

**CARMEN SYLVA SPEAKS FOR THE BLIND**



THE QUEEN OF ROMANIA

"Bring light to the blind near  
I wish them and make their  
life shine for all those whose  
minds eye is not yet opened."  
Elizabeth

ELIZABETH, queen of Roumania, who is known the world over by her nom de plume of "Carmen Sylva," she being a poetess and author, is a strikingly stately and beautiful woman in spite of her sixty-eight years of age. Her latest photograph, a reproduction of which is shown above, gives proof thereof. This picture was sent to her friend, Mrs. Arthur Inkersley of New York, who before her recent marriage was Mrs. Walker Fearn. Below the photo the queen has written: "Bring light to the blind, dear Mrs. Fearn, and make their life shine for all those whose mind's eye is not yet opened.—Elizabeth."

**SEEK BACON CIPHER**

**American in England After Shakespeare Clue.**

Duke of Beaufort Backing Dr. Orville Owen of Detroit in His Search for Hiding Place of Key to Ancient Mystery.

London.—During the last three days general attention has once more been called to the evergreen Bacon-Shakespeare controversy by the news that Dr. Orville Owen of Detroit has begun extensive digging in the bed of the River Wye at Chepstow.

The doctor is not digging for treasures. Besides himself and the Duke of Beaufort, whom he has succeeded in interesting in his search, no one knows exactly the nature of his mysterious quest. The American has declared, however, that he hopes to discover nothing less than undisputed proofs that Bacon was the real author of the Shakespearean works.

It is asserted by some Baconians that Sir Francis Bacon was a son of Queen Elizabeth and rightful heir to the throne, and that he published things which he dared not publish under his own name, hiding them by means of a cipher in his plays, which were issued under the name of Shakespeare.

It is this cipher which Dr. Owen has come from Detroit to England to find. He had been laying his plans more than a year, and now has succeeded in obtaining leave to make extensive excavations in the mud of the Wye on the property of the Duke of Beaufort.

The work can only be accomplished at low tide, and the strenuous efforts of a dozen diggers already have produced results which the American doctor considers justify his search. A few logs of oak and pieces of cement were raised from one of the numerous holes dug in the river bed.

"Logs float," argues Dr. Owen. "They could not be imbedded in the mud unless purposely placed there, and cement is much the sort of thing that would be used in walling up a hidden object."

The doctor declared he was under contract not to divulge the first fruits of his search to the newspapers, and refused to tell how he discovered the exact spot where, according to his belief, lies the key to the great literary question.

It has, however, transpired that one clue was given him by a line in the first folio edition, 1623, of Shakespeare opposite his portrait.

"It was for gentle Shakespeare cut," which can be read into "Seek,

sir, for a true angle at Chepstow."

Owen spent last year searching for the "angle" and explored Chepstow castle without results. As soon as he received the Duke of Beaufort's permission, it is said, the doctor, who never had been at Chepstow before, found his way through the woods to a spot one mile from the castle, towards the Wye. He walked with the secret of his cipher and without hesitation directed the workmen to begin digging at a certain bend in the river.

According to an Express correspondent Dr. Owen showed him the source of information which enabled him to locate the precise spot where a manuscript was hidden. It is a long scroll, 35 feet in length and a yard wide, which at first glance appears nothing more than a conglomeration of printed letters and utterly meaningless.

If, however, the words are picked out in elliptical formation they make a group and sentences such as "I filled up the shallow water with mud and beams." "I cut down all trees and turned the course of the river," and "make a triangle of 123 feet due north and 33 paces" become plainly visible.

Queer Names for Triplets. Bloomington, Ill.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Weiger of Assumption have named their triplets, recently born, and all girls, Kate, Duplicate and TriPLICATE.

**PLANT WIZARD IS HONORED**

Boston's Great Gardener, Jackson T. Dawson, Is Given George Robert White Medal.

Boston.—The award by the trustees of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society of the George Robert White medal of honor to Jackson T. Dawson calls the attention of the public to one of the great gardeners of the world.

It is the opinion of Prof. C. S. Sargent, the director of the Arnold Arboretum, the tree garden of Harvard university, of which Mr. Dawson is the superintendent, that no man in his time and probably no man in any time has ever raised so many plants belonging to so many different species of plants and shrubs as has the winner of this year's medal, which is the highest honor the United States can give such a man. A nurseryman may raise millions of plants of a single species, but the arboretum gardener has raised great numbers of plants of a multitude of species.

As a result of their twenty-five years of labor the tree garden is now within sight of the purpose of its director that it shall contain all the trees and shrubs of all the countries of the world that will grow in the climate of eastern Massachusetts. Yet all these trees, with very few exceptions, have been planted and raised from the seed by Mr. Dawson.

Marriages of College Women. It is brought out in the Wellesley College Alumnae Register that fewer than one-third of the graduates marry, but this does not prove anything, as those who did not marry would probably not have done so even had they had no college education. Dr. Mary Robert Smith of California has made some investigations in regard to the college girl that are interesting. The college women marry later in life at the average age of 27, it would seem. They have more boys than girls, and

about as many children as women who do not marry until that age and have not gone to college. The women who took honors in college had slightly more children than the rank and file. Three-quarters of the men who attend educational institutions marry the women of their colleges.

Set a Hot Pace. The Friend—Have you used your flying machine yet?  
The Inventor—No; but my wife has. She used it for kindling last week.

**AIDING SICK CHILD**

Chicagoan Pleads for Open-Window Schools.

Sherman C. Kingsley, Superintendent of Chicago's Charities, Tells of Results in Windy City—Buildings Needed.

Mobile, Ala.—Chicago's attempt to solve the problem of the tubercular and anemic child by establishing open-air schools and open window and low temperature rooms in the public school buildings was highly commended by Sherman C. Kingsley, superintendent of the United Charities of Chicago, in an address on "Open Air Schools" before the department of superintendence of the National Education association the other day.

Mr. Kingsley said Chicago was losing 4,000 persons a year from tuberculosis and that investigation showed 25 per cent to 30 per cent of the children in such families to be infected. There are probably 230,000 such children in the United States.

"It is commonly agreed," he said, "that the usual school regime is not adapted to the needs of children at such pronounced physical disability. Three years ago there was not a single place in this country where such children could receive free care and schooling. Today there are only twenty-seven schools where 9,500 are needed. The great point, however, is to assure all the 19,000,000 school children in the United States their share of the fresh air. Then the problems of smoke nuisance, bad air in theaters, churches, street cars, and trains will be on the high road to solution, for public opinion will demand and get better ventilation.

The expense in the open air schools incurred on account of food, clothing, special attendants, and usually the building in home by some private agency. The average cost for such schools, exclusive of the original cost of special equipment, is from 20 cents to 25 cents per school day per child. In the open window room any extra expense for food, clothing, attendants, and cost of special equipment is also borne by some private agency. The school board, I think, in every instance, has supplied the teacher and all school equipment and supervision.

"The regime for the open-window room, at least in Chicago, has not been standardized yet, but I think all will agree that there should be careful medical inspection in selecting the children, that their temperatures should be taken, that the home conditions of the children should be known and made suitable if possible, and that the services of a nurse or attendant to supplement the teacher's work by taking care of feeding, wrapping the children up when they are lying down, helping to remove wet clothing, etc., should be a part of the scheme.

"Chicago also is planning to have three or four rooms where children still more normal are taken care of, and where it is hoped that the addition to the usual school regime will be more careful and detailed medical inspection. These will probably be known as low temperature rooms, but it is distinctly to be understood that low temperature in this case is synonymous with fresh air.

"Now, as to the results: The universal testimony of these open air schools is that the children gain in weight, that temperatures are reduced, that listless children become alert and attentive and that there is a marked change in the mental grasp of the children. In the Elizabeth McCormick open-air school there was an average gain of over four pounds. All of the children made one grade, although there was one-third less time spent on the school work, three of them made two grades and one made three."

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**BUDAPEST WARS ON HATPINS**

Police of Hungary's Capital Issue Edict for Caps on Sharp Points—Penalty Prescribed.

Budapest.—First among European cities, the Hungarian capital has followed the example of America in waging war against women's dangerous hatpins.

After consulting the leading modistes and fashion writers the police have issued an edict ordering that the points of all hatpins longer than the diameter of the crown of the hat must be protected by a screw cap. Notices have been put up at all theaters, concert halls, girls' schools and places frequented by women.

The penalty for a first offense is \$20 and the confiscation of the pin.

Boom in Sea Travel. New York.—According to a representative of the transatlantic lines, the advance bookings for next season give every indication that the travel to Europe will be greater than ever before.

Last year was regarded by steamship men as the banner year, as the tide of eastward travel reached a higher mark than ever in 1907, just before the financial depression.

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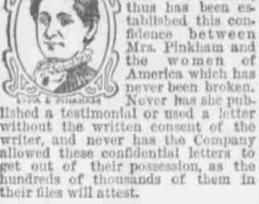
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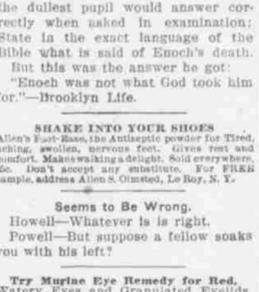
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