

## Central America's Valley of Kings

Mysterious ruined cities, their carved stone temples hidden amid the almost impenetrable Mayan jungles, some day may yield the actual story of the first Americans. Four more of these cities were discovered on Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's exploration flight over the Yucatan peninsula—cities where one of the highest known aboriginal cultures was already on the wane when Columbus voyaged to the New World.

Whence did they come, these people who reared a great edifice to Kukul Can, the feathered serpent? How did they build their temples with chisels of flint and calcite and without even a wheel to ease the piling of stone on stone? What caused them to suddenly disappear, leaving the physical evidence of their civilization as a slowly crumbling enigma? The oldest Mayan native have only one answer—"Quien sabe?"—Who knows? Even the archaeologist has penetrated but a small way behind this veil of centuries.

Mayan research progresses upon a ladder of question marks. How does it happen that their language resembles the Japanese in sound, but not in meaning? What strange migration took place that they should use the hula-hula throwing stick, similar to the weapons of the Eskimo, and still have no acquaintance with the bow and arrow of the midcontinent Indians?

And their jade—here is another query. With unbelievable patience they worked precious stones, green, gray and black jade of a type never found in the American continent. The workmanship, for its aboriginal character, possesses a delicacy that has been likened to that of Cellini. But the source of the material itself has no explanation.

The research under way at Chichen-Itza, in northern Yucatan, is adding much to the knowledge of this mysterious race. It is being directed by the Carnegie Institution under an agreement with the Mexican Government. Recent interest in the puzzle has led to important correlative work in the Mayan linguistics, without which the undeciphered glyphs that cover almost every one of their major structures cannot be made to yield their secrets.

The discoveries on the Lindbergh flight add new possibilities to those already waiting for the archaeologist in other Mayan cities which he has known but not yet explored. The flight is credited with accomplishing as much in twenty-five hours as a reconnaissance party, hacking its way through the tangled growth, could do on foot in five years. Yet the subsequent work is of necessity slow. One pioneer in Mayan research found a valuable object reduced to a thin limestone shell. He saved it by spraying light blue glue upon it with an atomizer at intervals throughout three days.

The possibilities of discovery in the land of the Mayas are almost as rich as among the tombs of the Egyptians. The Itza civilization was not so old as that of the Pharaohs, but it bears a similar relation to the development of the people of the Western Hemisphere. The student of the Mayas may be working in America's "Valley of the Kings."

"Quien sabe?"—Christian Science Monitor.

## The Anglo-American Accord

Shley Huddleston in the New Statesman (London). (It has been suggested in the French press that Ramsay-Macdonald's visit to Washington was an "Anglo-Saxon" reply to M. Briand's plan for a United States of Europe). In spite of an unprecedented amount of talk about Continental and world unity, we have entered a period of remarkable diplomatic activity. Some years before the war the search for allies had practically ceased; there was a diplomatic crystallization; the Powers had lined up. Since the war there has been a gradual dissolution of the old associations; and although the process is not completed, yet it is sufficiently advanced for us to say that an entirely new situation presents itself. The slate is not quite blank, but it has been to a large extent cleared. Now a third operation begins, as that which followed 1871. Most of the countries are actively seeking allies. There are many feints and false moves, but since nobody knows precisely how the world will have shaped up twenty years hence, the feints and false moves arouse nervous apprehensions. It has come to this—that we cannot take a step towards either nation without provoking fears in a third nation lest we have found the key to the post-war diplomatic enigma which will open to us the doors of the future.

## Sauce for the Gander

Toronto Telegram (Ind. Cons.): When Premier King goes West some 500 should lead him out to the Alberta border and point out to him that when Alberta was under a prohibitory law liquor poured in over the border and Uncle Sam never raised a hand to stop it. Then the same Premier King might pause to reflect that what was good enough for Canada when the United States was wet and Canada was dry should be good enough for the United States now that conditions have been reversed.

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## Child-birth and Mother-death

W. F. Pohose in the Spectator (London): Great Britain and America are each confronted by two similar if not identical problems of grave import—to wit an ominous decline in the birth-rate and a concurrent increase in the number of deaths of mothers in child-birth.

Such mortality is greater in America than any other civilized country, the number of deaths to the thousand being 6.5, while in Great Britain last year it was 4.42 (exceptionally high figures). In Italy 2.7, in the Scandinavian countries 2.6, and in the Netherlands 2.3. Now these unfavorable conditions of motherhood have two major results of a most disastrous character. One is, obviously, to incapacitate tens of thousands of women yearly for further child-bearing, an evil the magnitude of which may be pretty accurately computed. The other, which in America at least is widely recognized and is presumptively of great extent, but it is not susceptible of statistical ascertainment, is to deter thousands of women, through fear, from child-bearing or even from marriage.

## QUALITIES

We may satirize character and qualities in the abstract without injury to our moral nature, but persons hardly ever. Poor hints and sketches of souls, as we are—with some slight transient vision of the perfect and the true—we had need help each other to find out the notes there.

## His Hearing Restored

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## Owl Laffs

### A Flapper's Prayer

O Lord, may he be tall and handsome. May he have money and cars galore. May he dance divinely and love me better than life. And, O Lord, may I divorce him easily and find another.

We got a kick from the following from a Texas paper and you probably will, too:

Card of Thanks  
I wish to thank all of those who helped in getting my divorce, especially those who testified to the meanness and cussedness of my late husband.

Sincerely,  
Ursula Ferriman.

We halfway expect the dode to come back some time, but we're certain the cotton stocking never will.

The Valet—"Please, ma'am, come quickly. Master has bitten himself." The Mrs.—"What do you mean?" The Valet—"He has sat on your false teeth."

According to the cynic, modern politeness consists in doing something unpleasant to people every five minutes and saying "I'm sorry!"

It was their first airplane ride, and the young woman of the party felt quite nervous.

"You will bring us back safely, won't you?" she said to the pilot.

"Of course I will, miss," he assured her, touching his leather helmet. "I've never left anybody up there yet."

"Faint heart never won fair lady," said the ready-made philosopher.

"That's right," answered the bashful man. "The way the ladies dress sometimes you've got to have your nerve with you to look at one long enough to feel acquainted."

A lot of troubles might not come if we didn't go after them.

The Bureau of Standards at Washington is working on a "non-wrinkle" cotton. There's a much more general demand, however, says Jack Harris, for a non-apple-in-the-knees wool suiting.

Teacher (to new pupil)—"What is your father's name, dear?" New Pupil—"Daddy."

"Yes, dear. But what does your mother call him?"

"She don't call him anything. She likes him."

What has become of the old-fashioned bathing suit that was described as "daring?"

Villains were not born, but made.

To be unduly elated if you win, or unduly depressed when you lose, is a sign that you are carrying too much ball and not enough ballast.

"Among the most interesting relics of the mound builders that we discovered," said the returned explorer, "was a mummy in a perfect state of preservation with a skull measuring forty-three inches in circumference. 'My gracious!' ejaculated his hearer. 'I had no idea there were movie leading men in those days.'"

The hardest thing in the world is to find a \$10,000 job for a \$4,000 man.

Nothing falls like some kinds of success.

English Mother—"Now Bobby, if you don't behave, I'll get Mayor Thompson after you."

Melissa (at the bridge party)—"Well, Gertie, I believe you are about to lose your prowess."

Geraldine—"Sh-h! not so loud! Give me a pin!"

All the lemons that are handed out do not have fine tissue paper around them.

No chance for the heart to be right if the liver isn't.

Friends just naturally gravitate to the person who has no need of them.

## GUARD THE CHILDREN FROM AUTUMN COLDS

The Fall is the most severe season of the year for colds—one day is warm, the next cold and wet, and unless the mother is on her guard, the little ones are seized with colds that may hang on all winter. Baby's Own Tablets are mothers' best friend in preventing or banishing colds. They act as a gentle laxative, keeping the bowels and stomach free and sweet. An occasional dose of the Tablets will prevent colds, or if it does come on suddenly their prompt use will relieve the baby. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cts. a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## Most Daring Girl In Britain

Steeplejack and an Airwoman for Fun

Brighton.—Brighton boasts a girl who claims to be the most daring young woman in England.

She has, in the course of twelve months:

Done a steeplejack's work on a tall chimney.

Flown her cousin's aeroplane and looped it twice on her second solo flight.

Thieved a mad dog and saved a child from being badly bitten, put a burglar to flight, and, dressed as a man, spent a night in a brigand's camp in Corsica.

This modern amazon is Miss Phyllis Knott, a pretty bobbed-haired girl of 24, and she informed me calmly that far from wanting to rest on her laurels she is now looking for fresh adventures and new worlds to conquer.

One of her pet projects is to make a record long distance flight in a balloon.

"I don't really go looking for adventure; it comes looking for me," Miss Knott said to me. "I can't escape from it. Wherever I go I seem to land up against something exciting. It's either a gift or a handicap, I'm not sure which."

Wasn't Looking For Trifles  
"I certainly wasn't looking for brigands when I went tramping through Corsica this summer. But they were very nice to me; they gave me something to drink and some food."

"Of course they never suspected for a moment that I was a woman. I heard afterwards that one of the bandits was a desperate character who is reputed to have killed two men."

"Nor was I looking for the mad dog and the burglar. They just happened and I had to deal with them as best I could. Any woman would have done the same."

All-expense Tours

"A desire on the part of travelers to go in special parties under expert tour management prompted our company to experiment with the all-expense, personally-escorted plan the past two winters," Passenger Traffic Manager W. J. Black, of the Santa Fe Railway, announced the other day.

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Five of these tours will be run by the Santa Fe in connection with the Burlington System, Chicago to California and back—a journey of about 6000 miles by rail, several hundred miles by motor, and requiring three weeks on the way. One will leave in January, two in February and two in March, 1930.

The itinerary includes the Indian-landscapes around historic old Santa Fe, also Taos, where Kit Carson once lived. Grand Canyon National Park next will be visited, likewise Tijuana and Agua Caliente in Old Mexico. After viewing all principal points of interest in California—including Hollywood, Yosemite and Catalina—the return to Chicago will be by way of Feather River Canyon, Salt Lake City, the scenic Rockies of Colorado and Denver.

The Morning Newsboy  
Before the city rises from its bed,  
Or the first smoke is to the sky uncurled,  
He comes, that we may know, what's thought or said,  
Or done, in any corner of the world.

I never saw him, as I've never seen  
The power that swings the golden gates of day;  
Through snow or rain, in weather foul or clean,  
This gallant youth goes early on his way.

He ends the isolation of the night—  
We wake; the very world is at our doors!  
And while we breakfast in the morning light,  
We hear the waves beating on our shores.

And thus I thank the boy I never see,  
Unlabeled Page of current history.  
—Alexander Louis Fraser.

Sometimes a man talks in his sleep because it is the only chance he gets.

Minard's Liniment for Warts.

## Making Good After 30 Years Of Prison Life

Bob the Burglar and How he Played Santa Claus for Little "Nipper"

Crime does not pay. Crooks work very hard to get a living, and sooner or later they get "time." Whether it is "over the Alps," which means Dartmoor, or in "stix," which means Brixton or Wormwood Scrubs, the old lag realizes that he is up against a system that inevitably puts him down for the count.

I had a heart-to-heart talk with crooks who make a club of a certain place in Shore-ditch. They were old-timers who were making good. Shrewd, humorous, and maybe cynical they were, but they made very good company.

My companion was an experienced detective who knows the East End of London as we ordinary people know our morning and evening trains or omnibuses.

"Bob," said he, addressing a delightful little man, who looked something between a stable boy and a music-hall comedian, "tell Mr. Corder how you played Santa Claus."

Bob grinned, shuffled nervously, and refused to be drawn.

This is the story of Bob the burglar. It was Christmas time, and he had just come out of gaol. He was lodging with a respectable but hard-up family, who had a little "nipper" who believed in Santa Claus.

He really thought that if he was good Father Christmas would come down the chimney, bearing beautiful presents from his wonderful toy factory lit up by the Northern Lights.

The kid sent messages up the chimney to Santa Claus, asking for a toy tricycle, and Bob the burglar broke into a shop to get it.

"Was he plucked?" I inquired from the detective, who blushed and fumbled with his pipe.

"He paid for the blinking tricycle," said Bob, smiling at the embarrassed officer.

That is a true story, and I submit that it shows that the best and the worst of us may be joined by a human touch common to both of us.

Crime As a Trade  
"Afterwards we talked crime, not as an offence but as a trade."

Said I: "If you change had put your brain and energy into regular jobs you would have made good."

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He replied: "Women's clothes are too short. They ought not to be allowed to do it."

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