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A HINDU IDOL.

Its Strange History Caused Mme. Carnot to Order It Destroyed.

When Mme. Carnot, widow of Sadi Carnot, died her will was read a clause in it caused considerable comment. This was to the effect that a certain small Hindu idol carved from a hard stone which would be found among her property must be taken out and crushed until completely destroyed. Many marveled at this apparently singular request, for the idol seemed a harmless, ugly little thing, but her instructions were carried out to the letter.

The idol had been presented to Sadi Carnot years before he had ever thought of the presidency of France by a friend who had brought it from India. Later he learned that there was a legend attached to it which asserted that whosoever would retain it in his possession would rise to the fullest height of power in his chosen profession, but die of a stab wound when at the zenith of his career.

M. Carnot traced the history of the idol and found that for 500 years the rulers who had possessed it had all died either in battle or by assassination from stab wounds. Yet he laughed at the story, called the facts adduced by his search a mere chain of coincidences and retained the idol. He died by a dagger in the hands of an assassin; hence Mme. Carnot's strange request.

LURE OF THE MISTS.

Curious Experience in the Clouds in an Aeroplane.

It was at Manchester. Aeroplanes were sweeping the skies in the circuit of Britain fare. Vedrines had landed, and impatient at the rules that made him wait ten minutes before taking up the race, went about jabbering in French. One of the officials asked him what kind of a trip he had had. Vedrines' answer was to hold up his hands expressively.

He was quiet for many seconds, then he said:

"I was blanketed in clouds so that I could not see ten meters before me. Below me was nothing but rolling mist that gradually took on all fanciful shapes and colors. I caught myself wanting to descend, to drop suddenly into it and see what it was like. To escape this feeling, I flew higher and higher, until, venturing to look down again, I saw wonderful lights and shadows that never before had been revealed to me from the sky. I saw a dreamy city, a wonderful mirage, and I believe I would have forgotten everything but those exquisite colorings, released my levers, and" (He laughed.) "But I was fortunate, for I became sick—as sick as a dog—away up in the clouds."—Edward Lyell Fox in Harper's Weekly.

Cheapest Hams Ever Sold.

Sometimes an error creeps into the published announcement of a big store, due to the negligence of the proofreader or to the compositor in the printing office of the paper. It is rarely funny in its results, although it may make humorous reading when first issued. One day a department store in New York advertised "Sugar-Cured Hams at 4c a lb." Rather cheap, you say? Well, 130 odd persons thought so too, for that was the number that asked for the ham at this ridiculously low price the morning the ad appeared. It transpired that the printed proof O. K'd by the grocery buyer and sent down to the newspaper office for insertion in the day's issue read "4c a lb." The first numeral had simply dropped out of sight; 125 sales were made at a loss of 10 cents per pound.—Woman's Home Companion.

Poetry and the Child.

Read poetry to the child. Read easy, simple verse, read nonsense, verse, read real poems, read sometimes such poems as "Thanatopsis," and bits of "Paradise Lost." Of course the child will not understand the thought, but he will enjoy the sound, and he will unconsciously learn the words. Poetry was never meant to be read to oneself, but always to be read aloud or recited. It is harder than prose. The order of the words is often like our everyday speech, and the words themselves are frequently different. Here especially children need help. If they find it they learn to love poetry, and there are few things that so sweeten life as a genuine love for poetry for its beauties and for the helpful lines that come to one's mind in hard places.—Home Progress Magazine.

A Good Stove Lining.

A good stove lining, one that will last two years or more, can be made from blue clay. Brick clay or one that does not contain much sand, is good also. Clay found in salt water marshes is one of the best for stove linings. The clay must be reduced to a paste about like putty. The bed for lining should be brushed clean and moistened before the clay is applied. Put on with hands, smooth with a trowel or thin piece of board.—National Magazine.

Won by His Blarney.

Irish Magistrate: Haven't you been before me before? Astute Prisoner: No, yer honor; I never saw but one face that looked like yours, an' that was a photograph of an Irish king. Magistrate: Discharged! Call the next one!—London Answers.

The Way It Goes.

"I want a new book for an invalid." "Something religious, madam?" "Er—no he's convalescent."—Boston Transcript.

Truth is an honest man's statement of a fact.

TURKISH TITLES.

They Are Added to Persons' Names Instead of Being Prefixed.

Turkish names and titles are sometimes confusing to the ordinary reader, and this explanation from the Turkish embassy at Washington may be of interest. In the first place, our American prefixes "Mr." or "General" become suffixes in Turkish. The mayor of a Turkish city adds to his name Bolekile Raisi. Therefore it would not be Mayor John Smith, but Smith Bolekile Raisi.

A caliph is a prince of the royal line and "Mohammed's representative," ranking next to the sultan himself in importance. The next title of importance is sheik ul Islam, or head of the Mohammedan faith. Imam is the title by which a priest is originally addressed.

Pasha is the highest title within the gift of the sultan. It is conferred chiefly on men who achieve distinction in arts and letters or in commerce and is more or less common among the great merchants of Turkey or those who under the old regime had a hand in the collection of taxes. The word "bey" attached to the name of a person indicates that the bearer is distinguished for service of the country. The term "effendi" indicates that the man so addressed is higher in birth, breeding or education than the man speaking and is a variable title, depending on the rank of those carrying on a conversation.

The grand vizier, or sadrazam, is the premier of the cabinet and is the highest of government civil officials. The governor of a province is known as vali. This term is added to the name instead of being prefixed.—Indianapolis News.

SINGING MOTHERS.

Charm of the Music of Their Voices to Their Little Ones.

They came to me in a dream—those singing mothers. A long, slow procession of shadowy forms, beautiful rainbows and as wonderful, slinging a strange haunting melody full of mystery. First came troops of girl mothers, clasping their little babes with a tenderness that was half fear and with wide, inquiring eyes filled with holy light and the consciousness of the deepest realization of life. Then came strong mothers of youth, leading happy faced children and confident with a sense of power, buoyant with hope and radiant with promise. Last of all came silver mothers of men, leaning on their stalwart sons and, though bowed with years, yet gloriously young in spirit, hallowed by memories and glowing with the victory of achievement. Add I, a mother, watching these pass by and listening to their haunting music, felt as never before the divine significance of motherhood and all the hidden meanings in the word "singing."

All this is music in a marvelous mood, but there is no music on earth more appealing or more far reaching than the voice of a mother singing to her little ones. No audience ever listened with keener rapture to any prima donna than that little group gathered in the twilight hour at a mother's knee. It is her dearest joy at that time to put into music all the sacredness of motherhood and the happiness of childhood, to teach and to charm and to tune the hearts of her children.—Anne P. L. Field in Craftsman.

Wide Apart.

It is told us that two old schoolmates met recently. It had been fifteen years since their last meeting, but the recognition was mutual. One was sleek, well fed, well shaven, well dressed. The other was rather thin, rather seedy.

"Well, well," exclaimed the prosperous one; "what are you doing now?"

"I am an actor."

"Indeed? Well, I'm a banker. And you are on the stage? Dear me! It's been ten years since I was in a theater."

"You've got nothing on me. It's been longer than that since I was in a bank."

Then they parted, each thinking a bit less of the other than he had thought before the meeting.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Solons in an Uproar.

Some years ago the Spanish cabinet decided to take legal proceedings against certain members of Parliament who were suspected of misusing public money. The opposition resolved at all costs to prevent this, and for forty hours on end they kept up a most amazing uproar. They cheered and shouted, and sang ditties in chorus. The effect of the latter performance was extraordinary. One deputy would loudly intone a verse, all his friends chanted the response, and so they went on for nearly two days and nights until a truce was proclaimed.—Pearson's Weekly.

Followed Instructions.

Mudce—This watch has been stopped for two or three days. Jeweler—Lemme see it. There is nothing the matter with it except that it has not been wound. Mudce—I thought maybe that was it. I remember you told me to wind it up just before I went to bed, and I haven't been to bed for three nights.

A Chatty Old Lady.

The following advertisement appears in a fashionable English newspaper: "Lonely lady wishes to exchange scandal with another. Replies required only from those in the best society."

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