

Historic English Mill

Yields to Father Time

The relentless hand of time, aided and abetted by the heavy gunfire of modern war, and strengthened by a little final push from the wind, has brought destruction upon one more landmark connected with the early history of the United States.

The old mill at Billerica in Essex, England, from near which the Pilgrims set sail for the new land, has collapsed. Its huge beams of solid oak, which stood the strain and stresses of time and work from the days of Pilgrims down to the outbreak of the World war, have at last found their burden too heavy, and as the foundations weakened, gave way during a storm.

The old mill was closed during the war, as the location was considered too dangerous for the grinding of the grain of the nearby countryside. Later it fell under suspicion as a rendezvous of German spies and was boarded up. Heavy gunfire was frequent in this section, and the vibrations gradually weakened the old structure.

At a house, close by the mill, was the scene of the meeting of the Pilgrims band just before it set sail for America. Close by, also, another pilgrim, but one bent upon destruction, came to the end of its journey, for one of the large German Zeppelins fell in a field adjacent to the mill.

The construction of the mill was almost entirely of oak, and the huge shaft for the wheel was a tremendous oak trunk. No nails or spikes of any kind were used in the construction.

Shakespeare's Zest in Writings

Shakespeare's enormous zest in life makes his earlier comedies a paradise of delight, writes Prof. Walter Raleigh, in My Magazine.

The love of pleasure, if it be generous and sensitive and quick to catch reflections, is hardly distinguishable from wisdom and tact. It has no respect for the self-torturing activities and energies of a vengeful and brooding mind, or for those bitter thoughts that speed themselves in a vain agony upon the immutable past.

Shakespeare's villains and evil characters are all self-absorbed and miserable and retro-spective. Jealousy born of deprivation is a passion as common as mud. Deprivation excites him, with no thought of doubt, the pain by invoking a wicked justice, love that does not alter when it finds alteration but strengthens itself to make amends for the strengths of others—there are the materials of the pipelike whorl of his highest examples of human goodness. His own nature sought happiness as a plant turns to light and air; he pays his tribute of admiration to all who achieve happiness by ways however strange.

Electric Light Invention

It was a Northumbrian Englishman, Sir Joseph Wilson Swan, F. R. S., a native of Sunderland, who first invented electric light. More than 20 years before Thomas Alva Edison took out his patent, Swan had demonstrated in the presence of the great scientist, Michael Faraday, the possibility of illuminating the South Foreland lighthouse by electricity; and in 1852, lighting by carbon filaments was officially installed in the lighthouse at Dungeness. Swan left to his country and to the world three great bequests—electric lighting, artificial silk, and bromide printing.

Education

I consider a human soul without education like marble in the quarry, which shows none of its inherent beauties until the skill of the polisher fetches out the colors, makes the surface shine and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot and vein that runs through the body of it. Education, after the same manner, when it works upon a noble mind, draws out to view every virtue and perfection, without which such helps are never able to make their appearance.—Addison.

Wash Hands to Get Cold

All workers in the factories where gold pen points are made have their overalls washed on the premises, says The Bilt. The wash water being put in tanks to let the precious dust settle and be saved. The water in which the workers wash their hands is treated in a similar manner. At the end of the day the girls on the sitting and polishing machines have to comb and brush their hair for minute fragments of the metals.

Gaily Colored Moth

The tapestry moth is not so common in the United States as the case-making or the webbing clothes moth, and is larger than either of them, having a wing expanse of about three-fourths of an inch. It is more strikingly colored. The head and basal third of its forewings are black, while the outer two-thirds of the wings are creamy white, though more or less obscured on the middle with gray. The legs are uniformly pale gray.

Use for Rice Grass

A rice grass that appeared in Essex, England, about 90 years ago, is being used to reclaim land from the sea and also to guard sea walls. It is a rush-like growth that has the peculiar property of collecting mud, thus raising the shore level inch by inch and adding shore land that can be used for pasture or tillage. The grass is being exported to other countries where it will be employed for the same purposes.

ENGLISH WOMAN GETS PRACTICAL BEQUEST IN WILL

Permanent Telephone Service Is Assured Her by Terms of Friend's Endowment

It is by no means unusual for people to endow hospitals with beds, or to endow towns with parks and open space for recreation purposes, and libraries for recreation of the mind.

Now a story comes from Great Britain of a new sort of endowment. For a man who died there recently was left a bequest in trust to a woman friend, of the income from £400 (about \$2,000), so long as she keeps a telephone installed in her home.

Assures Service in Future

The testator, a friend of the family, had practically made the house his home, and had used the telephone extensively during his stay there. He used the telephone when it would have been difficult for him to go to town to transact business, and he was saved a great deal of traveling. In his will he determined to make certain that his survivors should be endowed with the blessings of the telephone service which had meant so much to him.

In describing this interesting bequest, a recent issue of the Telegraph and Telephone Journal of London says editorially:

"What appeals to us in the present case is that the testator before going to his rest was not content with a bequest to the telephone subscriber in recognition of past benefits from the use of the service. He desired that others should enjoy its friendly aid. He was obviously of the opinion that it was not only one of the amenities but one of the necessities of a well-ordered home. It had stood him in good stead and he willed that it should so serve those who came after him. . . ."

Foresees Extension of Plan

The day may yet come, continues the British publication, when the uncle will bequeath to struggling business men the annual subscription for a fully-equipped private branch exchange "to enable their trade to wax and multiply, or a resident telephone to the hard-worked housewife to save her much journeying to and fro, or half a party line to the lonely cottage, cut off from civilization by some avenue or eight long miles. It is a pleasing thought. As an excursion into phantasy we submit it to the indulgence of the courteous reader; as a practical-possible suggestion we commend it to the consideration of future testators, and leave it at that."

First Ear-Trumpet

The first mechanical contrivance for the purpose of improving the hearing was made by Doctor Yardley of London in 1818.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 22nd day of December A. D. 1931.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of MARY ELIZABETH FOSTER, Deceased. Thomas E. H. Hark, executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the second day of May 1932, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

DAN A. MCGAFFEY, Judge of Probate.

A true copy. J. O'Donnell, Deputy Probate Registrar. Dec. 21—Jan. 7.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

IN CHANCERY

Edward M. Heston and Nellie D. Beaumont, Plaintiffs

vs. David N. Kennedy, Farmington; P. Holt, Joseph White, Henry H. Boyter, George Savich and Lucille Savich, Defendants.

AT A SESSION OF SAID COURT held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1931.

Present: The Hon. FRANK L. COVERT, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the affidavit hereto attached, from which it appears that the defendant, David N. Kennedy, is a resident of the State of Michigan and that process for his appearance has been duly issued and that the same could not be served by reason of his concealment within the State of Michigan and it further appearing by said affidavit that the defendant, Joseph White, is a resident of the State of Michigan and that process for his appearance has been duly issued and that the same could not be served by reason of his continued absence from his place of residence.

On motion of Edward J. O'Donnell, attorney for plaintiffs, it is ORDERED that the defendants, David N. Kennedy and Joseph White, enter their appearance in this cause within three (3) months from the date of this order or that said bill of complaint will be taken as confessed. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published as required by law in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper published in Oakland County, Michigan.

FRANK L. COVERT, Circuit Judge.

A true copy. Barton P. Daugherty, Clerk. Dec. 21—Feb. 4.

One More Success Recipe

T. D. writes with regard to a joke recently printed in this column: "The threat of the merchant to an employee who had asked for a raise that if he wasn't careful he would be made a partner, and so get nothing, recalled to my mind a bit of advice once given by a successful man:

"Work faithfully for eight hours a day, and don't worry, and in time you may become a boss, and work twelve hours a day and have all the worry."—Boston Transcript.

Want Gaelic Broadcasted

In an effort to preserve their Gaelic language, the Welsh are demanding that it be used in broadcasting instead of English. The radio has taken the English language into the home of thousands of Welshmen who hitherto have neither heard nor spoken English. A special committee reports to the government that English is introduced into the schools too early, "before the children have grasped their own language."

Winding Up the Ingersoll

Robert Ingersoll was famous for the library of Intellect books which he possessed. One day a reporter called on Mr. Ingersoll for an interview, and among other questions, asked: "Would you mind telling me how much your library cost you, Mr. Ingersoll?" Looking over at the shelves, he answered: "Well, my boy, these books cost me, anyhow, the governorship of Illinois, and perhaps the Presidency of the United States!"—Contant.

The Squirrel

A teacher of the fifth grade had read a description of a squirrel, preparing the children to write about the squirrel in their own words. After some explanation of the words she had used, the teacher urged the pupils to describe his motions and actions. She received the following result from a future author:

"The squirrel shows that he is cunning by undulating his graceful tail as he eats nuts."—Gladys, 10 years.

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