

Families That Make One Gasp.

ANY CHILDREN ARE TRIPLES TO SOME PEOPLE!

Mrs. Bowtell, the Yorkshire lady, who has just celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday, by nursing her son, a great-grandchild, has good cause to be proud of such a record; she has had many rivals and even her superiors as an "ancestress."

The writer possesses a photograph which pictures a sweet old lady, Mrs. Bowtell, in company with four generations of her descendants—her daughter, her grand-daughter, great-grandson, great-granddaughter, the last a boy of three weeks. And only about time ago a Mr. and Mrs. Bowtell were celebrating the birth of great-granddaughter who represented the fifth generation of a well-known Reading family.

Both these records were thrown into eclipse by Mrs. Mary Coffey, of the Bromley, who lived to nurse a great-grand-granddaughter, the last of six generations all living at the same time.

There is even on record a case in which seven generations were living at the same time. The links in this chain were a Mrs. Godfrey; daughter, Lady Waldegrave; the son, an Ambassador; his daughter, Lady Powis; her daughter, Lady Clive; and her daughter, Lady Clive's infant son.

And that the limit of possibility has been reached is proved by the fact that a Lady Child, of Shropshire, a grandmother at twenty-seven, few years ago an Antwerp woman, high to two sets of triplets with year in seven consecutive years.

One of a baker added twenty-one to the population of Paris—the rate at one birth every year. It was recently reported that a family of Chicago, after several years of married life, had nineteen children, including one set of quadruplets, another of triplets, and two of twins.

Mrs. Mary Jonas, of Chester, who not long ago, was the mother of three children, and Mr. Amy Clark, a book-cannister, pleaded guilty at the Clerkenwell County court to having a family of thirty-two.

These records are outdone by the family of the Canadian, of whom it was said recently while still in the early sixties, had forty living children, and some married sons and daughters. Thomas Greenhill could that he was the seventh, son and seventh child of one father and mother.

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Mrs. Honeywood, of Charing, Kent, lived to see the fifth generation of her progeny; and could boast before she died that she had been mother to sixteen children; had counted her grandchildren to 114; her great-grandchildren to 228; and her great-grandchildren to ninety—thus having added more Britons to our population than there are days in a year.

Lady Temple, of Stow, survived to nurse her seven hundredth descendant; while Mrs. Ursula Lightfoot, of Ayrton, in Yorkshire, died at the age of ninety-three, leaving 163 descendants, including two great-grand-grandchildren. Mrs. Sarah Woolf, of Ditch, left 303 living descendants; and Mrs. Shover, of Georgia, 310.—The Bils.

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False Teeth for a Clock.

A Timepiece That is Always Right. The clock that hangs eighty feet over the junction of the Strand and Fleet Street, London, from the east tower of the Law Courts, has just recovered from an attack of toothache.

The bells and the intricate mechanism occupy three storeys at the top of the tower, and constant service year in and year out had caused the trouble.

When the dynamo which winds up the weights was put into gear recently, there was a squeak from the winding apparatus and a couple of teeth were wrenched from one of the essential cogs.

The Only One of Its Kind. A clock dentist was immediately called in, and after careful treatment, involving two fresh teeth and the renewal of a number of steel rods the clock once more strikes the hour with unerring punctuality, and has entirely recovered from the weakness developed during recent years.

The rods which have now been renewed had not been touched since 1883, when the clock was first put up. Few people in London, probably, know that in this clock at the Courts they have a mechanism unique in the history of clock-making.

Invented by a carpenter on an entirely novel principle, it is the only one of its kind in existence, an attempt to make a duplicate for St. James's Palace having proved a failure.

It is so accurate that it does not lose as much as one minute in three months. The weight controlling the striking mechanism weighs one and a half tons, and hangs on a wire 85 feet long from the top of the tower into the foundations.

Organs With Histories. Some of the organs in the colleges and collegiate churches of the old land date back several centuries. For example, the first mention of an organ in Christ's College Chapel at Cambridge appears in the college accounts of 1510. Nothing, however, is known concerning this and some similar organs or their subsequent fate.

The evolution of the present instrument in Christ's College Chapel dates back to 1705, when a new organ was supplied by Charles Quarles, then organist of Trinity College, and was built by a Father Smith. This organ continued in use until 1785.

After 88 years of disuse and neglect this organ was entirely rebuilt and enlarged, continuing in use until 1909 when it was again rebuilt and further enlarged.

This organ stands in a recessed gallery on the north side of the chapel. Its case is the one built in 1705, almost untouched.

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Worker Dies in Quicksand.

Death, in one of its most hideous forms, came to Frank Heleck, 43 years old, of Detroit, on October 4th, when, working alone in an alley in the rear of his home, he was overwhelmed and slowly smothered by a quicksand. His two hands, protruding above his involuntary grave, furnished the first clue to the terrible fate which had befallen him.

Heleck, who was a hard employee, after returning from work in the afternoon told his wife he was going to do some excavating work in the alley to connect his house sewer with a main that is being constructed in the neighborhood. This was the last time he was seen alive.

The spot in which he was working is principally sand, and Heleck apparently stood in a hole a little more than six feet deep, when he struck the quicksand, into which he sank. The appearance of the body indicates that the doomed man made a terrific fight for life against impossible odds.

The upper part of his clothing was torn almost to shreds and upon his hands were deep lacerations, indicating that he had scraped them against the walls of the excavation in a last effort to secure a hold of some kind that would save his body from being sucked further down into the bottomless quicksand.

The Art of Art. The art of art, the glory of expression and the sunshine of the light of letters, is simplicity. Nothing is better than simplicity—nothing can make up for excess, or for the lack of definiteness. To carry on the heat of impulse and pierce intellectual depths, and give all subjects their articulations, are powers neither common nor very uncommon. But to speak in literature with the perfect rectitude and insouciance of the movements of animals and the unimpedableness of the sentiment of trees in the woods and grass by the roadside, is the flawless triumph of art.

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THE DIFFERENCE IN MEN. There is a difference in men. One spreads slanders on so thick. You know it isn't meant to stick. And all the praise he utters then is lost the minute it is heard. You can't recall a single word.

Another takes your hand and sets your blood a-tingle, through and through. His friendliness is all for you. He never, when you're down, forgets to speak the words you long to hear. Somehow you feel he's always near.

One flatters and his speech is sweet. But little sugar friendship needs. Its charm is found in kindly deeds. And not by words which all repeat. Do men their inmost thoughts reveal. But something which the heart can feel.

I've known the silent man to stand beside me when my heart was numb. And I rejoiced that he had come. For from the pleasure of his hand I knew unto the bitter end. In him I had a constant friend.

Laid to Rest. The funeral of the late Mrs. W. S. Canning took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. George Whiteley, Gower St. A large number of citizens followed the cortege to the C. E. Cemetery where interment took place.

Amongst the mourners were Judge Penney and Hon. W. F. Penney, brother and nephew, respectively, of the deceased, and also R. Simpson, Esq., J.P., who came over from Carbonara for the occasion. Rev. C. A. Moulton, of St. Thomas's Parish officiated at the graveside.

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China Has Largest Army.

Active armies of the fourteen most important nations of the world today include approximately six million men, according to figures obtained here and regarded as reasonably correct.

With the inclusion of land armaments in the agenda of the forthcoming conference on limitations of armaments, these are the figures with which it is expected the assembled commissioners will have to deal.

China stands first among the nations in this summary of soldiers actually under arms about September 1 last, being credited with 1,370,000 active troops. France is far ahead among nations not distressed by civil strife in the number of men with the colors. The French army strength is placed at 1,034,000 men, the British Empire standing next, with 740,500, according to this estimate.

Other nations are given as follows: Russia, 638,000; Poland, 450,000; Italy, 350,000; Japan, 300,000; Greece, 255,000; Spain, 253,000; Switzerland, 150,000; Turkey, 152,000; Czechoslovakia, 150,000; United States, 143,000; Germany, 100,000.

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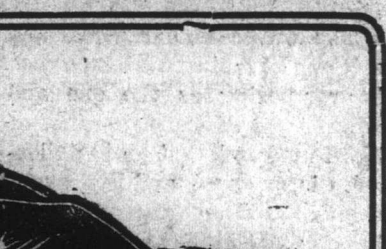
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