

FAMILY MARKED BY ODDITY

London Newspaper Tells of Strange Fate That Pursued Group Both in Life and Death.

There lived at Ipswich in the reign of William III a family known as the "odd family," a most appropriate name, as the following facts prove. London Answers states:

Every event, good, bad or indifferent, came to that family in an odd year or an odd day of the month, and every person was odd in manner or behavior or appearance. Even the letters of their Christian names all ways amounted to an odd number.

The father and mother were Peter and Rahab; their seven children (all boys) bore the names of David, Ezekiel, James, Jonas, Matthew, Roger and Solomon. The husband possessed only one leg and his wife only one arm; Solomon was blind in his left eye and Roger lost his right in an accident; James had his left ear torn off in a quarrel. Matthew's left hand had but three fingers.

Jonas had a stump foot, David was humpbacked and Ezekiel was 6 feet 2 inches at the age of nineteen. Every one of the children had red hair, notwithstanding the fact that the father's hair was jet black and the mother's white.

Strange at birth, all died as strangely.

The father fell into a deep sleep and was killed, the wife died five days after from starvation. Ezekiel enlisted, was wounded in 23 places, but recovered. Roger, James, Jonas, David and Matthew died in 1713 in six different places on the same day; Solomon and Ezekiel were drowned in the Thames in 1723.

RECALL LEGENDS OF HAWAII

Two Idols, Recently Unearthed, Bring to Memory Folklore Tales Almost Lost to Memory.

Of the two old Hawaiian idols lately found concealed in the earth at Hoo-kau-pu, Paukukalo, one, a female idol, is in a fairly good state of preservation. The idol is supposed to be that of Kihawahine, the Undine of Maui myths. Her haunts are the springs at Paukukalo, the Kaunaha pond, and the matchless pools in the wooded glens around Piholo, Makawao.

The legends about her compare with those of the German fairy folklore, and around the charms of her person as she sits combing her wealth of golden tresses at the edge of some bathing pool is woven many a half-forgotten Maui folk tale.

In some of the latest ones she is reputed to have lured two haoles at different times on a merry chase only to see her disappear in one or another of the deep, clear-water pools among the wooded glens of Piholo. One, a doctor, ended his aimless wanderings to her glenwood haunts by becoming a paralytic, the other, a woodcutter, never ceased to describe the charms of this "wonderful woman with the golden hair," always able to elude his embrace, but ever beckoning him on to her lair among the vines and trees and pools and crags of the glens about Piholo. —Walluku (H. I.) Times.

The Cynical Actress.

The late Oscar Hammerstein believed that the actresses should lead a pure life.

"Cynical, disillusioned actresses are no good," he once said at a dinner. "I remember an actress of mine some years ago who fell down badly in a part I'd given her."

"Look here! I said the morning after she fell down, 'all the critics say you don't show half enough emotion in the scene where your husband leaves you never to return.'"

"The cynical, disillusioned creature gave a tart laugh."

"Oh, I don't, don't I? she sneered. 'Well, look here, Mr. Hammerstein, I've had six husbands leave me never to return, and I guess I know how much emotion ought to be shown in such circumstances as well as anybody.'"

Safe Light for Miners.

Nowadays the up-to-date miner carries a package of electricity about with him while underground. It is a small storage battery attached to the back of his belt, and is connected by a cord with a lamp fastened to the front of his cap. The lamp, provided with a reflector, throws quite a flood of light in front of the miner. But its chief advantage is absolute safety. In olden days miners (who must, of course, have light) carried about with them open-flame lamps. These caused innumerable disastrous accidents through ignition of coal dust or gases. Sir Humphry Davy's invention of a safety lamp whose flame was protected by a wire gauze saved an immense number of lives. It is in common use today, but the electric mine lamp is better and more convenient.

Death Took Old and Young.

During the war the London Times, either wittingly or unwittingly, published innumerable items about the very old men and women in the British empire who were dying off. Their great age, their longevity, formed a melancholy contrast to the slaughter of youth then going on in Europe. During six months in 1918, 312 persons over one hundred years old died in the British Isles, but the figures of young men who fell during that time before the guns of the enemy and who died with influenza amounted toward a million. Not one of the old, he said in passing, died from "flu."

REVENGE TAKEN BY ANIMALS

Story on Record of Huge Mastiff That Killed Thoughtless Groom at First Opportunity.

Careful observers have put on record some very extraordinary instances of dogs and other animals which have remembered injuries put upon them, and have eventually retaliated, says London Answers.

There is a terrible story on record of a dog, a huge mastiff, kept as a watchdog by a Staffordshire gentleman. The great brute was kept chained in the stable yard, and during the very hot weather one of the grooms, noticing the creature panting with heat, threw a bucket of cold water over him.

A week later the dog was loose when the same man entered the yard. He sprang upon him and caught him by the throat and killed him.

A touching little episode happened a few years ago in a Worcester village. A boy was the proud owner of a very handsome pair of fox terriers, named Mick and Jerry. Jerry went off one day into a wood near by and tackled a badger, which killed him. Raymond, his master, went out to look for him, but could not find him. But two days after Mick was found mourning over the dead body of his companion.

He was brought back. One day he did not return. His master searched and found him laying dead, his teeth in the throat of the badger, which was also killed.

An amusing incident was that of an Indian elephant whose revenge on a new mahout whom he took a dislike to was rather funny. He picked him up and deposited him in the branches of a thorn tree.

NO NEED FOR FURTHER TALK

Argument Had Convinced Man That Arctic Expedition Was Just the Place for Him.

A middle-aged man, with what appeared to be a load on his mind, visited the Arctic steamer just before it started on the expedition, and seemed greatly interested in what he saw.

"Say," he said to the officer on deck, "I'd like to go with you on this expedition of yours."

"It's awfully cold up there," remarked the officer, discouragingly.

"I don't care for that."

"You have very little to eat, and you might starve to death."

"That wouldn't be pleasant," observed the visitor.

"I should say not," returned the officer. "And you might be eaten by your comrades."

"And then," continued the officer, "you wouldn't see your wife for three years, and possibly longer. You know you can't take her with you."

"Oh!" returned the would-be explorer, after a long pause, "then you can put my name down on your books. Your last argument captures me."

France Seeks Mauritius.

There is a movement in France to ask Great Britain for the return of Mauritius, the Beloved Isle of France, which was lost in 1810. It is contended that, in spite of being under British rule for over a hundred years, the island is still essentially French, and that the people desire union with their mother country.

Great Britain has no particular reason for keeping the island, says the Newcastle Chronicle. It has no strategic or economic importance, nor has it any sentimental associations, so far as Great Britain is concerned. For the French, on the other hand, it is the place to which many of their nobles emigrated, and is the island which Bernardin St. Pierre immortalized in his idyl, "Paul and Virginia."

The islanders gave proof of their feeling for France by sending many of their sons to fight in the French army.

Labor and Christenings.

W. Wallace Alexander, associated with the Elkins estate and a leading light in the Orpheus club, at a campfire gathering was humorously describing his troubles at a Pennsylvania coal mine which he was seeking to put on a paying basis.

"The miners were getting out coal two days a week—the other five days were devoted to christenings. For every christening the whole neighborhood took a day to prepare, a day to celebrate and a day to recover."

Finally the problem was solved by hiring a brass band, arranging a parade and having all the christenings take place on the same magnificent, uproarious, welkin-ringing day.

Who says a business man has no need for the creative imagination?—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Powerful Lens of English Make.

The most powerful lens used in aerial photography during the war, it is said, was made in Birmingham, England. It was 6½ inches in diameter and had a focal length of 36 inches. The power and clear definition of this lens were such that when used in an airplane it gave good visibility and detailed information of what was happening five miles below it. It is said that the photographer could easily detect the presence of barbed wire from a height of three miles, and movements of troops that had been effected under cover of darkness were likewise traceable by the experts. Birmingham manufacturers have been so successful in making lenses that they believe they can compete with Germany, which has long had a monopoly of high-grade manufactures of that kind.

MADDEN NEWS.

Madden, Jan. 13.—Two more days and half of January gone. However, though late it be, best wishes are extended The Advertiser force and to every reader. May 1920 be generous to each and all.

Rev. C. E. Vermillion came to Prospect as our pastor Sunday afternoon. He gave us a splendid key thought for the New Year. The thought that dominated Paul as expressed in the words "I am ready not only to be bound but also to die if needs be." "I am ready" were the words he used as a text.

Mr. B. Y. Culbertson gave a short impromptu and very informal address of welcome on behalf of the church. Bro. Vermillion responded in like manner. We are hoping great things for the new field.

Mr. W. M. Nash was here Monday doing some surveying for Mr. J. A. Wofford and Mr. E. F. Coggins. Mr. Nash is a great favorite here and we can't understand why he was not sent

to the legislature. Laurens county would have been honored.

Well digging is the order of the day through here. Madden is getting better, for once upon a time it was needless to try to get a well here, as they usually struck quick sand. This round strong wells have been placed on the farms of Mr. E. T. Watkins, B. Y. Culbertson and others are to be made soon.

The moving is about finished. We welcome all new comers in our midst and we wish for those who have gone, prosperity.

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Take notice that on the 12th day of February, 1920, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Guardian of the estate of William A. Babb, in the office of Judge of Probate for Laurens county, at 11 o'clock A. M. All persons having demands against said estate will present them on or before said date.

O. G. THOMPSON,
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