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GUILDHALL LIBRARY IS 500 YEARS OLD

The present year marks the 500th anniversary of the founding of the Guildhall Library, the home of the most complete collection of London books, prints, maps, and plans in existence. The first mention of the library occurs in the corporation records of 1425, probably about two years after "the new house" for books had been built next to the Guildhall Chapel.

The foundation was due to the generosity of Richard Whittington, the Lord Mayor of the famous cat story, and to one William Bury. The library was erected by the executors of these two men and given into the custody of the "Mayor, Aldermen and Community." The benefactions of other citizens quickly followed, among them being some "good or rare books" bequeathed by John Carpenter, the common clerk and founder of the City of London School, who died about 1442.

For a century and a quarter the Guildhall Library served its useful purpose. No catalogue remains of the contents in those early days, but probably most of the volumes were theological and were read by the clergy and students preparing for hold orders. Men like Sir Thomas More, Colet, Erasmus, and other scholars of the fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries may well have delved freely into this medieval storehouse of learning.

Stolen by Lord Protector.

In the reign of Edward VI, probably in 1549, came a catastrophe. All the books were stolen by the Lord Protector, the Duke of Somerset. Stow furnishes the record of this cool ducal confiscation—"these books (as it is said) were in the reign of Edward the 6 sent for by Edward, Duke of Somerset, Lord Protector, with promise to be returned shortly; men laded from thence three carriers with them, but never returned. This librarie . . . is now lofted through and made a storehouse for clothes."

The library, surely enough, was handed over in 1550 to Sir John Ayliff, Knight, for the term of his natural life, to be used as a "market howse for the sale of clothes, and none other wise."

The Corporation made no attempt to reinstate the library until nearly three hundred years later. Then in 1824 some obscure apartments in the Guildhall were set aside for the purpose of the new library, and four years later—the interval being wisely spent in the acquisition of rare and interesting London books—a collection of 1380 works was made available. From that time the growth of the library has been steady, and in 1869, the number of volumes having far outgrown the accommodation, the present building was constructed at a cost of \$300,000.

Among its 200,000 books the Guildhall Library possesses some treasures, the chief being a first folio Shakespeare and a Shakespeare deed bearing one of the three known signatures of the poet.

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London's Ancient Stalls Vanishing.

The ancient stall-holders of London are fast disappearing. One by one flower girls (a woman of any age up to four score who sells flowers is a girl) and various street vendors who have held advantageous places for a longer time than any one remembers die and no successors are named. There is not room for them in the bustle and hurry of present-day London life.

But London is the loser by the passing of these picturesque characters. Mother Kitchen and Mother Bury, the old Milkmaids of the Mall, have vanished, and "Fanny," a flower girl who sold fragrant blooms for more than a generation under the shadow of St. Paul's Cathedral, was borne to her long rest not long since, after services in Dr. Samuel Johnson's old parish church in the Strand.

A tiny apple stall beside the turreted gateway of Lincoln's Inn, the haunt of barristers in Chancery Lane, is the latest to disappear. The Inn has just celebrated the 500th anniversary of its foundation and the apple stall may well have been as venerable an institution in point of time. Old Mrs. Wise, who kept it, as her mother and grandmother before her did, has died and she left no descendant to come forward and claim a privilege granted by the benchers of the Inn for some reason long ago forgotten. Her mother was there in Dickens' time assisting her mother.

Dickens was a frequenter of this quarter of London and gave the narrow, dingy alley of Chichester Rents as well as other streets and alleys leading out of Fleet Street and the Strand, close by, such interesting associations that every week scores of pilgrims pass in and out searching for the originals of places made immortal by the novelist in his works.

New Safety Device for Miners.

A "singing" lamp is the latest invention to aid miners to detect fire-damp, which they fear more than any other hazard of their calling.

Canaries and animals sensitive to slight atmospheric changes have been long used for this purpose, but now a safety lamp has been invented that combines the necessary light for the underground workers and the giving of ample warning of the approach of the dreaded fire-damp.

Fire-damp leads to explosions; breathing it is dangerous, and its approach is so insidious that the damage may be done before it is discovered by the men if they are not warned.

A British engineer has improved the Davy safety lamp by adding a peculiar frame like a bunch of tuning forks, so sensitive that even two per cent. of fire-damp in the air will cause them to vibrate and sing.

As the percentage of fire-damp increases the lamp sings more loudly, affording ample warning.

The device has been tried in some of the deepest anthracite mines, and practical mining engineers of long experience say that it is the best warning ever devised.

The Talking Ray.

At the annual assembly of the British Association, a demonstration was given in connection with the talking ray of the wonderful photophone.

The greatest advantage of this apparatus is its secrecy: only persons to whom the ray is directed can receive the message.

A ray of light is reflected from an electric lamp, and the vibrations of the human voice cause the light ray to tremble and oscillate slightly. These tremblings are picked up at the receiving end of the photophone by selenium cells, and translated back again, through a telephone receiver, into intelligible sounds.

Unfortunately, the range of the light-phone is limited by the curvature of the earth, as the source of light must be in a direct line with the person receiving.

Color, like teeth, develops during infancy. That is why a baby's eyes change from blue to some other color, remaining blue only if no pigment develops.

What Your Eyes Tell.

If your eyes are grey you should have talent and shrewdness, for great thinkers usually have grey eyes. In a woman they indicate a better head than a heart.

Real grey eyes are uncommon, and show a level-headed, strong nature, capable of self-control, but roused to passion by any injustice; affectionate, but not unduly sentimental. Grey-eyed folk are, as a rule, intellectual and good workers.

If your eyes are dark blue you will prove a devoted friend and be honest, brave, and cheerful. Often the gift of humor goes with dark blue eyes; in fact, a downright pessimist is seldom seen with them.

Light blue eyes, on the contrary, show fickleness in love affairs and a jealous nature. Men have light eyes oftener than women, and the blue eye has the sight that lasts the longest and sees the farthest. The old Norsemen had light blue eyes.

A hazel-eyed woman can generally be depended upon. She is easy-going and fond of pleasure, but looks after her husband's comfort rather than her own, and is an agreeable, lovable creature.

Brown eyes are the most beautiful of all, but often their sight is imperfect. Notice the people you meet in the street wearing eyeglasses; in very many cases you will see they hide beautiful dark brown eyes.

Their owners are full of passion and heroism, and are capable of making great sacrifices. Sometimes they have a trace of diabolism in their glances, and this has a potent attraction over men's hearts; brown eyes are always mysterious, elusive, and secretive.

Round-eyed persons see much but think little. Narrow-eyed persons see less, but think and feel more intensely. People with large eyes are clever and amorous, and generally highly strung.

Minard's Liniment for Dandruff.

Fishery Experiment in Prairie Provinces.

Of late years the suckers and other coarse fish in Lake Winnipegosis have increased out of all proportion to the whitefish and other commercial species.

This year the Department of Marine and Fisheries undertook the netting of these fish and disposed of them so far as facilities available would permit, by placing them in other lakes, the character of whose waters precluded stocking with the finer species. In all 281 adult fish and 5,530,000 eggs were planted in the lakes, the species being pike, suckers, and pickerel. The following lakes were stocked: Lenore, Burton, Stony, Crystal, Boys, Grays, Pelican, and two lakes unnamed, one near Robin and the other near Bins-earth, Manitoba.

More than 550 young catfish have been transferred from Selkirk, Manitoba, to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, for the Saskatchewan river and 400 to Quill Lake, Saskatchewan.

There are seventy-seven muscles in the human head.

Patronize the merchants who see to it that their horses are well treated, not overworked, overdriven, or otherwise misused.

Milk, eggs, green vegetables, herings, and oatmeal together form a diet which should produce perfect teeth.

"Help the Veterans"

To help solve the problems of the Veterans' Associations, a Dominion-wide campaign for funds is now being conducted in the form of a Poster Judging Competition.

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Join in the game which is a most entertaining one, and which calls for intelligence and skill.

So send your donation now and let every one try the game.

Address donations to any of the following organizations or their branches which are actively interested and ask your help: Veterans' Association of Great Britain, 2725 Park Ave., Montreal. Great War Veterans' Association, Citizen Building, Ottawa. Army and Navy Veterans in Canada, 121 Bishop Street, Montreal. Imperial Veterans in Canada, 700 Main Street, Winnipeg.

Music Belongs to Everybody.

When you speak of music or of taking music lessons, what generally comes to your mind? Of course the forms and kinds of music and musical instruments that you are accustomed to hear and use. We think of pieces, songs, pianos, organs, violins and the other instruments of our orchestras and bands, and we also think of the music that we often hear that is made by machines and records.

But just think of all the many parts of the world where people love music on their own instruments, which are not all like our own. Think of countries where they have never seen pianos, for instance, and yet the people in those countries have had music for hundreds and hundreds of years. Everywhere people have tried to invent instruments that would make music and rhythm from the earliest antiquity to the present time. The American Indian had a great deal to do with music, and he made flutes of bone and wood, and many varieties of queer drums and rattles from plants, something like pumpkins, and they sang a great deal.

The Chinese make lots of instruments of metal and wood and strings. The Turks and Persians and all the Eastern countries have their own musical instruments. Even the South Sea Islanders have instruments and sing. But of course we would probably dislike the sound that they call music, because we are accustomed to more perfect instruments and our music is more highly developed. Some music that we call beautiful they could not understand at all, and they would call our music weird, which is just exactly what we call theirs.

Minard's Liniment Heals Cuts.

Sprint for Help.

Algernon (to his best girl)—"You need not fear tramps or hooligans when you are with me, darling. I'm a champion runner. If any of them attacked us, I'd run off and bring help in no time."

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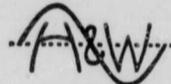
Such a Disappointment.

Little Irene marched into the room breathless. "O mother," she said, "don't scold me for being late to supper, because I've had a disappointment. A horse fell down and they said they were going to send for a horse doctor, so I waited, and what do you think? It wasn't a horse doctor after all. It was only a man."

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