

Character Lessons to Train Youth

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In "Golden Windows" Mrs. Richards tells a story of a boy who was very dirty in dress and habits. His good angel came one day and, seeing the filthy surroundings, said: "This will never do. You must go out with your brother while I straighten out the house."

To maintain one's self respect necessitates neatness and cleanliness of person, and this goes far toward winning the respect of others.

No one can help a feeling of disgust at untidiness, and, moreover, want of cleanliness breeds disease. Cleanliness is the first law of health.

Nikola Tesla says: "Every one should consider his body as a priceless gift from one whom he loves above all; a marvelous work of art, of indescribable beauty and mastery beyond human conception and so delicate that a word, a breath, a look—may, a thought—may injure it."

Impure thoughts are far worse than unclean hands. They should be shunned as the plague.

In a certain degree impure thoughts are always revealed in the face, and those who have insight and experience can immediately see all the loathsomeness of such a mind.

The impress that a man makes on mankind depends upon what he believes, upon what he loves, and men of pure thoughts shine like stars and make others purer by being purely shone upon.

Practice.—Let each child say to himself when impure acts and thoughts entice, "Can I tell my mother?"

Literature. The lilies say, "Behold how we preach, without words, of purity."

Guard well thy thoughts—Our thoughts are heard in heaven.—Edward Young.

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Live with men as if God saw you; speak to God as though men heard you.—Seneca.

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PICTURESQUE MORAVIANS.

Masculine Swells Wear Garb That Vies With Parisian Belle's. Picturesque garb for the masculine portion of humanity has not entirely vanished from the earth.

Burton Holmes, the lecturer, has recently returned from a stay of several months in central Europe, and he brought with him a complete outfit of



BURTON HOLMES IN MORAVIAN COSTUME.

Moravian clothing. The suit, with the exception of the boots, cost exactly \$9.47, and Mr. Holmes says it is of the best quality.

This garb is the usual wear in Moravia, though, of course, the garments are not always so spick and span. But after an outfit has served its purpose as Sunday raiment it is adopted for everyday use and is worn into the field or other places of employment.

GRACE PROBABLY DROWNED.

Wreckage of Aeroplanes Tells Story of Disaster to Aviator.

Cecil Grace was probably drowned in his last attempt to fly across the English channel, and his relatives have given up hope that he is alive.

Grace flew across the channel from England to France Dec. 22 and immediately started on the return trip.



TWO PICTURES OF CECIL GRACE.

He disappeared from the view of watchers in a dense bank of fog and is supposed to have lost his way and to have dropped into the ocean.



A few days after his fatal flight his cap and goggles were found in the ocean off Mariakerke, Belgium, and a few days later the wreckage of an aeroplane, supposed to be his, was found on the shore near Mariakerke.

This makes it certain that the young aviator met with disaster.

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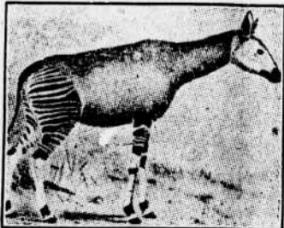
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Okapi, Relative Of Giraffe, Is Finally Found

NEW YORK CITY is soon to have an okapi family on exhibition, the first specimens of this rare animal to be seen in America.

The okapi was first heard of after Henry M. Stanley's return from Africa. He was told of the animal by dwarf tribes he encountered in the unexplored regions of the Kongo.

As described to Stanley the okapi was a kind of red headed horse which had the legs of a zebra and which lived in the dense forest where wild horses and zebras are never found.



RARE OKAPI FROM AFRICA.

Belgian settlers told Stanley about its unusually elongated head, and Stanley learned that native warriors thought the purplish black and white striped skin of the legs so beautiful that they made waist belts out of it.

Stanley's published description of the okapi attracted much attention among scientists, and when Sir Harry Johnston, an explorer for the London Zoological society, went to the Kongo in 1901 with a complete expedition he spent much time looking for the animal, but did not see one.

However, Sir Harry obtained part of a skin of an okapi and two skulls from the natives, and he took these back to London, where they were mounted and written about and a great scientific fuss was made over them.

In a subsequent expedition to Uganda Sir Harry actually saw one of the gorgeously striped horses, and still later Major Powell-Cotton and Lieutenant Boyd Alexander succeeded in taking specimens back to England.

Nearly two years ago the New York Museum of Natural History started an expedition to the Kongo, the expenses of the trip being guaranteed by William K. Vanderbilt, William Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan, Jr., Robert W. Goellet and other wealthy men.

The expedition was in charge of Messrs. Lang and Chapin, experienced naturalists and taxidermists. They have just cabled that they have killed a male, a female and a calf okapi and that the skins and skeletons have been preserved and shipped to New York.

The okapi is a descendant of the headtherium, a fossil animal of Greece and Asia Minor, the nearest and most familiar relative of which



SIR HARRY JOHNSTON, WHO DISCOVERED OKAPI.

is the giraffe. Like the giraffe, it lives in forests instead of plains.

Perhaps the most picturesque thing about it is its remarkable coloring, much more vivid and striking in its contrasts than that of a giraffe, horse or zebra. The forehead, according to Sir Harry Johnston, is a "most vivid red with a thin black line along the top of the nose; its neck, shoulders, stomach and back are a deep reddish brown; its front and hind legs and hind quarters are striped with purplish black and white; its hind legs from the hocks down are creamy."

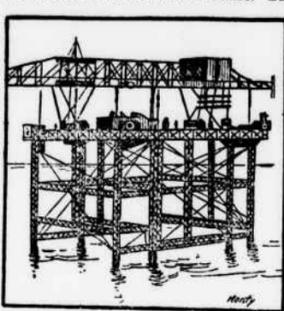
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WALKING MARINE STAGING.

spuds of the inner frame are then lowered again and those of the outer frame raised, which in turn is carried on rollers resting on the inner frame, this operation being repeated until the staging reaches the desired location.

The structure can move sidewise as well as forward or backward, but the sidewise steps are limited to only five feet, while forward or backward the step is ten feet. The spuds are each operated by an independent motor, this independence of action being made necessary by the varying depths of bottom.

These stages are said to have traveled distances of 3,000 feet over sand bottom. A ten foot step can be completed in fifteen minutes if the crew is experienced.

ORIGIN OF GOLD LEAF.

Art of Beating Metal Into Thin Sheets Very Ancient.

In an article on gold leaf in the Magazine of Commerce John Mastin says that just as the date of the discovery of gold is too remote even to be guessed at so is the origin of gold leaf lost in antiquity.

Further, on some of the Grecian pottery of the fifth century the gold leaf used is as thin as that used today, so that in results obtained also we still keep practically to the same average thickness as that used on the Egyptian coffins of the third century A. D. and most of the Greek vases of the fifth.

According to meteorological records, the rainiest place in Europe is Crkvice, in the mountains of Dalmatia, behind the bay of Cattaro.

The heaviest rainfall in the world is that of Cherrapunjee, on the Khasia hills, 200 miles north of the bay of Bengal, where 475 inches fell in the year.

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