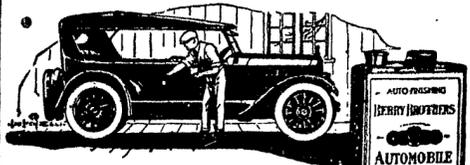


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American Planned to Save Ill-Fated Queen

The facts upon which are based the story that Marie Antoinette was to have been brought to this country by Stephen Clough seem to be these:

The mayor of Wiscasset, Maine, says: "The only basis that I have found for the report or legend that a plan existed to bring Queen Marie Antoinette to Wiscasset is that the ship Sally of this port, Stephen Clough, master, brought from France certain articles of furniture, etc., supposedly from a palace there which had been occupied by her. The bulk of the goods went to the possession of Col. James Swan of Boston, as will be seen by an article upon that family published in the Boston Transcript about seventy-five years ago, being one of a series of articles by Mr. Bowditch, which articles were known as "Gleaner" articles ("Gleaner" being the signature to them), the articles being afterward reprinted in the Boston record commissioners in a volume of their reports, which report I do not remember and have not the set before me. It has seemed to me that the legend about the queen naturally grew out of the fact which I have referred to."

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Why Blue Haze Is Seen

The blue haze that seems to be about distant mountains is the same thing that causes the sky to look blue, namely the scattering of light by the air itself and by the minute dust motes and other foreign substances in it. This scattering is very little for red and yellow light, but relatively large for blue and violet. Now there is not much violet light in the lower air to be scattered, but there is a great deal of blue. Much blue light, therefore, comes to us from the air in every direction. Hence, distant mountains seem blue, being seen through air that sends to us more blue light than any other color.

Why Ship Is "She"

In some of the older languages such as Old German, from which modern languages have been derived, all inanimate objects were given masculine or feminine gender. In this way the moon was feminine and the sun masculine, and among other things, ships and other vehicles were generally spoken of in the feminine gender. Modern languages have adopted this same idea; therefore, the reason for speaking of a ship and train as "she."

Why Stars Change Color

That a star seems to change color is due to irregularities in the refraction of its rays while passing through air strata of varying densities. This is also the cause of twinkling, which is especially noticeable in the case of stars seen near the horizon.

Why Fountain Pen Leaks

A fountain pen is more likely to leak when it is almost empty because the heat of the hand causes the air inside to expand, tending to force out the ink.

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A clergyman called on an old lady who had been bedridden for some years.

"Well, Mrs. Davies," he said, "and how are you today?"

"Oh, I'm pretty well, thank you," was the cheerful answer.

"Ah, that's right," said the clergyman, sympathetically. "I hardly expected to find you in such good spirits, considering your affliction. I was afraid I should find you downhearted."

"No, no, sir," she cried, interrupting him. "No, no, indeed, sir, I've much to be thankful for. Why, only the other night, when that house just opposite was on fire, I couldn't help thinking of all the poor people crushing each other in the street, and many of them not getting a sight of the fire at all, while here was I, all nice and comfortable in bed, and I could see it beautifully through my window without even turning over! Oh, no, I've a lot to be thankful for."—London Tit-Bits.

Legend Avers Birds Obeyed Monk's Behest

In a chapel in the grounds of the Franciscan monastery at Washington is an almost life-sized statue of the founder of the order, St. Francis d'Assisi. The statue reveals St. Francis sitting on the stump of a tree. A falcon perches on a branch beside him.

By every lover of nature the name of St. Francis d'Assisi, says Nature Magazine, must always be revered.

The chronicles of his communing with nature are many. Arriving at a castle where he intended to speak, great flocks of swallows nesting in the battlements and crannies of the building kept up such an incessant chattering that it was impossible for him to be heard. St. Francis turned to his feathered friends and asked that he might have silence in order to deliver a great message with which he was charged. The compliance was instant, we are told, and the impression of their obedience added increased weight to the sermon which followed.

Whence Cocoa Comes

The cocoa plant is now grown in many districts of the tropical belt, and its consumption, in one form or another, has increased all over the world. It is an evergreen, and is equal in size to a well-grown apple tree. The pods, about eight inches long, grow out of the trunk, and are red, yellow, black and purple, according to the season. There are twenty or thirty pale red beans inside each pod, embedded in a soft white pulp. Cocoa groves are never planted solely with cocoa trees. Although it grows best in hot countries, it is delicate, and has to be protected from the sun, and for this purpose forest trees are planted in the groves. Some of these grow to a great height and have a tufted head like a natural sunshade. These protecting trees are called "Cacao Madre," or cocoa-mother.

Waterproofing Paper

The most important thing in the making of waterproof paper is the proper choice of the sheet. The toughest papers are now made from jute and also from wood, the kraft or sulphate pulping process being used for the latter. The wood or other raw material must be long fibered and tough to start with. Waterproofing is accomplished by the use of sizing agents, such as resin, water glass or waxes and paraffin. One type of water and grease proof paper is made by immersing sheets of paper made from sulphite pulp in strong sulphuric acid solutions. The action of the acids tends to harden the fibers and render them transparent as well as resistant to moisture and grease. The strength, however, is not increased by this process.

Smart

Freddie was sobbing bitterly in the road, and the kind-hearted old gentleman stopped to ascertain the cause of the trouble.

"What's the matter, my little man?" he asked.

"I've lost my new ball," sobbed the youngster, "and I've no money to get another."

"Never mind," said the old gentleman, "here's a shilling to go and buy a new one." And out came a bright coin which Freddie promptly pocketed.

"Where did you lose your ball, sonny?" he inquired, as an after-thought.

"It went through your dining room window," said Freddie, as he disappeared round the corner.

O, Ye of Little Faith!

Science destroys old poetic ideas, but supplants them with a more imaginative new poetry. It has given us a globular world spinning on an axis and revolving about a sun which is rushing through space at more than 12 miles a second. For a sky that was a roof, it has given us a great sea of ether extending to infinity, in which the stars are not lamps but great glowing suns, some of them a hundred million times the size of our sun. And our own little earth is shown by science to be full of magical chemical and biological processes. In truth the wonders already made known to man warrant him in believing many things that are quite as wonderful as eternal life.—Capper's Weekly.

No Place for a Lady

At a small country station a freight train pulled in and sidetracked for the passenger train. The passenger arrived and pulled out; then the freight started to do its switching. A placid, well-dressed woman had alighted from the passenger train and was passing close to one of the freight brakemen when he yelled to his buddy:

"Jump on her when she comes by, Bill, run her down by the elevator, cut her in two and bring the head end up by the depot!"

The lady picked up her skirts and ran for the station yelling murder at every jump.—Everybody's Magazine.

Squirrel's "L"

A telephone wire might be termed a public highway, but rather a highway of speech than one for transportation.

However, this fact does not seem to be generally known, at least not among our animal friends. From Wilmington, Del., comes the story of a squirrel that travels a mile every day by telephone wire for its meals, crawling all the distance along the wires. William Krause, a grocer, some little time ago contacted the squirrel down from a telephone pole by offering it nuts, and since then the squirrel has made its appearance every day. Out of curiosity, Krause followed it one morning and found that its nest was in the woods fully a mile distant.—Telephone Service Bulletin.

Coffee's "Discovery"

There are many stories as to who first discovered the food value of coffee. In Europe this important discovery is usually accredited to the inmates of an old monastery in Arabia who had observed that their goats after browsing upon the coffee berries were decidedly lively. They decided to taste the berries to see if they, too, would be similarly affected. First they chewed the berries but were disappointed in the taste. Then they boiled them but without success. Then they tried roasting them and found this gave a delightful flavor. Later a monk brewed a stimulating drink by pounding the roasted berries in a mortar.

Brain Measure Won't Work

A doctor friend tells us there is nothing to the scheme to measure the brains of congressmen to find out how much they know, that the most brilliant senator New York ever had had a very small head. . . . When it comes to brain power it is quality, not quantity, that counts. In the laboratory of a great medical school is the brain of a world-famous genius, so small that it is little more than half the weight of the average human brain.—Capper's Weekly.

WHY

Some Common Expressions Have Lasted

When a person is in an unhappy predicament—"between the devil and the deep sea"—he is sometimes said to be "between Scylla and Charybdis." According to a Greek legend, these were two monsters, one of which lurked on each side of a narrow sea passage. In steering his vessel in such a way as to escape one the unlucky mariner usually fell into the clutches of the other.

There are two words—panic and hygiene—which we use almost every day. "Panic" is a sudden, unreasoning fear of something. It is derived from the name of the god of shepherds—Pan—whose presence as he lurked invisible amongst the thickets or reeds made itself felt by mariners, and suddenly smote them with a fear so acute that they fled from the unseen. "Hygiene" is derived from the name of the goddess of health—Hygieia.

How many people realize when they speak of putting an animal into a lethal chamber that the name comes from Lethe—a river on the borders of Hades—whose waters brought forgetfulness to whoever drank of them? And when they describe something as being in a state of "chaos" do they ever think that they are naming the first of all the old heathen gods—Chaos—who ruled over confusion before any other gods existed?

"Under his aegis" is another phrase often used. "Aegis" was the name of the shield of the goddess of wisdom, Minerva, and is used to indicate what the shield afforded—protection.

Why Waters of Ocean Have Varying Colors

The sea is not always blue. Sea-water may be almost any color, depending on the amount of salt it contains, its depth and the color of the sand at the bottom. While a glass of its water is clear, the Mediterranean sea, which is rich in salt, is perhaps the deepest blue known, while the Pacific ocean is indigo.

A stretch of white sand below shallow water will cause it to appear water-gray or light green, while deep yellow-colored sand, joined with the blue of the water, produces a darker green, says London Tit-Bits. The Bay of Lorango is a deep red because of its red bottom.

Almost any color can be found in a coral channel, where Turner, the painter, produced some of his finest pictures. Large numbers of minute organisms have caused some of the colors in coral and in the south of the Pacific to appear a vivid crimson.

Planes Are Held Impractical in Arctic

Dirigibles, not airplanes, must be used if an aerial survey of the Arctic regions is to be successful, according to Donald B. MacMillan, who was compelled to abandon that part of his expedition to the North. From his and Amundsen's experience, he was convinced that the uncertainty of landing places and the unreliability of caches of fuel and food made travel by airplanes exceedingly hazardous. For that reason, and because adverse weather had set in earlier than had been expected, he advised that further exploits by naval planes be discontinued this year. "A fjord is free today and icebound tomorrow," was one of the explorer's radio messages from the Far North. "A cache under such conditions, is not a help but a menace, for, if depended upon and a plane arrives out of fuel, destruction is the inevitable result. The lighter-than-air machine can do the work and should do it at the earliest opportunity." Naval officers declare that the dangers of venturing into the Arctic regions with a dirigible such as the "Los Angeles" are tremendous. They point out that if the big gas bags get weighted, with snow or ice from frozen mist and rain, they might never return. On their advice, the naval airships were not allowed to fly to the polar regions in search of Amundsen and Ellsworth when it was feared that they were lost last summer.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Why One Feels "Blue"; Mere Matter of Air

It may be assumed that during the summer there are many occasions when you will exclaim, "What a depressing day!" Your spirits will droop; energy will go; work will become hard labor. Do you know why? Well, it's just a matter of air!

Bad weather decreases the normal pressure of the atmosphere. The immediate result on ourselves is that our blood vessels become inflated; the circulation of our blood is hindered.

Our uncomfortable feeling is increased by two other factors. When the air is damp we do not perspire normally, and therefore our bodies retain the waste and poisonous products that otherwise would pass off. The non-energetic feeling follows.

Further, instead of the air containing its ordinary supply of oxygen, there is a smaller and a diluted supply. The position is the same as that of an engine from which normal work is required, but which is not being fed with sufficient fuel to raise the required amount of steam. Oxygen is the body's fuel, and we cannot fully assimilate our food without a full supply. Hence the "heavy" feeling.