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KNOWN AS WITCHCRAFT TOWN

Old Salem, Mass., Has Never Been Able to Live Down the Much-Disliked Name.

Salem is nationally known as the witchcraft town of history, a title which it has been trying to live down for 200 years. Fortunately for Salem, the terror of witchcraft inquiry is fading from memory.

Invariably the visitor comes to Salem with the idea of witches firmly fixed in his mind, but the only evidence of their existence that he can find is a tiepin bearing a tiny witch astride a broomstick. Besides buying witch-adorned souvenirs, which Salem provides to meet the demands of visitors, there are other ways of satisfying witch-hunting ambitions.

To a person already keyed to a high pitch by vague recollections of witch days Salem on a frosty moonlight night seems to slip back a century or so into the solemn superstitious little Puritan town, where one must think several times before making the most casual remark lest it be construed as evidence of friendly dealings with the devil.

Over by the cemetery the tombstones of the witch accusers gleam ghostly in the moonlight. It seems plausible that any of those venerable judges of 1692 might glide suddenly into view and stroll with dignity down the street or that Mistress Sarah Good or Elizabeth How should appear and ask sternly if it was your ancestor that labeled her a witch.

Out on Gallows hill, too, there is "atmosphere" undiluted. Here 19 unfortunate convicted of witchcraft met their fate before Puritan common sense overcame Puritan fanaticism. Gallows hill is a monument to Salem's darkest days.

EASY TO SEE ONE'S BRAIN

Scientist Asserts That All That Is Necessary Is a Candle and Some Perseverance.

"Have you ever seen your brain?" is not such an outlandish question as one might suppose. In fact, it is quite possible to see one's own brain, according to Dr. Fraser Halle, says London Tit-Bits.

Many years ago Purkinje startled the scientific world by announcing that by passing a candle to and fro several times by the side of the eye, this might be done. The air in front, he declared, was transformed into a kind of screen on which was reflected what he supposed to be a magnified image of part of the retina.

This started a research movement among the scientists of the period, and a controversy began.

Sir C. Wheatstone thought the professor was slightly out of his bearings. He declared that what the latter had seen was merely the shadow of the vascular network.

Then Dr. Fraser Halle returned to the attack, and stated that he had succeeded in identifying the picture with the representation of the "anterior lobe of the cerebrum."

The candle should be moved to and fro about four inches below the eye and three and a quarter inches from the face. If the movement is suspended, the image disappears. Night is the best time for this experiment, but it can be seen faintly, in any dark place even in the daytime.

Exterminating Pests.

Uncle Sam employs approximately 800 professional trappers and hunters to assist western stockmen in exterminating wild predatory animals from the range country. These hunters have killed 70,713 predatory animals in the last three years, which has resulted in a direct saving estimated at nearly 5 1/2 million dollars a year to the stockmen of the Rocky Mountain section. The total kill consisted of 60,473 coyotes, 8,094 bobcats, 1,822 wolves, 201 mountain lions and 137 bears. The pelts of the animals killed were sold for approximately \$100,000, which, of course, is of considerable aid to the government in financing the work. In addition to animals killed by trapping and shooting, great numbers of coyotes have been killed by the carefully organized poisoning campaigns conducted by the biological survey.

Modern Gallantry.

I shall be even disposed to rank it among the salutary fictions of life, when in polite circles I shall see the same attentions paid to age as to youth, to homely features as to handsome, to coarse complexions as to clear—to the woman as she is a woman, not as she is a beauty, a fortune or a title. I shall believe it to be something more than a name when a well-dressed gentleman in a well-dressed company can advert to the topic of female old age without exciting, and intending to excite, a sneer—when the phrases, "antiquated virginity," and such a one has "overstood her market," pronounced in good company, shall raise immediate offense in man, or woman, that shall hear them spoken.—Charles Lamb.

Movable.

"Where is Mr. Flubdub lunching today?"

"Well, he may be at the next corner or he may be a couple of blocks down the street."

"I thought his habits were very regular. Can't you tell me where he is lunching?"

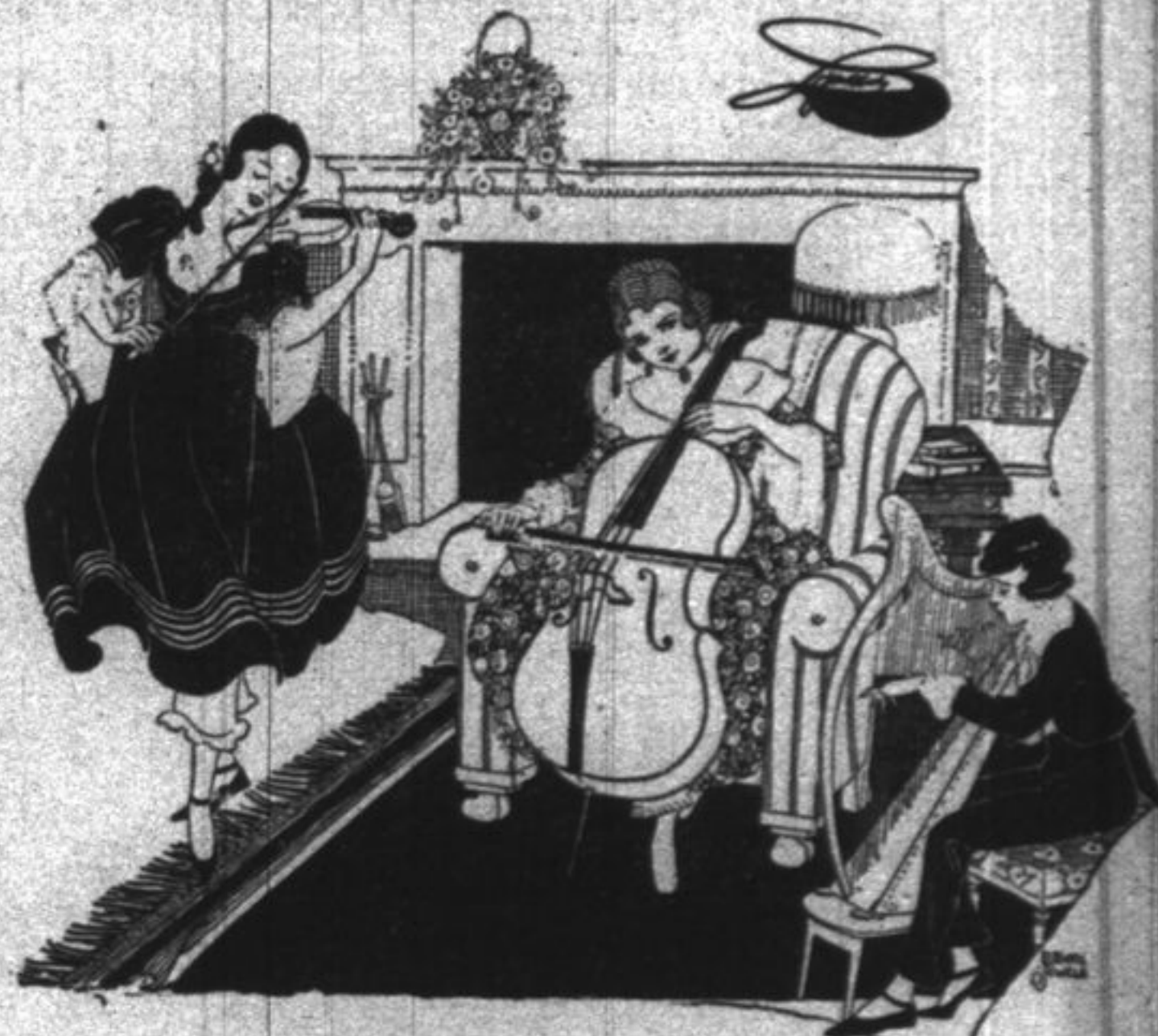
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