

DRUM TELEGRAPH STILL USED IN SOUTH SEAS

Complex System of Signals Is Utilized, According to Explorers

A primitive form of telegraph—signalling from place to place by means of drums—is still in wide use by the natives of many islands of the South Pacific. A very complex system of signals, amounting to what may be called a "drum language," is employed, so that a wide variety of messages may be sent. The drums used, which can be heard for several miles, are made from large sections of hollowed out tree trunks. These huge drums, several specimens of which are on exhibition at Field Museum of Natural History, are usually elaborately carved with figures of significance in the native religions. There are usually handles at each end, sometimes in the shape of figures of men and women. The hollowing out and carving are done with crude tools of stone, shell and metal, and are laborious processes.

FASHION BECOMING SCIENCE IS CLAIM

HISTORY SHOWS TREND

Women and Styles Have Always Been Inseparable, According to This Writer; Exact Features

Any accurate history of woman-kind has something to say about fashion. Many historians point out that man has been equally vain through the ages; that his desires for political, commercial, and social success has been closely linked with vanity. Whether it has "just happened" in the jumbling of the centuries, it remains fairly certain that "dressing the part" has decreased as a necessary accompaniment to masculine success. Feminine worldly achievements are still definitely colored by the woman's sense of appropriate attire.

In fact the necessity of being a well dressed, smartly dressed, becomingly dressed woman seems to be on the up bend. There was a day certainly when it was only the Madam Recamier, going about the high-handed business of organizing the French Academy and other matters, or the Vittoria Colonna, ornamenting (with far-reaching results) the courts of Naples and Rome, who needed to make a business of ornamentation in their worlds.

Would Be Unfair
Today it would doubtless be unfair to say that only the smartly dressed women bring home the political, commercial, professional and social "bacons," but certainly no woman denies that her chances with more than ordinary success can be appreciably advanced by studious—but not too studious—dressing.

One says "not too studious" because there is a definite appeal today in the naturally tasteful woman, the woman who chooses a woolen coat not just because she needs a coat but because she needs a becoming wrap, the woman who chooses a deeply lustrous transparent rayon dinner gown not just because it is the last word in fashion but because it flatters her complexion whatever its coloring, the woman who wears comfortable shoes but insists that they be beautiful as well.

Natural Taste
This whole thing has a vast amount to do, obviously, with apparently natural taste, but taste, fortunately, may be developed, and used to equal advantage by the stenographer, the actress, the real estate woman, the

salesgirl, the politician's wife, and so on and on!

It's fairly safe wager that milady in high, stoutly boned corsets will find stumbling blocks on the road toward success nowadays, but so will her too flossily attired sister who tries to bring the bouidoir into the office. May one not say with a knowing smile that fashion has become a science today?

THANKS ORPHANS FOR FLOOD RELIEF GIFT

A letter of thanks from Col. Ernest P. Bicknell, vice chairman of the American Red Cross, to the boys in the Near East Relief working boys' homes here, has just been received by Mr. Frank A. Marsh, business manager for the organization. The letter acknowledges a gift of \$65 sent by the boys to aid the Mississippi flood sufferers, and reads in part:

"This generous action by the Armenian children has made a deep impression at Red Cross headquarters. I am expressing the sentiment of all in saying that this is one of those incidents which, far beyond the amount of money involved, is significant of those underlying ties of sympathy which prove the universal kinship of all mankind. In proportion to their material resources, these gifts by the Armenian orphans are doubtless greater than are the thousands given by our generous American people."

CONSTANTINOPLE MAY LOSE ITS HOSPITAL

Lack of Funds Likely to Force Closing of Institution, it Is Reported

Ambassador Grew has announced a short respite in the closing of the Constantinople hospital, which was recently threatened because of lack of funds, pending possible help from friends in America.

The closing of the hospital would deprive the Americans and English in the city of a haven in case of illness, as it has been the only hospital in Asia Minor for foreign residents with the exception of the American hospital at Leninakan. This action also would close the only training school for women nurses in Turkey. Last year this school, two of whose graduates recently pulled the infant mortality in Smyrna from 70 per cent to 1 per cent in a child welfare experiment being carried on in the city by Alice Carr and other American women, was subsidized by Near East Relief. Owing to a shortage of money the subsidy was withdrawn this year.

Lindy seems to be getting more publicity than he wants, but no one else has made any similar complaint.

KANSAS MAN GIVES STOVE TO ARMENIA

Airtight Type Which Economizes on Fuel Is Benefit To Refugees

Something new in stoves has met the approval of the government, and the municipal buildings this winter have enjoyed heat never before known here in public buildings. It is an airtight stove that consumes a minimum of fuel, which is a blessing here where fuel is so scarce, and gives a maximum of heat. It is the invention of Everett D. Gunn, of Kansas, superintendent of the Near East Relief Trade school, and has been patented in his name and the name of the American organization. The stoves are manufactured by the boys in the school as part of their vocational training.

PAINTER BELIEVES IN BEGINNING MODESTLY

"I believe in beginning modestly and attacking the problem of interpreting the spirit of the Great West as I grow into it," said Adolphe Heinze, in a visit to the Art Institute recently, where a painting of his,

done in Glacier National Park, hangs in the present Chicago Artists exhibition. "First I went to Colorado and painted in Estes Park, which is rather tame compared with the magnificent scenery in Glacier Park. I am going up there again this summer. The scenery is of such grandeur that one has a profusion of outlooks and if a painter is not careful and forces himself to severe elimination he will fill his canvas with too many riches. I want to study this great park carefully and hope eventually to visit other great scenic formations in the Rockies, winding up at the Grand Canyon." Mr. Heinze believes the landscape possibilities of the Rocky Mountain region are simply inexhaustible.

FLORIDA COWBOY IS LABOR-SAVING TYPE

Florida's ranges, which sixty years ago had more cattle than Texas, has a labor-saving type of cowboy which has recently been discovered by David M. Newell who spent years in the study of the Western cowboy.

The Florida cowboy wears no jingling spurs nor furry chaps, says the author in Farm & Fireside. He wears no sombrero. His lariat is a "full blooded" cur dog and his branding

iron a jack-knife. The labor saving element moans in by virtue of the fact that the dog does all of the "cow catching." The cowboy's skill is only required to train the dogs.

Armed only with a blacksnake whip which cracks like a cannon, the Florida cowboy cuts out unbranded cattle from the herd and with the simple order "ketch," the dogs are away. They sail through the air in a flying tackle and, seizing an animal by the nose throw it instantly and hold it to the ground while the cow hunter deftly nicks the ears with the ranch marking.

Expert dog trainers have tried in vain to learn the secret of how the dogs are trained but the inarticulate cow hunters can only explain that "you've just got to know how." The cur dogs, usually with a bull strain, are not allowed to begin their education until they are several years old, for catching a steer or a hog is dangerous until they have their full strength.

It is to be hoped that the flappers have not used up so much of the paint, that there won't be enough left to give our houses new coats this spring.

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