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ORIGINAL SUFFRAGETTES

A Race of Amazons Who Fought Like Men in Their Own Army

Fresh evidence has been discovered of the actual existence of a race of Amazons, women who fought like men and constituted an army entirely of their own sex. Surely it will be welcome news to the suffragettes and defenders of women's rights to know that even in primitive times women could perform the sternest duties of men. The suffragettes may think that the discovery will shatter one of the strongest arguments of their opponents—that women are unable to perform the highest duty of a citizen, which is to defend one's country in time of war.

The latest discovery concerning the Amazons has been made at Belmonte, in Central Italy. The remains found here belong to the Etruscans, a mysterious race, who reached a high state of civilization centuries before the Romans were of any importance in the world.

At Belmonte two ancient tombs have been excavated from beneath the ground. Around the stone work of each runs a frieze depicting female warriors in many episodes of war. The Amazons drive chariots and ride horses. None but women appear in their army. One woman drives a chariot, while another is fighting with spear or with bow and arrows.

They are invariably conquering the men in their combats. They plunge the spear and sword into their male opponents with remorseless ferocity. The poor men are represented as fleeing for their lives or receiving the death thrust. The female warriors seem more than able to deal single handed with

the men, and have tremendously heavy arms.

Within the tombs were found the remains of two women of sturdy frame. With them were their bronze helmets, armor, swords and spears.

It is believed that one of these women is Camilla, the Virgin Queen of the Volscians, redoubtable warrior mentioned by Virgil.

It was not possible to decide from the inscriptions whether the right breast had been removed in order to facilitate the use of sword and spear, an ancient tradition asserts to have been the custom. This has long been a vexed point among archaeologists. The ancient Greeks asserted that the Amazons were mutilated in this way. It has been explained by the theory that the work "Amazon" happened to resemble the Greek words, meaning "without a breast," but was really a foreign word with an entirely different meaning.

Upon this point it is surely a significant fact that in the large Amazon guard of the late King of Dahomey the superfluous portion of the bust was entirely removed on both sides. It would seem as if there were widespread appreciation of the utility of this barbarous practice.

There is now a vast amount of evidence indicating the existence of real Amazons in many countries in ancient times. Among the ruins of Herculaneum recently unearthed were found some exquisite bronze statues of Amazons in fighting attitude. The figures were dressed in distinctive national costume, different from anything worn by Greeks or Romans, which seems strong evidence that they were real people and not creations of the imagination of the artist, who was a Greek.

According to Greek legend, the Amazons were a race of women dwelling in Asia Minor. Their primitive home was in Cappadocia, on the banks of the Thermodon, not far from the now famous ruins of Baghaz-Keui. From here they is-

sued forth to conquer the people of Asia Minor and to found an empire which reached to the confines of Greece.

The state was governed and composed entirely of women. When a woman wished a husband she might obtain one from a neighboring state, but he was treated very much as a prisoner on probation in the Amazon country and was never allowed to live there permanently. Male children born in the country were either killed or sent to neighboring states.

The Amazons devoted themselves principally to war and hunting. They are credited with having built many of the most famous ancient cities of the coast of Asia Minor—among them Myrrina and Kyrene, Smyrna and Ephesos. At these places they worshiped their goddess with a ceremonial of unsurpassed gorgeousness.

The ruler combined the functions of queen and priestess. At Ephesos she was at one time called "the queen-bee."

One of the most famous queens of the Amazons was Penthesilea, whose deeds are recorded in the Iliad. The Trojans secured her as an ally in the great siege of Troy, when their cause was failing and their hero, Hector, had been slain by the Greeks.

Penthesilea came with a band of 5,000 Amazon warriors. Many ancient writers speak of the ferocity with which they fought. After a few encounters with the Amazons the Greek soldiers fled in terror at the sound of their peculiar shrill war cry.

Queen Penthesilea slew many of the bravest Greek warriors, but was herself slain at last by Achilles, the unbeaten Greek champion. When the hero bent over his fallen foe and contemplated her youth and beauty, he regretted what he had done and wept bitterly.

Thersites, an insolent brawler, ridiculed the grief of Achilles, and was in consequence killed by the warrior.

References to the Amazon in the classics are very numerous and interesting. One of the twelve labors of Hercules was to secure the girdle of Hippolyta, the Queen of the Amazons.—New York American.

A Gentle Hint

The old man was down in the furniture store. "By the way," he said, just before leaving, "my daughter has just started to have a young man calling, and I suppose I should buy them a pretty sofa to make love on."

"Yes, sir," responded the dealer, "and here is the very kind you need. It is called 'Cupid's Retreat.'"

"H'm! What are the good points?"

"Why, in just one year the cover wears off, displaying a card—"It is time to get married."—From Norman E. Mack's National Monthly.

DRY FARMING

Supplemental Irrigation in Sulphur Spring Valley

G. E. Bower, who is making dry farm experiments at McNeal, Cochise county, Arizona, has written to John T. Burns, secretary of the Dry Farming Congress, Spokane, Wash., to bring the matter of supplemental irrigation to the attention of the convention in Spokane, Wash., October 3 to 6. He says: "Arizona is not credited with sufficient rainfall to make dry farming a success, and to be successful by such methods in this arid region we must supplement the rainfall by pumping with mills or engines in the winter and early spring, which, together with the annual rainfall, will ensure good crops."

"We have a large valley here, the Sulphur Spring valley, with something over 1,000,000 acres of splendid farming land on which supplemental irrigation could be practised profitably."

"Our experiment station for dry farming is the first established in Arizona and although this is only its second season it has done much valuable work."

Mr. Bower adds that great interest is being developed everywhere in the forthcoming dry farming congress and he looks for a large delegation from Arizona attending the sessions in Spokane.

SUCCUMBS TO TYPHOID

John R. Wilson Passes Away at His Ranch Home

John R. Wilson, aged 72 years, died at his home on the Kleinstaubner ranch, near Thatcher, Monday, September 12th, from typhoid fever.

Mr. Wilson was taken ill last June, being confined to his home with chills, which developed into typhoid fever. He leaves a wife and thirteen children, all grown and married.

The remains were shipped to her old home in Justin, Texas, for interment.

JUDGE McCOLLUM SHOT

Struck by Shot from Gun Accidentally Discharged

Through the accidental discharge of a shot gun Saturday, near the Owl cigar stand on North Broad street, Globe, Judge J. M. McCollum received one pellet of bird shot in the back of his hand and another in the leg. The shot that struck him had ricocheted from the pavement and their force was about spent when they struck the judge.

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BIG CIRCUS COMES

Date Set For Engagement of Barnum & Bailey Show in Bowie

The Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth will visit Bowie Wednesday afternoon, September 28th.

The event was officially announced today. The announcement is received with unusual pleasure, first because it is the Barnum and Bailey Circus, and further because it has something new in the way of a parade, a complete menagerie and an entire new equipment, which cost the management \$3,500,000.

The public understands that this circus has always stood at the head of the amusement enterprises of the world. The spirit of P. T. Barnum still animates its present policy. He was the greatest showman that ever lived. Under the later guidance of James A. Bailey the show still grew in size and attractiveness. There is scarcely a point on the world's map where it has not pitched its fourteen acres of tents during its many years of travel. It is known to the people of Asia and Europe as well as America. Royalty and peasantry alike have applauded it. Though an American enterprise, it belongs in a sense to all countries. It is a world in itself, reflecting the wonders of every land.

The performance is given by European talent. Acts take place in three rings, on two stages, in a vast dome and on a spacious hippodrome track. The main pavilion seats 15,000 people. It is the most remarkable audience room in the world. The entire outfit of the show is brand new. It was built last winter in the foreign workshops of the show in England. There are 1,500 men, women and children on the payroll. There are 700 horses. The menagerie has been added to until it is a veritable open book of natural history. Not a specimen of interest is missing from it. In all there are 1,200 animals. The only baby giraffe ever born or exhibited in America is here to be found.

To convey this vast army of people, the animals and equipment from city to city, five long trains of double-length cars are needed. In all there are eighty-five cars. There are 400 performers. Among them are the representatives of thirty-two nations. The master scheme for horrying and at the same time fascinating an audience is introduced as a climax to this year's program by Desperado, a mad Frenchman. He dives from the dome of the tent and lands on his bare chest upon the ground. Another thriller is found in the performance of Jupiter, a magnificent white horse. Jupiter takes a ride in a balloon. When at a great height he sets off a battery of rockets and other fireworks. A young woman sits on the back of the horse during its perilous ride. There is no denying the power of these acts to thrill an audience.

ST. JOSEPH STAKE NEWS

Home Mission Appointments for September

Emery—P. A. Norton and Frank McBride.

Eden—W. T. Webb and Thomas N. East.

Bryce—William Bigler and Fred Webb.

Matthews—F. L. Wilson and W. W. Crockett.

Pima—Marlon Lee and Evans Coleman.

Hubbard—Garl Pace and Cyrus Robinson.

Graham—J. Taylor Brown and George P. Montierth.

Central—Anton Jacobson and Cora Jacobson.

Thatcher—Elam Olsen and Frank M. Layton.

Lebanon—J. H. Mangum and Mrs. Mangum.

Artesia—Silas P. Crum and Daniel J. Sparks.

Layton—George W. Williams, Jr., and Wm. W. McDonald.

Appointments will be filled on the fourth Sunday as quarterly conference will convene on the second Sunday.

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