunderstorms.

Adam's Suit?

Little Roger, spending a holiday on his grandfather's farm, was permitted to beguile the hours of a wet day by turning over the leaves of the family Bible.

Suddenly he looked up from the faded pages and quaint pictures, and called out: "See what I've found, gran! In his hand he had a leaf, old and dry, and after a few moment's reflection, he added: "Do you think it belonged to Adam and Eve, gran?"

Taxes Paid in Butterflies

When he faced difficulty in collecting the income tax from natives, the governor of the Belgian Congo in Africa invited the native citizens to bring in specimens of a particularly beautiful butterfly. For four butterflies he gave an income tax receipt. He then sent the butterflies to Europe where they brought as much as 50 francs each. This ingenious method of getting the tax from the natives enabled him to swell the state's coffers without discontent on the part of his people.

Early American Ship

The first American-built vessel to make a deep-sea voyage, the *Trial*, was launched 283 years ago, January 12, 1642. The builder was Capt. Thomas Coytmore, who was also the first commander of the vessel. The *Trial* was constructed at Boston and was of 165 tons burden. In these days of Leviathans and Mauretanas few persons would care to trust their lives to such a craft for even a short voyage, but in its day the *Trial* was considered a good ship and brought a rich return to its owners.

The Planet Mercury

Mercury is the smallest planet and the nearest to the sun, its mean distance being about 36,000,000 miles. It completes a revolution of its orbit in 88 days and its diameter is about 3,000 miles. Its mass is about one-eighteenth that of the earth, and its density the same as that of the earth. Mercury is difficult to see with the naked eye owing to its proximity to the sun. Telegraphically it is of little interest. Fairly marks can be seen on its surface, but all are indelible.

"Smiths" in England

In England there are 530,000 persons of the name of Smith, and 204,000 of them have "J" for their first initial. The John Smiths number 41,000; the John W. Smiths, 39,000, and the John William Smiths, 5,000. It has been necessary to devise a mark for them to distinguish the products they make or own. A monogram with symbols will designate just which Smith is referred to. It was necessary to include five symbols in the monogram.

Said to Be No Spot Quite Free From Dust

When beams of sunlight shine into a partially darkened room you are able to realize how thick the air is with millions of tiny particles of dust. But it is only with the help of a strong microscope that you can appreciate the marvels of dust.

In the dust in one room you may find such various matters as the pollen grain of grasses, scales from our own skins, as well as fragments from our clothes.

You may also find atoms of salt. Salt dust is carried scores of miles inland from the sea, and there is no part of any land where it does not fall. Sand, too, floats in the air, both sea sand and desert sand. Always there is meteoric dust, ground-up morsels of some lost planet, floating in the air. This dust you find everywhere, on the tops of snow-lad mountains and in the deepest abysses of the ocean.

Everything provides dust, from the ash of your cigarette to the scales from the wings of a butterfly.

The Gleaning Bell

In many parts of rural England one may still hear the gleaning bell being sounded at noon and, eventually, to tell the country folk when they may begin gleaning and when they must cease.

The custom is of considerable antiquity, being mentioned by Tusser in the year 1557. As a rule, the bell is sounded from the belfry of the parish church, and the ringer is entitled to a penny for the whole period from each family that goes gleaning.

In some parishes, however, a crier perambulates the district with a hand bell while in others a gong, suspended from a tripod on the village green, is used.

Trott Bros. Monuments Lead Rest

There always comes a time in the history of every family when it becomes necessary for considering the question of erecting a suitable monument, headstone or marker upon the grave of a loved one.

Fortunately, death is not a frequent visitor in any family and so people as a general proposition know little or nothing about such things and almost invariably are at a loss where to choose such monuments.

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