

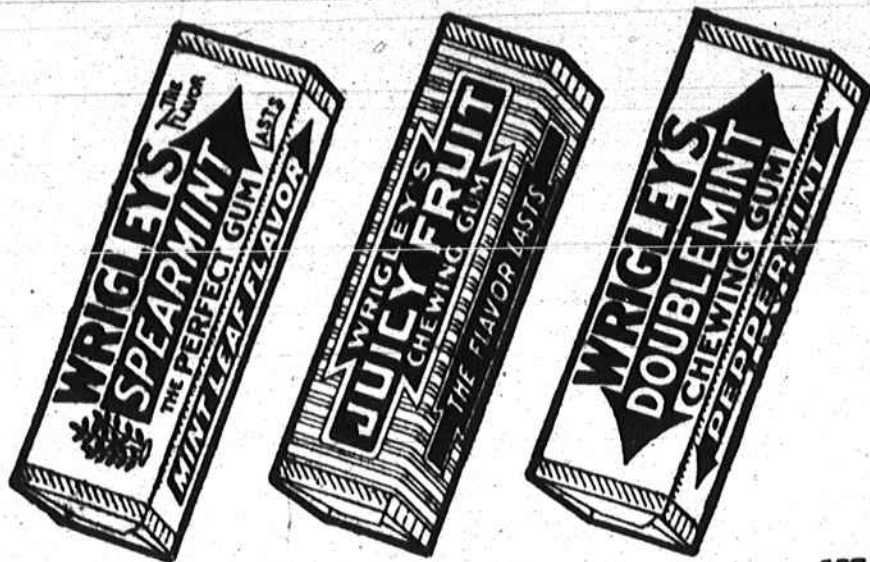
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WEDDED IN SMOCK

Reason for Scanty Garb of Some Old-Time Brides.

In England It Was Held That Aot Relieved Husbands of Debts Contracted by His Bride Before Their Marriage.

"A Bangor lawyer attending court in the ancient town of Wiscasset, Lincoln county, recently went rummaging in the Colonial court records of the place, and in the course of his reading came across the official registration of a 'smock marriage,'" writes L. T. Smyth from Bangor, Me., to the Boston Transcript. "Not knowing what a smock marriage was, the lawyer looked further, and got considerable light upon a custom that prevailed in England a century or more ago and also to some extent in the American colonies.

"Smock marriages were weddings where the bride appeared dressed in a white sheet or chemise. The reason for such a garb was the belief that if a man married a woman who was in debt he could be held liable for her indebtedness if he received with her any of her property; and also, that if a woman married a man who was in debt, his creditors could not take her property to satisfy their claims if he had received nothing from her at marriage. In England, says an antiquarian, there was at least one case where a bride was clothed in puris naturalibus while the ceremony was being performed in the great church at Birmingham. The minister at first refused to perform the ceremony, but, finding nothing in the rubric that would excuse him, he finally married the pair.

"To carry out the law fully as the people understood it, the ceremony should always have been performed as it was in the church at Birmingham, in the case noted; but, modesty forbidding, various expedients were used to accomplish the end without the unpleasant features. Sometimes the bride stood in a closet and put her hand through a hole in the door; sometimes she stood behind a cloth screen and put her hand out at one side; again, she wound about her a white sheet furnished by the bridegroom, and sometimes she stood in her chemise or smock. Eventually, in Essex county, at least, all immodesty was avoided by the groom furnishing all the clothes worn by the bride, retaining the title to the same in himself. This he did in the presence of witnesses, that he might be able to prove the fact in case he was sued for any debts she might have contracted. A marriage of this kind occurred at Bradford in 1773, and the following is true copy of the record of the same:

"Bradford, Dec. ye 24, 1773—This may certify whomsoever it may concern that James Balley of Bradford, who was married to the widow Mary Bacon November 22 last past by me ye subscriber then declared that he took said person without anything of estate and that Lydia the wife of Lazer Burbank and Mary the wife of Thomas Stiekney and Margaret the wife of Caleb Burbank all of Bradford were witnesses that the clothes she then had on were his providing and bestowed upon her.

"WILLIAM BLACH,
"Minister of ye Gospel."

"It is noted by the same writer that in all cases of smock marriages that have come to his notice the brides have been widows.

"It is thought that during the reign of George III there were many smock marriages in Maine, then a part of the province of Massachusetts Bay, chiefly in the counties of Lincoln and York, or in the territory which is now so known. There is nothing to show that the practice outlived the Revolution. In Maine, up to 1852, a husband was liable for debts of his wife contracted before marriage, and no such subterfuge as the smock marriage could relieve him."

How Pipe Reveals Character.

A new method of telling a man's character is now advanced by William E. Critchlow, ninety, of Macon, Mo. He said:

"You can tell more about a man by the way he lights his pipe than you can by the shape of his head. There's the fellow who strikes a match on the south end of his trousers, holds his hands over the bowl until he gets it going, throws down the match any old place, and tilts his pipe up toward the North Star. That man may burn down his home and barn, but he'll never lick his wife or children, because his heart's right.

"Crooks and bad men don't often smoke pipes. They wouldn't be crooks if they did, because there's something about an old hickory pipe that inspires a man to play fair with his neighbors."

In Memory of James Watt.

The centenary of James Watt, the inventor of the modern condensing steam engine, who died on August 19, 1819, was celebrated in Scotland by the raising of a fund of \$250,000 to further endow the engineering department of Glasgow university, to provide additional facilities for the training of engineers.

Doctor Was a Comfort.

Patient (after operation): Doctor, they say you are getting better and better on these appendix operations every day.

Doctor—That's a fact. The man I operated on yesterday lived twelve hours and then in hopes you'll live twice as long, if you don't worry!—Life.

LAY ALL UNDER CONTRIBUTION

Persian Dervishes Demand Alms as a Right, and Simple People Readily Give Up.

A feature of Persian life which illustrates the simple and superstitious nature of the people of the mid-east is their tolerance of the dervishes. These wild, gypsylike beggars infest the cities and annoy the village folk in passing from one place to another, according to their vows of itinerancy.

These are not the whirling dervishes of circus fame. Whirling would be too energetic a form of worship for the members of this most ancient leisure class. Their greatest exertion consists of walking slowly and blowing a horn to announce their presence.

The dervish of Persia is known by his begging bowl, conical cap, animal skin cape and club. The weapon, which is usually a stick driven through with nails, is carried conspicuously. In fact, it seems unpleasantly ready for use when its owner calmly demands tribute. It is true that there is small danger of its use, even if alms are refused, but a refusal however polite and apologetic, is sure to arouse the wrath of the dervish. His vocabulary may be unintelligible, but the meaning of his threats and prophecies is usually understood. Fellow citizens of the dervish tribe prefer to make a gift at any cost in order to avoid having the wrath of heaven called down upon them in the masterly language of an experienced heaven-invoker.

The dervish makes himself useful to the community honored by his presence by telling fortunes and stories, reciting prayers, selling charms, and even curing the sick by blowing his sacred breath on them—all in return for which he turns over to his chief after deducting a living wage.

GIVEN NAMES OF PRESIDENTS

Historical Appellations Bestowed on Summits of Mountain Range in Old Vermont.

Heretofore when one spoke of the presidential range everyone—every New Englander, at least—knew, without further particularizing, that Mount Washington and its attendant summits was the subject, writes Allen Chamberlain in the Boston Evening Transcript.

Henceforth one must needs be more specific since during the last year a rival presidential range has appeared on the map in Vermont. That region, hitherto generally spoken of as the Bread Loaf Mountain section, lying between Middlebury gap and the Lincoln-Warren pass, was but little known, except in its southerly portion, until the Green Mountain club men ran their Skyline trail through. They found there a maze of unnamed summits grouped as in council, and seemingly worthy of being recognized as individuals of distinction.

Just north of these heights is the rugged mass whose summits have been known for more than half a century as Mounts Abraham and Lincoln. Quite naturally the idea of a new presidential range arose and, with great partisan restraint, four of the neighboring mountains were therefore named Mount Grant, Mount Grover, Cleveland, Mount Roosevelt and Mount Woodrow Wilson.

Poisoned by Ink.

Behind the scenes at the Globe theater, where, to the delight of all playgoers, Miss Violet Vanbrugh has scored another wonderful success in "Trimmed in Scarlet," the famous actress told me this amusing story of her early days.

"We were playing 'Romeo and Juliet' on tour," she said, "and one night in the poison scene, Juliet found herself without a phial. The audience was waiting, and in despair she snatched an ink-bottle from the stage carpenter, and gasping 'Is it empty?' rushed on.

"But when the hapless lady raised the bottle to her lips and tipped it downwards, a stream of ink descended over her chin and down her white dress. The house yelled at the comical sight."—London Tit-Bits.

No More Shiny Domes.

After the wonders which we have seen worked for the soldiers who suffered disfigurement during the war, it is not surprising that plastic surgeons are turning their attention to improving civilians also. Ugly noses, projecting ears, bare lips and all sorts of other obstacles to good looks will probably be easily corrected in the not-far-away future. The most interesting thing along this line which has been recently discovered is that no one need suffer from baldness any more. By grafting a piece of skin from some part of the head where hair is still growing onto the bald patch a new covering is said to be insured.

Fiji Fashions.

Mr. R. W. Dalton, in his report of the trade of the Fiji Islands, says: "Shirts are gradually gaining in popularity among the Fijians. All kinds of soft tennis shirts with collar and pocket or collar and two pockets sell freely. These shirts are usually worn for dressy occasions, when the natives are generally clothed in white or cream. There is an increasing demand for khaki shorts and trousers. The shorts are either plain or with buckle knees and are being worn by Fijians on beneath or instead of a loin cloth. There is also a large sale for umbrellas.

The Wonders of America

By T. T. MAXEY

YOSEMITE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA.

THIS beautiful valley—now a part of Yosemite National park, by the way—is one of nature's most wonderful works of art. The valley is only eight miles long and less than two miles wide. The park embraces a domain about 36 by 48 miles. Here the supreme artist has chiseled and etched and painted an outdoor gallery of masterpieces unlike any other in the world. The Indians termed the place the Heart of the Sky Mountains and called it "The Vale of the Ahwanee," and themselves Ahwaneeches, or "Children of Light."

The excellent features of the Yosemite are its waterfalls and sheer, bold cliffs. Snow-waters from high mountains have found a wonderful variety and beauty of courses down the mountain walls to the Merced river in the valley below. These peculiar peaks strikingly resemble huge domes and range in height all the way from 1,200 to 6,000 feet. The falls which descend their rugged sides range in height from 350 feet—Vernal falls, which is only 35 feet wide at the top—to beautiful Yosemite falls, which, in three leaps, plunges half a mile and is said to be the highest waterfall in the world with anything like the same volume of water.

Standing on the summit of Sentinel Dome, the magnificence of the vista of the valley, that bursts upon the eye compels silence. Perhaps no valley in the world combines so much that is so sublimely beautiful. It is "a bite of Paradise," sure enough.

Robert C. Allen, cashier of the First National Bank of York and one of the best known citizens of that town, died at his home at an early hour Friday morning following a long period of ill health. Death was not unexpected.

DR. R. E. STEVENSON

DENTIST
Crocker Building
Camden, S. C.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

All parties indebted to the estate of J. T. Hough, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned or to E. D. Blakeney, Attorney, and all parties having claims against the said estate will present them duly tested within the time prescribed by law.

M. T. HOUGH,
Administrator Estate of J. T. Hough
Camden, S. C., September 25th, 1919.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF

(Complaint Not Served)
State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw,
Court of Common Pleas.

J. P. Lewis, W. T. Smith and J. Christmas

vs.

Edwin H. Peck, Julia E. Peck and E. P. Jenkins,

Defendants.

To the Defendant:
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this case which will be filed in the office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in Camden, S. C. within twenty days after the date hereof, exclusive of the day of service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, plaintiff in this action will apply to Court for relief demanded in the complaint.

B. B. CLARKE,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

Dated Sept. 29th A. D. 1919.

To the Defendants Edwin H. Peck, Julia E. Peck and Edna P. Jenkins, residents:

You will please take notice that Complaint in the above action was in the office of the said Clerk of Court at Camden, S. C., on the first day of October, 1919.

B. B. CLARKE,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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