

HAPPENINGS IN THE CITIES

Deserter's Story Preserved in Stone



SCRANTON, PA.—After lying buried in the roots of a tree for more than a century, it is thought, a stone tablet bearing the confession of a revolutionary soldier's infamy has been found by William Sherer of this city. Sherer is a cripple, and, while wandering through the woods, near Rattlesnake Pond, in Spring Brook township, he accidentally brushed away the dirt from a piece of flagstone that caught his attention.

When the coating was removed the following inscription was exposed to Sherer's astonished eyes: "My name is John Nair. Born in 1747. I ran away from the battle of Brandywine in 1777."

With Sherer when he made this interesting discovery were John Hartman and Harry and Louise Pilger. They viewed the find with bulging eyes and finally aided Sherer in a closer inspection. When the tablet was tilted on one side the excited group discovered a small pocket in the other side. Pebbles were packed tightly into the slit, and when they were removed an instrument resembling a nail was revealed. It was about three and a half inches long and it had evi-

dently been used to chronicle the story of John Nair's shame. The stone is of strange oblong shape, about ten inches at its greatest length and seven inches across. Its thickness is about three-fourths of an inch. The inscription covers three-fourths of the smooth face of the stone, and the lettering is wonderfully plain. The letters are uniformly an inch high and an eighth of an inch deep.

Among the hundreds of persons who have viewed the tablet in a central city display window, there is no doubt that the inscription is genuine. The letters are the same color as the stone, a light brown, and there is a suggestion of freshness. It is generally believed that the carving was done soon after the historic incident mentioned in the inscription. It is a peculiar coincidence that Sherer made his discovery almost on the anniversary of the battle of Brandywine. The battle was fought Sept. 11, 1777 134 years ago.

It is thought that John Nair, a deserter from the continental army, journeyed northward toward the Connecticut settlements and stopped to rest under the tree. In those days the nearest settlement to Rattlesnake Pond was historic Wyoming, about 25 miles to the south, and this region was a wilderness. In the quiet of the forest the fugitive probably yielded to a gnawing of conscience and wrote his confession upon the tablet. Whether he lived to tell it with his lips will probably never be known.

Keeps Ants in Bottle for Ten Years

CLEVELAND, OHIO.—Away up in the tower of St. Ignace college, where is situated the observatory and the sanatorium of Father Odenbach, astronomer, are several hundred ants that have lived ten years in a bottle corked with an aluminum stopper, without any food save small pieces of sound quarter-sawn wood moistened with water.

This somewhat unpalatable ration is served to the ants by Father Odenbach about once a month. And although commonly known as "white ants," the most destructive to wood, particularly to oak, of any known insects, they are really not ants at all, but termites and members of the "darning needle" family.

The bottle is nearly covered on the inside by a slimy, cement like excrement given out by the insects in moving about. The bottle has been changed once during the ten years, and then because that which they first occupied was accidentally broken by the savant.

The particular "ants" Father Odenbach has come from Florida. Many have died, but others have been born, the number remaining about the same.



The bodies of those who die are eaten by the survivors and it is not infrequently for some of the insects to kill one another by the cannibalistic method.

Several instances where a species of the termites, differing but little from those in the bottle, has nearly caused great havoc and loss of life in Cleveland buildings, were given by Professor Odenbach. In one dry goods store he found the oak uprights supporting an entire department under which a number of girls were working, almost eaten through by the omnivorous insects.

Another case was that of a machine shop where uprights supporting the roof, pulleys and shafting had been hollowed out by the termites. They have a penchant for paper—it is like ice cream and cake to them. Father Odenbach says.

Wealthy Thief Erratic Since His Duel



NEW YORK.—Matthew W. Harbeson, son of the millionaire founder of the brick trust and great-grandson of Robert Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, who was sent to jail for thirty days for stealing a loaf of bread, has been "erratic" ever since he fought a duel many years ago, his mother declared.

Recorder Medina, in Woodcliff, N. J., sentenced Harbeson on complaint of a grocer who saw him take a loaf from his bread box.

Harbeson, who married a maid in his mother's household, has five children and lives in one of the show places in Woodcliff, which his mother bought for him.

"Matthew has not been well since he was wounded in a duel at Kiel uni-

versity, where he studied many years," said Mrs. Harbeson. "It was the custom then to fight with schlagers. He was the best swordsman in the university, and, to use a slang expression, was the 'goat' whenever his college had been offered an insult by another university.

"The most serious duel, the one in which he received so vicious a cutting that the removal of a part of his skull was necessitated, arose when a German student insisted the Rhine was wider than the Hudson river. There were hot words and a challenge resulted.

"There was no reason for my son's act other than his ill health, which has made him a trifle erratic. I have given him a good monthly income, besides paying all his running expenses and the interest on his property. I think his eccentricities are due to the many wounds he received in his duels. He fought thirty-seven in all. "I shall go to him at once and see what can be done. I deplore this notoriety. It hurts me terribly."

These Dancers Must Don Diving Suits

LOS ANGELES.—Society women of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Pasadena are planning a fete on the bottom of the ocean off Catalina Island early this spring. It is such a party that even Rome in its greatest days never saw the equal.

Walter Howison Pritchard, marine artist, is arranging details, and, according to him, guests are to be attired in diving suits, each with an oxygen tank or air tubes.

Catalina Island has been chosen for the affair because of the extraordinary clearness of the water and remarkable marine gardens at the bottom of the sea.

The bottom of the ocean will be illuminated by electric bulbs, and by a unique arrangement music from a band on a yacht anchored overhead will be conveyed through the water, acting as a sounding board.

The "turkey trot" and three entirely new dances, the "mermaid dip," the "lobster claw" and the "flny wiggle," will be danced by the guests to the



strains of the band. If possible a real mermaid will be secured to take part in the "dip." There will be no trouble getting lobster for the "claw" dance, it is said.

"Reggie" Van Toole, popular as a cotton leader, has composed a catchy waltz named "My Submarine Sue," which will be played for the first time in marine public.

A light repast will be served on sea shells, the food being made water proof by incasing it in a thin coating of gelatine. Rubber pipes run from the yacht above will convey liquid refreshment to the guests, who can connect with a cocktail or cordial by giving the correct signal.

Temperamental Husbands.

William Dean Howells, the new uniform edition of whose works is so well driving home his leadership in modern letters, was talking at a tea in New York about the artistic temperament. "But the artistic temperament," he said, "has with all its defects a wayward charm. A famous novelist and his wife were lunching one day at Sherry's. The lady upset the glass of wine and as the red fluid ran toward him over the white cloth the novelist drew hastily back and cried: 'How like you?' But five minutes later, he upset a glass of wine himself. 'How unlike myself!' he then cried!"

TEMPERAMENT IS ALL RIGHT

Quality the World Seems Ever Willing to Condone, but Beware of Temper.

Of the prima donna who throweth a dish of spaghetti at her butler the world saith: "She hath the artistic temperament." And of the washer-woman who scaldeth her husband with a pot of bean soup the husband's relatives saith: "She hath a devilish temper."

Cultivate temperament if thou wilt, but beware of temper. The rich man, in a burst of temper, bursteth a blood vessel and droppeth dead. The poor man ketteth hot in the collar, and the collar, being celluloid, igniteth and burneth him to death. While angry at the woman he loveth, a man marryeth a woman he doth not love. And, behold, it costeth him half his fortune to regain his temper—and his freedom.

Yet temper hath its uses. It giveth a man courage to do that which he lacketh the nerve to perpetrate in cold blood. And it serveth as an admirable excuse. If he saith: "Pardon me, I have such an ungovernable temper, he is forgiven, as if he were a lunatic and not responsible.

Temper maketh Johnny to go into tantrums. And, behold, his mother announceth proudly: "Johnny is such a high-strung child. So much temperament, don't you know?" Which remark Johnny often overheareth, and, being wiser than thou wouldst expect of such a mother, he stringeth her some more and himself still higher, until father stepheth in with a shingle paddle and breaketh the string.

Temper maketh madam to snap at the hand of her husband when it petteth her. And hubby, saying: "She is so nervous," putteth on a glove that his hand may not be lacerated, and caresseth her more tenderly than ever.

Temperament, like temper, is greatly overworked as an excuse. The man who defraudeth the barber and obth his best to keep the clothescleaner and presser from earning a living, placeth in extenuation the poetic temperament. And the one who keepeth irregular hours and worse company, and whose shirt bosom feleth 'the imprint of a rouged cheek more often than the touch of a laundress' hand, attributeth his delinquencies to the Bohemian temperament. The supposed possession of a literary temperament hath led many a woman to take a course in the literature of the Italian renaissance when the needeth far worse a course of treatment by a manicurist, a mediste and a hairdresser. Verily, yea, verily, a sweet temper is more to be desired than an sweetheart, and is easier to keep—Terrell Love Holiday, in Puck.

THIS HAPPENED ON MARS.

Allen—Hello, Duncan, old man! How're things?
Duncan—Pretty good, pretty good. And with you?
Allen—Can't complain particularly. Get a little short of cash sometimes—business is growing fast and I have to pretty near rawn my watch on occasions to keep going. You know how it is; prosperity is sometimes actualy a drag on your pocketbook. That's a preliminary to asking you if you've \$10 loose that you can let me have until next week Thursday. Got to get the wife a little present for her birthday, and haven't a cent to do it with.

Duncan—Why, sure. More, if you want. And never mind about paying me Thursday; wait until I want some money and come to you.

Allen—Nix. Thursday goes and ten is all. Thanks. So long.
Duncan (Thursday)—Morning, Allen. Great weather.

Allen—All to the good. You're looking fine. Say, here's that ten. Much obliged. Nothing like having friends to help a man once in a while.
Duncan—Oh, you needn't have hurried. I'd clean forgotten about this ten.

Allen—Well, I don't forget the money I owe or what's owed me. Thanks again for your loan. S'long.—Exchange.

Curious White Island.

What is perhaps the most extraordinary island in the world is that which lies thirty miles to the northeast of New Zealand. White Island is an enormous mass of rock nearly three miles in circumference, rising 900 feet above the sea, and is perpetually enveloped in dark clouds that are visible for nearly 100 miles. This island consists almost entirely of sulphur, with a small percentage of gypsum. Some years ago an attempt was made to float a company to work the sulphur, which is of high quality, but sufficient capital was not subscribed. The export of sulphur from White Island is therefore still very small. In the interior is a lake fully fifty acres in extent, the water of which has a temperature of 110 degrees Fahrenheit, and it is strongly impregnated with acids. On one side of this lake are craters from which steam escapes with great force and noise. This steam and the vapor from the lake form the dark clouds that envelop the island.

A Poor Guesser.

Wedmore—Before I married, I learned to live on half my income.
Singleton—And found that it was a wise step eh?
Wedmore—Yes, only a half was the wrong proportion—I should have made it an eighth.

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A Hint From Shakespeare.

"Why do you call your dog Hamlet?"
"Can't you see why? He's a Great Dane."

The Keynote.

Rnickler—I thought simplicity was o be the keynote of your gowns.
Mrs. Rnickler—It is; I have simply got to have them.

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IS THE PAIN THERE?

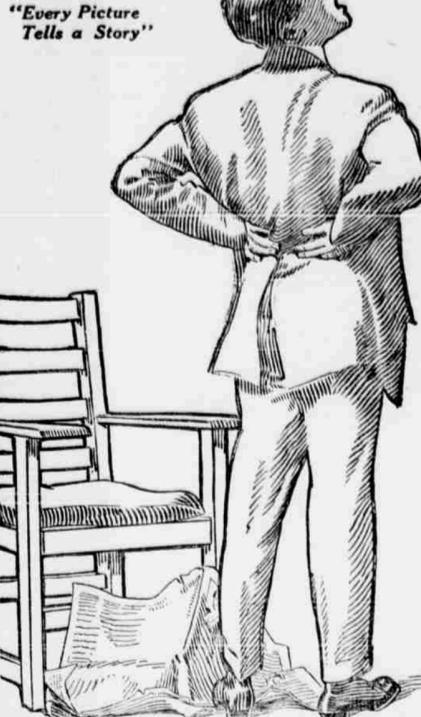
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Backache is enough cause to suspect the kidneys. The kidneys are in the small of the back. Congested kidneys swell and throb. The back naturally aches. It hurts to bend or stoop or to sit down.

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SHELDON SMITH.

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"Three years ago I was almost helpless," said Mr. Smith, "Kidney secretions scalded terribly and obliged me to arise ten to twelve times a night. My left limb became so stiff and sore I could hardly walk—just hobbled around with a cane. I had almost every complaint that diseased kidneys produce and Doan's Kidney Pills cured them all. At the age of 76 I feel like a boy, and enjoy health and comfort. Can anyone wonder at my gratitude?"



SUCH A POOR INHERITANCE

Tears of a Rival Attorney Were Explained, Not in Too Friendly a Fashion.

At the trial of Horne Tooke, Lord Eldon, speaking of his own reputation, said:

"It is the little inheritance I have to leave my children, and, by God's help, I will leave it unimpaired." Here he shed tears, and to the astonishment of those present, Milford, the attorney general, began to weep.

"Just look at Milford," said a bystander to Horne Tooke, "what on earth is he crying for?"

Tooke replied:

"He is crying to think what a small inheritance Eldon's children are like to get."

Puzzle of Living.

Religionists chided about their inability to agree on points of faith might point out that they differ only in incidentals and not essentials, whereas the scientists differ on everything. Take the science of living. A week ago you would have "died if you drank water with your meals." Now they say it doesn't do any harm at all. One variety says: "Eat meat, lots of it, to build good, rich blood." Another says meat is poison; that vegetables are the only food. A third declares meat and vegetables both increase debility, and that you will live twice as long on raw fruits and nuts. Some say "Talk with your meals, laugh; it makes the food digest." Others insist illness is never so golden as at the table.

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Revised Version.

Senator Bankhead, discussing an eloquent speech that had been rather poorly reported, said:

"The report spoiled the speech. It was like old Hiram's earwig's account of Daniel Webster's last word. Webster, you know, as he lay dying, uttered the profound and significant sentence, 'I still live.' Well, Hiram Earwig of Skeeter Beach said to a visitor from the city:

"—Yawp, life's omarlin. 'ot wuz it that that New Englander said—Webster, I think? Yawp, it wuz General Dan Webster. He got off a good thing just afore he died. He riz up in bed an' says, says he:

"'I ain't dead yet!'"—Baltimore Sun.

Evidence.

"What makes you think our great public men don't work as hard as they used to?"

"By the photographs," replied Farmer Cornsloss. "When I was a young fellow the big men in politics didn't take near as much time to get shaved and have their hair cut."

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Fairy Story.

"They married and lived happily ever after."

"You forget that you are talking about two people on the stage."

When a man does things he hasn't much time to talk about them.

HIS THOUGHT.



Henson—He said he could never forget his alma mater. I wonder what he meant?

Hempeck—His mother-in-law, I guess.

Belated Information.

Albert Morris Bagley was being congratulated on the success of his "musical mornings."

"I impute my success," he said, "to the fact that I engage no talent that I don't know thoroughly. In entertainment, as in matrimony, knowledge is most important."

Then Mr. Bagley smiled and said: "Two ladies were talking the other day about the Chinese revolution. The younger lady said:

"Isn't it dreadful in China? A woman doesn't know her husband till she marries him."

"The other lady, a divorcee, answered bitterly: "I didn't know my husband till I married him, either."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Do You Feel This Way?

Do you feel all tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work away at your profession or trade any longer? Do you have a poor appetite, and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach too? Has ambition to forge ahead in the world left you? If so, you might as well put a stop to your misery. You can do it if you will. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will make you a different individual. It will set your lazy liver to work. It will set things right in your stomach, and your appetite will come back. It will purify your blood. If there is any tendency in your family toward consumption, it will keep that dread destroyer away. Even after consumption has almost gained a foothold in the form of a lingering cough, bronchitis, or bleeding at the lungs, it will bring about a cure in 98 per cent. of all cases. It is a remedy prepared by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose advice is given free to all who wish to write him. His great success has come from his wide experience and varied practice.

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Natural Avoidance.

Mayor Gaynor of New York was defending his anti-suffrage views: "Woman has her place and man has his," he said, "and when I think of the confusion that would come from intermingling their places, I am reminded of an anecdote about Lady Holland. Lady Holland once said to Lord John Russell: 'Why hasn't Lord Holland got a post in the cabinet?'"

"Well, if you must know," Lord John answered, "it is because nobody would work in a cabinet with a man whose wife opens all his letters."

Probably the Truth.

The druggist in a small town died, and his widow continued the business. A month later she arranged the window display so that it was very attractive. That week the town paper contained this item of news:

"Mr. Arthur Edwards, a prominent druggist of Hingham, took in the sights of our city yesterday. He was very much interested in our druggist's attractive widow."