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A HERO OF LEGEND Today, as in Ages Past, There Are Those Who Seek the Simple, "Old-Fashioned" Girl. King Arthur Never Proved to Be

Early Saxon Chronicles Shed No Light on His Personality-His Burial Place Found by the Abbot of Glastonbury.

Real Personage.

The story of King Arthur, rich in the poetic element, is weak on the historical side. That a hero-king, answering in some respects to the descriptions in British ballads, had existence, is possible, for it seems unlikely that so many associations should cling around an utterly mythical opersonage. Yet he has no mention whatever in the Saxon Chronicle, whose pages are rich in allusions to British kings struggling for freedom against the Anglo-Saxon invaders; and our main authority on the subject is the account written, six conturies later than the reputed period of King Arthur, by Geoffry of Monmouth, whose narratives no one can accept seriously as truth. The legends, collected and handed down to us by Sir Thomas Malory, a writer of Edward IV's reign, were printed by Caxton under

the title of "Morte d'Arthur." When Henry II, in 1177, was in Wales, receiving the submission of the princes, he chanced to hear the deeds of King Arthur sung by the Welsh. and was told the exact place of the hero's burial at Glastonbury. Some years afterward the abbot of Glastonbury, the king's nephew, searched for the body, with what result let Giraidus Cambrensis, described in Camden's "Britannia" as "an eye witness," tell 118:

"At the depth of seven feet a huge, broad stone, whereon a leaden cross was fastened on the part that lay downward, in rude and barbarous letters, this inscription in Latin was written upon that side of the lead that was toward the stone, 'Here lies buried King Arthur in Avalon Isle." Digging deeper they discovered his body in the trunk of a tree, the bones of great bigness. His Queen Guintvere, a lady of passing beauty, lay by him, whose tresses of hair, in color like gold, seemed perfect and whole until it was touched, but then showed itself to be dust."

When Glastonbury abbey was made a ruin in Heary VIII's time the remains of King Arthur and his queen were ruthlessly swept away. It was on Cadbury hill, in Somerset, the famed Camelot of the Arthurian romance, that the British king prepared for his great stand against the Anglo-Saxon foe; and the name of Arthur still clings to the locality in "Arthur's Lane" and "Arthur's Well." In the battle, almost the only event of his life to be regarded as historical fact. Arthur seems to have come out of the darkness by which he is surrounded. The Welsh songs are full of praises to his valor in the fight with Cedric, the Saxon king; "The Saxon Chronicle," unwilling, perhaps. to record a severe defeat, is silent upon the subject, but the result for a time. was a crushing blow to the invaders. and Cedric was never able to push his way into Somerset .-- London Telegraph.

Newspapers in Spain.

The Spanish newspaper presents a problem to the American citizen who contemplates an advertising campaign in the Spanish press. There are 22 newspapers printed in Madrid, but as a rule these newspapers are support by political, religious or industrial groups, and the advertiser is neither the source of income nor, as sometimes happens in consequence, the object of deferential admiration that he is in the United States. The editor edits for a public more interesting in local news than any other. One must remember also that of the approximate 22,000,000 people In Spain, more than half are illiterate and read no newspapers at all. No evening paper issues a Sunday edition, and no morning paper comes out on Monday, for Sunday work of any kind in newspaper plants is forbidden by the government.

A London correspondent, remarks the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, discovers a rollicking satire upon people of the day, that is of those of us who gravely shake our heads as we contemplate the manners and dress of many young folk of the day. The correspondent finds that in the Saturday Review of fifty years ago the following article was printed.

WORLD ABOUT THE SAME

"The girl of the period is a creature who dyes her hair and paints her face as the first articles of her personal religion-a creature whose sole idea of life is fun, whose sole aim is unbounded luxury, and whose dress is the chief object of such thought and intellect as she possesses. Her main endeavor is to outlive her neighbors in the extravagance of fashion. If a sensible fashion lifts the gown out of the mud she raises hers.

"All men whose opinion is worth having prefer the simple and genuine girl of the past, with her tender little ways and pretty bashful modesties, to this loud and rampant modernization, with her false red hair and painted skin, talking slang as glibly as a man and by preference leading the conversation to doubtful subjects * * All we can do is to wait patiently until the national madness has passed out and women have come back again to the old English idea."

Not a few writers and private talkers have said things to the same effect as the foregoing. We hear it every day and hearing it we may accept it as a scathing indictment of the new girl, just as our forbears accepted the foregoing article as a just indictment of the girls of a half century ago.

Headstrong, forward and disobedient young people were known long before the time of the Review's edltorial. Readers of the "Last Days of Pompell," may recall the lamentations of a chief character that young people of his time were not as reverent and respectful in the presence of their elders as they had been in a former generation. Neither were they as religious.

Certain It is that the Apostle Paul. in writing those epistolary messages thought it pertinent and timely to remind women not to be too forward in church. As it appeared to him it was necessary for him, as an authority, to repress women, warning them specifically against bobbing their hair.

It seems that the race has always stopped to ask now and then: "What has become of the old-fashioned girl who," etc.

De Soto's Route.

Council Bend, Miss., has taken from Memphis, Tenn., the honor of being the point at which De Soto first saw the mighty Mississippi. Dr. J. C. Rowland of Jackson, Miss., who has traced De Soto's route clear across Mississippi, guided by the narratives of De Soto's companions, in which the topography of the country was fully described, has located the great Indian mound at which the adventurous explorer and his followers camped the night before they saw the Father of Waters. On this, the highest Indian mound in Mississippi, a monument will be erected to De Soto.

Doctor Rowland is convinced that De Soto first beheld the great river at Council Bend. The explorer's famous trip from the point where Tampa, Fla., is now located, was made in 1541, 24 years before St. Augustine was founded, and 75 before the Mayflower completed its first

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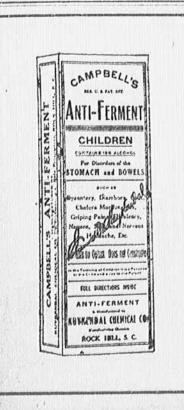


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Statue to Balboa.

Panama is to have a statue of Balboa, the discoverer of the Pacific ocean. The contract for the work has aiready been signed at Madrid, and the monu ment has been intrusted to the sculptor Benilliure. That there is to be no undue haste in the matter is signified by the fact shat the contract does not call for the delivery of the monument until two years after the signing of the agreement. The opportunities for a most effective piece of work are many, with the likeness of the map overlooking the ocean of his discovery. The grandiose setting would seem to call for a grandiose actor to dominate the scene, says the Christian Science Monitor.

Aviation In the Sahara.

The French do not regard airplanes as profitable for use in commerce over the Sahara desert; it costs too much to move the mineral wealth of the territory by airplane when pack mules and camels can be used instead. But to supplement the desert police and te maintain French prestige military aviators are well worth while. The Arab tribes have deep respect for them and take to their heels whenever an airplane arrives.

Navy Never Supplied President, No naval man has ever held the presidency, while 14 of the presidents were at one time or another connected with the army. ;

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Trying to Economize.

I visited a cash-and-carry grocery. Their leader for the day was rice. I bought five pounds and several other articles and asked to have extra paper on the rice, but it was refused. Struggling up the high steps of a street car with my many bundles, I stumbled; something pierced the bag of rice, and it began to ooze and fall. Of course the car was crowded, and as I squeezed in it suddenly inched ahead. I made a frantic effort to save my rice, letting everything else go

Kindly fellow passengers tried to help, hiding their laughter as best they could. I had the misery of being commiserated and laughed at, besides losing all my rice, and this has finished my efforts at trying to heat the old high cost of living .-- Chicago Tribune.

The Sun Volcano.

Not long ago at the Yerkes Observatory an eruption was observed (and photographed) on the rim of the sum which threw up material to a height of 500,000 miles. One cloud of it, which appeared as if floating detached, was reckoned to have some thousands of times the volume of the earth.

We are accustomed to regard great volcanic explosions on the earth as the most appalling of natural phenomena, but they are feeble and trifling disturbances compared with the outbursts which are continually taking place all over the body of the sun.--Kansas City Star.

Has Proper Regard for Rooster. Churles Collins of Oak Hill, Litchfield, Mo., thinks so much of a White Wyandotte rooster that he engourages him to roost nights on the footboard of his bed and feeds him every little while. This is because Mr. Collins was swakened one night by the exohen ere that of the reoster, which had when hav got into the house, and found when he got up to investigate that the housy was on fire. Anything that that wood's wants hereafter ho must have.

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