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## SOUVENIR FANATICS

Nothing is Safe from Those Afflicted With the Craze

In these enlightened days anything from the limb of a tree to a table napkin is liable to be carried away as a souvenir.

A western girl with a well defined case of the souvenir habit, sojourning in New York, was dining at a fashionable cafe and, being prepossessed in favor of the cunning pewter cream pots with which the tables were supplied, calmly carried one away in her muff. Can you imagine her self valuation when upon examining her prize later on she discovered carved across the bottom, "Stolen from M. S.?"

A Pittsburgh bachelor, wandering into a restaurant, came upon a friend just seating himself with two ladies. The bachelor was invited to join the party, did so, and at the end of the luncheon insisted upon paying the costs. The bill being wrong, he went to the cashier's desk to personally adjust the discrepancy, where he was informed that the extra charges were for spoons which the ladies had put in their hand bags. And that was the first time he had ever met them!

Upon the occasion of the presentation of a handsome silver service by one of the United States to a battleship which was being christened in her honor an elaborate banquet was served aboard ship, at which the service was used. Society came en masse from the town near which they were anchored, and after the function was over there were not enough forks and spoons with which to lay the tables. And yet these souvenir fanatics would draw their moral skirts aside for fear of contamination with a real thief.—Bertha Reynolds MacDonald in Bohemian Magazine.

### He Didn't Care.

A Georgia man tells of the meeting of a negro "literary society" in that state. During the consideration of the business part of the club's programme some one had proposed that the regular time of meeting be changed from Tuesday to Friday, and this proposition provoked much disputation. Finally, the president of the society heaped appeals to for his opinion, that official declared with much gravity:

"Members of de s'ciety, passonally, now, passonally, I don't care which night de s'ciety meets, but fo' myse'f I prefers Tuesday."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

### THE HINDOO FAKIR.

His Patience and Skill in the Bag and Spear Trick.

The feat known as the bag and spear trick has been considered one of the greatest of the Hindoo magician's art. In this trick, says a writer, the Hindoo fakir has his assistant get into a sack, the mouth of which he firmly secures, and then unceremoniously hurls his helpless victim to the ground. Without a sign of warning the fakir drives his spear through the center of the bag.

After withdrawing his weapon, upon the point of which no blood stain appears, the fakir stands and gazes dreamily over the heads of the spectators about as if in mortal agony. At last, when the occupant is apparently dead, the fakir again plunges his spear into the motionless body. The same antics are repeated. Then the fakir releases his attendant from the bag, and he steps out without a scratch upon his body.

Although the trick is performed with all the carelessness imaginable, it calls for more patience, skill and exactness than any of the so called black art achievements. From the time the attendant enters the bag both fakir and assistant count every breath they take. When a stated number of breaths have been taken the fakir makes his thrust, and the occupant in the bag is prepared to avoid it. Then the count begins again, and at the proper time the spear is driven through the bag a second time. In order to evade the spear and make it appear to pass through his body the assistant doubles up in as small a form as possible. His legs are drawn up close, with the chin resting upon the knees and the arms folded round the lower limbs across the shins. When in this position, at the fiftieth breath, the spear passes under the attendant's arms between the abdomen and the thighs.

The slightest miscalculation by either the fakir or his assistant would mean a serious if not a mortal wound for one and an unheard of disgrace for the other.

That fakir and attendant are able to train themselves to breathe in perfect unison while giving one of these performances, when the slightest variation in time by either would be fatal, is certainly wonderful.

### Fish Food and National Greatness.

There is not the smallest reason to suppose that a meat eating nation would be superior either in intellect or physique to a fish eating one. We as a race were never stronger than when we fed on fish to such an extent that the careful guardian of the newly entered apprentice commonly inserted a clause in his indentures stipulating that he was not to be required to eat salmon more than three days a week.—London Globe.

### WAR AGAINST CONSUMPTION

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## A PECULIAR SPIDER

He Catches Birds as Big as Larks in His Mammoth Web

Far up in the mountains of Ceylon there is a spider that spins a web like bright yellowish silk, the central net of which is five feet in diameter, while the supporting lines, or guys, as they are called, measure sometimes ten or twelve feet, and, riding quickly in the early morning, you may dash right into it, the stout threads twining round your face like a lace veil, while, as the creature that has woven it takes up his position in the middle, he generally catches you right in the nose, and, though he seldom bites or stings, the contact of his large body and long legs is anything but pleasant. If you forget yourself and try to catch him, bite he will, and, though not venomous, his jaws are as powerful as a bird's beak, and you are not likely to forget the encounter.

The bodies of these spiders are very handsomely decorated, being bright gold or scarlet underneath, while the upper part is covered with the most delicate slate colored fur. So strong are the webs that birds the size of larks are frequently caught therein, and even the small but powerful scaly lizard falls a victim. A writer says that he has often sat and watched the yellow monster—measuring, when waiting for his prey, with his legs stretched out, fully six inches—striding across the middle of the net and noted the rapid manner in which he winds his stout threads round the unfortunate captive.

He usually throws the coils about the head until the wretched victim is first blinded and then choked. In many unfrequented dark nooks of the jungle you come across most perfect skeletons of small birds caught in these terrible snares.

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### SERPENT OF AESCULAPIUS.

Worship of Snakes Led to Adoption of the Mystical Symbol.

It has been pointed out by Dr. Boudin that the worship of the serpent was so universal in antiquity that all temples came to be known as "dracoma" (serpent houses).

However that may be, serpents were kept in many of the temples of antiquity, notably in those of Apollo, whose son, Aesculapius, is represented in ancient statuary carrying a serpent entwined round a staff or round his arm. The serpent, indeed, came in time to be the special mystical emblem or symbol of the Aesculapian art.

The serpents of the ancient Greek temples were in all probability relics of that primitive serpent worship which was at one time universal among prehistoric peoples and has not died out among many savage races at the present day.

And "voodoo," or "obi," serpent worship is still said to linger in the West Indies among the descendants of slaves.

In Haiti especially, where negroes were dumped down from Africa by the old slave traders and were kept in reserve before being sold to masters in the surrounding islands, voodoo has defied Roman Catholic missionaries and priests for ages. A French naval officer who visited the court of the Haitian potentate Souleuvre in 1849 described a voodoo ceremony where cannibalistic and other orgies were indulged in.

It is noticeable that the cock and black goat which were solemnly eaten on this occasion were both of them sacred to Aesculapius. Hence we may infer that the Aesculapian cultus was originally an innocent form of voodoo and at the same a primordial religion. The extreme antiquity of serpent worship seems, indeed, to be hinted at in Genesis, where the devil appears in the guise of the snake god intent on the ruin of man. In the story of the brazen serpent healing qualities are attributed to the image.—Lancet.

### Equally Divided.

"During the civil war," says the Boston Transcript, "the law school at Cambridge was presided over by Professors Parsons, Parker and Washburn. They were divided in their political views, and each did his best to maintain his opinion.

"Professor Parker was one day asked, 'How do you get along on politics at the law school?'

"'Nicely,' he answered. 'We are equally divided.'"

"'But how can that be?' continued the inquirer. 'There are three of you?'

"'Easy enough,' replied the professor, 'Parsons writes on one side and I on the other, and Washburn—he speaks on one side and votes on the other.'"

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### A CORRECTION

Editor Star:—Allow me to correct an item published in your paper of last week, which said several men were arrested in the district, which made it appear that we were having considerable trouble. Only one arrest was made, and that was a man living in Central. He was arrested by an officer of Central. I would advise the writer of the Geiger items to confine himself to the truth and also take a special course in composition before attempting to write items for the press. D. R. Zetrouer.

### BELLEVUE

We are having very warm weather now. The rains seem to give us the go-by.

We are glad to know that Rev. Barrs who has been in ill health for so long a time, is able to fill the pulpit again.

Mr. Joseph Millson and Mr. C. H. Hilton made a business trip to the Brick City this week. Also, did, Mr. C. A. Tremere.

Mr. Walter Nelson and his aunt, Mrs. True Whittier, are the welcome guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Nelson this week.

The new road between Bellevue and the Ocala new road is progressing nicely this week.

We are glad to see Mr. O. M. Gale back in our little city again from a visit to his father in the far northern states. He reports having a good time and his looks show the same, as he was away three weeks and gained three pounds.

Mr. Robert Freeman, the oldest son of J. A. and Mrs. Freeman, left here Monday for Plymouth, Fla., to take an office and relieve the agent at that place for awhile. He has the good wishes of a host of friends. As it is his first attempt at an office alone he has been working for quite awhile in the office at this place under the teaching of Mrs. May McFall, our accomplished agent. Good-bye for Bob.

The Bellevue Workers will have an ice cream supper Thursday night. Come, and get cool eating the delicious cream.

The F. and A. M. lodge did not hold their regular meeting on Saturday night last as the weather is so warm they have decided to take two months' vacation.

We are very sorry to know that Judge L. L. Hopkins is suffering very much at this writing with boils, but glad to know he is some better. Long Legs.

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### LEVON

Things have been rather quiet at Levon the past week. The big mills of the McGee Lumber Company at this place continue to run on full time and are manufacturing and shipping lots of lumber.

Mr. C. J. McGee, president of the McGee Lumber Company, has been spending the past week in Jacksonville and other northern points attending business matters.

Mr. S. S. Duval, commissary manager, and his estimable wife and son, Charles, are away on a visit to relatives and friends at Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Duval is being relieved by Mr. Jim Walters during his absence.

Mr. C. P. Moore, superintendent of the planing mills, returned last week from a vacation and visit to family and friends at Cincinnati and other Ohio points.

Mr. A. L. Kirkland, who has been yard inspector, left Sunday for Silver Springs, where he has accepted a position with the Rentz Lumber Company. His family are still living at Levon. Mr. John Waters of Savannah, Ga., is holding down the position until the vacancy is filled.

Mr. J. D. Scruggs and family moved over on North Lake Weir Monday to spend a couple of months enjoying the cool breezes and fine bathing during the hot months. Mr. Scruggs drives back and forth morning and evening.

Since the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Duval for their summer vacation, Messrs. Gray, McGinnis, Frink and Dunavent have established bachelors' quarters. The club has not been formally named, but owing to the big eating qualifications of its members it might be appropriate to name it the "Big Eaters' Club." Messrs. Dunavent and McGinnis founded themselves the first day and are just getting on their regular feed again. The officers of the club are: Dunavent, assistant cook; McGinnis, chamber maid; Frink, water boy; Gray, forager.

Since Mr. John Waters has stopped going to Bellevue two or three times a week, Mr. D. U. McGinnis has taken his place, and for the shortest road to Bellevue you can refer to either of the above gentlemen. From all accounts Mr. Isham Strong is still keeping the road hot and for quick time refer to him and "Bill."

Mr. P. H. Hill has gone to Silver Springs to open up and take charge of the store of the Rentz Lumber Co. Mrs. Dr. T. K. Slaughter has just returned home from visiting friends in Ocala.

Mr. D. U. McGinnis is thinking of spending his vacation in the Everglades. We all hope he has a pleasant time.

Miss Sallie Porter of Live Oak, Fla., is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Scruggs, and has gone to the lake with them to spend the summer. A certain young man in the store is looking very blue since her departure. Johnnie Long Legs.

### STARVED TO DEATH

It is what truthfully could be said of many children who die. They have worms, poor little things—they don't know it, and you don't realize it. If your child is cross, fretful, pasty complexioned, and loses weight for no apparent reason, give it White's Cream Vermifuge, you will be surprised at the results and how quickly it picks up. Sold by Anti-Monopoly Druggists.

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