

Trees That Give Light.

There is a remarkable tree or shrub in a small gulch near some springs about twelve miles of Tuscarora. It is about six or seven feet in height, with a trunk which, at its base, is three times the size of a man's wrist. Its remarkable characteristic is its foliage, which, at certain seasons of the year is so luminous that it can be plainly distinguished on the darkest night for a distance of more than a mile, while in its immediate vicinity it emits sufficient light to enable a person to read the finest print. Its foliage is extremely rank, and its leaves resemble somewhat, in size, shape, and colour, those of the aromatic bay tree of California. The luminous property is evidently parasitic, and consists of a sort of gummy substance, which upon being transferred by rubbing to a person's hand, imparts to it the same apparently phosphorescent light, while that on the leaf entirely disappears. The only reasonable explanation for this phenomenon that we can imagine is that the leaves possess some quality which either generates or attracts phosphoric matter.



WALT MASON

So live that when a reverse comes you have in hand a decent sum. There is no more absurd mistake than that of blowing all we make. Reverses come to every one, in single file, in groups of four; they may be long upon the way, but they will reach your shack some day; you may fall ill of mumps or gout, the job you hold may disintegrate; your cherished pet may disappear, your aunt may come to spend a year. And when the day of sorrow dawns, and you are numbered with the pawns with which Misfortune idly plays, how much cold money can you raise? Are your resources merely dreams of money thrown away in streams? "Was but a little while ago that every gent had lots of dough; the worker drew a princely hire, and I wore out a costly lyre—seeing him to save the mon while it was coming by the ton. Some wise boys listened to my rede and salted down their chicken feed but nine gay fellows out of ten just threw away the iron men; and when the boom went up in smoke the cold gray morning found them broke. To blow the useful money in—it is our great besetting sin, and so the wolves of famine yell where peace and comfort ought to dwell.

Rhône Rich in History.

At one time or another most of the people of the ancient world, Gauls, Romans, Carthaginians, Germans, Franks, Huns, Goths, Saracens, dwell upon the Rhône, and contributed its part, rich in historical events. Even the Persians have left their mark. Their god Mithra is carved on a rock at Bourg-St. Andeol. The boatmen on the Rhône were very important at one time and formed a little colony of their own, with traditions that went back to the Middle Ages; they still use the word "empire" (empire) to describe the right bank of the river, and "relaine" in describing its left bank. Now they have lost much of their importance, having been replaced by steamboats and trains, as was predicted in Minstrel's poem of the Rhône, where one of the characters interprets the bas relief of Mithra as a symbol of the early navigation of the river.

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Death Dance of Weasel.

The death dance of the weasel is quite the cleverest act performed by any wild creature to obtain food. He will practice upon English lapwings, for these birds are very inquisitive. He sees the birds in the middle of a large meadow. Running through the grass, he gets as near to them as he can without being seen. Now he begins to dance; he jumps up and down, not very quickly at first, but just raising himself above the grass. The birds cease feeding and look at the strange creature. The weasel now seems to have gone mad. He twists, tumbles, falls over and over, bounces up and down, but all the time getting just a little closer to the bird he has marked. The lapwing's prying nature sends them closer to the little animal. Wilder grows his antics, closer and closer he works toward the birds. He is now in the middle of an admiring group. Suddenly there is a spring, a startled cry from a bird, a flutter of frightened wings, and the birds fly off. But the teeth of the weasel are fixed firmly in the neck of the bird he has won.

Origin of "Whip."

The parliamentary origin of the term "whip" goes back to 1768. In that year, according to Sir Courtenay Ilbert, clerk of the British House of Commons from 1802 to 1821, there was a great debate in the House on a petition against the return of Colonel Luttrell for Westminster in place of John Wilkes, the printer, who had been expelled from the House by its order. The government made strenuous efforts to bring together all their followers for the division, and Edmund Burke, referring scornfully to the manner in which men had been summoned post-haste even from the continent, likened the activity of the ministers to the whipping-in of a pack of hounds. The phrase caught on. The treasury officials became "whippers-in," and, by rapid process of abbreviation, whips.

Those Who Refuse Titles

The list of illustrious persons who were offered titles and refused them is an interesting one. Among politicians Gladstone and Chamberlain repeatedly refused, and more recently Mr. Asquith waived an earldom and the Garter. Lord James of Hereford, when he became Solicitor-General, de-

clined for some time to accept the knighthood which invariably goes with the post, and only yielded to the strong pressure of his chief. Henry Hallam refused the baronetcy which was pressed upon him by Peel, and a similar honor was declined by Gen. Grote and G. F. Watts, R.A., whilst Carlyle, when Disraeli offered him the Grand Commandership of the Bath, declared that folk would only interpret G.C.B. as Grand Cap and Bella. Among living writers Mr. John Galsworthy has the unique distinction of having had his name actually printed, without ever having been approached in the matter, in one of the Lloyd Georgian Honor Lists.

The Most Widely Distributed Animal.

No animal is met with over so wide an area of the earth's surface as man. The creature which most nearly approaches him in this respect is undoubtedly the dog, which, in one form or another, is to be found everywhere except in the West Indies, Madagascar, and the Oceanic Islands. Even in these places dogs have been introduced by men who came from countries where they abounded. In making the above statement, the word "dog" is taken to be equivalent to the more scientific term of Canidae, which genus includes not merely the domestic dogs of various races, but wolves, foxes, jackals, and wild dogs, which all belong to the same great family. There is, indeed, no doubt that our canine pets are actually descended from the same common ancestors as the wild creatures just mentioned. Rats and mice are found almost everywhere on the earth's surface, except in the central portions of the African and Australian continents, and in the cold regions of the extreme North and South. Bats, too, are very widely distributed, and are, indeed, found everywhere in the tropical and temperate portions of the world.

How Spiders Catch Flies.

They Have an Elaborate Telegraph Service.

The spider is very short-sighted, and but for the fact that one pair of his legs is very sensitive, he would starve.

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The spider's body is covered with tiny holes, or pores. When he begins home-making, a liquid exudes from these pores, and in the air these liquid threads quickly harden and become silk. But it takes hundreds of these threads to make a single strand of web.

Instead of spinning a web, some spiders set up house in a hole, merely covering the front with a curtain of silk or a silken door that opens and shuts, or they weave a sort of tube and live in that. When a fly alights on this tube, the spider seizes it from within and pulls it through, afterwards repairing the hole made in the tube.

Should a fly fight shy of web or tube, the spider will come out and ambush his prey—hide behind something bigger than himself and suddenly jump out upon the unsuspecting insect.

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The Assassination of the Duke of Orleans.

It is a painful illustration both of the character of the Duke of Orleans and of the depraved morals of the age that his atrocious murder at the instigation of his brother the Duke of Burgundy, not only aroused no popular indignation, but was applauded and even justified; so that, after some futile demonstrations the assassins were allowed to go unpunished. The widowed duchess, went with her children to Charles VI, of France, and demanded vengeance for her husband's death, but the monarch could do no more than assure her of his sympathy, and repeat vain promises of satisfaction. The Duke of Burgundy soon appeared in Paris, escorted by eight hundred gentlemen and a considerable armed force, and reached his hotel amid the acclamations and congratulations of the people. The next day, March 8, 1408, at a great assembly of princes, nobles, clergy and burgesses, held at the hotel Saint Pol, Jean Petit, a Franciscan monk and celebrated doctor of the Sorbonne, appeared as the Duke of Burgundy's advocate and offered an elaborate vindication of his conduct. The orator maintained with much pedantic display of logic and learning, that the Duke of Orleans was a tyrant, a traitor, and a heretic, that on these grounds he deserved death; and that, whether as regarded God, the king or the nation, it was not only a lawful, but a laudable deed to rid the earth of such an offender. The assembly listened in silence and no one ventured to gainsay this extraordinary line of defence; so the duke became for a second time Dictator, and his first act was to force the unhappy Charles to issue a public declaration that he retained no displeasure against his cousin, of Burgundy of having caused the assassination of his brother.

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