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French Develop African Desert

France Digging Artesian Wells to Make the Great Sahara Bloom

Algiers. Most people look upon the Sahara as a land open for world tourists, enjoying an ideal winter. This is partly true since the great African desert has been made possible for motorizing. Nevertheless, it is not only a place of never-to-be-forgotten attractions, but also a land of labor. Indeed, this wilderness, owing to the energetic efforts of the French authorities, is becoming a land of ever-green gardens, where the populations live peacefully in the shade of their palm trees amidst wives, children, asses and camels.

The Saharan tribes believe their country to be the most beautiful and themselves the happiest of people, and who buy black nomad or sedentary. It has been divided by writers into three sections: A large pasture field, where several million domestic animals (sheep, oxen, ass, and camels) feed; a small cereal field, where little millet, barley and tobacco grow; and lastly, a beautiful garden.

Artesian Wells
France is carrying out a wide hydraulic policy through which many wells have been and are being dug. These are known by the natives as "Friendship Fountains" and have conquered the Saharan tribes far more easily than could have soldiers and guns, and turned the deserted region into fruitful lands the products of which are known to the world at large.

The first French artesian well was dug in 1916 and the most famous one in 1929 in the small oasis of Lafer on the way from Biskra, the famous winter resort to Tuggurt and the great desert market town on the main camel trails. When opened, it gave an output of 20,000 litres a minute.

The most famous oasis is found at Aïnaria, a small town inhabited by Arab and Negroes and lying 550 kilometers south of Algiers. This oasis includes nearly 1,000,000 date trees enclosed in beautiful gardens. Two hundred and eighty kilometers further south is the small but very beautiful oasis of El Golea, lying in a romantic setting at the foot of a very old Ksar (castle) perched up high on a rock towering above the endless plain.

Cost and Value of Dates
Date trees are valuable resources to their owners, as is clearly shown by the fact that each tree costs from \$6 to \$1200 francs, according to the quality of its fruit, and is considered by all the Saharan people as a valuable food. Even camels are fed on the rations of the camels, making a journey of several days through the sand plains to the river and irrigation pastures fields.

At the present time, according to estimates, the volume of water obtained by artesian wells, both French and native, is about 200,000 liters a minute, irrigating an area of 50,000 hectares covered with palm groves yielding a yearly crop of dates worth 100,000,000 francs, making

the annual export of this fruit to France and foreign countries worth about 130,000 cubic quintals, or 70,000,000 francs. —Christian Science Monitor.

Owl Laffs

The true spirit of friendliness is shown in your first words to a customer.

City Visitor (on farm)—"What's that little animal you just killed, a mouse?"

Farmer—"No, that's a mole."

City Visitor—"Great Heavens! And my wife wanted a coat made out of one of those things!"

Keeping Step
I've kept that school girl complexion, I've walked a mile for a smoke, I've asked a man who owns one, And he tells me that it keeps him broke,

I know that a child can play it, To guard the danger line I try, I know when it's time to retire, And I've heard that they satisfy, But there's one thing that baffles me, Even for a lifetime I strive,

I like to know whether or not, I'm one of the 4 out of 5.

Even a gingersale at a night club makes you think you are seeing double when you see the bill.

George—"So you were in the hospital three months. Must have been pretty sick."

William—"No, pretty nurse."

The older we get the less we need to eat and the more we want.

When a girl buys a wedding dress she can hardly wait to "alter" it.

Mrs. G.—"Does your husband talk in his sleep?"

Mrs. P.—"No, but he's awfully exasperating. He only smiles."

Strickland Gilfillan perhaps should receive the medal for the shortest poem in merit known. The subject of his poem is "The Antiquity of Microbes." The poem in full is as follows:

"Adam
Had 'em."

Nowadays one doesn't dig a natural death unless he has a surgical operation.

Did you hear of the freight agent on the rail way that received a shipment amongst which was a donkey described on the freight bill as "1 horse"? After checking his goods carefully the agent made this report: "Short, I buried over it because,"

The Better Way
He serves his country best who joins the tide that's flowing.

For speech has myriad tongues, but every day,

And song but one; and few words the broad,

Is stronger than the language of stone;

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constipation, nervousness
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Headaches

When Food Sours

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Featured in Ice Pageant



They are Miss Louise Bertram and Miss Gwyneth Osborne who with twenty other girls from the Toronto Skating Club, all dressed in pretty red and black costumes, took part in the special number, "Diane Moderne," Winter Sports Club Ice Pageant at Quebec, February 13.

Former Wilds Rapidly Grow

African Oasis that Interested Cecil Rhodes is Now Busy Town

Tucked away in an almost inaccessible part of the Kalahari is the little settlement of Izalzi, an oasis surrounded by uninhabitable desert.

Chazani, as the territory is called, is unknown even to the majority of South Africans, yet it is a flourishing little country today and was discovered when it was discovered by Europeans as a land flowing with milk and honey.

It was in Mafeking in 1891 that a group of farmers met together to discuss the mission of one Izak Bozman, who had carried tidings of the Gospel to Chief Moremi of the Bakwena in Southwest Africa.

"This is a land in the Karabari," old Izak told them, "which is a land flowing with milk and honey."

"How so, so the Kalahari those skeptical farmers said? "grass for cattle? Green things growing in the waste of hot sand?"

"It is so," Bozman insisted, "honey is plentiful and the grass is the finest food stuff in the whole of Africa. Trek north and see yourselves if you do not believe me."

Cecil Rhodes interested

A few of them thought there might be something in it. After weeks of consultations, they said that a colony might be established here. Many watched the idea: "You will stay there long," said the Van Wyk who had looked through the Kalahari and found it quite untenable, "but those who imagination were fired by that plus of golden promise, "a land of milk and honey," was Cecil Rhodes. He sent his agent north to that oasis of Izalzi.

Today the town of Izalzi is a community of farms and a town called

The people are descended from Dutch and English who trekked through from the Transvaal and Cape Colony.

The sons of the Englishmen from Australia, England and U.S.A. as well as all were in the first to settle here.

They serve this country best who joins the tide that's flowing.

Who lives pure life and leads righteous, good, upright, honest, true,

And walks straight paths, does no others stray,

And leaves his son, as often as possible, quest,

A stainless record, which all men read:

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