

OUR FEATURE SECTION

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Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

YOUR SUPERSTITION

If you read the cable news you saw a few days ago an item from Bombay which said that the stock and exchange markets of that city had been closed and that a general religious strike was in prospect because two European boys had killed two pigeons in the streets of the city.

The natives considered the pigeons sacred and the strike resulted because the police did not take the action which the natives thought should have followed the destruction of the birds.

From the beginning of history there is a record of animal worship by human beings.

The carvings and crude paintings of the earliest Egyptian periods, which are the first picture record that we have, show the esteem in which the lower forms of life were held.

The cat was especially venerated by the ancients and in the tombs of Egyptian rulers and nobility are found wonderful carvings of cat heads, sometimes pictured as being on human bodies.

The tops of funeral jars which were placed in the tomb to contain either food or toilet preparations for the use of the dead had covers of cat heads wonderfully true to nature. The Metropolitan Museum in New York has numerous examples of these jars.

The bull was a sacred animal for centuries and some modern savage populations still worship it and lead it, gorgeously decorated, in all their state ceremonies. Greek and Roman mythology and history are filled with references to the sacredness of the bull and it figures largely in both painting and sculpture.

In India, no matter how near to starvation a man may be he will not take food from a dog nor kill it to eat, although dogs are recognized as a staple article of food in the Philippines and other parts of the world. To kill a dog in India would be almost sacrilegious.

We cannot hold ourselves as wholly immune from animal worship. To the owl we ascribe a wisdom wholly absent from that dull and witless bird. His brain power is not to be compared

SCHOOL DAYS



The cartoonist.

with that of the crow, one of the most intelligent of the feathered tribes.

We ascribe great wisdom to the fox whose achievements are not nearly equal to those of the beaver, the most interesting of all the animal kingdom.

The reason for the ancient veneration of the animals and the modern regard in Bombay for the welfare of pigeons is that the people believe that they have some peculiar power of protection from disaster or "bad luck."

The human mind, when it does not have any proven thing to believe, is always willing to substitute superstition.

The sufferer from rheumatism after he has found other remedies ineffective, will resort to carrying a horse chestnut in his pocket. The gambler puts his lucky coin on the table as soon as fortune begins to run against him. Half the baseball teams in the country pay a salary to a mascot and transport him about the country for his presumed effect on the winning of games.

If you spill the salt, you throw a

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

ANIMAL SPRINGTIME



"It is springtime," said the little prairie dogs to the ones who were still asleep. "Get up, lazy bones, get up!"

"Springtime is here! We want to dig and look at the world above our mounds. Get up, every prairie dog. Get up! The springtime is here. The time that the animals love the best. We have had a fine winter's sleep. We are well rested. We have had naps aplenty and sweet dreams.

"We are the last to go to bed in the fall, it is true, just as late as are the chipmunks, but still we must get up now. We would even creep forth if a warm day should come before the springtime. The warm weather is so nice.

"We got good and fat last fall. Now we must work and play and be busy. Yes, we must be up and about, for the springtime has come. The Animals' Springtime. Perhaps the springtime doesn't just come for the animals who so enjoy it after their winter sleep, but it almost seems that way. It almost does!

"It almost seems as though the springtime were just for us."

"We have had a longer sleep than any of the others," said the Richardson Ground-Squirrels. "Especially we older members of the family. The younger ones didn't come to bed as soon as we did. We went to bed last summer—during the latter part of the summer, and we're only just getting up now. But we like the springtime, the lovely springtime. So, all of the Richardson Ground-Squirrels, hear the call of the spring and awaken! For we do not stay awake long and we want to be awake at the best time of the year, which the Richardson Ground-Squirrels think is the spring."

"Jump up, jump up," said Mrs. Jumping Mouse. There were still a number of Jumping Mice who had not arisen.

"Jump up, jump up, for the springtime has come." And the Jumping Mice who were already up sang this song to the ones who were getting up:

"Hurry, hurry up, jump, jump, jump!"

"Don't stay asleep like a lump, lump, lump!"

"Be frisky and gay, be frisky and gay. For this is a wonderful springtime day. You've slept enough, it is time to awaken."

"And if you don't get up, you'll have to be shaken."

So the Jumping Mice who were not already up, got up with a jump and began frisking about, too.

All over the country the animals who had been asleep for the winter were getting up. They were in their own colonies and others were scattered here and there.

"Get up, get up," said the bears to each other. "We've slept long enough."

"We want to go hunting for berries and vegetables. Get up, lazy bears!"

So the bears all got up.

"Get up, get up," cried Mrs. Woodchuck to her family. "Get up and let's see if the farmers have begun to plant their vegetables." For Mrs. Woodchuck knew that that would make all of her family get up.

"Come out of your holes and see the world, and see the sunshine and the springtime! The fine springtime when everything is coming up out of the ground, the woodchucks, too!"

So all over the country animals were awakening from their winter's sleep and were brushing their spring suits and looking their very best as they started forth for adventure and to do their marketing.

And all of the animals sang and chirped and talked in groups, and this is the spirit of most of them said:

"The springtime, the springtime, is the happy, happy season. It's waking up time, and that is the main reason."

"We wouldn't be happy if we hadn't slept well."

"But we slept most soundly, we're delighted to tell."

"We're ready for adventures and plenty of fun."

"We're out in the air again, right below Mr. Sun."

"And we think the world is very fine, but the springtime is best of all."

"So think so, many animals, little ones and tall."

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"Above Our Mounds."

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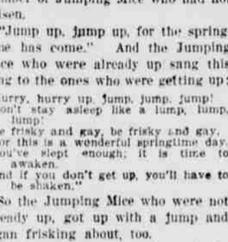
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MEMORIAL AT CLINTON, MICH.

Peiper Post Unveils Monument in Honor of Veterans Who Served in Last Four Wars.



Memorial to Men of Four Wars.

Frederick E. Peiper Post of the American Legion at Clinton, Mich., has unveiled a monument erected by the post in honor of sons of Clinton who served in the last four wars of the country.

Patriotic citizens of the town donated a plot of ground surrounding the monument, which will be converted into a beautiful park. The monument is built of stone with a bronze tablet bearing the following inscription:

"In Memoriam—Dedicated to her sons who gave their lives for Freedom's cause in four wars, by the village of Clinton, the Mexican War 1846, War of the Rebellion 1861-1865, Spanish-American War 1898, Great World War 1914-1918."

WOULD AID G. A. R. VETERAN

Schuyler (Neb.) Post Endeavoring to Assist Grand Army Man Who Has Been Stricken.

The gratitude and loyalty of members of the American Legion to their comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic is illustrated by the Legion post at Schuyler, Neb., which is endeavoring to obtain aid for a Civil War veteran of that city, who is suffering from cancer.

"The post is in need of advice as to how we can assist this hero of another war," the post commander writes. "He is stopping with relatives, who are doing all they can, but since they have to employ a nurse, I know that they cannot continue to care for him because of lack of funds.

"Now, we would like to have you take it up and see if something can't be done for the old veteran. This is a worthy case and I believe anything the Legion can do for the old boys who wore the blue will be appreciated. There are but a few of them left, and I think the Legion would do well to look after them, since no one else will do so."

STATE JOBS FOR VETERANS

Chairman Woman's Auxiliary Committee of New York Asserts World War Men Should Be Honored.

"If any class is favored in handing out state jobs it should be the veterans of our World War."

The speaker was Miss Ray C. Sawyer, chairman of the Women's Auxiliary Committee of the New York Department of the American Legion. Her audience was composed of members of the New York Assembly Judiciary committee, Miss Sawyer spoke before the committee in behalf of a bill to give preference to veterans in civil service employment in New York. The bill was backed by the New York Legion organization.

Lesson in Punctuation.

"Dad, how would you punctuate this sentence: 'A five-dollar bill blew around the corner.'"

"Put a period at the end of the sentence."

"I wouldn't; I'd make a dash after the five-dollar bill."

Pleanty of Cheerful Occupation.

It is not only children who have to be provided with occupation, in order to be kept out of mischief. Older girls who do not have enough to do, grow blue and despondent and think they are out of no use in the world. Keep yourself out of this sort of mischief by providing yourself with plenty of cheerful, stimulating occupation.—Girls' Companion.

Eyes Not Eyes.

When eyes not eyes? When the wind makes them water.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

(Copy for This Department Supplied by the American Legion News Service.)

ONE OF LEGION'S FOUNDERS

Walter H. A. Coleman, Adjutant London Post, No. 1, Organized Body in British Capital.



Although he is thousands of miles from National Headquarters, Walter H. A. Coleman, adjutant of London Post No. 1 of the American Legion, is in close touch with the entire Legion program. Mr. Coleman was one of the founders of the Legion at its first caucus in Paris and organized the post in the British capital.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Coleman was educated in private schools in that city and in New York. During his business experience in various departments of the Pennsylvania railroad, he lived in Philadelphia, New York City, Albany, N. Y., Indianapolis, Ind., and Bethlehem, Pa.

During the war Mr. Coleman served in the American Destroyer Flotilla, which had its base at Queenstown, Ireland. Since the war he has been connected with the United States Embassy in London.

London Post of the Legion took a leading part in decorating the graves of American soldiers buried in England Memorial Day, 1929.

HAS HUSTLING LABOR BUREAU

Nashville, Tenn., Post Tackles Hard Problem and Makes Most Efficient Showing.

In accordance with the general activity of American Legion posts in meeting the unemployment crisis as it affects the ex-service man, Nashville, Tenn., Post has tackled the situation with a considerable degree of Argonne enthusiasm.

An employment bureau has been established in charge of a Legion member, who devotes his full time to it. Both job applicants and employers seeking men are listed in a card index, according to their abilities and needs.

When a man applies at the Legion headquarters for a job, he is required to fill out a blank giving the following information: Name, address, place of birth, married or single; if he is an ex-service man, if he has dependents, special training and schools attended, with the extent of the education gained.

Trade test questions are: "Can you speak any foreign language?" "Do you understand card-index system?" "Can you operate a switchboard?" "Can you use a typewriter efficiently?" "Are you good at figures?" "Can you run an automobile or truck?"

Trades included in the list of job applicants for one day were electrician, druggist, salesman, accounting clerk, bookkeeper, draughtsman, insurance salesman, machinist and mattress maker.

When the job seeker has filed his application, he is given a card to show that he is registered with the Legion bureau. When he is sent to an employer in response to a call, he is given a card of introduction stating that he is sent by the Legion bureau. His original application, together with the secretary's indorsement or estimate of the man, is forwarded to the prospective employer.

By arrangement with the negro post of the Legion, the employment bureau is able to answer calls for negro labor, applicants for work being listed with the negro secretary.

The work of the employment bureau is supported by funds available in the Legion treasury from a post show given last year. Another entertainment will be given soon to raise money for further operation of the bureau.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUTS SOW GOOD HABITS

Scouts everywhere are interested in gardening and forestry. In a recent issue of Boys' Life, the chief scout executive reminds the boys of the movement that there is another kind of planting going on all the time, whether they are conscious of the process or not, Mr. West says:

"Boy time is essentially planting time. The habits you are forming now are the ones you will reap the harvest of when you get to manhood. And that is where scouting comes in as a sort of expert gardener to show you what to plant, and how and why to plant it.

"One of the accusations that is sometimes made, with some justice, against the American people, as a whole, is our lack of thoroughness, our tendency to be 'jacks of many trades,' expert at none. This charge should never be allowed to hit or hit a scout. Thoroughness and the doing of a given task, 'hon' honor, to the best of our ability should be, and I am glad to say usually is, characteristic of boys who are scouts. Even if it is a small thing in itself, like learning to tie a certain kind of knot, keep at it until you have the trick completely mastered, and can tie the knot any time, any place, just right, as speedily and deftly as possible.

"Take the matter of first aid, when you are learning to make bandages and tourniquets, studying and practicing what to do in case of a certain accident or how to prevent that accident from happening, put your whole mind and skill into it. Learn to do it, not 'any old way,' but just right, so that if the time comes when you are called upon, in the flash of an instant to put that knowledge to practical use, you will not be found wanting.

"Be prepared. Sow habits of energy, patience, perseverance, train your mind and body to work together in splendid alliance. Live clean lives, think clean thoughts, read great books, follow true heroes, like Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. Plant for tomorrow and manhood."

MESSAGE FROM SPANISH CHIEF.

In connection with the new international scout magazine representing all the scouts of the world, the chief scout of Spain makes this statement:

"To create an international journal which shall be the expression of the common ideals that flourish beneath the boy scouts' flag throughout the world; and with that journal to carry to the farthest corners of the earth the common desire for physical and moral redemption for which men of goodwill in all climes are striving, will be to endow with a new strength, with the winged and powerful strength of written thought, this gigantic crusade of universal brotherhood which already binds with strong links the youth of all countries, without distinction of race or frontier.

"The boy scouts of Spain, who are working for their country and for their well-being, follow the inspiration of Baden-Powell's immortal doctrine, cannot forget that they are part of that enterprise, or that in all nations they have brothers with the same desires and ideals; and for this reason they rally with enthusiasm to the work of their common publication, which will find in its fervent propagandists if it serves, as we hope, to strengthen and encourage the noble scout aims."

ELECTION OF SCOUT OFFICIALS.

At its annual meeting, March 7, the National council elected the following new officers: Honorary president, Warren C. Harding; honorary vice president, Woodrow Wilson; vice president, Harold McCormick of Chicago. New members of the national executive board are Messrs. Richardson Dean of Chicago, Mr. McCormick, and Mr. James J. Phelan of Boston. Former officers re-elected are as follows: Executive board members, Daniel Carter Beard, Hon. W. G. McAdoo; president, Colin H. Livingstone of Washington; vice presidents, Benjamin Duinney of Bristol, Tenn., Arthur Letts of Los Angeles, Cal., Milton A. McKee of Detroit, Mich.; Mortimer L. Schiff, New York City; National scout commissioner, Daniel Carter Beard; treasurer, George D. Pratt, Brooklyn, N. Y.

NEW BRANCHES IN SCOUTING.

Thirteen Rome (N. Y.) scouts recently organized themselves into an archery club and are making bows and arrows for themselves. One of the most striking scout displays in connection with the sportsman show in New York last winter was an archery demonstration given by a Manhattan troupe, with old English yew bows. Archery is a fascinating recreation and is incidentally splendid training in accuracy, observation and co-ordination of mind, eye and muscle.

Auxiliary Files Protest.

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion in New Jersey has passed a resolution of protest against the appointment of Brigadier General Howard Borden as head of the state national guard because of his lack of experience in the World War.

New Auxiliary Secretary.

Miss Mizette McCoy of Salina, Kan., has been selected as state secretary of the Kansas Department of the American Legion.

Adopt Hospital Ward—Slogan.

"Adopt a hospital ward" is the slogan of more than thirty posts of the American Legion in Brooklyn and Kings County, N. Y. The New York Legionnaires are endeavoring to cheer up 1,100 disabled veterans in Fox Hills hospital, Staten Island, N. Y.

Legislator is Ousted.

Texas members of the American Legion obtained the expulsion of a member of the state legislature who was convicted of obstructing the selective service act.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK by Nellie Maxwell

Plain food is quite enough for me. Three courses are as good as ten; if nature can subsist on three. Thank heaven for three. Amen. I always thought odd victuals nice. My choice would be vanilla ice. —O. W. Holmes

EVERYDAY FOODS.

A NICE way to cook pork chops for a busy day is to place them over a pan of thinly sliced potatoes, seasoning well with salt and pepper, bake until the chops are well done, and serve from the baking dish. The moisture in the potatoes and the fat in the pork will be sufficient to make the dish of the right consistency.

Even a small family may enjoy a dish of sauerkraut by covering a quart of kraut with a slice of nice pork steak; usually there is very little salt needed; bake until the steak and kraut are well cooked. Long, slow cooking of at least three hours makes a fine well seasoned dish. Another way of cooking kraut is to roll a nice spare rib around it and bake long and slowly, adding salt if needed, and pepper to taste.

Sour Roast.

Take four or five pounds of the rump of beef, one medium sized onion, six whole cloves (stick these in the meat), one-half cupful of cider vinegar, one cupful of canned tomatoes, one cupful of boiling water. Put all into a kettle and cook tightly covered; when nearly done, salt to taste. Strain the gravy and thicken with flour; cook until smooth. Serve around the meat.

Swiss Steak.

Have two pounds of round steak cut one inch thick, lay it on a meat board, and with the edge of a saucer pound into it a cupful of flour or more, turning and pounding it well. Have a tablespoonful of suet fat in a hot frying pan, lay in the steak and brown,

THE GIRL ON THE JOB

How to Succeed—How to Get Ahead—How to Make Good

By JESSIE ROBERTS

BOOKSELLING

ONE of the best known and most successful retail sellers of books in this country went on record recently, in a speech made before the Women's National Bookselling association, as believing that an era of great expansion for the small bookshop is at hand, and he added that he thought women were particularly suited to take a large part in this expansion.

"I think that many women who have worked as librarians would make first-class booksellers, and I think that a good business woman could not do better than put her money into a small book shop in any of the thousands of towns throughout America where there is no such shop at present." He added that there was always a better chance of succeeding with a bookstore in a town that had a public library, than in one where there was no such institution.

Yet it is possible for a clever woman to so arrange things that her little store will become an attraction even in a neighborhood that has not yet acquired a taste for reading. Special programs and lectures could be arranged for in the shop; there should be a carefully thought out plan by which to attract the children; there might be poster displays that would strike the popular fancy. The thing to do is to get people to come to the store in the first place, by any means that will seem effective. The actual buying of books would come later, but it would come.

"Let the women get in now," said the speaker, "for we are at the beginning of an important and interesting expansion of retail book-selling. The more bookstores there are, the better each will do, for book buying is a progressive disease. Once you catch it, you can never shake it off. The field is tremendous, and there isn't a more interesting profession in the world."

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

My friends monopolize me so; They make me go where'er they please. They really interrupt my life— It's well I have some enemies.

THE WOODS

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

BACK ON THE JOB.

THIS is the time of the bust-up. This is the end of the trail; though your legs you do, still the ground will come through. An' your lein' an' cussin' will fall. The eaves are a-drippin' at midnight. An' out of the south comes a sob; you kin talk about loss. All you like, Mister Boss. But Spring has got back on the job. You kin rave all you like of the timber. They lays in the woods at the stump, you kin swear you will haul. Ev'ry stick of it all. To the road an' the bank 'an the dump. But she's got all creation ag'in you. The sun 'an the wind 'an all that, an' she'll bust ev'ry road. An' she'll stand ev'ry load. An' your timber will stay where it's at.

You ought to know somethin' of woman— You've seen her both single an' wed; you know you can't stir. Any notion in her. When once it gets into her head. But, of all of the contrary women, Miss Spring is the worst of the lot; when you want her to freeze she will freeze, if you please. An' she'll thaw when you're wantin' it hot.

No use to dispute with a heifer. Er argue a case with a skink; if Spring wants to thaw, neither reason nor law. Will keep her from doin' you dirt. It's will or it's won't with a woman— she says when she won't er she will. You kin talk till you're black. In the face, but the shack. Will be bossed by the petticoats still.

We think we're her lord an' her master, she swears she will love an' obey, we think we're the head of the house, as she said. We would be when we bore her away. But a month or so after the weddin', when honeymoon season is down, she quits sayin' "dear" an' she sits on her ear. An' she kicks us plumb off of the throne.

It's likewise up here in the timber; we think we are runnin' the thing; we're felling the trees. An' we're makin' it freeze— But all of a sudden it's Spring. Then it's mix up a walk for the swampers. An' can the whole mackinaw mob; no use for the boss. Er the crew er the boss— Miss Spring has got back on the job.

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watching closely not to let even a bit scorch; then cover with boiling water and simmer over low heat for two or three hours, add the seasoning after the meat has browned; onions may be added, if desired. The meat, if cooked slowly, will be very tender and have a good gravy to serve with it. (© 1921, Western Newspaper Union.)

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