

MR. FIRE WALKER TRAPPED AT LAST

BASALT ROCKS, OVER WHICH TAHITIANS PRANCE, ARE POOR CONDUCTORS OF HEAT

GAMBOL DOES NOT CAUSE PAIN

New York Museum Takes Heavy Fall Out of "Holy Men" With Its Expose.

New York.—If this yarn should by any chance be read around some Tahitian fireside, the firewalking industry in the South Sea Islands, which is one of the hottest drawing cards the holy men have for amassing coconuts will suffer a severe slump. In fact, considering the ardent temperament of the average Tahitian, the flames of wrath which will attend the expose will make the fire walkers' bonfire look like a smudge pot.

For this is a revelation of why smoke colored, shiny skinned gentlemen, arrayed in fibre skirts and some beads about the neck, can lead yodeling believers over a holy fire without incineration. The statistics or whatever the facts are called which burst fond illusions, have been garnered by the American Museum of Natural History, and are set forth in the South Sea Island hall there, with chocolate colored figures and much printed matter, to make them plain to all who pass by.

The Tahitian fire walker earns a comfortable living and an enormous amount of veneration through an ability to lead his devoted congregation in synecopated prayer at the edge of a burning chasm. The long trench in which the flame spurts up is piled with rocks of porous basalt.

Just before the hurried journey over the flaming pit begins, an attendant cares for the stone with large leaves. Then the priest, wearing a crown of flowers on his head and a large bunch of "ti" (Dracaena terminalis, they are, say the museum experts) in his hands, walks around the fire. He converses at length and with some eloquence with his friends, the supernaturals, who are going to cool the flames. Then after cocking an experienced eye at the basalt, he walks over the center ridge of stone above the fire, and his disciples very unhappy in mind and bare of feet, follow him. They all walk back and forth several times, and, of course, everybody is deeply impressed.

The museum after expatiating upon the dramatic effects of this hot coal gambol, explains that basalt rock, being extremely porous, is a poor conductor of heat. Although the bottom of the rock may be pink with fire, the top is merely hot, and has no effect upon the toughened sole of the natives' feet.

There is a figure of a fire walker modeled after one who belongs to the union in the museum exhibit and there are also figures of a kava-brewer, a roof maker, a coconut grater and a firemaker. The models are arranged to show the daily life of the Tahitians and to explode their cherished belief in that remunerative religious rite, the fiery hesitation.

CHILD SMOTHERERS IN COTTON

Little Girl Digs Hole in Pile and Tumbles In.

Guthrie, Okla.—The 9 year old daughter of Paul Ritchie, a farmer living near Prague, 30 miles west of here, was drowned in a pile of cotton in her father's field.

When the little girl was missed her parents started out to search for her. Her father finally saw her shoes on top of the huge mound of cotton, and closer examination disclosed her body buried, head first, in the fluffy mass. She evidently had dug a hole in the pile and then accidentally fallen into it, the loose cotton packing about her and smothering her.

ALFALFA FIELD 33 YEARS OLD

Kansas Growth Still in Thriving Condition

Topeka, Kan.—C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas Board of Agriculture, has found fields of alfalfa sown 30 years ago still growing and producing good crops. He just has sent a notice to the 1,600 correspondents of the board, asking them to report the earliest sowing and the oldest fields of alfalfa in their communities.

"The oldest fields reported are in Hamilton and Rooks counties," Mr. Mohler said. "One Hamilton county field is 33 years old, and there is one in Hamilton and one in Rooks that are 32 years old and the owner says both are doing well."

FOXES ARE FAMILIES PETS

They're Tame and Quiet Save When Strangers Appear.

Williamsport, Pa.—While most families make pets of cats and dogs, the family of Clyde Hartman of Warrensville, make an exception to this rule, by having three small foxes as pets. The animals are tame and quiet in the hands of Mrs. Hartman, but when being approached by strangers they become as wild as their brothers and sisters in the forests. The foxes were caught when very young by Hartman.

\$10,000 GRIP KICKED AROUND

OWNER LOST IT FROM AUTO AND BAG WAS STORED IN HOTEL CLOSET

OWNER FOUND IT ONLY BY CHANCE

Heard of Farmer Who Picked Up Old Case and Then Traced It.

Geneseo, Kas.—An old grip lost from a motor car while the owner was driving in Rice county, handled by a dozen persons and finally thrown into a dark closet in the Pacific Hotel here to await the call of its owner, has been restored to L. C. Rippey. He opened it in the presence of the landlady, who had kept it for him, the porter, who had thrown it into the rubbish heap, and the clerk, who had stumbled and fell over it before it was stored away. The eyes of the witnesses opened wide when they saw that the old grip was full of currency, the contents totalling more than \$10,000. Rippey breathed a sigh of relief, turned to the man who had accompanied him and said:

"Now I'll pay you the rest of that farm before I lose it again."

Rippey lives at Ellis. He was to close the deal for a farm the afternoon he took the grip with him. The owner wanted the price in cash, refusing to take a check. So Rippey fearing robbery, put the money in the worst worn grip he had, threw it into the back end of the car and left town. When he reached the farm the grip and \$10,000 was missing. He immediately retraced the route, but the grip was gone.

Instead of reporting the matter to the police Rippey remained silent, believing he would have a better chance to recover his money. He made no inquiries.

The grip was found by a farmer, who took it to the hotel to await the call of its owner. It lay in a corner of the little office, three days and nights—then was put in the storeroom, and when that place became crowded was thrown into an unused closet, where it lay until Rippey called for it.

Meanwhile Rippey met the farmer who found the grip and was told of it. He drove to the hotel, and describing the old suit case, asked if it still was there. The porter remembered it and the Ellis man soon was in possession of the price of the farm he had bought. Rippey gave Mrs. W. O. Wilson, the landlady, \$5 as storage charges on the small fortune.

KISS DOES NOT MEAN BETROTHAL

Opinion Given in Breach of Promise Suit of Spinster Against Los Angeles Doctor.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The meaning of a kiss—a real kiss and kisses on paper—was the determining factor in the \$10,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Nellie C. May, a neat appearing spinster, against Dr. J. H. Johnson a physician 15 years her senior which was tried before Judge Taft.

The court didn't undertake to pass judicially on "What is a kiss?" or "Why is a kiss?" as defined by the two from the witness stand, but he did not find that a kiss, even when delivered and received by those who should be well past the age of idle flirtation does not necessarily mean the sealing of a marriage vow, and is not to be taken ipso facto, as evidence that a marriage vow exists. So he decided the case against Miss May.

Miss May said there had been an engagement. The doctor denied it. She said he had proposed and repeated the proposal many times for he had kissed her and sent her kisses by letter when he was on a trip in the Orient.

"What did you mean by sending kisses to a woman if you did not intend to marry her?" asked Attorney Edward Diertich, for Miss May.

"Didn't you ever kiss a girl you did not intend to marry?" was the doctor's reply. "To me kisses are kisses, nothing more, and kisses on paper mean less. A kiss is a kiss—that's all."

SLAYS GRAY WOLF WITH CLUB

Animal Becomes Entangled in Woven Wire Fence.

Winston, Mo.—"A gun! My kingdom for a gun!" was the earnest wish of Robert Calhoun of near this place, a few days ago, when he saw a large gray wolf running across a pasture and quite near him.

While Calhoun was regretting that he was unarmed, he saw the animal make a spring to clear the fence. And then the strange thing happened. In stead of jumping the fence the wolf landed across it and became entangled in the woven wire. As it vainly struggled to extricate itself, Calhoun seized a club from the roadway, rushed upon the animal and soon dispatched it.

Built Wall at 84.

Centralia, Kas.—If a man is as old as he feels Eli Avery must be about 40 years younger than the 84 years the family Bible says he is. He has built a cement retaining wall 80 feet long and 4 feet high around his residence property at Coff.

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HOW DEATH LURKS IN TEETH

It is an unrefuted fact that the general health depends largely upon the condition of the teeth and oval cavity. Almost any systemic disorder, such as stomach and intestinal trouble, anaemia and other blood disorders, diseases of the joints, heart and nerve affections, neuritis and neuralgia can arise from their neglect. Even appendicitis, impaired mentality, insomnia, melancholia and seizures simulating epilepsy have been traceable to pernicious root abscesses of the teeth which were not revealed by local pain, did not respond to pressure, the application of heat or cold and in most instances were absolutely unsuspected by the sufferer. These maladies, as Dr. Alonzo Milton Nodine, an eminent dental surgeon, says, "have been relieved and frequently cured when the dentist has discovered root abscesses, persistent irritation in or about the teeth and jaws, or removed impacted teeth and hidden roots and unhygienic and irritating crowns, bridge work, plates and fillings and corrected warped and contracted dental arches."

And how, one asks can an abscess at the root of a tooth cause disorders in remote parts of the body? Generally, "alveolar abscesses, as these concealed root abscesses are called, are formed on teeth which have been treated by the dentist. Usually the root canal has not been thoroughly filled, possibly due to a crooked root, from which it was impossible to extract all of the dead nerve, the remaining portion of which in a short time decays. There being no outlet, the pus works inward through the root of the tooth, an abscess forms at the apex in the bone tissue in which the teeth are set, and in advanced cases causes necrosis, or destruction of the bone tissue.

If the abscess causes no pain and is not otherwise suspected it is only discoverable by means of the X-ray. Taking a roentgenogram of the teeth is a simple matter and is not accompanied with pain or any disagreeable feeling, and the picture is taken in about five seconds.

The work of dental surgeons of the American Red Cross in the great war abroad has attracted world wide attention. Wounded soldiers brought to the American hospitals recovered more quickly and were better able to resume their places in the ranks than those treated by any other branch of medical service. Investigation revealed that this was attributable to the fact that every wounded soldier was not only treated for his injury but was also given a thorough dental examination and treatment when necessary. Hundreds of men were brought from the trenches suffering from no wounds but from rheumatism, heart trouble, nervous shock, general debility and other affections. A very large percentage of these were cured by treatment of the teeth.

Any number of instances with varying symptoms could be given but these are sufficient to show the nature and extent of disturbances caused by an unsuspected condition of the teeth. This does not imply, however, that all systemic disorders which do not respond to medical treatment are directly traceable to an unhealthy condition of the oral cavity, but in the opinion of F. K. Ream, M. D., D. D. S., of New York, shows conclusively the value of cooperation between physician and dentist.—From Leslies.

BRIEF DECISIONS

Some people are as stubborn as wheel barrows—you have to push when you want them to go forward and pull when you wish them to follow.

Getting married is the making or unmaking of a man—it either takes the conceit out of him or puts more in him.

There is always a great deal to be said on both sides of a question, which hasn't anything to do with either side. In the beginning woman was satisfied with one bone from man, but now she wants all his earnings.

A man will have to do more than blow his own horn if he wants to make himself heard in this world. The man who laughs at trouble may not laugh best, but he is the last to laugh all right.

The fool is out for all he can get out of life; the wise man is in for all he can put into life.

A woman is never quite sure that a man loves her if she is in love with him herself.

Watch your step when putting your best foot forward.—From Judge.

HAY RICK PHILOSOPHY

No man is a complete failure who succeeds in making a perfect fool of himself.

A woman is sometimes known by the dogs she keeps.

Worry is all right, but don't make it a creed.

Genius consists in a talent for making good.

Misery loves company, but it is usually of the unrequited sort.

To the pessimist life is just another name for the morning after.

Envy is the by-product of success.—From Judge.

BUSINESS IS BASED ON CONFIDENCE

A Theory Put Into Practice by Well Known Business Man



J. C. BRADY

"A druggist has many opportunities to make lasting friends of his customers," said Mr. J. C. Brady, popular Rexall Pharmacist of Fall River, Mass. "The very nature of his business draws their confidence for little helpful suggestions on the matter of health. Many people have thanked me for recommending Rexall Orderlies as the best relief for constipation and its resultant ills. Put up in dainty candy tablet form, they are pleasant to the taste and make an ideal laxative for the home—for men, women and children alike."

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WHAT CHILDREN NEED NOW

In spite of the best care mothers can give them this weather brings sickness to many children. Mrs. T. Neureuer, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar cured my boy of a severe attack of croup after other remedies had failed. It is a wonderful remedy for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough." It stops lagrippe coughs.—Hite's Drug Store.

FORESTRY NOTES

Ambushes grow better when planted in trenches.

Weeping willows should be set out in tiers.

Hill trees bear more heavily in the fall, if planted near the front door where the children can get at them readily.

The White House lawn recently removed its pines and set out spruces. In other words pining has given way to sprucing up.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow" but they are nothing to the great oaks that grow from little toe corns.

Most of the chestnuts are dying out from a pest, but the mother-in-law joke still springs occasionally, from another kind of pest.

It is considered a highly appropriate thing to plant rows of nut trees about insane asylums.

Family trees must be planted deeply, but shoe trees grow just as well if merely heeled in.

Family trees of wealthy people are usually recognizable by the lopping off of the lower branches.

A well kept avenue of birches is considered correct for the approach to a school house.—From Judge.

GETTING ON

When our sixteen year old boy takes you out on the tennis court and puts it all over you;

When the street urchin on roller skates bowls you over on the avenue and stops to assist you to rise with a "Sorry Old Top!"

When you receive that notice from the secretary that your college class will hold its twenty-fifth anniversary.

When your daughter's son is said to resemble his grandfather;

When you are content to sit in the tenth row instead of the first at the Musical Comedy;

When your tailor suggests that the plaid suiting you have selected is just a bit youthful for you;

When you stop reminding people of your birthday;

When your first sweetheart presents you to her third husband;

When you overhear your partners who entered your employ as boys, remark that your business methods are "old-timey"—then you say to yourself, "Yes, I'm getting on!"—From Judge.

County Normal Notes.

The normal class have been busy making valentines for the training room pupils. They used some very original designs. The normal class were invited over to the training room for a valentine box. A short sketch of St. Valentine's life was given and also a recipe for making valentines.

Miss Whiting surprised the class Monday with a treat of a box of home made candy, the occasion being the fourteenth of February.

Hazel Richardson supplied in the eighth grade room last Monday afternoon, Mr. Pierce being ill.

Ward Gennett and Fred Gregory sent an interesting letter to Miss Himes of the class. They are attending Knox College, at Galesburg, Ill. They are working their way thru college and are playing in the college band. Fred Gregory played on the football team and took trips to Chicago and St. Louis with the team. They are enjoying their work very much. They inquired about the school garden which they helped with last year. They sent their best wishes to the class of 1916. We are always glad to hear from former normal students and of their work. It is an inspiration and an encouragement to us.

The class of 1916 wish to entertain the Alumni Thursday afternoon, February 17, at 4:30. We will be glad to see all Alumni, who attend the Institute at this time.

Sadie Donlevy has been absent for some time from school on account of illness.

NOW FEELS ENTIRELY WELL

A. H. Francis, Zenith, Kas., writes: "I had a severe pain in my back and could hardly move. I took about two-thirds of a 50c box of Foley Kidney Pills and now feel entirely well." Middle-aged and older men and women find these safe pills relieve sleep disturbing bladder ailments.—Hite's Drug Store.

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