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First Book Ever Published In Brazil Is Unearthed

Twenty-Page Volume Gives Account of Arrival of Bishop of Rio de Janeiro and Bears Date of 1747; Revealed by Inventory of Palace Library

Rio de Janeiro.—The first book published in Brazil has been unearthed in the old archives in the library of Itamaraty Palace.

It is a very small volume of twenty pages, which gives an account of the arrival in Brazil on January 1, 1747, of the Bishop of Rio de Janeiro, Fray Antonio do Desterro Malheiro, and on its yellowed title page is the date "Anno de M.C.C. XLVII." The book was actually published early in 1747.

The book had been stored in one of the libraries of Itamaraty Palace for many years, unknown to anybody, until a complete inventory was made recently of Itamaraty Palace, which houses the Ministry of Foreign Relations. The valuable book was then discovered in dusty tomes of manu-

script which had been neglected for years.

Bibliophiles claim that the yellowed and age-worn book represents the first handiwork of Brazilian printing, and point to not only the date appearing on the title page but to a note in long hand appearing on one of the first pages, which says "Primeiro livro impresso no Rio de Janeiro e no Brazil" (first book to be printed in Rio de Janeiro and Brazil). The handwriting is declared that of Baron do Rio Branco, Brazil's greatest statesman and one of its greatest literary figures.

Brazil's most recent literary find is to be placed in the National Museum, there to be treasured along with its other early Colonial mementoes.

Bavaria Preserves Old Cloisters

Former Dwelling Place of Monks at Freising is Now a Brewery and College

In cities and villages, or hidden away in quiet valleys, surrounded by forests and with mountains in the background, lie the cloisters of Bavaria, says the information office of the German National Railways.

"Undorned, often looking more like barracks than anything else, one would pass them by," the information office continues, "were it not that these are buildings dedicated to God, where monks and nuns, shut off from the world, have consecrated themselves to works of peace and charity. From the warm sunlight outside one enters cool halls, walks through the echoing corridors, and stands in a lofty room with heavenward striving ornamentation, pillars and colors, filled with the murmur of prayer and song."

"Southern Bavaria is especially rich in these wonderful buildings, whose history often reaches back to the eighth or ninth century. Remains of ancient cloisters are preserved in the advent of Christianity to this part of the country are preserved in the walls of many of these old edifices. From here the monks went abroad to win the heathen to Christianity; they tilled their lands industriously, and were zealous in collecting and preserving literary treasures.

Linked With Orders' History

"The history of many of these cloisters, often intermingled with legends, is interesting and instructive in its bearing on the development of the orders to which they belonged, but also, and even in higher degree, for the growth of the church.

"Then came the year 1803, when the King of Bavaria and his Minister, Count Montgelas, decreed the dissolution of the cloisters, confiscated their lands, sold their valuable treasures and 'pensioned' off monks and nuns with 1 gulden a day. Since that date many of these splendid buildings remained unoccupied and fell into decay or were used for secular purposes until thirty years later they were restored to the various orders. But many a cloister had already been sold to private persons, many an art treasure had found its way to a museum or library, so that many cloisters possessed only the fame of their past and had to begin anew.

"More and more they devoted themselves to social welfare, used their great rooms for schools or were taken over by the State. In the Welthenstephan, in Freising, where devout monks once lived, there is now a brewery, with an agricultural college. The St. Mang Cloister, in Fussen, now houses a museum and government offices.

"Weyarn, a new building from the seventeenth century, between Munich and Holzkirchen; St. Zeno, in Retzheim, and Frauenworb, in Chiemsee, have become educational institutions. In Insee, in the Steuvin district between Buchloe and Kaufbeuren, the former convent is an asylum for the mentally deranged.

"The Augustinian Chorherrenstift, in Berchtesgaden, founded in 1108, has been rebuilt into a palace which is occupied by the former Bavarian Crown Prince Rupprecht. Niedermunster, the Benedictine nunnery in Regensburg, has been an episcopal residence since 1821.

Art Works in Cloisters

"But monks or nuns have remained in or returned to many other cloisters and devote themselves as before to the service of the Church, the care of their art treasures and the cultivation of their lands. These splendid ancient abodes of faith and their churches testify to the fame of centuries and of gifted artists. Long neglected, they were gradually rediscovered, and the creations of architects, painters, wood-carvers and stucco workers were recognized as the culmination of a rich and independent art.

"Especially harmonious work was achieved during the baroque and rococo periods in Altoferster, twenty miles from Dachau (near Munich), now occupied by the nuns of St. Bridget; in Aldersbach, Lower Bavaria;

Apple Vitamins Lost in Peeling

Interesting Discovery by British Food Investiga- tion Board

London.—Much of the "goodness" of an apple is destroyed by peeling, it is stated in the report for 1929 of the Food Investigation Board of the Department of Industrial and Scientific Research, just issued.

One of the most important sections of the Board's task, in its investigation of problems connected with the transport and storage of food, deals with the multitude of problems connected with apples. In the current report it is stated that Vitamin C is not equally distributed in the tissue of the apple, but that it is at least six times as concentrated in the peel as in the region of the core.

It is gratifying to note that, of all the types of apples examined by the Board, the English Bramley's Seedling has the highest Vitamin C content, while, at the same time, it loses only a small proportion during storage. Since, however, the Bramley's Seedling is a cooking apple, and cooking apples are, as a rule, peeled as the first stage in their preparation for the table, it would seem that much of their vitamin value is destroyed at the outset.

The Board's report is interesting in showing the vast amount of work done in examining food supplies from all parts of the world.

Search for micro-organisms which can flourish in cold storage has led to the discovery of a particular organism which emits a strong musty odor capable of tainting foodstuffs, particularly fat and eggs, at a considerable distance.

Laboratory experiments have shown that frozen pork can be exported from Australia and New Zealand and manufactured into bacon in this country. This discovery has already achieved results, and the report states that a considerable number of frozen carcasses are now being used in this country for conversion into bacon.

The problems connected with the storage of foodstuffs have led to the devising of many special instruments, and it is recorded that among them is a delicate apparatus which announces the arrival and disappearance of dew by means of a telephone.

Grass Heritage

How many ages did my lean forbears
Stretch limbs along warm grass, when
food was done?
How many youths dreamed dreams
of love where none
But nibbling sheep could watch them
fling their prayers
Upon the wind—or by the whirled, red
flares
Of camp-fires heard old battles lost
and won?
How many women, hoping for a son,
Wove sweet-grass cradles, humming
unawares?
And I, their child, am asked to be con-
tent
With twenty floors between me and
the ground—
Forget the marshes where wing-shad-
ows pass.
Oh tangle with curved reeds that
storms have bent!
Not even shriek of drills can stop the
sound
Of old, ancestral winds along the
grass.
—Helen Molyneux Salisbury, in
Harper's Magazine.

Art Works in Cloisters

In Schafflarn, founded in 762, whose Benedictine abbey now contains a high school; in Rott, on the River Inn; in Weltenburg, on the Danube, or in Rotentebach, near Fussen.

"Here one finds treasures. There is the impressive halo of the altar in the Damenstiftskirche, in Altonmarkt; the altar in Aldersbach, rising toward the vaulted roof, the wonderful Virgin in Wettehausen, dating from the seventh century. There is the library in Motten, mentioned in documents of the year 770; the splendid proportions of the imperial hall in Ottheimern, founded in 764, with its library of 15,000 volumes. All these represent a history of religious art."

A Charming Study



Annual Richmond horse show was held at Richmond, London, over period of six days. It is biggest horse show of year to be held in the British Isles. Miss Cockburn and her pony, Peter, an entrant at the show.

Girl Guide News

Two Companies

The 5th Cuttack company in India. They are the lepers and in playing the game of Guides they have found a new hope and interest in life. See them in their blue saris and white blouses, learning about birds and flowers, playing games and singing songs round a camp fire. The Guides are in the grip of their terrible disease, but their motto is:

"We rejoice that those who enter here need no longer abandon hope.

The 1st Gayaza Company in Uganda. The Guides here wear white tunics and no hats or shoes. They are nimble with their fingers, weaving mats and baskets, and are quick to pick up the rhythm of a country dance. They follow the general guide training in Nature lore, handicrafts, and physical fitness, but all teaching is done in their native speech, Luganda.

To-day, over 900,000 strong the Girl Guides have their new London Headquarters, with offices, reception rooms, a library, and a restaurant, and the new building is to be the Home of Guides all over the world, for they have all lent a hand in building it. May we remember the Swiss Guide's prayer:

"O Lord our God, we are many and we are strong. Grant us to grow in numbers and in strength that we may resolve to work steadfastly for Thee in the world that is Thine."

Going Up the Rangers

Our Leaders—Quite a long time ago our Guides Captain suggested that the older Guides should become Rangers.

Somehow we did not like this idea at all. "We would rather be Guides," we said; but after several talks on the subject we have decided to be Rangers.

Two of us were Patrol Leaders and one a Patrol Second, so this means promotion for some of the younger Guides to Leaders and Seconds, and what capable Leaders they will make!

We now realize the mistake we made in not joining the Rangers earlier, as we are now keenly interested and enjoy the work very much.

Kyoto Observatory
Report New Planet

Kyoto, Japan.—A new planet has been discovered by the Kyoto Astronomical Observatory. It is 180,000,000 miles from the earth, the observatory said.

According to the Harvard Observatory a planetary object located approximately 180,000,000 miles from the earth would be of comparatively small size, otherwise it would have been discovered centuries ago.

The distance given would locate the object in the region of minor planets between Mars and Jupiter, it was said. This region is known to contain numerous minor objects varying in size from practically nothing to as high as several hundred miles in diameter.

Parisiennes Walk
Abroad With Cats

Paris.—The creature of the moment is the Siamese cat. Several of them can be seen on leads, like dogs, walking with their mistresses in the Bois. They are intelligent and some will walk to heel like a well-trained dog.

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"My brother has a gold medal for running five miles, a silver medal for swimming, two cups for wrestling, and badges for boxing and rowing."

"He must be some athlete."

"No, he's a pawnbroker."

Aviatrix "Resting Up"



In plane piloted by Clarence Chamberlin, her adviser, Ruth Nichols, Lady Hurt at St. John, New Brunswick, on first leg of her projected transatlantic flight, arrives at St. John at Armonk, New York, airport. She was immediately whisked away by ambulance to her home at Rye, where she will rest a bit before making another flight attempt.

WITH THE LONE SCOUTS

We are glad to notice that several Lones have applied to attend Camp with Regular Troops who have arranged Scout Camps in different parts of the Province. We surely hope that they have a good time and thoroughly enjoy themselves.

Incidentally far more Regular Troops asked to have Lones go to camp with them than we could accommodate, and that shows that we must be quite popular with our brothers in the "Regulars."

We are interested to note that our old friends at Sault Ste. Marie, who now have a Troop of their own, are camping at Root River with 25 Scouts and 5 Leaders under canvas.

Lone Scouts living in the Picton District should note that the Picton Fair is to be held on August 19th and 20th, and there is to be a special Boy Scout Handicraft Exhibition. What about putting in an entry, and have it recorded that a Lone Scout won a prize? How many Lones will visit the Canadian National Exhibition this year? It will be a special Scout year, as besides the usual parade to the Exhibition by the Scouts and Cubs of Toronto District, numbering something like 2000 Scouts, "Scout Day" will include a special "Grand Stand Display" by Scouts and Cubs, where you will be able to see exhibitions of Tent Pitching, Jungle Dances, Don't miss it! And also you may have the opportunity of meeting the Lone Scout Commissioner, your Scoutmaster and the mysterious "Lone E" who writes this column each week!

We notice that the Harriston Scouts are beginning to revive their activities. The Lones there have had a pretty hard struggle for existence, but they are "keeping their end up" and we are looking forward to a revival of the old "Antelope Patrol."

Recently, we notice, 30 Scouts left England to attend the 20th Birthday Camp of the Czechoslovakian Scouts, at Prague, England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales were all represented, and we think that this is a splendid gesture of friendship to our foreign brothers, to join with them in their anniversary celebrations.

A large group of Toronto Scouts took part recently in a special "Canada Night" display in connection with the Lions Club Conference which was held at the Coliseum, Toronto.

Who would like to be the possessor of a Stalker's Badge?

First of all you must be a good photographer, and have a camera, and then you must be possessed of lots of patience, for the requirements of the Stalker's Badge are as follows:

"To take a series of ten photographs of ten different kinds of wild creatures (mammals, birds, reptiles or fish) from life, and be able to give particulars of their lives, habits and markings."

That does not sound so very hard, does it? But you really will have to exercise quite a lot of patience in order to obtain ten really good photographs which will pass the test.

This, too, is lots of fun, and those of you who have a camera would be well advised to get busy on this badge right now, in order that you may make the best use of the summer light.

Are you a Lone Scout? If you are between the ages of 12 and 18, and cannot become a member of a regular Scout Troop, we have room for you in the Lones, if you are a keen, energetic boy.

Write for particulars to The Lone Scout Department, Boy Scouts Association, 230 Bay Street, Toronto, Ont.—"Lone E."

Sharp Decline Reported
in Cost of Foodstuffs

Ottawa.—The cost of living in Canada has fallen 12 per cent, in the last 18 months. At the end of May the index of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which is based on the year 1926 as 100, stood at 90.4. The beginning of 1930 recorded the high point in recent years, 102.1.

The most pronounced reduction was in foodstuffs, the index dropping from 106.5 to 77.7.

"Bright" Child a Problem
in Social Adjustment

New York.—Do not feel sorry if your child is not the brightest in the school, because the mentally superior youngster usually has a hard time of it and makes himself a special problem in the matter of social adjustment, according to Science Service.

In a report to the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, Dr. Leta S. Hollingworth, of Columbia University, showed that child prodigies find themselves handicapped in many respects. The brilliant boy or girl may become indifferent to school work and fall into habits of idleness and daydreaming as a result of the ease in which the ordinary lessons are mastered. Finding themselves uninterested in the same games as their older and larger classmates, they are often the "bright" ones suffer considerably.

For the gifted girl, particularly, the matter of recreation is difficult because her early maturity develops in her an interest in the "rougher" activities of boys which her sex inevitably prevents her from pursuing.

In the home, Dr. Hallingsworth stated, the situation is sometimes very embarrassing to the parent of the precocious offspring. By the age of six or seven the child may be insisting on logical, satisfying answers to questions. In addition, an almost devilish cleverness as well as a marked tendency to argue may be early noted. And where the parent is less intelligent than the child the latter is likely to run the household and thus reverse the customary social order.

The Leather Industry

Ottawa.—The boot and shoe industry in Canada revived strikingly in March and April this year, according to a report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics compiled from 164 of the 170 factories operating in the country. The output in April was 1,593,917 pairs as against 1,574,405 pairs in April, 1929, and 1,492,526 pairs in April, 1929. The March production figure was 1,729,930 pairs as against 1,594,865 pairs in March, 1929 and 1,712,852 pairs in March, 1929.

The Man Who Smiles

Blessings on the man who smiles! I do not mean the man who smiles for effect, nor the one who smiles when the world smiles. I mean the man whose smile is born of an inner radiance, the man who smiles when the clouds lower, when fortune frowns, when the tides are adverse. Such a man not only makes a new world for himself, but he multiplies himself an hundredfold in the strength and courage of other men.

—George L. Perin.

Unbridled Words

Words that would be better left unspoken are numberless, and yet how frequently we offend, often hurting without a cause, or without a thought. Just a few hasty words—to ease our mind we say—and a heart is made sore and resentful; a bitter taunt, or a slighting tone, and perhaps a hard pressed, struggling soul has lost hope, or a broken confidence and a cloud comes between friends, which, perhaps, only long, long, years will dispel.

We little know how dearly we pay for the doubtful pleasure of saying cutting things; we think they sound clever—and regardless of others' feelings we are proud of our smartness—but in this matter it is easy to sow grains of discord and ill-will, that shall return to us in a big sheaf of unavailing regrets.—M.K.

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Paris.—Seaside clothes, from pajamas, hat and swimming suit to the accessories like shoes, belts, bags and scarves, must be of bright hue and bold design this Summer. Shiny hats in straw-work lend themselves to the new big patterns in lacquer and tussah silk can be had in lovely shades of brilliant orange and green.

Loveliness

There is always something lovely
In the earth or in the sky;
For the stars shine bright above us,
Though the roses fade and die,
Woods are never without music,
There is always some sweet strain,
As the robins keep us piping
Till the parks come back again.

The Duke of York's Work-bench

Building wireless sets is a favourite hobby of the Duke of York, who has a work-bench fitted up in his study in his house in Piccadilly, London.

Pithy Anecdotes Of Famous Persons

A French soldier named Four has been trying to persuade the French War Office that he is not dead, still lies buried on the battlefield. On his fourth attempt he was asked what inscription he would like placed on his tombstone. This recalls the unfortunate husband of the Countess Ann, in Meredith's poem. He gained her hand by pretending to be dying from a wound received for her sake in a duel. But he did not die; and after that, whatever he said, she answered him: "You are dead."

Walter De La Mare owes the inspiration for his fine story, "Memoirs of a Midget," to his children. They were taken to see a circus and, of course, visited the sideshow, where, among the freaks was a little dwarf girl. Their description of her on their return home, was so entrancing that father at once got his idea for the story, which, as he says, then "wrote itself."

Sir Walter Raleigh, much-beloved professor of English at Oxford University in days gone by, used to enjoy telling this story of an incident which occurred during a visit to the United States:

"It was at Cleveland, Ohio, that a reporter met the train on which I had arrived from New York. Not knowing me, the scribe looked around for some one who he thought looked like an Englishman. At last he spotted a victim. Going up to him he said: 'Are you Sir Walter Raleigh?' An amused look came into the eyes of the man as he replied: 'No, you'll find Sir Walter Raleigh in the club car playing poker with Queen Elizabeth!'"

Herbert Spencer, the philosopher, deemed it his duty to combat on the instant every erroneous statement, false reasoning or foolish opinion; and this led to frequent homilies, says James Howard Bridge, Spencer's private secretary for five years.

"At his boarding-house, where I sometimes lunched with him," relates Mr. Bridge (in "Millionaires and Grub Street") "corrective or expostulatory explosions came from him as regularly as the desert followed the rain."

Once when Calvo was singing in a command performance of "Cavalleria Rusticana," at Windsor Castle, the Queen of Spain, then a little girl, was permitted by her grandmother, Queen Victoria, to attend. In one of the scenes, the tenor had to throw Calvo, as Santuzza, violently to the floor. The sensitive Princess burst into tears.

"I don't want him to hurt the lady," she wailed in such a loud voice that every one turned and looked at her.

"As I came off the stage," recalls Calvo, in her reminiscences, "I heard the future Queen being thoroughly scolded by her governess."

Only a short time ago, Calvo met the Queen of Spain (now Duchess of Toledo).

She remembered vividly the incident of her childhood, and we laughed again over her anxiety for my safety, her tears, and the scolding she received in consequence," adds the prima donna.

A few years ago when Big Ben—London's famous clock—was wound up by hand, the job of winding occupied the full working day of two men, says Mrs. M. V. Hughes (in her delightful book "London at Home.") Big Ben, by the way, is not the clock but the big bell that does the striking. The name Ben is from Sir Benjamin Hall, who was Commissioner of Works when the clock was put up.

Park Lane, London, has always stood for the quintessence of aristocracy and exclusiveness, and there is a joke (chuckles Mrs. Hughes) about a red socialist knocking at one of the houses and shouting to the footman: "The revolution is here!" only to be met with a chilling reply: "All revolutions must be delivered at the tradesmen's entrance."

No behavior in London, warns Mrs. Hughes, is wiser than to look over your neighbor's paper, except to hold your own paper so that your neighbor can't see it.

The London night watchmen, who sit in little sentinal boxes with a fire in a bucket, belong to a much coveted profession called "Guardin' oles," that is kept in privileged families, and passes from father to son, like the throne. The opportunity for philosophy under the starry sky must be unique. A night watchman (relates Mrs. Hughes) has just been sued for the return of two books borrowed from a public library—Einstein's "Relativity" and Bloxham's "Chemistry."

The friendly spirit shown by London shopkeepers is proverbial. Not long ago Mrs. Hughes went into a little grocer's shop.

"Before I could demand my packet of candles," she says, "the harassed woman looked up at me and said: 'Oh, do tell me what I can have for dinner! I have had steak and haddock so often that my husband is getting unpleasant about it!'"