

HOW

KEY WEST, FLORIDA, GOT ITS ENGLISH COGNOMEN.—Key West has no significance in the points of the compass, but got its name through a mutilation of one given it by the Spaniards—Cayo Hueso, pronounced Ki-ye Way-so, and meaning Bone Reef. Back in the early days of the Eighteenth century the mainland and Key Indians engaged in a warfare to the death. Outnumbered and outfought, the Key Indians were driven from island to island, making their last stand at Key West and there were virtually annihilated. The last handful of the despairing tribesmen fled to Cuba. The Spaniards found Key West was so strewn with bones that they named it Cayo Hueso.

For valuable service rendered the Spanish government while an officer in the royal artillery corps of that country, Capt. Juan Pablo Salas received from the Spanish governor of Florida a grant of the entire island, and a few years later, on January 19, 1822, he sold it to a John W. Simonton for \$20,000. In recent years business property on the key has sold for that much a foot.—Detroit News.

How Marines Earned Name of "Devil Dogs"

In the mountains of Bavaria there is a folklore tale of the fierce wild dogs that come down in the night from the mountains and forests and raid the peaceful farms, driving all before them, no human being or earthly animal being able to stand against them. In the language of the countryside, these are the "Teufel Hunden," the hounds of the devil, and are feared with a hatred born of superstitious dread. Soon after the American marines arrived on the fighting line of the western front in France the Germans got a chance to try them out as first-class fighting men, and in his trial Fritz got more than he bargained for. He found the American marines ready to meet him far more than half way and yearning for a fight regardless of odds.

Surprised by the fierceness of the marines' attack, moved down by the deadly accuracy of their rifle fire and machine gun spatter, and thrown back with the thrust of the bayonet's cold steel, and crash of the butt of the rifle the Huns cried in dismay: "Teufel Hund!" this was born the nickname of the world's well-known fighting men.—Atlanta Constitution.

How Traveler May Be Guided by the Stars

A sense of direction is an important faculty to any motor tourist, especially if he is traveling at night. The ancients were adept at determining direction from the heavenly bodies, and it is upon them that the modern motor traveler must rely when in the open country.

Almost every one is familiar with the constellation known as the Big Dipper, and is able to locate it on a clear night. Few, however, are astronomically versed enough to locate the Little Dipper from among the myriads of little stars. This latter constellation plays an important part in direction, for the end of the handle of the Little Dipper is the North star.

A line drawn through the two end stars in the bowl of the Big Dipper will strike the North star, which is comparatively small and often hardly discernible. Facing the North star, east is to the traveler's right, and west to his left, while his back is to the south.

How Death Masks Are Made

A death mask is made by applying some kind of plaster, such as plaster of paris, to the face after the skin has been covered with an oil to prevent the plaster from adhering too closely. After the plaster has hardened it is removed, and into the mold thus formed fresh plaster is poured. The resulting cast is the death mask. Such masks have considerable value because they bear an exact resemblance to the faces from which they are taken. Similar masks are also made from living subjects.

How to Clean Wax Floors

Wax floors can be cleaned with alcohol. Use a piece of absorbent cotton soaked in alcohol for cleaning large surfaces, and a small pencil brush with soft hairs for fragile parts and corners. Apply the alcohol liberally. A good substitute for a pencil brush is a fragment of absorbent cotton on the end of a manicure orange stick.

How the Moon Travels

The moon's orbit is a very intricate one, because the earth in moving around the sun carries the moon along with it; hence the latter is sometimes within and sometimes without the earth's orbit. During the course of its rotations the moon completes her circuit around the earth in about 27 days, 7 hours, 43 minutes.

How to Clean Gilt Frames

Gilt frames may be cleaned by washing them with a small sponge wet with oil of turpentine, not too wet, but sufficiently to take off the dirt. They should not be wiped afterward, but left to dry of themselves.

Bottle-Raised Apple Tree Something New

Milk-fed chickens and even milk-fed porkers are no novelty, but did you ever sink your teeth into a milk-fed apple? It seems that a Brockton man was about to set out a young apple tree and sought the advice of a nearby storekeeper as to how it should be planted.

He advised digging a hole large enough to hold the roots. Then a short section of garden hose should be put in place, reaching from the surface to the roots, before the hole was filled in. Milk, poured down the tubing every day, would give the baby tree nourishment until it got strong enough to take care of itself.

Some time afterward he inquired of the lady how the tree was getting on. "It is doing finely," she replied. "I give it milk every day, as you advised." The storekeeper looked stunned, then raised his hands in despair.

"My Lord!" he gasped. "Didn't you know I was only joking about that?"

The bottle-raised little tree no longer gets its daily ration from contented cows, but maybe when it begins to develop apples they will have a creamy flavor.—Montreal Family Herald.

Remarkable Work of Hindu Stone Carvers

The majestic stone carvings to be found on all ancient buildings in India, gigantic Buddhas, the bulls and the marvelous bas-reliefs are among the wonders of the world. Equally marvelous are the fretted walls of old Mogul palaces, Fatehpore Sikri, and the forts at Agra and Delhi. Wonderful artists and craftsmen have worked on this hard sandstone and left us a world's heritage. We stand amazed at their skill and patience. They do not work like that in this, our day.

But the humble craft of stone cutting thrives, says a writer in the Statesman, of Calcutta, wherever stone quarries are found. The red hills of Rajputana send masses of stone to Agra, and these on the outskirts of the city are the factories of the patient toilers who chip and cut by hand, contriving grinding stones and dishes and bowls with the same instruments that cut the stones for the Taj, and carved and fretted the screen in that famed tomb and the deserted palaces of the fort.

The Party Line

"I says to May Ellen when her bean an' her fell out, 'Theys lots bigger fish in th' sea than ever was catched,' an' she snuffles. 'What goods that to folks livin' inland?'"

"The flyin' again' providence to be like th' Widow Jones that throws th' empty tomato cans right under her sign, 'Country Board—Strictly Fresh Vegetables.'"

"Kate Ellery was in to eat th' manager of th' Bijou Dream theater not to spray th' perfume in this place no more, because her man allus tells her his coat got smelly'n that way from goin' to th' pitchers, an' she ain't so sure."—Kansas City Star.

Left Gentility in a Safe

Emma Calve, prima donna of Carmen fame, tells this story against herself in her memoirs, "My Life":

"I once had an English maid. She was a thoroughly good girl, truthful, honest, obliging, but lacked tact. One day, when on a long train journey, she noticed that a rope of pearls I usually wore were missing, and panic seized her, she exclaimed:

"Oh, madam, where are your pearls?"

"At home in the safe, I told her, adding that I never wore them when traveling."

"Oh, what a pity!" she said. "They make you look like a real lady."

At Last!

The two old maids had lived together in apparent harmony for more than forty years, when one, having reached her ninety-eighth birthday, died.

A relative who undertook to break the painful news to the surviving sister was afraid the shock would prove fatal, but it had to be done sooner or later.

However, it turned out that her fears were groundless.

"Ah, well," replied the sister, who was only eighty-nine, brightly, "now I suppose I shall be allowed to have my tea made just as I like it."

The Hustlers

An American was airing his views on the country as he saw it.

"There's nothing much the matter with this little island," he began. "All you want is a little more hustle."

At that moment there was a clanging noise, and a fire-engine flashed round the corner.

"What's that?" gasped the visitor.

"His friend smiled.

"Oh," he replied coolly, "that's only the district window-cleaning company working overtime."—London Answers.

Planting in Memory

The memorial tree idea that has been taken up throughout the country under the leadership of the American Tree association lends itself admirably to the Road of Remembrance plan. This should be kept in mind by every tree planter, for if the tree is a memorial tree or the road is a road of remembrance the planting must be of such character that those for whom the trees are planted would be proud of the new beauty given to the world.

WHY Criminals Usually Are Executed on Friday.

In Europe the custom of executing criminals on Friday dates back at least to the Middle Ages. Because of this custom Friday used to be popularly known as "hangman's day." Although the practice is not so prevalent as formerly, an examination of current newspaper files indicates that Friday is still the favorite day in the United States for the execution of persons condemned to capital punishment. No adequate explanation has ever been offered as to why the sixth day of the week should be preferred as the day for hanging or electrocuting criminals, says a writer in the Pathfinder Magazine. One writer says the custom undoubtedly arose from the fact that Jesus was executed by crucifixion on Friday, the last day of the week according to the old Jewish calendar. Since then, he says, it has been the practice to set the dates of executions so they will fall on that day. This, of course, is mere speculation. It is generally assumed, with some reason, that the ill luck associated with Friday by superstitious people arose from the connection of that day with the crucifixion of Jesus. It may, however, have been suggested by the fact that Friday was hangman's day; or, on the other hand, criminals may have been put to death on that day because of the ill luck already associated with it. Curiously enough, the ancient Scandinavian peoples, as well as the Hindus, regarded Friday as the luckiest day of the week. A correspondent offers a novel theory to explain the preference for Friday as the day for executions. He says that in olden times the dead were generally buried on Sunday and that criminals were executed two days before so that they could be buried on Sunday.

Why Grave Senators Are Not "Gentlemen"

In former years the pronunciation of Arkansas not only used to be a matter of dispute but also contributed to the gaiety of congress, says the Detroit News. When the United States senate is in session and a senator wishes to speak he arises, clears his throat and says, "Mr. President," and the presiding officer then recognizes him by saying, "The senator from Michigan," or whatever state the ambitious senator may happen to represent. There were of course two senators from Arkansas in that lawmaking body even at the time when nobody was certain how the state's name was pronounced and it is related that one president of the senate used to get around the disputations question by recognizing one as "the senator from Arkansas" and the other as "the senator from Arkansas." It might be added that prior to March 4, 1820, when Calhoun became Vice President, it had been the practice for senators when referring to each other, and for the chair in putting the question, to use the term "gentleman." Calhoun substituted for this the more parliamentary term "senator" and so, strictly speaking, there have been no gentlemen recognized in the senate since.

Why Rainfall Differs

The weather bureau says that during the summer the so-called belt of high atmospheric pressure, the desert belt, as some have called it, extends over Los Angeles. This is a region of relatively dry and more or less descending air that, with a few breaks, extends around the world parallel to the equator. Rains are infrequent anywhere along this belt because the air is comparatively dry. Furthermore, in the region of Los Angeles, as also in many other places, the heated ground during the summer makes the air still dryer and rain all the more unlikely. During the winter time the belt of high pressure is farther south and cyclonic storms (widespread rain-bearing storms) come in from the ocean anywhere along the Pacific coast from Alaska down to some distance south of Los Angeles. This precipitation is further increased by the then relatively low temperature of the land, especially in the mountainous portion.

Why Folks Like to Dance

Why do you tap your foot to the rhythm of a snappy tune or have a desire to keep time with an imaginary baton in your hand? Dr. Charles Mayo explains this. Music affects the nerves of the arms and legs because these nerves have their center in the base of the brain where the auditory nerves are placed. So it isn't a sin after all to want to "shake a foot," as our grandmothers used to think, we were just made that way.—Capper's Weekly.

Gay Veats

The new tailored blue suits sport gay veats of Russian cross work in vivid colors worked on oyster linen.

Pheasant Trims Hats

The small new hats of felt fit close to the head and are trimmed with flat feathers of gay pheasant feathers.

She Paid the Postage

A woman bought a birthday gift in one of Cincinnati's department stores. She asked the saleslady to have it mailed out from the store to Berkeley, Calif.

"We will be glad to do so," said the obliging young clerk, "but if that place is over 300 miles away, you will have to pay the postage."

Dame Fashion Smiles

By Grace Jewett Austin

One evening Dame Fashion had a good deal of amusement from the radio, hearing one of her acquaintances tell of the difficulty he had in making plans to a Spanish general in Cuba, through an interpreter, just who Santa Claus was. But there is not an individual, small or great, in these United States, who needs any description of the loving, genial old saint.

But many times gifts do not wait for Santa and his sleigh bells. Santa Claus seems to have dozens of gay little nephews—those who have charge of bridge and bunco clubs, contests of every sort for church and young folks' parties, events of coming or going or being born or becoming a grandmother, or getting engaged or married, or entering upon a new enterprise or occupation. For all of these the people of this happy country just pour out gifts. This increased custom of gift-giving furnishes just the oxygen to keep alive the fascinating gift shops.

Dame Fashion leaned the other day in admiration over the display of a department where she could see gifts appropriate for individuals of many kinds—and all with the touch of new ideas about them. Looking over her notebook afterwards, there was the word "modernistic" to be found on every single page, showing that the new choker chains, the convenient compact, the mesh bags and the leather—yes, and even the watches and clocks have felt the witchery of color splashes and mystic triangles. On one leaf of the book was scrawled, "The modernistic idea is as catching as the measles."

Two articles Dame Fashion nearly carried away with her—on that principle that is often so good, that of buying a gift for yourself, when one is likely to think to buy it for you. Sometimes it happens when you put on a gown you cannot suit yourself in your whole box of head chains. In such a time of stress, think how wonderful to have at hand a "Gypsy La Belle" chain, with long beads something of the type that the grandmothers used to call "bugles," with all the colors of the rainbow in it, to match any gown! The other article that made an ardent call to her was a clock; not such a big clock, but one that had the tower and stained glass effect of some European abbey.

As Santa Claus rides about in his sleigh this year, he will see, if he is at all observing, that he is not the only wearer of a red coat and cap. If Dame Fashion might be allowed to coin a mild slogan in that regard, it would be "A shade of red for every head." Little folks start off to school in an extra happy mood, with a bright red beret or soft knitted cap, while Dame Fashion can declare from experience that if you are even middle-aged, and stand before the mirror to adjust a felt, velour or velvet hat or cap of rich red, claret or burgundy, you will involuntarily have to smile to match it.

Dame Fashion can also report having had a wireless message from Santa Claus that he hopes he will be assisted by as many as possible who will burn a tall red candle in their front window at the Christmas time, and that if ten thousand went out and sang Christmas carols last year, he hopes a hundred thousand will do this season.

Bows, Streamers Feature Winsome Afternoon Dress



Dave Gray Broadcloth for Street, Afternoon



A street costume and afternoon frock are smartly combined in this clever outfit. Dave gray broadcloth in the material used, and the collar and cuffs are chinchilla fur. The skirt is circular and the waist is fashioned in the manner of a loose jacket.

Powder Puff With Top Representing Dancer

An attractive powder puff with the top or handle made after the ballet dancer design has now appeared in a new rubberized wax-tinted and painted in lifelike manner. The puff may be of marabou in white or pastel shades. Containers for holding the powder are supplied, although many persons use an ordinary powder box, since this puff is sturdy enough to conceal any unattractive part of the cardboard. Because of its rubberized material, the puff may be dropped without fear of breaking. For the sake of novelty its head and arms are free to move in any direction.

A new box from Paris designed for holding use is being shown now. It comes in three flors, each one attached to the other by small brackets. The top opens independently of the other two parts, although all three may be used at the same time. They are covered with metallic brocades in tangerine-sociological red, jade and black.

For the dressing table, or top of a dresser there is a new tray set made of imitation or real stone in natural and artificial colors. The trays are oval and bordered with low rims. At one side is a swivel mirror supported between two slender glass posts with ends studded with jewels. It is mounted in a frame that matches the border of the tray. The other objects consist of a large bottle with jeweled stopper, an atomizer with its neck finished with a metal band set with small jewels, a powder box, also banded about the top in the same color.

Wool Frocks Worn for Warmth and for Style

Previous seasons have been notable for the preponderance of silk frocks which when the weather necessitated, early on late, were worn beneath the fur coat. Since all fashions must bend to the laws of change, the silk frock and fur wrap combination may be slightly displaced by woolen ensembles before the more severe weather arrives. It would seem that the costlier had grown a trifle weary of wrapping mildy in silk and fur. Perhaps that is why it is so extremely fashionable to appear attired in a modish costume of wool.

Sports frocks of light weight woollens are agreeably easy to wear under the cloth sports coat.

A two-piece dress of tweed bordered and patterned in a dot theme is one example of the decreed mode for informal wear. Printed jersey is chic when in a plaid design. The background of one model is of pale green and the plaid of two darker shades and black.

Metal Animals in Color for New Hat Ornaments

A hat ornament that is attracting considerable attention now has designs of animals in color, so put on as to imitate the enamel work. They are outlined with metal.

Another ornament for the sports costume is a metal bob with a small, narrow barpin like those used on badges, with two chains of modernistic design, to which a round, square or oblong disk is attached.

Chinchilla Is Liked to Trim Wine Red Coat

Wine red is a winter color overshadowed in importance by black and blue only. Philippe et Gaston show a straight line coat with simple accretations in burgundy red wool. Its outstanding color of chinchilla is distraction itself by contrast with some of the wide, full collars of the season. The sleeves are without fur.

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Vanity of More 50

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