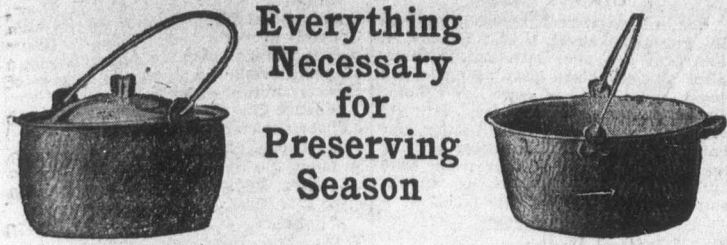


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How Portuguese Entered Africa.
Portuguese Africa was a byproduct of the long efforts to discover and maintain a maritime route to India, independent of the services of Turks and Moors as commercial intermediaries. This was the primary object alike of Prince Henry the Navigator, of Vasco da Gama and of all the Portuguese explorers and colonizers, and the Portuguese empire in Africa east and west, the colonization of Brazil, the conquest of Mexico and the navigation of the strait of Magellan were incidental results. The fascination of India has been second to nothing in its effects upon the map. It drew Columbus to America and England to South Africa.—London Mail.

"G. B. S." WAS BEATEN.

The Irish Dramatist Was Worsted in the Argument.

George Bernard Shaw has been declaring that there is too much "snubbing of intelligence" during the war, and that the men with real brains are not given sufficient chance to distinguish themselves. It is not often that Mr. Shaw is worsted in an argument, but on one occasion at least he met his match. He was at a dinner party when a young lady guest professed to be able to read character from writing. "G. B. S." scouted the idea. Now, it so happened that their host had just got a typewriter, and Mr. Shaw remarked that here at least was one kind of writing that would reveal nothing of a person's character. The young lady stood by her guns and declared that she could even read character from type as well as from handwriting, whereupon, the famous dramatist challenged her to try.

Picking over his letters one by one on the machine, he wrote his name; but, as he was not used to handling a typewriter, when he had finished, it read like this: "BERNARD shaw."

"Your character is as plain as day," said the young lady triumphantly. "It is your idea that, although there are a good many Shaws in the world, they are an undistinguished lot. But you think that you alone are Bernard and your name is great."

Danger of St. Paul's.

"The critical part of the work in connection with securing the safety of St. Paul's dome will be finished in a few weeks," said Canon Alexander, addressing the Workers' Education Association at St. Paul's Chapter House recently, "but the whole work will take from ten to fifteen years." The first part of the scheme, he said, consisted of the removal of inflammable material from the building, even to the wooden floors and galleries. A great system of hydrants for extinguishing fire was carried right up to the dome, and with the help of an electric pump they were now able to carry water right up to the top of any part of the building and right over the cross on top. For the first time in the history of St. Paul's they were now able to deal adequately with any outbreak of fire. Some people would be surprised to know that it was one of the most dangerous buildings in London. Now it had been made one of the safest.

History dated the completion of the present cathedral at 1710, but it was a mistake, and was due, he thought, to Sir Christopher Wren's falling memory. The correct date was 1708 for in the cathedral there were accounts of the original building which stated that the last stone was placed on the lantern in October, 1708. They had recently had to appeal for £70,000, and about half the sum was still needed.

Why They Laughed.

Mr. Weedon Grossmith, the popular comedian, tells a story of one of his early attempts to entertain. His friend of his, Mr. Walter Webb, who had a house in the country, had fitted up a large barn as a sort of theatre, and every now and then he gave entertainments there, to which the neighboring rustics were invited. On one occasion Mr. Crossmith went down to give an entertainment.

"The laughter was so great when I was on the stage," Mr. Crossmith said, "that I became greatly embarrassed, as I could scarcely account for it. The laughter became so great that at last Mr. Webb rose and addressed the audience. 'I know,' he said, 'how difficult it is to restrain our mirth when Mr. Grossmith is on the stage, but if we don't check our laughter the performance won't be over till midnight.'"

A burly farmer replied, "Excuse me, Muster Webb, it bain't Mr. Crossmith we be laughin' at, but someone have left the barn door open, an' all the pigs have got in, an' they be nigh pushin' of us off our seats!"

Outwitting a Bore.

Like most celebrities, Lord Rosebery has had to suffer a good deal from the attentions of utter strangers. At one time he was often annoyed by an old lady who called upon him almost daily. Of course, his Lordship always managed to avoid her when he was at home, but one day she happened to see him just as

he was about to enter his carriage. "My lord," she called out, "I must see you on a very important matter."

"Very well, madam," said Lord Rosebery, holding open the door of the carriage for her, "I beg of you to get in."

Delighted at the idea of driving with such a famous man, the old lady immediately jumped into the vehicle, but his Lordship gently closed the door on her, and before she could remonstrate, she heard him say to the coachman: "Take this lady wherever she wishes to go, James, and then home."

Looking out of the window the now irate old lady saw her late victim stepping into a cab. After that she did not worry Lord Rosebery again.

Baronies Revived.

A barony which was suppressed in 1603 is revived by an order of the King which has just been issued.

This barony is that of Cobham, which has been in abeyance under the Act of Attainder of 1603. A bill is to be introduced in Parliament for the purpose of calling the barony out of attainder in the favor of Mr. Gervase Disney Alexander.

The Baronies of Strabolgi, Burgh, and Dudley are also revived in favor of Mr. Cuthbert Matthias Kenworthy, Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Henry Keith, and Lieutenant-Colonel Ferdinando Dudley William Lea-Smith, respectively.

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A Sad Fact.

What we need in this sad world is not greater equality of opportunity, but a more stable equilibrium in labor. We either have nothing at all to do and starve to death, or have too much to do and work ourselves to death, until the chief aim of man would seem to be merely to shuffle off this mortal coil.

Sad Ending.

"Editors demand stories that end happily. Perhaps that accounts for your lack of success."

"Possibly," replied the young author, with a rather sickly smile. "All mine have a sad ending—they go into the waste paper basket."

The Danger.

"It was while traveling in Switzerland that I proposed to Miss Smith on the verge of a mountain gorge."

"Horrors! Suppose she had thrown you over!"

Corn Can Pop Only Once.

Ethel (munching and chattering)—How white corn gets when it pops. Marie—Yes; just like some men when they pop.

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A Sum in Arithmetic That Would Take Many Lifetimes to Work Out.

What is the highest number that can be expressed with only three figures? Such is the question put by the Journal of the Astronomical Society of England. At first glance it would seem that the number was 999. But it is nothing of the sort; 999 is far away too small. What, then, is the number? 9⁹—that is to say, the ninth power of the ninth power of 9.

To ascertain what this number actually is we must refer to a table of logarithms, for it would take several lifetimes to do the multiplication. The number contains 369,693,100 figures. To write it out we should have to fill 23 volumes of 800 pages each, with 14,000 figures to a page, and the number would be greater than that of all the atoms in creation.

Henri Coupin points out in La Nature that there are stars so distant that their light, traveling at 186,320 miles a second, takes a million years to reach the earth. Astronomers have taken this as a unit and called it a "million light year." The number of atoms in a sphere of platinum that had that radius would be 225, followed by 88 zeros. Now, a sphere that contained the number of atoms expressed by the ninth power of the ninth power of 9 would have to have a radius (in million light years) of 1,239, followed by 123,231,000 zeros.

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Lorne Lucas, Frank Yerks, Chas. Potter.

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Percy Mitchell, Lloyd Howden, Geo. Fountain, Gordon H. Patterson, died in Victoria Hospital, London.

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70TH BATTALION
Ernest Lawrence, —Emmerson, C. H. Loveday, A. Banks, S. R. Wholton, Thos. Moyers, Jos. M. Wardman, Vern Brown, Sid Brown, Alf. Bullough.

28TH BATTALION
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70TH BATTERY
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