

WORLD WONDERS

Old Stolen Bust Is Found



In the cellar of the house occupied by Charles Nemphos, a Greek confederate of Hampden, a suburb of Baltimore, the police unearthed recently this bust of a female child. It is a piece of Greek sculpture which was stolen from the National Museum of Athens about fifteen years ago and is said to be some 3,000 years old. How and where Nemphos got hold of the almost priceless work is still a mystery to the police.

ANIMALS THAT CAN COUNT

Nearly everyone has seen trained animals that "count" or at least give the impression that they can count. Most of this is performed by means of signals the trainer makes which are understood by the animals. The procedure is to hand the tone of voice, the stamping of the foot, and various other signals will enable a horse or other animal to pick out the number on a number, the counting being done by taps of the hoof.

But there are untrained animals that can count, and not up to the ordinary 5 or 20 numbers that about limit their ability in the case of horses, they can count up to 30 or 100.

In some of the miles of Hainault horses are used to haul loads of ore over a little roadway that back by an other route, as the tunnels are narrow. Thirty such trips constitute a day's work for the horse, and without a word from drivers these horses will start for the great distance that leads to their stable at the end of the thirtieth trip. In fact, many of the drivers do not keep account of the trips at all, knowing the horses will do so, and when at the end of the thirtieth trip the horses wheel suddenly and make for the outlet, these drivers have to jump and hold them long enough to loosen the catches that hold the tugs to the little cars.

But even this is beaten by oxen. "The stupid ox" has become a well known phrase the world over, and yet, according to Montague, the oxen employed in the royal gardens of Suse to turn the wheels to which water palls are attached, absolutely refused to do more than 100 rounds, as that was their day's work.

The work consisted of having the oxen travel in a circle, keeping the water-drawing wheel in motion, and without fail on the hundredth trip around the circle the oxen would stop. No could they be urged to make another round.

It is said that wild apes can count to four, and in order to hunt them at least five hunters go out and four leave the place in a manner that will attract the apes. After the fourth hunter has gone the apes come out, and are thus secured, but they will never go out from their cover until four hunters have been seen leaving the place. The same is also claimed by naturalists of rocks and magpies.

NOT HARD TO MAKE A GUESS

Asylum Superintendent. Does Not Recall Name of Lunatic Relative to Visiting Lunatic, but We Know It.

The lunatics tore up and down the white beach; they howled and leaped in the blue sea, quite like sane people.

"They enjoy the summer outing at our shore branch," the superintendent said. "It does 'em good, poor dubs! It's a funny thing about a lunatic's relatives. There are reliable statistics about the way a lunatic's relatives stand by him.

"The relative who stands by a lunatic the least who keeps visiting him in the asylum first of all is a brother. The next relative to drop off is a wife. That sounds hard, but it's true. Don't count on your wife if you are going to become a lunatic. Next, husbands drop off. A little truer than wives husbands are, but only a little. Next fathers abandon the lunatic.

"Next sisters.

"One relative never abandons him till she dies, or he dies, she comes regularly on visiting day, bringing underwear and ties, cakes and tobacco—provided, of course, that the lunatic is a male. If it's a female this relative is equally faithful. And even though, as sometimes happens, the poor, mad creature hates her, she tries to strike her when she visits him, she still remains faithful. When her visits cease they cease for only one reason—death.

"Nor do I intend to tell you which relative this is."

Quite Late.

Tardy Arrival (at the concert)—Have I missed much? What are they playing now?

One of the Elect—The Ninth Symphony.

Tardy Arrival—Goodness, am I as late as that?

He Thinks It Helps.

"What is an optimist?"

"A man who thinks that if he puts 'Urgent' on a letter it will be delivered sooner than it would be otherwise."—Stray Stories.

Pe Explains.

"Pa, what does 'co-o-er-esse' mean?"

"That is merely an Italian word for a little chis mastic, soap. Now, run along and play."

Royal Metamorphosis.

"The King," changing into a four-wheeled carriage, drove through the Castle section.

A characteristic example of kindly tact—Punch.

Improving on the Idea.

"Is that amateur musical organization moribund?"

"It's worse than that. It's as dead as a door nail."

Fashionable Sanitarium.

"The boss is worried about the new patient."

"He seems well."

"Yes; too well to sign a check."

Always Moving.

"Does Gabbles ever make a move at the club meetings?"

"Oh, lots of them. He's got St. Vitus' dance."

Mean Man.

"Papa, I want an ice cream sundae."

"All right, dear, I'll send me of it again, this is only Tuesday."

RUSSIA'S NAVAL CATHEDRAL



Kronstadt, the chief base of the Russian navy, has just been endowed with a naval cathedral which is considered a masterpiece of ecclesiastical art and construction. The car and his daughters attended the inauguration and the holy ceremonies that were carried out by the high priests of the Russian church.

SOME PECULIAR REMEDIES

Tiger's flesh and new-born puppies were among the remedies used by Dr. M. Sandwich during the course of a lecture which he delivered at the City of London school recently.

One book, he said, recommended a blue spider to be rolled in butter and changed into a pill and then swallowed as an antidote to jaundice. Vipers were held in high esteem, and a tonic made from them was said to strengthen the system. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries powdered mummies were prescribed, and so great was the demand, that

GREW PUMPKINS ON A ROOF

A western amateur gardener who was pressed for room to grow things adopted a novel plan in raising pumpkins. They were planted in a row at the back of his woodshed, and as the vines sprouted, they were trained on wires to run up the side of the building and spread out on the roof. They grew luxuriously in this novel position and when the little pumpkins appeared, the owner placed a bit of board under each so that they would not roll off the roof. The vegetables matured under these odd conditions and the gardener figures that he has found a good use for a hitherto waste area.

MIDNIGHT SUN OF NORWAY

Summer visitors to the northern countries of Europe always are eager to see the midnight sun. This is how it looks to those who view it from outside Lyngen Fjord in the north of Norway where it is visible from May 18 to July 25.

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CARGO OF CHINESE CORPSES

A ship recently left San Pedro, Cal., with the most precious cargo on record—the remains of nearly 6,000 Chinese who have died in America during the past 50 years.

Preparations for this gigantic removal of human remains were carried forward so quietly that no comment was occasioned. The bodies were carefully wrapped each in a separate piece of soft cloth, and then placed in sealed boxes. When the cargo leaves China the remains will be taken in charge by relatives and friends, and will be interred with the honors due to such as have ventured into strange lands.

These Chinese believe that the eyes of the dead never close as long as they remain buried in a foreign country; hence this strange transportation.

TOOK HER KITTEN TO DOCTOR

A cat owned by Barreuther Brothers, merchant of Winsted, Conn., which is nursing four kittens, took one suffering with a badly inflamed eye to the office of a veterinary surgeon next door and left the afflicted kitten in a chair.

The doctor entered the office a few minutes later and was treating the kitten when the anxious mother returned. The feline waited patiently until the sore eye was open, purred contentedly, and then took her kitten back home.

CAVERNS OF THE SHENANDOAH

Among the most famous caverns of the world rank the grotesque and the Shenandoah in the famous valley of Virginia. These caverns with their wonderful formations stretch for miles in Augusta county, in the vicinity of Mount Meridian. Just within the entrance is a group of human-like stalagmites called the "Sentinels." Passing these one comes to the "Catacombs," "Solomon's Temple," and other wonders.

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NO POSSIBILITY OF DOUBT

Why Western Bishop Was Convinced of the Exact Lineage of His Eastern Enterprisers.

A western bishop once attended a general convention in the east and was entertained by a New England family of long and honorable, if not lovable, lineage. They made no secret of a time-worn superiority over any one from the new and crude west, and cited their Pilgrim ancestors constantly. The bishop was minded to bear this in Christian humility and forbearance, and did. But on his return home, he recounted his experiences to the wife; and she, good soul, spoke her mind as it is the privilege of her kind to do, even where mere man must be silent.

"I don't believe that their family is such an old one," she remarked. "Are you sure that their ancestors were Pilgrims?"

"I am certain, my dear," answered the bishop. "This may seem to be exaggeration, but at times you could positively detect the fragrance of the Mayflower."—New York Evening Post.

FUNDS FOR FIGHTING PLAGUE

State Legislatures in 1913 Made Generous Appropriations to Check the Spread of Tuberculosis.

Out of 41 state legislatures in session during the season of 1913, laws dealing with tuberculosis were enacted in 30 states, while in 34 states consideration was given to bills dealing with the prevention of this disease. This is a summary of the legislative campaign for 1913, issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis today.

Appropriations to the amount of over \$5,000,000 have been set aside for the treatment and prevention of tuberculosis by the various state legislatures in session this year. Most of this money is for the maintenance of state sanatoria. There are at the present time 29 such institutions in 31 different states, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, each having more than one sanatorium. Delaware is the only state which has made provision for a state sanatorium for tuberculous negroes. In addition to the amounts appropriated by the various state governments, congress will be obliged to set aside nearly \$1,000,000 for the maintenance of the United States public health, the army and the navy sanatoria, and the tuberculosis hospital of the District of Columbia.

Too Well.

"Why was that actress unsuccessful in the swooning scene?"

"Because, strange to say, she made quite a faint effort."

As Usual.

"Who scored the new musical comedy?"

"The critics, chiefly."

Ostriches and alligators are raised in incubators in South Africa.

Not for Long.

"Now I am twenty-one, and my own master!"

"Yes, but you are engaged."

The diplomatic flat dweller calls the janitor the superintendent.

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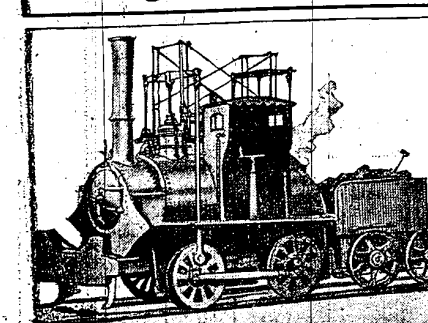
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Puffing Billy Still Works



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