

MADAGASCAR KING SAYS IT WITH LAMP

Field Museum Has the Lighting Fixture Used by Head of Tribe in Island to Call Friends

Lamps a signals have long played an important part in life. There was the historic lantern hung in the steeple of Christ church, Boston, which sent Paul Revere on his famous ride. There are the beacon lamps of today which signal safety or danger to the mariner, the railroad man, and the airman. In melodramatic fiction, plays and films, lovers have signalled with lamps, as have villains and their confederates, and heroes and their trusted friends.

A novel use of a signal lamp was that devised by one of the last kings of the Betsileo tribe in southern Madagascar, whereby he was able to call any one, or several of his wives for

company; to summon his chieftains for counsel; or to inform wives, counselors and all other persons that he craved solitude. The royal lamp thus used was obtained by the Captain Marshall Field Anthropological expedition to Madagascar last year, and is now part of a collection on exhibition in a hall recently opened to the public at Field Museum of Natural History.

Lamps of a King

According to Dr. Ralph Linton, assistant curator of Oceanic and Malay ethnology, who led the expedition, the king lived alone in a one-room house, in the center of an enclosure containing other houses occupied by his wives. The royal lamp consists of a tripod-like stand from which are suspended series of cups filled with grease, a wick in each. Each cup is identified with a certain person. There is one cup by itself at the top of the stand. This denoted the king himself, and when lighted indicated that his majesty was not to be disturbed by anyone. A short distance below are four cups, one for each of the chiefs

of the four main clans of the tribe. The king called one, several or all of these men by lighting the lamps of those he wished to see.

More Cups

Further down on the stand is a series of five more cups, indicating the wives. None of these dared approach the king unless her special cup was lighted. If there was any jealous woman among them, one may well imagine her feelings at seeing another cup lighted, and her own dark. Or, listening in answer to a light in her own, and then seeing another wife's cup flame up at the same time.

So far as Dr. Linton could learn, however, they were remarkably obedient wives, and the king's wishes were always solemnly respected. The king of course had no matches, and had to light his lamp with flint and steel, or by the primitive method of rubbing sticks together till the friction brought fire.

It is not true that the political orations are mostly gas, as there is also a lot of hot air in them.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 321

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered the construction of a reinforced Concrete Pavement with Integral Curb and with necessary Drainage and Manholes Catch Basins in Ridgewood Place, All in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake State of Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of said City and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the fourth (4th) day of August A.D. 1928 or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

Said assessment is payable in ten (10) installments, with interest at the rate of six (6) per centum per annum on all installments from and after date of issue of first voucher. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense.

G. L. VETTER, Officer appointed to make said Assessment
Dated at Highland Park, Ill., July 19th, A.D. 1928. 21-22

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered the construction of a Cast Iron Water Main extension in Ridgewood Place, and in an easement along the North line of Lot 4, Block 1, in Idlehour Subdivision, All in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, State of Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the fourth (4th) day of August A.D. 1928 or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

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Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the City Council of the City of Highland Park, County of Lake and State of Illinois, having ordered the construction of an eight (8) inch tile Sanitary Sewer with Concrete Manholes, Manhole covers, Y's and House connections, to be laid in Ridgewood Drive and Ridgewood Place, All in the City of Highland Park, County of Lake, State of Illinois, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the City Clerk of said City and having applied to the County Court of Lake County for an assessment of the costs of said improvement according to benefits, and an assessment thereof having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be had on the fourth (4th) day of August A.D. 1928, or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit.

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