

ABSENT-MINDED LONDON.

Lost Property Office at Scotland Yard

Tells Own Tale.

Londoners, in the opinion of Scotland Yard, are the most absent-minded people in the world. Every day the Yard's lost-property office is becoming more and more congested with such a medley of articles as could only be matched by the contents of a pawnbroker's storehouse. When a Daily Mail reporter called there he found it crisscrossed with overcoats, raincoats, hats, handbags, purses full of money and notes, cameras, vacuum flasks, suitcases, and even portmanteaux packed with holiday outfit. There were countless walking-sticks, parasols and umbrellas, stacked on a line of wide shelves from floor to ceiling.

"We get on an average about 150 walking-sticks and umbrellas brought in every day," said one of the officers on duty. "Judging from the number of things brought here, people are becoming terribly careless. There were more than 100 things lost on the way to the office."

Most of the articles which find their way to the lost-property department are delivered by taxicab drivers. It is detected that the majority of people who use taxicabs are in a hurry and are thinking of something to do at the moment of the journey; therefore, they are likely to be more absent-minded than people who travel on tramway-cars or omnibuses.

It is found that few things are left in taxicabs, but many are collected by omnibus conductors.

An extraordinarily large number of hand bags and travelling cases are lost during every holiday rush from London. In many instances suit cases have been lost on the tops of taxicabs when their drivers have made a dash for a train on reaching the station. Thousands of parcels are lost behind every month in underground trains—generally by passengers who become absorbed in a book or short journey and forget to take them.

But such is the honesty of London's taxicab drivers, omnibus drivers, and train conductors, that one may generally count on recovering a lost article at the Yard's lost-property office—on payment of a fee in the case of its value being handed over as a reward to the finder. At the same time it may be recorded as the for the officers of carelessness.

Stories of Mrs. Gladstone.

There are many amusing stories told of Mrs. Gladstone's absent-mindedness, of which the following by Lord Meath are typical. Mrs. Gladstone was Lord Meath's mother, and she was, to quote her noble nephew, somewhat vague at times. On one occasion I received an invitation to dinner from her, written on a half-sheet of paper, and on turning it over, I found it was a tradesman's bill, and across the red ink were written the words, "This is the tenth application." On another occasion, when I was sitting round a table at a public meeting, and on the platform on one side of me sat my mother and on the other side sat Mrs. Gladstone. She seemed very pleased with the speech I made, and after I had finished my remarks she said to my mother, speaking across me, "May I kiss him?" and without waiting for a reply she embraced me before the whole meeting. I was still in her arms as she little could see that she was being watched over from behind.

Luxury in Almshouse.

Moreton College, England, a gem of architecture, the most luxuriously equipped almshouse in existence. Admission is strictly limited to merchants who have fallen on evil times. More clerics are not eligible, candidates being required to prove that they have been established in a large way of business for themselves. Each member of the college draws a yearly allowance of £500, and on admission receives a substantial grant of furniture for his two rooms. There are well-trained men servants, and one maid servant is allotted to every three sets of rooms. Members must attend a certain number of chapel, and be in by 11 p.m. If they come in at all, but there is no other restriction on their liberty, and they can go away for weeks at a time if they choose.

Who Knew Was?

In classic mythology Mars is the Greek name of the deity termed Cupido or Amor by the Romans. He was the son of Mars and Venus, and was generally represented with pointed wings, and armed with a quiver of arrows, which he shot into the bosoms of those gods and men that he would inflame with the passion of love. He was the constant companion of his mother, and was often represented blindfolded. Previous to the time of Alexander the Great Mars was conceived as a handsome youth, but in later times the poets describe him as a wanton boy, from whose cruel shafts neither gods nor mortals were safe.

Gymnasium Made.

John Oliver Symmes lived from 1779 to 1829. He claimed that the earth was open at the North and South Poles for the admission of light and air, and contained within it other concentric globes all inhabitable in a like manner. His belief in this theory was so strong, notwithstanding the general ridicule heaped upon "Gymnasium Hall"—as it was popularly called—that he both wrote and lectured on the subject. A petition was finally presented to Congress in 1825 asking that an expedition be fitted out to investigate, but nothing was done about it.

Star-chasing.

History verifies the fact that the practice of star-chasing, which came in fashion in England in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, was invented by a Welsh woman about the middle of the fifteenth century. She was said to hide a diamond on her neck with an enormous rub.

The Universe Dissected

Sir Ernest Rutherford on Study of Radio-Activity

Twenty-five years ago Sir Ernest Rutherford, then a young Bachelor of Science, read his first paper before the British Association meeting at Liverpool, England.

Recently Sir Ernest Rutherford addressed the British Association at their present meeting, and his speech, broadcast by wireless, was listened to by people in all parts of the country.

No wonder that Sir Ernest described the interval between the two Liverpool meetings as marking "the heroic age of physical science." The Palladium Hall, where he spoke, was crowded with a distinguished assemblage of scientists.

The talk of the presidential address this year was "The Structure of Matter," the subject which has been Sir Ernest's life work. The whole conception of the atom, he said, was revolutionized by the study of radio-activity.

The radio-active elements provide us for the first time with a glimpse into nature's laboratory and allow us to watch and study, not only the changes that have their origin in the heart of the radio-active atom, but also the changes that have their origin in the heart of the ordinary atom. Now the minute atom has been split up, and science has discovered that each alpha particle produces a flash of light easily visible in a dark room when it falls on a screen coated with crystals of zinc sulphide.

The later advances in wireless telegraphy and wireless telephony have largely depended on the application of the results of fundamental researches on the properties of electric waves, as illustrated in the use of the thermionic valve or electron tube, which has proved such an indispensable agent both for the transmission and reception of electric waves.

The hopes of those who have foreseen the possibilities of a new source of energy for practical purposes in radium were dashed by the president. It was admitted that the total evolution of energy during the complete disintegration of one gram of radium is many millions of times greater than in the combustion of an equal weight of coal, and since it was believed that the radio-active elements were analogous in structure to the ordinary inactive elements, the idea arose that by means of all the elements contained a similar concentration of energy which would be available for use if only some simple method could be discovered of promoting and controlling their disintegration.

Unfortunately there is no evidence that the rate of disintegration can be altered in the slightest degree, and there is by no means the slightest possibility to-day that the atoms of an element contain hidden stores of energy.

Concluding his review, the president paid a special tribute to the work of Rutherford and his co-workers in the Department of Physics at the University of Manchester.

Many Monkeys.

The despatch vessel "Surprise" is offered by the British Admiralty for sale to buyers of any nationality or for scrapping. Disguised under this name is one of the best known steam yachts in the world. She was built on the Clyde in 1896 for A. J. Dreier, the United States millionaire. In 1898 she was bought by King Leopold of Belgium. She was the Belgian royal yacht until 1917, when she was sold to an American, who disposed of her early in the war to the Russian Government to convert into the cruiser "Razvyet." In 1920 she was sent out to Malta, renamed "Surprise," and after being out as a dispatch vessel for the commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean station.

Cheese or Thistles.

Allotment holders at Sandgate have requested that a fine crop of thistles growing on W.D. land should be cut down by soldiers. It is pointed out that they would possibly have obtained the assistance of a few young soldiers, thus putting the thistles in more practical use. For in Scotland, despite the "White Star" motto, which often devoured by hungry youths. The head, having been cut off, is shown of its down, and the centre eaten like cheese when it comes to resemble in taste and consistency.

Clever Explanation.

A lady whose first husband was a minister, a delightful man, married, some years after his death, his brother, a successful lawyer. Now on her library desk stands a picture of the partner of her first joys and sorrows, and one day a curious caller asked her what it was. "That," said the hostess with evident emotion, "is a picture of my husband's brother, who died some years ago and was very dear to us both."

Mystical Fields.

The name is frequently used to denote Elysium, the happy land or paradise of the blessed ones after death, according to Greek and Roman mythology. The region in the neighborhood of Etna, Italy, bounding in gardens and vineyards, is often so-called on account of its resemblance to the description of Elysium given by Virgil.

Dodging Work.

Julius Funtin says in these busy times a work-dodger is liable to be kept busy sidestepping—18 hours a day.

Cloverdale Notes

Mr. and Mrs. John Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Linda Crabb, Mr. and Mrs. John Crabb were the guests of Mrs. Albert Jones on Christmas Day, where she is cooking at Indian Brook camp.

The people of this place spent a very enjoyable evening at the reception given by Mrs. John Hill in honor of her brother, William Jones.

Miss Frances Orser came home to spend her Christmas with her parents after being in Lincoln, Mass. for over a year.

Mrs. Ellen Crabb is gaining after an attack of pneumonia which she contracted during the past week.

The young people of this place attended a dance given at Jos. Melvin's at Brandon on Christmas night. All report a very enjoyable time.

Thomas Graydon, who recently returned from Detroit, has been visiting friends in this place.

Wesley Orser spent his Christmas with friends at Cliff Lake.

Mrs. Kenneth Wallace has been visiting relatives at Fredericton and Scotch Lake.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. G. M. Orser on December 28. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Jones were callers at Mrs. Allen Orser's on Sunday.

Miss Georgia Orser spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. C. A. Crabb. Our teacher, Miss Camp from Jemseg, will teach again the following term.

The Ladies Aid will meet at Mrs. Woodford Jones on Wednesday.

Samuel Hill has returned home after spending Christmas with his son Coy of Knoxport.

MRS. ALEX ROSS

The death of Mrs. Alex Ross occurred on December 28 at the Aroostook Hospital where she had undergone an operation only a few days before. She was 69 years of age. She leaves to mourn the loss of a kind and loving wife and mother.

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Beginning at a post standing on the eastern shore or bank of the said North Branch of the Beagumac River, at the southwest angle of lot number eighty-five granted to William M. Cole, nell in Northville, thence running by the magnet south seventy-two degrees and fifteen minutes east seventy-eight chains (thence south seventeen degrees and forty-nine minutes west seventy-two chains and fifty links, thence north seventy-two degrees and fifteen minutes west, eighty-four chains to another post standing on the bank of shore on the east of said north branch of the said Beagumac and thence along the said river following the seven corners thereof along its stream to a northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less and distinguished as Lot "12" in Northville or Carleton.

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