

Queen of Roumania, Picturesque and Powerful

One of the picturesque and at the same time one of the most powerful royal personages of Europe is Queen Marie of Roumania. One writer calls her the Woman Charlie-magne. She will deserve the title if by her plan of marrying off her daughters to rulers of neighboring kingdoms she succeeds in building up a Balkan empire.

Marie is now forty-seven. Twenty-nine of her years she spent in Roumania in a life of wearing activity, making love, writing plays, composing operas, doing motion picture pieces, marrying off daughters and running the country. And she still is a beautiful woman.

She has a husband, King Ferdinand. "But you can live in Bucharest for months at a time without being aware of his existence," says the writer. "In fact, until his recent delayed coronation, when people noticed there was some one standing up with the stately Marie, few people outside the Roumanian Court knew that the Mother of the Balkans did not rule alone. And even now they can't be sure of it!"

Diplomatic Triumphs

As a woman she has achieved great triumphs. It must be remembered that she has won her victories alone, she has had little help from her husband and less from her ministry. Alone among the monarchs of Europe she personally directs the foreign policy of her Government and, perhaps at the moment she is the only monarch in Europe who officially affects in any marked degree the government policies of nations.

By a series of brilliant marriages she has laid the foundation for a vast Balkan empire—larger than France, and as large as England. There yet remains an unmarried king in the Balkans, Boris of Bulgaria. Stambulski, the peasant Premier, made a visit to Bucharest at Queen Marie's invitation. "Which of these is free?" he asked her, pointing to each of the three Roumanian princesses. Being told that the child, Ileana, was still available, he remarked in typical, blunt, Stambulski fashion, "She'll do for my king."

"So it is safe to say that the triumph of the royal matchmaker is in sight. In three, perhaps two, years—for they marry them young when it is necessary to achieve empire—Marie of Roumania will be in fact, if not in name, Queen of the Balkans."

On Same Land for 900 Years.

The story of the Poubian family, French farmers who have the extraordinary record of living on the same farm since 1625, is told in the American Agriculturist by Barnard Ragner, now in France, who saw the present day representative of the family, M. Lacassies Poubian de Lucgarrier, decorated by the Minister of Agriculture of the French Republic. Mr. Ragner calls the achievement "the world's agricultural endurance record."

"To this family belongs the distinction of having lived in the same house and tilled the same soil for a period of 899 years," writes Mr. Ragner.

"That looks like a misprint, but it isn't, for the family has documents of undoubted authenticity to prove that back in 1625 a Poubian owned and cultivated the nucleus of the present homestead."

"Joan of Arc chased the British invader from the soil of France, but the Poubians plowed their fields. John Calvin wrote his institutes and stimulated the reformation started by Luther and Zwingli, but the Poubians sowed their wheat. Christopher Columbus discovered America, but the Poubians harvested their grain. Jean Jacques Rousseau preached his revolutionary doctrine; the French Revolution came, Napoleon Bonaparte, like a gigantic comet of unexampled brilliance, flashed across the European sky, but the Poubians, serenely, loyally, wholeheartedly, cultivated the acres which the thrift of ancestors had bequeathed them."

The farm which the Poubian who began the family register bequeathed to his heirs is in the department of the Basses Pyrenees near the Spanish border. It has increased until it now includes eighty hectares, approximately 200 acres.

"The present Poubian is the twenty-fourth in the ancestral line," says the American Agriculturist. "He is a fine example of the French farmer—strong, self-controlled, a capable artisan of the soil, and passionately devoted to his home and his country. He is the Mayor of his township; and his son, now rendering his eighteen months of military service to France, hopes some day to assume his father's ancestral and civic functions."

Perfect at Last!

As Margerie's school reports weren't entirely satisfactory, her father said to her, "The first time that you come home with a hundred in anything I'll give you a dollar."

Time went by, and still Margerie could not claim the reward. Then one day the child was taken ill. When the doctor had gone she asked, "Mamma, am I very sick?"

"No, dear; your temperature is a hundred, but the doctor thinks you'll be better tomorrow."

Margerie's face lighted up. "Then, mamma, I can have my dollar, can't I? Papa said he'd give it to me if I got a hundred in anything."

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Surnames and Their Origin

FERDINAND

Variations—Feron, Fernando, Fernon.
Racial Origin—Spanish.
Source—A given name.

This is a family name which comes to us for the most part through the Spanish, but which traces back to the ancient Gothic or Teutonic speech, to that race of which so comparatively little is known to-day, despite the fact that it overran the greater part of southern Europe and was responsible largely for the fall of the great Roman empire.

Little is known of this race, not because its blood is not predominating to-day in many countries commonly classed as "Latin," but simply because upon completion of its conquest it recognized the value of the superior civilization and language of the Roman predecessor, and adopted them for the most part at once. Names, however, were naturally not adopted to the same extent as speech.

The Goths had a given name, "Ferdinand," the meaning of which was "adventuring life," or, in other words, "courage." In the course of time the Spanish Goths, among whom it seems to have been most popular, simplified it into "Feron," and then into "Ferdinand." Among the more northern races it became "Ferdinand."

And from these given names have developed the foregoing family names, in the natural process by which parentage was at first indicated, with the ultimate broadening of application to include a specific family.

Vernon for the most part does not belong in this group, but in some instances it is but a changed spelling of Feron or Ferman.

MEAD

Variations—Meadows, Dupre.
Racial Origin—English, also French.
Source—A locality.

It is the variation of Meadows in this group of family names which gives the clue to the origin.

These names were, of course, originally descriptive of the localities in which their first bearers lived, and were of local nature.

In the days when populations began to multiply so quickly that there were not enough given names to go around, the first result was the multiplication of given names into variations through the addition of diminutive endings and the use of nicknames. But even this was not enough, and in everyday speech men found it necessary to indicate which John or Thomas or Harry they were referring to. This they did by some reference to parentage or to the place the man lived, or to his trade or some personal peculiarity.

Thus such names as "Tom atte Mead" (Tom at the Meadow) or "Gerald de Mead" (Gerald of the Meadow) came into being. Possibly it would pass out of existence with the man bearing it, and his son be known as Geoffrey the Red, or by some other name. But if the family continued to reside by the meadow long enough, sooner or later the expression "atte Mead" would come to designate the family and not a mere individual member of it, and so would become hereditary and firmly settled in a few generations.

The name of Dupre is simply the French equivalent of the English "of the meadow."

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Whose price and joy alike are in excess.

Put by your books, yet keep them that
Your soul
May drink of youth and keep its wisdom whole.

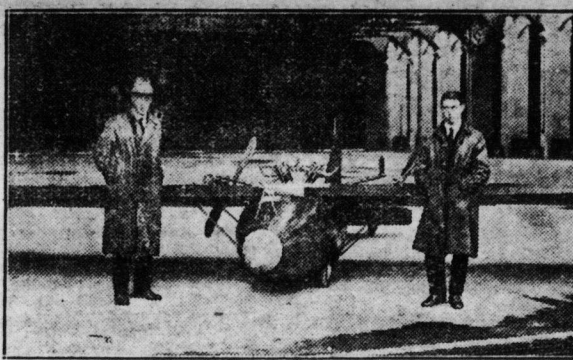
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MONEY ORDERS.

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Toothache Shown on French Movie Films.

An aching tooth in action is the latest subject for the movies in France in a crusade to improve the teeth of the people. During the war it was found that 75 per cent. of the manhood of the nation were dentally unfit. The Ivory Cross, a national aid fund that has provided dental treatment of more than 800,000 cases, has now sponsored a firm in which a throbbing nerve is pictured in its most excruciating stages. Those who saw the picture attested its vivid accuracy.



THE SMALLEST AIRPLANE

The world's smallest airplane is that shown in the picture. It reaches a height of 2,500 feet and a speed of 65 miles an hour. Its engine is 5-6 horse power. At the left is the inventor, Major Gnospilus, and at the right, the pilot, Mr. Lancaster Parker.

Self-satisfaction is one of

man's greatest foes, for don't struggle to improve things when we are satisfied with them. If everybody was satisfied with things as they are, with ourselves and our work, civilization would be at a standstill. A noble discontent is progress, betterment, improvement, advancement all along the line. It has given us our great scientists, architects, musicians, artists, poets, authors, physicians, merchants, explorers, railroad builders, teachers, all the great men and women who have made our civilization what it is today.—O. S. Marden.

SEES BRAIN SURPLUS WITH MOST HUMANS

SIR ARTHUR KEITH RETURNS FROM AFRICA.

British Scientist Quits Gorillas and Turns to the Study of Mankind.

We do not use our brains to half their capacity, says Sir Arthur Keith, British scientist, who has just returned to London from the African jungle, where he made a minute study of the brains of gorillas and gibbons.

"Most of us," says Sir Arthur, "have more brains than we know what to do with."

The famous anthropologist said that changes are now taking place in the human world more rapidly than at any former period, but that the time has not yet come for the production of supermen. During the war, he explained, the average stature for a man was five feet six inches, the same as in the neolithic period. The average for men leading professional lives is five feet eight inches.

The scientist says he is convinced that certain characteristics, which are easily recognized in the bodies of a large proportion of our modern population, are of recent origin. The most plastic bone in the human body, he said, is that under the gums, in which the teeth are rooted, and it is here that the most marked changes are to be noted.

Change in Human Palate.

"In quite 30 per cent. of the people this bone," continued Sir Arthur, "instead of spreading outwards and giving the roof of the mouth a wide and low vault, as in prehistoric races, grows in a vertical direction, giving the palate a narrow and high arch."

"In these contracted palates there is no longer room for the normal number of teeth. Such as appear are crowded; the wisdom teeth often fail to cut or are absent altogether."

The recession of the teeth gives the modern nose and chin an undue prominence; the tendency of all modern changes is toward the production of long and narrow faces. The "adenoid" type of face, with which medical men are so familiar in modern children, was unknown in prehistoric times."

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Ups and Downs.

Pendants of amber grace
Laburnum's frock,
Threaded on sunbeam lace
In the wind's face.

The blossoms rear their heads
On lilac's breast;
Hung not on drooping threads,
Their upward quest
No radiance trends.

Sometimes my spirit wears
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Sometimes the robe of cares
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