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OUR WORD "GARDEN."

In the Old Anglo-Saxon It Meant Private Inclosed Land.

We speak so freely and often of a "garden," assuming that there is some well defined common use of that word even among the authorities on gardening subjects. But the fact is that it has reached mighty elastic limits in their writings and speech and can be taken to mean anything from the enormous private parks and estates to the tin can glories of a back yard.

The word garden is from the old Anglo-Saxon root "gyrden," meaning an inclosure. At that time, due to the uncertain character of community life, it was either inclosed within fortifications or left unprotected and exposed without. This private inclosed land was the garden of that time. That is the meaning of garden in the Song of Solomon.

Gradually the sense of the word has changed to cover those parts of the land devoted to the cultivation of plants either for pleasure or for use; thus, we have the vegetable or fruit garden, and on the other hand, the wall, water or rose garden, etc.

Liberty Hyde Bailey defines a garden as "the personal part of an estate, that area which is most intimately associated with the private life of the home."

Whatever the sense in which it is used, the word "garden" always succeeds in carrying with it an atmosphere of romance and beauty, which countless ages of use cannot dim.—Philadelphia Record.

HUMAN INSTINCT.

More Potent at Times Than Reason in Directing Our Actions.

That even in man instinct is sometimes stronger than reason is illustrated by these two cases:

There had been shipped on a Mississippi river steamer a box with a glass cover, containing a very active rattlesnake. Whenever any one approached the box the serpent would strike the cover. The owner of the reptile challenged any one to hold his finger on the glass and let the rattler strike at it. There was no danger, and it seemed an easy thing to do. First one and then another tried it. But when the snake gave its vicious spring the finger was invariably drawn back with a jerk. Instinct was stronger than reason and will combined.

A young man in Paris had lost his last sou at the gambling table. Not only was he without means, but he had lost a large sum, belonging to his employer. He started for the Seine with the intention of drowning himself. On the way there was a great commotion, caused by the escape of a lion from a strolling menagerie. The animal came galloping down the street, and people fled in every direction.

Instantly the man who was seeking death climbed a lamp post and clung to the top of it, trembling in every limb. When the animal was captured and the danger was over he proceeded to the river and plunged in.—Washington Star.

Spanish Nicknames.

One of the peculiar ways in which Spanish differs from English is in the names the language gives to all people with a certain infirmity or peculiarity. A blind man is referred to as el ciego, a man with but one eye is a tuerto, a pug nosed man is chato, one who is cross eyed is a bisojo, a cojo is a lame man, and a manco has but one arm. If he is humped he is a jorobado, if baldheaded a calvo, and if his hair is very short he is a pelon. The feminine titles for the same classes are the same, with the exception that they end in "a" where the masculine terminate with "o." These short names are used most commonly. In fact, they are applied as nicknames in many cases, and especially among the lower classes persons are addressed or referred to only by these names.

Europe's Diamond Industry.

Years ago Amsterdam was at the head of the diamond industry in Europe. Of late Antwerp has forged ahead and taken first place. Amsterdam very largely specializes in small stones, and its superiority over Antwerp in cutting these diamonds is unquestioned. Antwerp, on the other hand, cuts large diamonds and small ones, according to what happens to be most in demand. It works on the larger Transvaal stones furnished by the London syndicate, and at the same time it monopolizes the small southwest African business.

Moss Bread.

Along the shores of the Columbia river a kind of bread is made by the Indians from a moss that grows on the spruce fir tree. This moss is prepared by placing it in heaps, sprinkling it with water and permitting it to ferment. Then it is rolled into balls as big as a man's head, and these are baked in pits.

FEW MEN CONTROL WATER POWER SITES

THOMSON WRITES OF BILL IN HOUSE

Representative Says His Committee Wants Ferris Bill, Which Will Prevent Further Monopoly in West Passed

By Chas. M. Thomson

One of the big problems before our country today is that relating to its water power. The use of electricity and electrical power is still in its infancy. In the next fifty years it is bound to grow to tremendous proportions. It has been said by those familiar with the subject, that such questions as the currency and the tariff are relatively unimportant when compared with the question of the developing and harnessing of the water power of our country and converting it into electrical energy for use by our people. That is a strong statement but I feel it does not go too far.

In the hearings before our Committee on Public Lands on this subject, it was pointed out that engineers have estimated that the total available horsepower in the United States, should be placed at 200,000,000. Of that possible development we have today about 6,000,000 horsepower created from water powers.

The very heart of this problem is to be found in the sites along the parts of streams where there is sufficient fall in the water to create power in commercial quantities, which sites are suitable for the erection of dams.

Groups of men of wealth and power, foreseeing the tremendous possibilities in this thing, have gone about acquiring and getting control of these dam-sites, not for the purpose of developing all of them, but with the object of developing some and keeping others from developing the remainder, thus limiting the supply of the product (electricity) and giving them an iron clad monopoly of it. As one of the greatest authorities on the subject stated, in testifying before one committee, "the essential danger in the water power problem is the concentration of ownership and control."

A bill (known as the Ferris Bill) seeking to avoid and prevent that danger, has been reported to the House by the Committee on Public Lands. This bill, however, can only control those water power sites located on the Public Lands in the west. It provides for the leasing of dam-sites located on such public lands for a period of not more than fifty years. The bill contains provisions which will insure prompt development, good service and reasonable rates to consumers and prevents monopoly. It further contains provisions whereby the people can take over the property and plant of the lessee at the termination of the lease at a compensation to be determined as provided in the bill or can lease for another term to the same or a new lessee on terms then to be agreed upon.

Under such a leasing system the government retains control of the dam-sites and thus holds the key to the entire situation, and prevents these tremendously valuable sites from getting into the control of those who at least might, and if we are to judge from past experiences, would manipulate them for their own great financial gain to the detriment of the public generally who are really entitled to these benefits themselves.

Our Committee spent weeks in work upon this measure. Its terms safeguard the interests of the public in this great utility and insures a fair return to those who may invest in projects of this kind and every effort will be made to pass it in the near future.

A very different measure (known as the Adamson Bill) is also pending, which covers the same subject so far as it relates to navigable streams. Unless the latter bill is very materially amended in a number of particulars, I trust it may be defeated for the many necessary safeguards of the public interest which are present in the Ferris bill are conspicuous for their absence when we examine the Adamson bill.

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CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

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same hereby is appropriated from the Street and Alley Funds and the same placed at the disposal of the mayor and chairman of the Street and Alley Committee and they are hereby directed to purchase said horse and empowered in accordance with this resolution was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Building and Grounds Committee was instructed to proceed to install toilets at the Lake Front park. The mayor was ordered to use his discretion in directing the city marshal regarding the removal of brick placed in the parkway on Central Avenue by the Chicago Telephone Company.

The policing of Ravinia was referred to the Finance and Police Committees for report to the City Council at the adjourned meeting.

The question of installing a light on St. Johns Avenue north of Park Avenue was referred to the Street and Alley Committee.

The Aldermen were instructed to submit a list of the lights necessary in their ward, to the Street and Alley Committee.

The city attorney was ordered to confer with Attorney Schumacker, the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad and the property owners, regarding the paving of St. Johns Avenue, and report to the City Council at its next meeting.

The plat presented by Robert L. McElroy subdividing lots 68 and 69, and 189 in South Highland Addition to Highland Park, except that part of lot 69 condemned by the city was accepted.

The Police Committee was instructed to notify the City Attorney to get out on injunction restraining the Chicago & Milwaukee Electric Railroad from violating any of the provisions of the ordinances governing their franchise.

Language of Music.

The members of a church choir not a hundred miles from Glasgow Cross are responsible for the following: "Allegro moderato—a famous Italian composer who wrote a large number of pieces; poco crescendo—a little swell; loco—at express speed (derived from locomotive); staccato—stick to the notes; presto—turn over; interval—a short pause for refreshments; con due pedale—with cold feet." Not so long ago, adds the Glasgow News, we heard a young lady in raptures over what she called Chopin's "Because," and it took us some time to discover that she meant Chopin's "Berceuse."

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