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## Historic Freaks of Wather.

While many people are discussing what they call unusual weather conditions, a great many strange and freakish capers of the north wind can be added to our personal store of experiences if we will take the trouble to consult the records of weather conditions during the past centuries. One would believe from such records that the earth is really experiencing less cold than formerly, which tends to disprove the theory that this planet is going through a gradual cooling process.

Certain sections of Europe furnish many more freakish cold weather happenings than any other part of the world. Beginning with the fifth century of the Christian era, weather records disclose the fact that the Black Sea was completely tied up with a thick coating of ice for more than twenty days during the year 401, while just 367 years later both the Black Sea and Dardanelles were frozen over for a long period. In the year 402 the Danube River had ice of such depth that an army crossed and recrossed it several times in the course of its manoeuvres. In almost frost-proof Constantinople the very next year there was a continual run of frost from October 1 to Feb. 1, after which the customary balmy weather returned. Going on further north in Europe, we find that in 823 the Danube, the Rhine, the Elbe and the Seine rivers were frozen over hard enough to support heavy vehicle traffic. Even the warm Adriatic Sea, in the region of the much contested city of Fiume, is reported as frozen in the year 860.

Just fourteen years later the whole of Europe was visited by a big snow-storm, which continued from the beginning of November to the last of March, easily holding the record for snowfall during all the time that account has been kept of these happenings.

Not to be eclipsed in freakish cold weather doings, the Danube two years later was frozen into one big stream of solid ice and remained in this condition for a long time. Even the Cattagat, where the English defeated the German navy in the greatest naval engagement of the war, took its turn at an icy coat in the year 1201 and people walked across from Norway to Jutland. Thirty-one years later the same conditions were repeated, at which time the Rhine and other German rivers were traversed by all the traffic of the day. During the winter of 1344 all the rivers and other waters of Italy were frozen over, and in the same year it was so cold in Denmark that even the wolves crossed over to Jutland on the ice in their efforts to reach a warmer place.

Ent Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread.—april 8, 1920.

## Queer Substitutes for Rent.

At the forthcoming visit of the Prince of Wales to his Duchy of Cornwall the following "reliefs" will be paid—a greyhound for the manor of Elerky, guided spurs for the manor of Penrose, and a goatskin mantle for Swanncott, and other "reliefs" are a salmon spear, white gloves, and various roses. Roses, by the way, are quite a common form of this acknowledgment of feudal tenure, but though many of these charges are only due when the lord comes to his manor, examination of ancient charters often shows that the roses have to be ordered at Christmas. Chifford Castle, for instance, is held by the payment of a rose on Christmas Day, and of a specified quantity of snow on Midsummer Day, or in default the payment of a fine. As payment could never be made properly, it always meant the payment of a fine in lieu, and this was no doubt intended. Marlborough pays to somebody every year one white bullock, two white cocks, and two white greyhounds, though what for does not appear. Sheffield Castle and manor are held by the payment of two white greyhounds, but the most curious tenure of all is that of the lands of Pennycook (Midlothian), which are held by the service of the blast of a horn from a certain stone whenever the Sovereign enters upon the estate. Many services which are now regarded as privileges were formerly demanded and enforced as rent, and there are really many hundreds of them in existence.



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## "It Is Well."

The Last Words of Famous People.  
Not always is the ruling passion strong in death. The last expressions of some famous people have been almost trivial:—

Socrates: "Krito, we owe a cock to Asclepius; discharge the debt, and by no means omit it."  
King James V. of Scotland: "It came with a lass, and it will go with one." (Alluding to the intelligence brought to him, that his wife was delivered of a daughter, the heiress of the crown, and to the fact of the crown having come into his family by the daughter of King Robert Bruce.)  
Raleigh: "Why dost thou not strike? Strike, man!" (To the executioner, who was hesitating.)

Charles I.: "Remember!"  
Charles II.: "Don't let poor Nelly starve."

Haller: "The artery ceases to beat."  
Mme. de Pompadour: "Un moment, Monsieur de Cury, nous nous en irons ensemble." ("One moment—we will go together." To the cure of the Madeleine, who had called to see her, and was taking his leave, as she seemed just about to expire.)  
Dr. Franklin: "A dying man can do nothing easy."

Dr. William Hunter: "If I had strength enough to hold a pen, I would write how easy and pleasant a thing it is to die."

Thurlow: "I'm shot if I don't believe I'm dying!"  
Burns: "That scoundrel, Matthew Penn!" (The solicitor who had written to him about a debt, and had inspired the poet with fears of a jail.)  
Washington: "It is well."

Nelson: "I thank God I have done my duty."

Napoleon: "Mon Dieu—La Nation Française—Tête d'armée—"

Byron: "I must sleep now."

Talma: "The worst of all is that I cannot see."

George IV.: "Watty, what is this? It is death, my boy—they have deceived me."

Goethe: "More light!"

Earl of Eldon: "It matters not to me, where I am going, whether the weather be hot or cold." (In answer to a remark that it was a cold day.)

Gainsborough: "We are all going to Heaven, and Vandyke is of the company."

Earl of Chesterfield: "Give Dryden a chair."

Cromwell: "It is not my design to drink or sleep, but my design is to make what haste I can to be gone."

Grotius: "Be serious."

Mohammed: "Oh, Allah! be it so—among the glorious associates in Paradise."

General Wolfe: "What, do they run already? Then I die happy."

Sir John Moore: "Sinhope, remember me to your sister."

Johnson: "God bless you, my dear." (To a Miss Morris, who asked him for his blessing.)

Roosevelt: "Please put out the light."—John O' London's Weekly.

## Camphor From Formosa

Practically all the camphor in the world comes from Formosa. An average camphor tree 12 feet in circumference at its base, yields enough camphor at present prices to bring its owner \$7,500. The camphor laurel is but one of a number of trees which grow together. They grow wild; in old days some as big as 40 feet in circumference were found, but these soon fell to the axes of the wasteful pioneer camphor-gatherers, and now they must be sought in the jungles. Camphor-gathering is not a simple task. Apart from the labor of scaling the trees, cutting them down, and extracting the camphor, in many parts of Formosa the camphor workers perform their labors under armed guard. For the thick woods sometimes swarm with unseen but deadly head-hunters. Even with the efficient protection supplied by the Japanese—who now control the island, and who have made camphor a Government monopoly—workers now and then fall at their work. When a camphor tree is felled every bit of the wood is preserved and reduced to chips. These chips are placed in a report above water which is kept boiling by a fire built beneath. The vapor which rises contains the camphor, which is condensed into the solid white mass we all know.

## After Six Years.

Soldier's Remarkable Experience.

To have a lump of jagged metal embedded in one's tongue for six years and not to know it sounds an incredible story, but there is a man in Bishop's Stortford, Hertford, to whom it has actually happened. He is William Childs, employed as a postman there. Local doctors have removed from the back of his tongue a piece of shell weighing a half-ounce. It has certainly mystified the doctors. Childs is just as mystified about it himself, but he knows how the metal got there.

It happened in May, 1915, when, as he was advancing with his platoon at Hill 60, he received about 20 splinters from a shell in the face. He lost the sight of his left eye. He remembered nothing more until he regained consciousness in Bristol Hospital, where he lay for ten months.

"Ever since," said Childs, "I had difficulty in eating, and I used to get,

hung up when talking. One day I happened to look in the mirror and saw a hole at the back of my tongue, which had not healed up. I went to a doctor, who discovered the piece of shell. Until then I had no idea it was there."

## Taking Precautions.

An amusing anecdote concerning Lord Northcliffe is told by Mrs. Stuart Menzies in "Modern Men of Mark."

Some time ago a child was run over and killed by a motor-car, the driver of which disappeared.

Lord Northcliffe offered a reward of £100 for the arrest of the inhuman chauffeur, only to discover that it was his own brother's car.

Soon after this (says Mrs. Menzies) a girl was murdered by an unknown assassin.

A friend of Lord Northcliffe asked if he were going to offer a reward again. "Well," he replied, his eyes twinkling, "I think I'll wait and find out."

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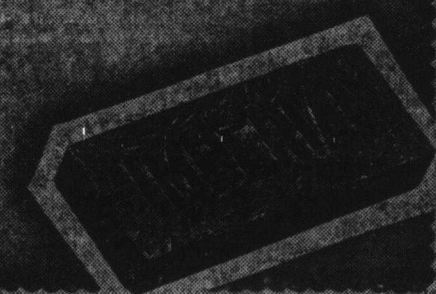
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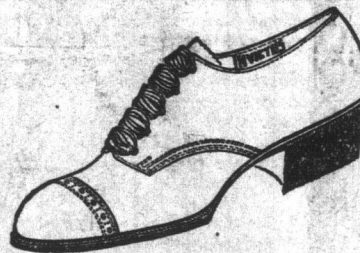
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## Odd and Interesting.

Greek and Roman doors invariably open outwards. A person passing out of a house is, therefore, obliged to knock on the door before opening it to avoid a collision with a passer-by.

An engineer looks forward to the time when specially constructed passenger-carrying airplanes will make hourly trips to Ireland. All we can say, says Punch, is that anybody can have our seat.

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