

# World Is Again Growing Warmer Glaciers Steadily Shrinking

Lausanne—The earth is growing slowly warmer and drier, as it was many thousands of years ago during the inter-glacial periods of relatively recent geologic history, according to reports by Professor P. L. Mercanton, of the University of Lausanne. Professor Mercanton, head of the scientific committee which has recorded the advance and retreat of glaciers since 1881, bases his statement on the fact that the glaciers of the Swiss Alps have been retreating for several years.

The report shows that the conditions of 102 glaciers have been observed in 1929 and of these seventy-nine have been found steadily retreating for shrinking. The other 23 glaciers, studied during the year, show stationary conditions or only minute advances.

Alpine weather stations, during this year and last, have reported that snows have been far less than normal and that there has been, as a result of the warmth, an increased number of accidents to climbers, due to rocks falling out of the loosened snow. In normal times, the snow covers up the rocks and holds them firmly in position.

Whether or not this condition of earth temperature may be local in the Alps, or whether it may have some connection with the warmth and drought on the side of the Atlantic will be proven by further observation.

# Wise Men Explore Land of Tall Tales

Scholars Attempt to Prove Authenticity of King Arthur and His Round Table

Eager to set at rest the doubts which, its critics say, are characteristic of this twentieth century, an international group of scholars, are attempting to prove the authenticity of the tales of King Arthur and his Round Table. They are to delve into the very cradle of this famous Crusader, hoping to find some trace of the sword "Excalibur"—some indication that the facts of the knights of old were more than fables or folklore.

In his "Interpreting the Legend of King Arthur," the literary "detectives" will be turning the calendar back fourteen hundred years, for according to tradition, Arthur was buried in Glastonbury Abbey in the year 520, after having been mortally wounded in the battle of Mount Badon, near Bath.

For many years the historical truth of the Arthurian stories has been questioned. They are tall tales, and to the minds of many critics, are historical data from the same era show nothing in substantiation of these stories. But in recent years this feeling of doubt has been intensified, and has grown more complete.

The scholars most interested in the study of King Arthur decided to make the search this year.

Dr. A. R. Morgan Robinson, Dean of Wells, has offered to act as official guide for the group, which will carry on its investigation under the auspices of the Royal Institution of Cornwall.

To appreciate the importance of this investigation, one needs only to scan the list of members of the party. There are Sir Edmund Chambers and Dr. Eugene Vinaver, of Oxford University; Professor Roger S. Loomis, of Columbia University, New York; Professor Edmund Parry, of the Sorbonne, in Paris; and others of equal high standing.

Not only will they make a careful study of the ruins of Glastonbury and the grave of King Arthur; they will track down every clue, every bit of information that may lead about Arthur, Galahad, Lancelot, Gawaine, Percival, and the other knights, whose crusades, quests, and love affairs have been told in every language since Geoffrey de Monmouth, in the year 1100, first wrote the story in his "Historia Regum Britanniae."

According to the legends, Arthur was brought up in the home of Sir Hector whom he looked upon as a father. He was handsome, brave, gentle by temper, and known for his goodness. Sir To and Sir Kay, sons of Sir Hector, he looked upon as his brothers.

**MAGIC SWORD "EXCALIBUR"**

At this time England was without a ruler, since King Uther had died long since, and no successor had been chosen. The Archbishop ordered the nobles to gather and choose a new ruler.

As Sir Hector and his boys were on their way to the great cathedral at which the meeting was to be held, Sir Kay, who had just been knighted, noticed that he had forgotten to wear his sword and he turned back to get it, but when Arthur arrived at the castle he found the drawing of the sword.

The picture, a magic old retainer, could hear the youth's shouts, so Arthur started to retreat his steps, empty-handed. As he passed the sword, which was surmounting an anvil, it fell into his hand and he drew it forth and hurled it to catch up with the party.

When he told Sir Hector how he had found the sword, the old knight fell on his knees and kissed Arthur's hand.

"Sir," he said, "it is your own sword. That was the sword of your father, King Uther. None save his true heir could have drawn it from the anvil."

Then Sir Hector related the strange story of how, when the king had died, the magician, Merlin, had brought the infant prince to Sir Hector's castle and urged the old noble to guard the baby against the enemies who would have slain him. Accordingly, Arthur had been brought up as one of the knight's boys.

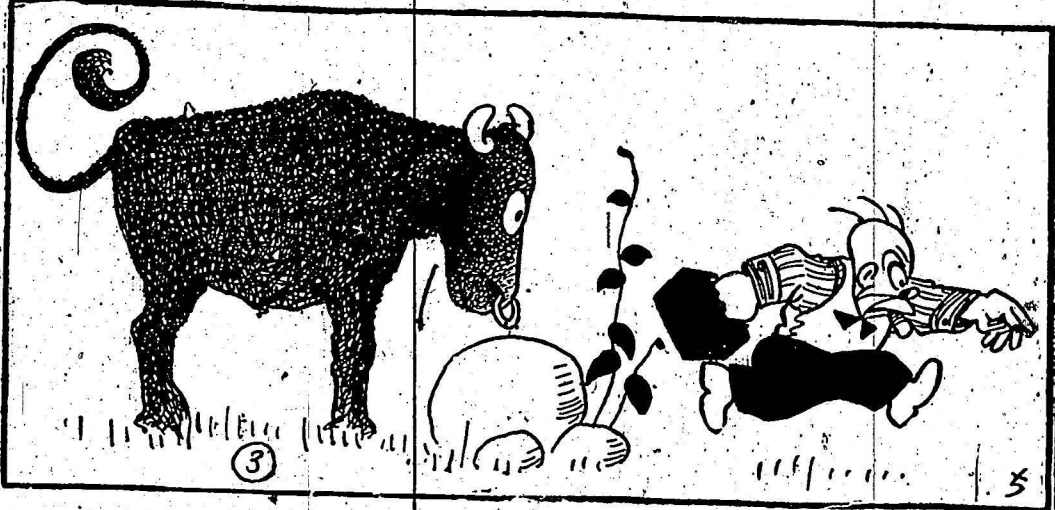
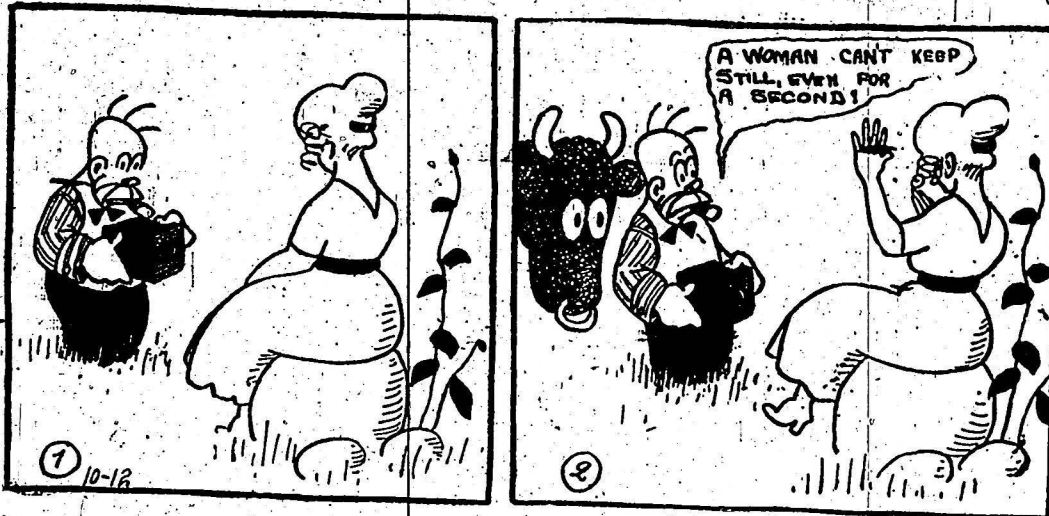
To ensure the succession Merlin prevailed upon the bishop to set a sword of King Uther in an anvil so that the throne could draw it forth.

Thus Arthur proved his right to the throne, and was duly anointed when he laid the sword, the famous "Excalibur," upon the altar as a symbol of his dedication to his country and his God.

**SYMBOL OF DEMOCRACY**

Arthur's nobility as a king was as great as his gentleness and bravery had been in his boyhood days. He fostered the idea of chivalry, and he gathered the Round Table, where the knights gathered to tell of their deeds, and to plan further adventures of bravery. As the name implies, the Round Table was round, and it was built round so that all the knights might be equal and have an equal important

# "ADAMSON'S ADVENTURES"



# Crows Not Thieves Grossly Accused

By M. Graesser, in "The Humane Plover."

"Even when crows have been seen among the hills of sprouting corn and have been shot on the spot, I have always found the stomach contained quite as large an amount of insect remains as of corn, the out-worm form of one of the crow's choicest articles of diet, and the question arises as to whether it is not better to let the crow have a little corn and get rid of the out-worm than to let the out-worm take off a lot of corn if we get rid of the crow."

# THE TRUTH ABOUT HENPECK

We all pity Mr. Henpeck a bit. Quite unnecessarily, according to a well-known authority on children, Dr. C. W. Kimmins.

According to him, most henpecked husbands are really "hen-protected." As small boys they relied entirely on their mothers. When they grew up and married they expected their wives to look after them, make decisions for them and generally act as the dominant partner.

This may explain a good many cases of henpecked husbands, but does it explain them all? If there are gentle, submissive men, who want to be under authority, there are also masterful women who expect to rule.

But, after all, doesn't every wife do this? The only difference between a henpecked husband and one who isn't is that the former knows his wife is running the show. The other doesn't, but his wife gets her own way just the same.

# THE TONGUE

The Proverbs of Many Lands Speak About It.

"The boneless tongue, so small and weak..."

Car crash and kill," declares the Greek.

"The tongue destroys, a greater horror."

The Turk asserts, "Itan does the sword."

The Persian proverb wisely saith, "A lengthy tongue—an early death!"

Or sometimes takes this form instead, "Don't let your tongue cut off your head."

"The tongue can speak a word whose speed,"

Say the Chinese, "outstrips the steel." And Arab sages this impart, "The tongue's great storehouse is the heart."

From Hebrew wit the maxim springs, "Though feet should slip, ne'er let the sacred writer crows the words, 'Who keeps his tongue doth keep his soul.'"

**Looking Ahead**

George had taken his country cousin to look over the aerodrome. When he had seen all there was to see, George said to his companion, "Now we'll go for a ride in one of the machines."

"I may be old-fashioned, but I don't care for a trip in one of those things," replied Jim.

"Oh, don't be a fool!" laughed the other. "Why, you may live to see airplanes running like omnibus services!"

"Yes, I may, if I keep out of them," was the cautious reply.

# WHAT THE SAILOR READS

There seems to be a suggestion of the "husman's holiday" about the favorite reading of sailors. According to the British Sailors' Society, which runs the Ocean Library Service for Merchant Seamen, travel books are, after fiction, the most in demand in the sea-going libraries.

In fiction, "thrillers" are the most popular form of story, mystery tales of the sea being especially in demand. Among the standard authors who are strong favorites, Joseph Conrad and Robert Louis Stevenson, who both wrote sea stories, have places of honor.

A standard ocean library consists of a selection of books, including biography, history, travel, essays, poetry, science, and fiction. It is contained in an oak cabinet. Libraries can be exchanged at the principal British ports and also on the Continent and in the world.

Last year 203 new libraries were issued and 1,084 were exchanged. They are the most travelled libraries in the world.—Answers.

# Too Much For Him

They had climbed as near as they dared to the crater of the volcano. It was smoking ominously.

"Let's go down and back to the hotel," he said suddenly. "I can't stand watching that thing any more."

"We've climbed all the way up here, and now you want to go right back," she demurred. "It isn't that you're afraid, is it?"

"Oh, no," he replied. "It's only that I can't endure watching that crater smoke after I've found that I've left my tobacco at home."

# CONTENTMENT

What little things give you delight, A cottage white, a path to wood, A tiny nest of feathering wrens And six brown hens to tend and feed.

And new-born lambs on crooked legs, Blue-throats' eggs, old water mills, And frothy milk in brimming cans, And caravans, and dimpled hills.

And when the shadows gold grow long, The blackbird's song begins to fire, A corner in the inglenook, A poetry book beside the fire.

—C. L. Lanyon, London Observer.

# Will On Chair Leg

One of the strangest wills on record will soon be filed for probate in Paris. It is that of M. Auguste Pasquier, who had it engraved on a leg of one of his dining-room chairs.

# Chinese Declare Wives Must Have Consent of Husbands to Bob Hair

Shanghai—Chinese court authorities in this city have made it an offense for a barber to cut a woman's hair without the consent or knowledge of her husband.

The ruling was handed down at the conclusion of a case brought before the Shanghai District Court, in which a barber was accused of causing a dispute between a man and his wife by cutting the latter's hair.

The wife, it developed, had pleaded with her husband on numerous occasions to let her follow the dictates of fashion and have her locks shorn, stressing the discomfort of abundant hair in the summer. The husband resented the idea, condemning it as immodest.

While out shopping one morning the wife chanced to look into the window of a barber shop. Another woman was inside having her hair bobbed. Throwing discretion to the winds, she hurriedly entered the place and within a short space of time was cut again, minus her tresses.

On arriving home, her husband beat her for disobeying his orders. Her complaints attracted the attention of the police, and the irate husband soon found himself standing before the District Court judge on a charge of cruelty to his wife.

Although he pleaded guilty to the charge of wife beating, he placed all blame on the barber, who was accordingly arrested and brought before the tribunal. Holding that the act of cutting a woman's hair was not illegal in itself, but because of which she had been beaten, he sentenced the barber to a fine of \$2, the tonsorial artist was fined \$2. The woman's husband had obtained their husband's permission for the haircut and the husband was fined \$1 at the session.

# What New York Is Wearing

BY ANNABELLE WORTHINGTON  
Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Furnished With Every Pattern



Ideal to brighten your mid-summer wardrobe for town or resort.

Bow theme gives jaunty air to smart simple all-occasion dress of powder-blue flat crepe silk.

It moulds the figure, presenting a slim and rather straight silhouette. The circular skirt widens toward the hem into charming rippling fullness. The seaming of joining of the skirt and the bodice with dip at the front and the back detracts from breadth, giving the figure charming height.

Style No. 2582 comes in sizes 16, 18 years, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust. Shantung, linen, pique, printed batiste, tub silk prints and printed chiffon voile appropriate.

It's exceptionally easy to make—practically a two-piece skirt to be attached to two-piece bodice. Think of it! It's very inexpensive too!

**HOW TO ORDER PATTERNS**

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# Sandwich Famous in World's History

It is related that a considerable number of years ago the Earl of Sandwich, in a moment of high good humor, ordered a piece of meat between two slices of bread and ate it with gusto. Sandwich did it taste that he did it again, and then he made some for his friends. In time the delicacy achieved popularity that it was given the name of Sandwich, writes F. D. M. London Evening News.

It is not, however, the sole applicant for the name of Sandwich in history. There were six famous sandwiches which crossed the Atlantic were about among his admirers to the Sandwich Islands.

Edison, too, are a part of the sandwich story. Months of concentration by the great experimenter, and an army of sandwiches waited upon tirelessly and uninterrupted task, and so, between a pear and some cheese, we laid the corner stone of an Egyptian federation. Thus did Edison's great effort to perfect electric light. Months of concentration by the great experimenter, and an army of sandwiches waited upon tirelessly and uninterrupted task, and so, between a pear and some cheese, we laid the corner stone of an Egyptian federation. Thus did Edison's great effort to perfect electric light.

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# TENSION

Factor to create a genus of tension between the conscience of man and the morally indifferent nature that he should be morally defective of nature by a dedication of the natural order.—Reinhold Niebuhr.

# Oldest Cat

Wales claims to possess the oldest cat in England. It is a Manx specimen, aged 17½ years, owned by Miss G. Keegan. It is still willing to fight any cat that comes along.

# BRAB FOR RED HEADS

Ireland—Red-headed children have freckled faces, but they are the best school leaders, according to Mrs. Frank Greaves, teacher at a girls' school.

Most of us know only two ways of being right, there are many others. The Philippino is laughing fifteen, Malaya (Latin) Spain ten, and Burma eight.

"That woman has no respect for the law." Potts: "What's she—a criminal?" "No, she's a policeman's wife."

To prevent the work being done regularly by the "sketch-ers," the national institutions have been made by means of course classes to give a course of instruction to several hundred boys who, for various reasons, are unable to attend the public day schools. Also, a correspondence course in high school has been inaugurated for the benefit of pupils who have no high schools available.

# MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER

