

FIVE BELLES OF ZANZIBAR.



The above photograph shows five Swahili women, an Arab-Bantu people of Zanzibar, dressing one another's hair. It will be noticed that they have their hair dressed in ridges, and that they are wont to paint elaborate patches on their faces.

RAISE KOREAN BELL

Under Sea Off Japanese Coast for Centuries.

Cast as Gift for Head of Powerful Clan But Lost During Heavy Storm—Found Through Efforts of Antiquarian.

Tokyo.—A great Korean bell which for 700 years had been lying 30 fathoms below the waves off the shore of Chikuso province has just been raised through the efforts of a Japanese antiquarian and now, crusted as it is with the sea waste of centuries it stands on exhibition in the village of Kanegasaki.

According to tradition, which is only partially borne out by ancient documents, the king of Korea decided seven centuries ago that he would send a fitting token of his respect to Kiyomori, the powerful leader of the Heike clan, on the west coast of the southern island of Kyushu. He gave orders to the royal bell founders, of whom there were many and expert in those days, that they cast a bell.

The dimensions were to be these: In height, one jo, six shaku, in diameter, eight shaku, nine sun; and a circumference of two jo, eight shaku, seven sun. Tradition says it was a great bell, and in the absence of translated proportions tradition must rule in the abstract in this particular.

The bell was successfully cast and was loaded on a mammoth junk at the Korean town of Masampo. The junk and a fleet of convoys sailed for the coast of Chikuso in Japan, when all of the royal sagurs had agreed upon an auspicious day. The sagurs were not up in their business, for about half a mile off the Japanese haven a heavy sea tipped the junk and the gift of the Korean king plunged into the sea.

No attempt was made by the emissaries of the king or the retainers of the prince of Heike to fish for the bell. Within a hundred years the descendants of the prince were crossing over the sunken bell in war forays against the kings of Korea and the junks of the Koreans were ravaging the coasts of Kyushu.

But among the folks of the Japanese island there sprang legends and rairy night tales about the sunken bell of the Korean king. When the sea raged the fishermen declared they could hear the booming of the great bronze cup on the sea's bed, and in time of earthquakes the sea folk along the shore listened to hear the mad tolling of the bell, which they were sure would sound the signal for a tidal wave.

Press Agent for Michigan. Chicago.—Michigan is to have a press agent. It will be the first time in the history of the union that a state has placed itself in the hands of a promoter of news.

Survival of the Fittest. New Haven, Conn.—The superintendent of the Carlyle Johnson Manufacturing Company of Manchester advertised one day only for 20 men to whitewash the inside walls of the new factory and 200 men applied next morning. The superintendent threw 20 whitewash brushes from a window and the men scrambled for them. The 20 that got the brushes got the job.

QUEER KANSAS SECT

Founded Upon Revelation Made to Ex-Slave.

Keep Saturday as Their Sunday—Members Refuse to Work on That Day and the Scriptures Are Sung.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Church of God and the Saints of Christ, which has been in operation in Lawrence for fully ten years, is founded upon a revelation made to an ex-slave. At least this is the belief of the church's pastor, Rev. Mr. Smith, and his small band of followers. This revelation came to the founder of the "Church of God and the Saints of Christ" only after a severe penance of four days of real fasting—that is, absolute denial of food and water.

"An' you know," remarked the pastor, "when a man is that hungry and prayin' for the truth he's shore to see the night."

The revelation which came to William S. Crowdy—for that was the prophet's name—was that every word of the Scriptures is to be taken literally, as it is written. In this revelation the word also came to him that the first day of the week is Saturday and not Sunday, and upon that day (Saturday) the worshiping of God must be done; that the orthodox Sunday is a workday—that is, if work can be found on the accepted Sabbath.

"Something on the order of the Seventh Day Adventists" was suggested to the Rev. Mr. Smith.

"Not a-tall!" was the quick, almost resentful, answer. "Tob ouh church is founded on a revelation afech four days of fasting, so you see we have the truth faith."

But the Church of God and Saints of Christ has its inconveniences to many Lawrence families which employ negro servants, members of this particular sect. On Saturday there is no kind of household work or any kind of labor done. Instead almost the entire day is spent in worship. There is a short cessation at the noon hour, but few leave the "temple."

Lunch baskets are taken along, filled with fried chicken and other good things to eat, for in the congregation are found some of the best negro cooks in Douglas county. Even in the course of this feasting the praise of the Lord is not forgotten, for almost constantly there is carried on a weird chanting of some of the songs peculiar to their faith and creed.

The Church of God and Saints of Christ has songs different from any other church—negro or white—in the country. There is little preaching. Music takes its place, and this music is practically continuous from morning till night.

These people say that the Scriptures tell the entire story of worship and in the Good Book can be found, by referring to the proper chapter and verse, all that need be said for the glorification of God.

As a reporter entered the church recently Rev. Mr. Smith was saying: "You all know a heap of good songs. You say sing St. John 7:17, Isaiah 28:10."

The song started in a rather slow manner, but before many verses had been sung, it had worked itself to a high pitch of enthusiasm, accompanied by a constant patting of feet. There was no musical instrument, but all looked to a single slater who appeared to be the leader.

The members of the Church of God and Saints of Christ are distinctive as to dress, particularly the men. They have a uniform dress of all white in the summer and a "butternut" suit for the winter. Lawrence folks know that to ask one of these men to work on Saturday would be useless. The fourth commandment is taken, with them, exactly as it is written. The pastor wears a suit in keeping with his leadership. It is of the same butternut color, but he also wears a white dress vest, showing an expanse of white shirt front.

FOX IS A GOOD WATCHDOG.

Reynard, Trained in a Pennsylvania Boarding House from the Start, Still Shy.

Cootesville, Pa.—E. E. Edwards, who conducts a large boarding house in Cootesville, has a rare watchman, and he is not afraid of the dog catchers getting possession of it, either. A year ago Mr. Edwards secured a baby fox from near by woods and brought it home. He has taken the best care of Foxy, which eyes any stranger coming about the house.

Foxy barks and makes an excellent watchdog for the large house, where several hundred men, employees of the mills, make their home.

Mr. Edwards is quite proud of the fox, which he raised on spoon food until it became strong enough to eat Reynard plays with its master, and never attempts to bite him, but will not make friends with any one except the family.

Coughed Up Task After Three Years. Chardon, O.—Elton Parker, six years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Parker, has coughed up a carpet tack that had lain near his lung for three years.

More Divorced; Fewer Wed. Indianapolis, Ind.—Statistics gathered by the Indiana bureau of statistics show that marriages are falling off in Indiana and divorces are increasing. In the year 1908 there were 3,414 fewer marriages than in the previous year, and at the same time there were 120 more divorces granted.

VIRGINIUS AFFAIR RECALLED.

Offer of Land for Guantanamo Naval Station Revives Stirring Historical Incident.

Washington.—An offer to sell 40,000 acres of land on the ocean and near Guantanamo bay for use in connection with the naval station has been made by Mme. Xavier Rosier, of Bordeaux, France.

This offer has recalled the stirring incidents attending the seizure of the Virginias, as Mme. Rosier is the daughter of Robert Mason, British vice consul at Santiago de Cuba, at the time of the seizure of the Virginias, and it was he who interceded in behalf of both British and American citizens saving the lives of many of them in the exciting times of 1873. The land now offered was the property of Vice Consul Mason, who died several years ago and left it to his daughter.

As the government now owns between 30,000 and 31,000 acres of land at the Guantanamo naval station it is doubtful whether any negotiations to acquire more acreage there will be undertaken. In the last session of congress great hostility was shown toward the development of a naval station at Guantanamo, it being claimed by southern senators that such development would divert work from the Charleston, S. C., and New Orleans navy yards.

The proffer of this property to the government was made personally by Mme. Rosier, recently, when she called to see the secretary of the navy. Although the daughter of a British consular officer, Mme. Rosier speaks but little English, her mother being a Cuban. No price was put upon the property.

GOTHAM IS OYSTER CENTER.

Breaks Records for Consumption of Bivalves by Eating a Billion of Them in One Season.

New York.—New York undoubtedly is the greatest oyster-consuming city in the country, and with the last month which contains an "R" under way and the season drawing to a close a new record for the consumption of these bivalves is indicated. One billion oysters, it is estimated, will have been eaten in various forms in this city when May 1 ends the season, or an average of 260 for every man, woman and child.

There are more than 100 places in this city where the consumption of oysters averages at least 15,000 a day, another 100 places that serve from 5,000 to 10,000 daily and several hundred more which use a few thousand each. A good day at the height of the season may see the consumption of at least 7,000,000, and the daily average will come pretty close to 5,000,000, including, of course, boarding houses and smaller eating places.

Not only for consumption has the current season set a new record, but also in the serving of 52,112 oysters at the Hotel Astor in a single day, the largest number ever served in one place in 24 hours. In this connection still another record was established when one of the oyster men opened 3,500 as his day's work.

HUNTER HAS PHONOGRAPH.

Canned Goose and Duck Calls Used by Missouri Farmer to Lure the Wild Fowl.

St. Charles, Mo.—Nature writers give ear to the wonderful tale of Bob Green of Orchard farm and his phonograph. Recently Bob purchased a phonograph and some blank records. The next day he caught a goose—the biggest one on the farm. Setting the mechanism going, Bob pulled the goose's tail.

"Honk, honk, chee-haw-haw-honk," screamed the bird.

Bob released the goose and stopped the phonograph.

Then he caught a duck and went through the same operation.

Next day Bob took his machine and the two records to a thicket on the Marels Roche. He turned the goose record loose, and, with shotgun in hand, awaited results. Soon a flock of wild geese passed over. One gander and three hens fell to his aim.

Fancying a change, Bob substituted the duck record. The results were similar. This time he bagged three drakes and a hen.

And local pessimists significantly suggested that Theodore Roosevelt has departed for Africa.

POLICEWOMEN IN BAYONNE.

"Guardian Mothers" to Teach Politeness to Children in New Jersey Park During the Summer.

Bayonne, N. J.—Policewomen are to be a reality here. Having been authorized by the city council, at the suggestion of Mrs. Julia Goldster, nine volunteers will police the park during the summer. The women officers will not bear the name of policewomen, but will be known as "guardian mothers" and will not wear uniforms. Their duty will not be so much to make arrests, but to instill politeness into the youngsters of Bayonne. They will urge the children not to make noise, to be gentle and always to give their seats to elders.

The guardian mothers will serve on alternate afternoons and will get no pay. Some one has proposed that they carry the proverbial slipper or paddle instead of a club, but this question has not been settled.

MONUMENT TO SIOUX

Courageous Deed of Indian Band to Be Recognized.

Granite Shaft Will Be Erected in South Dakota in Memory of Young Braves Who Risked Their Lives.

Aberdeen, S. D.—After the lapse of well-nigh half a century the band of young Sioux Indians, known as the "Fool Soldier" band, which in November, 1862, at great personal risk to themselves, rescued, at a spot near the Missouri river in what is now Walworth county, South Dakota, two women and four children, whites, who had been abducted by a roving band of Sioux from their homes at Lake Chetek, Minn., are to be remembered and their heroic behavior commemorated by a suitable monument.

Under the auspices of the South Dakota Pioneer association, a granite shaft will be erected on June 27, a mile from Moberg, S. D., where the rescue was effected.

The "Fool Soldier" band consisted of 11 young Indian braves, and their act was one of the exceptional deeds of the aborigines in which the white were befriended at the risk of losing their own lives, and the enmity of not only their own tribe, but the entire Sioux nation, at that time powerful and warlike.

After conceiving the idea of saving the white captives, the young braves watched with unceasing vigilance until the opportune time came, when they secured possession of their captives and rushed them to a white settlement whence they were returned to their homes.

Walworth county was at that time totally unsettled by whites, but after the whites settled the country the members of the band were always welcome guests at any white man's house, and after the Walworth County Old Settlers' association was formed, the survivors of the band were featured of every reunion of the association.

The monument erected to their memory will be a plain granite shaft, standing upon two mammoth native boulders and suitably inscribed with the account of the deed which won the Indians immortality. Doane Robinson of Pierre, S. D., state historian, will deliver the address at the dedication of the monument.

PALLBEARERS NON-SWEARERS

Old Christian, Who Abhorred Blasphemy, Picks Out His Men Before His Death.

Utica, N. Y.—Joseph Golden, Joseph Petrie, Oscar Caulkin and George Getman are truly religious men; not one of them has ever sullied his lips with a blasphemous oath. So they will be old Old Christian's pallbearers at the church in Columbia. Christian had himself chosen them for that last service.

Christian dwelt alone on his farm near here. All his long life he abhorred profanity and shunned a man who swore. Often he declared profanity a crime for which there is not only no excuse, but no forgiveness. Often, too, he said that when he should be carried to his grave it should be by those who were clean-souled, clean-lipped. He knew well Golden, Petrie, Caulkin and Getman. So he selected them as his pallbearers not long ago, lest when he was gone all proper care be not exercised in the choice.

Mr. Christian was found dead in a chair at his home. An autopsy proved that heart disease caused death.

COW IN WHITE HOUSE YARD.

Taft Family's Jersey Has Liberty of Grounds in Rear of Executive Mansion.

Washington.—The Tafts are keeping a cow. It is a nice, pacific creature, with soft brown spots as big as tube scattered here and there over a pelt which is otherwise a fawn color. Owing to the fact that its horns have been eliminated, it is warranted not to hook.

The Jersey animal showed up on the White House lawn recently. She had been purchased by Mrs. Taft that the White House table might be supplied with pure milk. Explicit orders appear to have been given that she may roam the rear expanses of the executive grounds at will, cropping the luscious grass blades as they appear. At night Jersey occupies one of the stalls in the White House stables.

Richard Davidge, one of the stablemen, does the caretaking and procures the great jar of foamy rich milk which is sent each night and morning to the White House kitchen. He does a special white uniform while attending to this process.

Veteran Shuns Water, But Thrives. Townsend, Del.—"Drinking water is only a habit and the more you drink the more you want," said Thomas Maloney, a well-known merchant of this town, while discussing the question. He has not drunk any water for seven years simply because he does not want nor crave it, the only beverage he uses being a cup of good coffee at each meal or, as a substitute, a glass of milk.

Very few have better health than Maloney, who is 70 years of age and a veteran of the civil war, in which he was shot twice.

SAYS HEADGEAR IS USELESS.

This Man Asserts His Health Is Improved by Going Without Hat, But Europe Mobs Him.

New York.—With no covering for his head, Frederick G. Mead of Oastling arrived home on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II. the other day after passing the winter in Dresden.

Mr. Mead had not lost his hat at sea. He does not wear such a thing, not even a cap, when there is frost in the ground. He has not a luxuriant growth of hair which might be used as an excuse for not needing a hat, but he goes bareheaded just the same, in sunshine, rain, wind or snow.

"Why do I do so," Mr. Mead repeated when asked that question. "Well, I have no particular reason. I just like it, that's all."

"About five or six years ago I came to the conclusion that a hat was an unnecessary thing for a man to burden himself with, so I decided to go without one. I never have colds and my health has been of the best ever since I discarded the hat."

"Of course, it makes a lot of people think I am crazy, or a freak, but I do not care."

"In Palermo I almost caused a riot because of the curiosity of a crowd that gathered about me. But the worst place for curiosity I have ever struck is Holland. When I was there I could not take a walk without drawing a crowd. They would run up alongside of me, get in front of me, and peer up into my face."

"I used to smile and shake hands with them with the greatest cordiality, and then they would conclude that I was all right mentally and turn away."

ANCHOR BROUGHT UP GOLD.

Big Lump Found by Crew of the Steamship Alaskan in the Strait of Magellan.

Philadelphia.—The crew of the steamship Alaskan has the gold fever of the worst kind, the result of the ship's anchor having dragged up a gold nugget while the vessel was at anchor in the Strait of Magellan, on her record run with oil-burning engines, from the Hawaiian islands to Philadelphia.

The Alaskan anchored for the night in what is known as the second stretch in the strait, east of Punta Arenas.

When the big anchor was dragged on board a big piece of gold came up, having caught in the fluke. Capt. Bennett, master of the Alaskan, believes that the riches of Patagonia and Terre del Fuego in precious metals exceed those of the Yukon and the entire northwest territory.

The Alaskan made the run from Honolulu to Philadelphia in 63 days, bringing one of the largest cargoes of sugar ever brought here from the Pacific. Fuel oil was used with success the entire trip and left neither cinders nor dust to bother the crew. It burned 15,000 barrels of oil and made no stops for additional fuel. It dispensed with the services of ten firemen, which would have been necessary had she used coal.

OFFERS PRIZE FOR ODD ESSAY

"How it Seems to Be Overburdened with Knowledge," Theme for Students.

Buchanan, Mich.—Once again William Matiland, this town's most eccentric character, has stepped into the limelight. This time he offers a prize of \$50 to the local graduating class for the best essay on "How it Seems to Be Overburdened with Knowledge."

Matiland, who is said to be one of the wealthiest barbers in this state, having recently fallen heir to considerable money, is one of the strangest characters in existence. Each spring for the past 18 years he has closed up his shop, put his valuables in the bank, donned his old clothes and started out on the road for an extended trip. He claims to be well acquainted with all the leading hoboes of this country, and further claims, that there is not a jail or lockup in a radius of 50 miles that has not been freed with his presence.

Matiland announces that he will not make his usual jaunt this spring, but instead will have the leading hoboes visit him here this summer. Needless to say a great deal of influence is being brought to bear to induce him to change his mind.

PERILS OF A WEDDING RING.

Lost in Europe, Held for Duty, Finally Recovered by Owner, a Washington Woman.

Washington.—Mrs. Harold Van Buren of 1822 New Hampshire avenue has recovered her wedding ring of 20 years ago, without paying duty, though she had to have it imported.

The ring was held up by the customs officials, but as soon as Mrs. Van Buren explained the circumstances it was turned over to her. Mrs. Van Buren said the other evening:

"I lost the ring while strolling in the Constance gardens in Nice a year ago. While the gardens were being prepared for the new season this year, the ring was found and turned over to our vice-consul. The customs officials held the ring for duty, but as it had been bought in this country I thought I ought to have it without paying anything, and told them so. They agreed with me at once and sent the ring."

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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