

ZUNI INDIAN MAGIC.

A PERFORMANCE THAT PUZZLES ALL WHO WITNESS IT.

This Wonderful feat rivals the Famous Mango Growing Trick of the Hindoos—Scientists Are Unable to Solve the Mystery.

Nearly everybody has heard of and wondered at the mango growing trick of the Hindoos, by which he makes a seed sprout before the astonished eyes of the European and reach maturity in a very short time.

But few are aware that an equally amazing feat is regularly performed by the Zuni Indians on this continent. Their medicine men at the annual "corn festival" do a stunt of which no satisfactory explanation has ever been advanced. Scientists seeing it have been made, as a cowboy described it, to "look like 30 cents."

Preparation is made for this extraordinary Zuni performance by spreading a large square of clean, yellowish sand on the ground before the southern aperture of the medicine lodge. This sand is carefully smoothed and packed so as to present a firm, level surface.

Around the edges of the sand square are then drawn, by means of a ceremonial arrow, figures representing the Great Spirit, the earth, the sun, the sky and the rain. There are also the symbols for corn and for a bountiful harvest.

The indentations made by the arrow are then filled with pigments, the clouds and sky with blue, the earth with black and the harvest with the chrome yellow. The center of the square is left vacant. When completed, this sand painting is a fine specimen of barbaric art and is far from displeasing to a civilized eye.

When the hour arrives, the officiating medicine man takes his seat in the opening of the lodge facing the sand square. On his right and left, extending out around the square, the chiefs and warriors range themselves according to rank. When all are in position, the medicine man fills the ceremonial pipe with tobacco, lights it and blows one puff of smoke to the east, one to the west, one to the north, one to the south and two to the heavens. He then addresses those assembled, recounting the religious history of the tribe, its wanderings and famine and the benevolence of the Great Spirit in the past. He closes with a prayer for the continuance of fatherly care.

Then he takes a grain of corn from the medicine bag at his waist, thrusts the sacred arrow into the center of the sand square, withdraws it, drops the grain into the opening and carefully smooths down the sand. Resuming his seat, all the assembled chiefs light their pipes and smoke in silence.

If the Great Spirit condescends to answer the prayer of the medicine man, as generally happens, the grain of corn will sprout and send forth a shoot.

After an interval of fifteen or twenty minutes the sand seems disturbed at the spot where the corn was buried. Soon slender light green blades of sprouting corn appear above the surface. The plant rises naturally and rapidly during the day.

By the next sunrise the silk and tassel appear. By noon the ear and stalk have reached full maturity.

Then ripening begins. Finally the blades and husks turn yellow and rattle when they are shaken by the wind. All this, mind you, has been done in thirty-six hours.

On the morning of the second day the corn growing is complete. The medicine man now addresses the watchers, who in company have "watched" the plant grow, for it is never left alone. With appropriate ceremonies he symbolizes the harvest by stripping the ear of its husks.

The corn he places in the medicine bag for future ceremonies, while the stalk is pulled up by the roots and hung over the door of the lodge. The long vigil of the watchers is now ended, and they seek much needed rest and food in order to be ready for the rain dance on the following day.

Every white man witnessing one of these ceremonies is deeply mystified. Above all, he is filled with admiration for the old medicine man. So natural and mysterious has been the process that the spectator feels at times disposed to believe in the presence of some supernatural power.

Yet every sane person knows that this performance has nothing unnatural about it. No white man, however, has discovered the secret. The absence of stage paraphernalia and the crude mechanical knowledge of the Zunis add to the mystery of the whole thing.

Various theories have been advanced in explanation. One is that some shrewd old medicine man discovered by accident some peculiar natural chemical that has the power of forcing the growth of a grain of corn and that this secret has been handed down from one generation of priests to another.

Another favorite explanation is that by great skill the medicine man is able to hypnotize the entire circle of spectators and so produce the result without apparatus of any kind save a yellow stalk of corn from the last harvest.

Others say the feat is accomplished by elaborate machinery concealed in a pit. But nobody knows exactly.

Plays it Only Once.

"In his time," quoted an actor, "a man plays many parts."

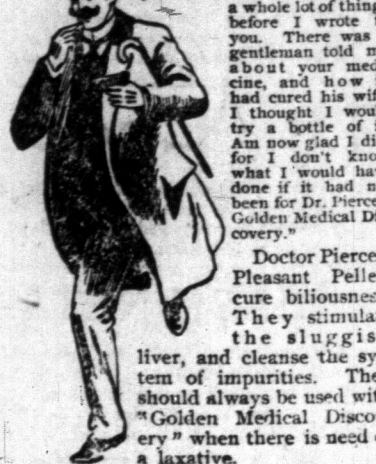
"Yes," admitted the man who had "backed" a show, "and some of them he plays many times, but there's one he never duplicates. He never plays 'angel' but once, for no fellow has the money to repeat it."—Chicago Post.

Eat and Run.

There isn't a man who would be seen running through the street munching a piece of pie. Why not? Because it would mean dyspepsia and stomach trouble? Not at all; but because it wouldn't look well. As a matter of fact many a business man snatches a lunch in such a hurry that he might as well take it on the run. That is one reason for the prevailing "stomach trouble" among men of business.

There is a certain remedy for diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It is Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. The worst cases of dyspepsia and catarrh of the stomach have been cured by this medicine. It cures where all other means have failed to cure.

"I took two bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for stomach trouble," writes Clarence Carter, Esq., of Taylorstown, London Co., Va. "It did me so much good that I didn't take any more. I can eat most anything now. I am so well pleased with it I hardly know how to thank you for your kind information. I tried a whole lot of things before I wrote to you. There was a gentleman told me about your medicine, and how it had cured his wife. I thought I would try a bottle of it. Am now glad I did, for I don't know what I would have done if it had not been for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery."



An Impression.

If we believe what Rumor says
In speech both grave and funny,
The modest people get the praise,
The bold ones get the money.
—New York World.

Sagacity.

Mrs. Fuss—I have kept my last hired girl a month.
Mrs. Flip—Dear me! Do you keep her locked up?—Ohio State Journal.

The Age of the Clever Heroine.

The weeping heroine has fled,
The fainting heroine's no more;
For gain or loss we have instead
One who talks epigram galore.

Evidently an Amateur.

Gladys—They say Harold is an expert in the art of self defense.
Ethel—Nonsense! Edith made him propose in just one week.—Puck.

Increasing Requirements.

They used to ask you, "Are you fit
Fame's sounding plaudits to entice,"
But now they say, "Have you the wit?"
And, likewise, "Have you got the price?"
—Washington Star.

His Idea.

Teacher—What do you mean by a "quietus?"
Pupil—A blow in the solar plexus.—Puck.

Immense.

Affliction sore long time he bore,
But now, with joyous look,
He swings his arm, secure from harm;
His vaccination "took."
—Somerville Journal.

Doubtful.

"Was her hair always blond?"
"M'm—well, I have a dark suspicion
that it wasn't."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

An Easy Mark.

'Tis a saying true and true
That pride goes before a fall;
'Tis easy quite to trip a man
Who thinks he knows it all.
—Chicago News.

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SYMPATHY

Fitting Communications to the
Bereaved Family of
Engineer Moore.

The following communications, tendered in testimony to the services of a deceased citizen, speak for themselves:

Chatham, February 18th, 1902.

Mrs. James Moore.

Dear Madam,—By resolution of the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Chatham, I am instructed to convey to you your most sincere condolence, and sympathy with you in the affliction which has so recently overtaken you through the death of your husband, the late James Moore.

And to express to you their deep sense of loss and regret in the removal of such a faithful and deserving employee.

Hoping that both you and your family may be comforted and sustained in your bereavement by the God of Love and confidently looking forward to a future meeting with your loved one who has gone before.

I beg to remain, on behalf of the Board, yours sincerely,
JAMES E. WEIR,
Secretary.

Chatham, February 10, 1902.

Mrs. Martha Jane Moore.

Dear Madam,—Appointed a committee of Western City Lodge, No. 93, I. O. O. F., we attend you this evening to assure you of the love and sympathy of the members of our beloved order for you, now rendered a widow through the death of our late lamented brother, James Moore, of esteemed and beloved memory.

Admitted to membership in the lodge on October 14, 1874 (more than 27 years ago), he manifested a burning zeal for the promotion of the pure business and enthusiasm. His principles of Oddfellowship were duly recognized by his brethren, who advanced him from step to step through the various offices in our lodge, until he attained the highest and most honorable position of Noble Grand.

Having discharged the duties of this office to the entire satisfaction of his brethren they entrusted him with the high and honorable office of Treasurer which he held through many years, and in which through the benefactions of the lodge, he relieved the widows and orphans and brought happiness to the hearts of the distressed. His presence in the lodge seemed to be indispensable to the successful working; for all the brethren had the fullest confidence in his wisdom and judgment, and he continued to attend its meetings with much regularity and to discharge with strictest fidelity the duties of the responsible office of Treasurer, until after his acceptance of the situation of Engineer of the City Water Works, all his leisure hours were laid under contribution to the city.

The Oddfellows of Chatham, who know the worth of our departed brother, can in some slight degree realize the sense of loss and loneliness under which you must labor in this period of your affliction and grief.

We commend you to the God of all comfort, who doeth all things well, and to the work of his grace, which is the ground of our hope that we shall be reunited in that unseen state, to which we are all tending; where there shall be neither sorrow, nor sighing, nor death, and God shall wipe away all tears from every eye.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth.

WILLIAM POTTER, P. G.
ALFRED M. ALFORD, P. G.
T. V. CHALLINOR, P. G.,
Committee.

N. C. GIBSON,
Recording Secretary.

THE FASHIONS.

The Angora got, so called because it is white and fluffy, is in evidence on many of the new veillings in fancy meshes and chiffons.

Brussels nets of the finest meshes are again in favor for evening dresses in white or black, like point d'esprit, and they threaten to rival those of the long popular chiffon or mousseline brillante.

Some of the very latest of the long enveloping coats, or those in three-quarter length, are made in modified Russian blouse style at the top, and these models are extremely becoming to girlish figures.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

The sun is traveling at forty miles a second, about 40,000 times as fast as an express train.

The comet of 1843 was the only one during the last century which could be seen in broad daylight.

The solar orb would appear blue to anybody who should view it outside of this planet's atmosphere.

The shadow of the moon which falls on the earth during an eclipse of the sun is usually about fifty miles in diameter.

The moon enjoys 254½ hours of sunlight at a time and then an equal amount of darkness, making her day equal to 29.53 of our day.

It is a law of science that sound cannot travel through a vacuum. The sound waves require the atmospheric conditions for their vibration.

Stars seem to rise and set, like the sun, on account of the earth's revolution on her axis. They seem to rise four minutes earlier every night, on account of the earth's revolution in her orbit.

Polaris is a triple star. The bright star—the North star—moves about the center of mass itself and a dark companion star in 3 days, 23 hours and 14 minutes. These two stars also move slowly around another dark star in a long period.

Distinguished Physicians

TALK ABOUT DEAFNESS.

They Point Out the Cause of Progressive Hardness of Hearing and Show Conclusively How it May be Cured.



Says a well-known ear specialist:—"Deafness in ninety per cent of the cases is the direct result of closure of the eustachian tube (a little passage way leading from the middle of the ear to the back part of the throat) from catarrhal inflammation of its mucous membrane. Then follows a gradual narrowing of the tube, with consequent intrusion of the drum, and an impaction of the ossicular arch, with a gradual ankylosis of the ossicular articulations, and a progressive stenosis of the eustachian tubes."

An editorial in The Medical Brief, a journal published by and for physicians and having the largest circulation of any strictly professional medical publication in the world, says, (10-1901, p. 1517):

"Deafness is becoming increasingly common, and the frequent failure of local treatment makes it necessary that we look for systemic conditions which may play a part in the continuance of the trouble."

At least three fourths of the cases of deafness are due to catarrhal disease involving the eustachian tube. Simply cleansing, diseased mucous surfaces, inflating the middle ear, injecting medicaments, etc., will make no permanent impression so long as constitutional conditions remain unchanged.

Persistent medication with careful attention to hygiene may yield an amelioration of the trouble, and as deafness is a very great affliction, hampering the individual in a business way and shutting out much enjoyment, even a slight improvement is well worth working for."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets constitute the best, most reliable, and economical internal or constitutional remedy for catarrh anywhere about the body, acting, as they do, through the blood they search out and attack the disease wherever it may lurk. That this

medicine cures catarrhal deafness is attested by many worthy and reliable people.

Mr. C. R. Rembrandt, of Rochester, N. Y., says: "I have suffered much from catarrh of the head, throat and stomach. I used sprays, inhalers, and powders for months at a time with only slight relief and had no hope of cure. I had not the means to make a change of climate, which seemed my only chance of cure. Last spring I read an account of some remarkable cures made by Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and promptly bought a fifty cent box from my druggist and obtained such positive benefit from that one package that I continued to use them daily until I now consider myself entirely free from the disgusting annoyance of catarrh, my head is clear, my digestion all I could ask and my hearing which had begun to fail as a result of the catarrh, has greatly improved until I can hear as well as ever."

Mr. James W. Brown says: "I suffered from catarrh deafness for years and spent hundreds of dollars with specialists, without relief. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets completely cured my catarrh and to-day I can hear as well as I ever could."

F. Mitchell Hawes, the famous barytone, in a personal letter to a friend said: "I am going back to my beloved profession next month. This will surprise you I know, for when I last saw you I never expected to sing again, but I am entirely cured of my catarrh and my hearing is now as acute as ever. I used Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and in three weeks they had done for me more than all the specialists to whom I had paid thousands of dollars and now I am entirely well."

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