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"I had very severe attacks of indigestion," writes Mr. M. H. Wade, a farmer, of R. F. D. 1, Weir, Miss. "I would suffer for months at a time. I dared eat was a little bread and butter... consequently I suffered from weakness. I would try to eat, then the terrible suffering in my stomach! I took medicines, but did not get any better. The druggist recommended

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William Robert Law Dead.

Bishopville, Aug. 23.—William Robert Law, 50, died at his home here today at about 6 o'clock after a long illness. About a month ago Mr. Law suffered a stroke of paralysis, and as a result of this he became bedridden. He had been suffering from the ailment for several years, but was unable to withstand the attack, and continued to grow weaker and weaker until finally the end came quietly. He was surrounded by members of his family when he died.

The passing of Mr. Law removed one of the community's landmarks, he having been a resident of Bishopville for nearly 50 years, being at the peak of his career identified with every move for the betterment of the town and county.

William Robert Law was born in Hartsville, February 12, 1853, the son of T. C. and Mary Hart Law. He received his early education in such schools as the community afforded at the time, later going to Wofford college. Shortly after graduation Mr. Law married Miss Mattie Embra Berns of Bishopville, and soon thereafter they removed to Bishopville, where he has resided since. Mrs. Law died in 1908. To this union the following children were born who are now living: the Rev. W. W. Law, W. K. Law, and P. H. Law, all of Bishopville.

In 1907 Mr. Law was married the second time to Miss Nannie Moffett, of Bishopville, and they have three children, two of whom are now living: the Rev. Thomas H. Law, a resident of Bishopville, and several other children and other relatives.

Mr. Law was the only son of the Rev. W. W. Law, a prominent member of the Presbyterian church in Bishopville, and a member of the same church in Hartsville. He was a member of the Episcopal church in Bishopville, and a member of the same church in Hartsville. He was a member of the Episcopal church in Bishopville, and a member of the same church in Hartsville.

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DEATH PENALTY FOR CANNIBALS

France Issues Orders Intended to Extirpate Practice in African Possessions.

Paris.—Albert Sarraut, French minister of colonies, who was one of France's representatives at the Washington naval armament limitation and pacific conference, has just signed two decrees, intended to extirpate the practice of cannibalism in the French African possessions. The death penalty is imposed on any one killing or trying to kill human beings for the purpose of eating their flesh. Imprisonment of from one to ten years and a fine of from 100 to 1,000 francs are to be the punishment for complicity in such crimes or for eating human flesh. Cannibalism survives, M. Sarraut says, principally under the form of ritual rites or acts of sorcery.

Discussing this subject in Le Journal, M. Fernand Hauser writes: "Doctor Cureau, formerly a colonial governor, assured us some years ago in a work on the primitive peoples of equatorial Africa that cannibalism, as practiced there (and it is practiced, even in regions rich in food resources of all sorts, vegetable and animal), is not due to privation or famine. 'It is simply a matter of taste,' he said, 'a predilection for a certain kind of meat.' Cannibalism is then, according to Doctor Cureau, an instinct. It is a custom. The man who indulges in it is not necessarily ferocious. He may be a man who is gentle, gay, cheerful and friendly in his ordinary relations—at least with those about him.

"Doctor Cureau added that he had several times seen evidences that certain tribes make prisoners of war or buy slaves to hold them in reserve, and then kill them and eat them in accordance with their needs.

"Pere Martron, who also made a close-range study of the African negroes, declared, on the contrary, that the cannibals did not hunt men to satisfy hunger. They eat, he said, only the bodies of enemies killed in war and, more rarely, the bodies of those on whom they wish to wreak a terrible vengeance.

"However that may be, Pere Martron and Doctor Cureau both stated that cannibalism is dying out. Coming into intercourse with more civilized tribes, the cannibals feel a sense of shame and soon refuse to admit that human flesh is eaten by them.

Reports for Many Years.

"These are reports dating back some years. M. J. Brevie, chief administrator of colonies, director of political and administrative affairs in the government of French West Africa, says in his 'Islamisme contre Naturalisme au Soudan Français'—a penetrating essay in native psychology which he has published—that many blacks still practice cannibalism, less from any real need than from an attachment to ancient rites, which, divorced from their primitive significance, appear unintelligible to us, and which they themselves can no longer explain.

"We are dealing here," he declares, "with human sacrifices, intended to disarm hostile spirits, or to produce a sort of physical and moral transubstantiation from the person sacrificed—to the person who eats, the latter thus assimilating the former's strength and qualities."

But whatever may be the reasons which have kept cannibalism alive, the French government is now determined to make an end of it.

Plea for Wild Flowers.

Too often areas frequented by tourists and picnickers (the latter title probably coming from the tendency to pick things, are denuded of the wild flowers. The picking in moderation of the flowers alone or even with a small amount of foliage would not be so bad, but the fact is that when a person once gets the habit he (usually she, in this case) readily loses the sense of moderation and becomes intemperate. Moreover the plants are usually pulled up or broken off at the ground and in such cases extermination is the common result. It is only the weedier, less attractive species, or those which have some natural defensive or offensive property that escape destruction.

Picking or cutting the flowers alone, while slower in its effects, will in time lead to extermination of most species. If continued persistently, not even the ubiquitous dandelion could long survive the complete loss of seed production and our choicest wild flowers are much less aggressive than this hardy immigrant.

Fishes as Pets.

Is it possible to tame fishes in the same way as we do other creatures that become our pets? The answer is, "Yes."

Doctor Fastenrath, of Zurich, has succeeded in taming fish in the Lake of Lugano to such an extent that they eat out of his hand and allow themselves to be taken up and caressed.

For six months the doctor repeatedly stood in the lake up to his neck in water, and holding a piece of bread in each hand. At the end of a couple of months the fish came up and nibbled at the bread and eventually became quite friendly.

Upon several occasions Doctor Fastenrath let a white screen down into the water, and against this background, by means of a special camera, he took some curious photographs of his family pets.

Her Favorite.

"Who is your favorite poet, Miss Gush, Longfellow or Whittier?" asked the professor.

"Oh, neither of them; mine is much more wonderful. I am quite in love with him, and the strange part of it is that I don't even know his first name. Can you tell me, professor? His name is Anon."

Insect "Rogue's" Gallery.

A rogues' gallery of insects is being organized by the American Nature association in Washington. The pests are to be identified and information as to their migrations gathered together with the best methods of opposing them. Such insects as the Hessian fly and the boll weevil will no doubt head the list of undesirables.

His Turn to Blush.

Mary had done some foolish thing and her father reproved her sharply for a moment her lips trembled and her eyes filled with tears, then with a sudden gasp she responded: "What do you want to be cross to me for? I don't want a wife."

Hunts Panther With Sponge.

Natalia, B. C. Jim Craig of Craig's Crossing, who had shot 130 panthers, brought here the carcass of one that he killed with a sponge. The animal had found Craig's son, Duncan Craig, and had scratched Craig's arm. With a lethal ring on the end of a pole, he put the animal to sleep. Then he lassoed it and dragged it from a tree.

To Start Whaling in Ross Sea.

Seattle, Wash.—The whalers are being sent to Ross sea, where Dr. A. N. Siple, discoverer of the South pole, noted the presence of whales in large numbers. In Ross sea they are to meet a 12,000-ton steamer from Norway, which will be a floating plant for the utilization of whales.

LOVE'S HARD PATH

Combination That Was Too Much for Belinda.

How Was It Possible for Her Married Life to Be Happy After Such Warnings?

Of course one may not be superstitious, but circumstances alter cases, and sometimes the course of our lives, observes a New York Sun writer, Clarence met Belinda one day in March, which is rather early in the year for disturbances of the heart, but he fell hard and at the end of a week found himself still at her feet.

So one night in the darkness of the movies his hand sought hers and during a spirited burst of sound from the orchestra he asked her to marry him. She hesitated, as a shy young girl should, but something seemed to hold her tongue-tied as well. Suddenly light dawned, it was April 1. Well, he would not catch her that way, she thought, and said with sweet maidenly reserve that, of course, as she had not known him very long it would be better to discuss that a little later in their friendship. Clarence thought it might be wiser, and with apparent meekness acquiesced.

During the next ten days they saw each other frequently. Then one bright day Clarence appeared, his countenance radiating satisfaction, and presented her with a small package. On being opened it proved to be an engagement ring, a genuine diamond, which Clarence hastened to assure her of by scratching her initials on the window pane. Belinda was charmed indeed, but as her eyes half consciously sought the "Thoughts for Every Day" calendar hanging on the wall, she saw it was Friday the thirteenth. She was much troubled, but the ring was pretty, so she accepted it and the impulsive young man that accompanied it.

Then followed a four-weeks' engagement for the team of Clarence and Belinda. At the end of this time the young woman was still fond of the ring, but her affection for Clarence had received a decided chill.

One night as he was saying a fond farewell at the foot of her brownstone steps he asked her for the thousandth time if she still loved him, when suddenly a black object ran between his feet, and losing his balance, he fell backward upon the stairs, dragging Belinda with him.

Belinda tore the ring from her finger, thrust it at him and cried: "I can't marry you! You proposed to me on April Fool's day, you gave me the ring on Friday the thirteenth, you have spilled salt on the table three times this week, opened an umbrella before we were out of the house, a black cat ran across our path, and when you threw me down just now you broke the mirror in my vanity case. Good night!"

Madam, Your Age, Please.

A woman's age? The simplest thing in the world to find out! At least so Mr. Feri Felix Weiss, immigration inspector, says, though we are doubtful whether his methods succeeded every time. In his interesting book "The Sieve" he explains his methods; it is certainly amusing.

If a lady, he writes, refused to give me her age, I told her I could guess it. Then with a woman's inborn curiosity she would make the mistake of asking me to do so; too late did she realize that she had walked into a trap.

I generally guessed about ten years older than she looked and might say, "Madam, you are about fifty-five years old."

"Oh, you horrid man!" would come the retort as a flash. "I am only forty."

"Thank you, madam; that is all Uncle Sam wanted to know. Here is your landing ticket. Next!"—Youth's Companion.

Women Want Harem Back.

According to recent research the women of Turkey are not all giving three cheers for their recently acquired independence. Most of the older women are still strong for the harem. Now a lot of them have to get out and hustle for their meals. In the old days all they had to do was to sit on upholstered cushions in a nice warm harem and munch chocolate creams. They could push the buzzer for coffee whenever they felt like it and the hours were spent in gossip and embroidery.

To go forth into a rough world and put in twelve hours a day in some factory or shop for the joy of being independent does not appeal to all of them. They are sighing for the good old days when Mustafa Kemal presented a nosebag for a whole flock of harem and odalisks. It seems to be nearly hard to please all the women in the world.—Los Angeles Times.

To Advise Albania.

The council of the League of Nations went to far off Java to advise its representative as national adviser to the little kingdom of Albania. D. H. Hunter, former governor of Java, has been selected by the league to take on the task of setting Albania on its feet.

Recent reports of the richness of Albanian oil fields and the rumors that many great international interests are seeking concessions there have probably caused the appointment of a more or less neutral outsider to this important post. Mr. Hunter has been in his country's official service for many years and his record in Java commended him strongly to the league.—New York Herald.

GUNBOATS, CRUISERS, SUBS NAVY'S WANTS FOR 1924

Outline Building Program to Be Presented to Congress.

Washington, D. C.—Eight cruisers, four river gunboats, and three cruiser submarines will comprise the building program which the Navy department will present to the budget bureau and congress the coming session.

Since the four power naval treaty limits cruiser tonnage to 10,000 tons, the general board has been instructed to consider plans which will give the navy the most efficient vessel of the cruiser type within this limitation, Secretary Denby said. It was expected, however, the eight new ships would follow closely the design of the Detroit class, now in progress of delivery.

The four gunboats will be for the Chinese river patrol. Recent inspection of the vessels now engaged in that patrol, Secretary Denby said, indicated that they must be replaced.

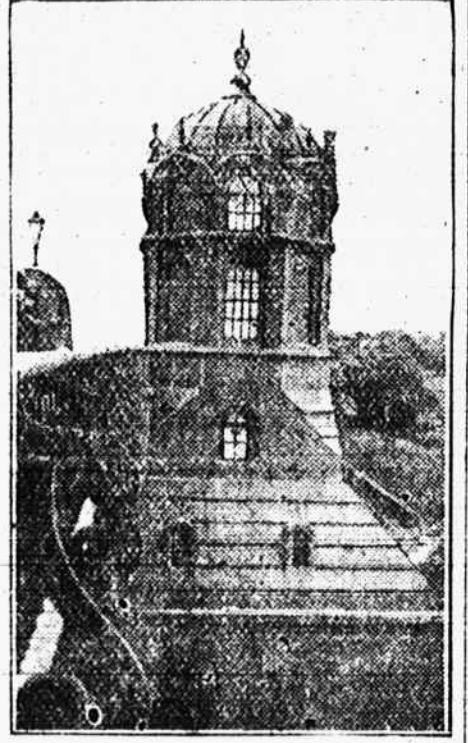
"In view of the situation in China and the vast amount of trade at stake," the secretary said, "the department feels it is most imperative that small modern gunboats immediately be authorized by congress."

The three cruiser submarines to be asked for are also in the hands of the planning section of the general board, and no hint of the type which might be recommended has been made public. It is considered certain, however, that they will surpass in tonnage any submersible boat now in use by any power.

Some surprise was evidenced in navy circles because of the relatively small number of cruisers decided on by Secretary Denby in view of his known opinion that the fleet is markedly deficient in this class.

Second only to the deficiencies of the Panama canal defenses, the report upon this year's war game stressed the lack of fast scouts for the navy. Mr. Denby's technical advisers were understood to have agreed that 17 10,000-ton cruisers would be necessary to maintain a 5-5 ratio with Japan, and 19 would be needed if a 5-3 ratio was to be sought.

Odd Home Tenanted by Aged London Couple



The accommodations of the little homes on Chelsea bridge, London, are rather more cramped than those of a lighthouse, but consist of three bedrooms, a fair-sized dining room and a doll's house kitchen. A London county council pensioner and his wife have lived in the southwest turret for seven years and have cultivated vegetables and flowers in their model gardens. All four towers of the bridge are occupied.

Banker Runs Elevator in His Own Building

Los Angeles, Cal.—An argument over alleged discourteous treatment of a passenger in one of the elevators of an office building owned here by Marco W. Hellman, banker and capitalist was won by Mr. Hellman. He discharged also elevator operators who disagreed with him, and then, it being the rush hour of the day, ran one of the cages himself until a new crew could be obtained. At the end of the ordeal he displayed an operator's license and explained he made a habit of passing the required examination yearly in order to be ready for just such emergencies.

Life Guard Saves 732 Swimmers.

New York—Alfred Reed, a life guard at Long Beach, recently received the congressional medal of honor for life guarding. He has rescued 732 persons from drowning during his career.

Hay Hurlled on Wire by Wind Starts Fire

Leavenworth, Kan.—Mowed hay piled in a field was caught in a whirlwind and lifted onto a power line where it caught fire and rolled down hill, starting the first range fire in this district for the 1923 season.

The blaze started in almost the same place at which the largest fire in 1922 occurred and was just as freakish in origin. About ten acres were burned before the blaze was controlled.

Man Gets Severe Beating.

It is related that a white man who lives in the Primus section of Lancaster county, S. C., received a terrible beating Thursday night of last week. The whipping, however, occurred near Bethel church, which is not far from the Union county line. The man who was the victim of a mob is said to have had a mask over his face and his skin split by lashings all over his back. Since the occurrence was near the home of Dr. W. H. Sapp the man is said to have made his way there, the doctor giving him treatment the whole night through, nerves all unstrung, as well as the man's body requiring medical attention. Rumor is to the effect that the community in which the man lives had become enraged because of his intimacy with his step mother, his father having died and leaving a comely young wife.—Monroe Enquirer.

Twelve persons were reported drowned in northern Utah Monday night and early Tuesday morning the result of cloudbursts. Five Boy Scouts are included in the reported dead. Property losses total more than \$1,000,000.

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