

Owl Laffs

A young Irishman was a ward captain and his alderman gave a dinner to the faithful workers and their wives. The Irishman's wife was unable to accompany him and the following is the conversation which took place on his return home:

Wife—"Was Mrs. Smith there?"
 Husband—"Yes."
 Wife—"What kind of dress did she have on?"
 Husband—"Well, really, I didn't notice."
 Wife—"Was Mrs. Martin there?"
 Husband—"Oh, yes."
 Wife—"What did she have on?"
 Husband—"I didn't notice."
 Wife—"Now, Mike, I don't think you went to the dinner at all."
 Husband—"Well, I'll tell you, dear. They had nothing on above the table and I was ashamed to look under."

"It's impossible to get money from those who have no money," says an economic expert, and next to impossible to get it from those who have, we would add. Our idea of the real efficiency expert is the man who, when horseback riding, wears only one spur, because he knows that if one side goes, the other must follow. This old world might seem like a heck of a place, but just try to imagine what it would be with three sexes. When he was about to have a tooth extracted, a patient suddenly attacked the dentist; as the dentist won, however, it ended in a draw. What you save, you leave behind; what you spend you have for awhile; but what you give away in a worthy cause you take with you. The happiness of people is all that makes business or anything else worth while. If you don't earn your reward you won't enjoy it. There is no man living who cannot do more than he thinks he can. A woman should know that often, from the shape of things, one cannot blame history for wanting to run.

For Doormat Husbands
 A judge declares that home life needs co-operation—wholly! It is? This hard to bring the bacon home and then to have to fry it.

When it came to the naming of the new mine, the prospector's wife said:
 Wife—"Will you name it after me, dear?"
 Prospector—"Yes, darling, I will. Yes, I'll name it in your honor."
 And from that day to this, one of the richest gold mines in the Black Hills of South Dakota has been known as "The Holy Terror."

Heck—"How did Slim, the burglar, come to reform?"
 Jack—"He went and got married, and the wife won't let him out nights."

Young Man—"To what do you attribute your longevity?"
 Old Man—"To the fact that I never died."

Clarence—"I had a date with a real gold-digger last night. She spent all my money."
 Emma—"And I suppose you got in at 11 o'clock sharp?"
 Clarence—"No, I got in at 1 o'clock flat."

Jerry—"I hear you've been studying for months how to increase your salary. How did it turn out?"
 Freddy—"Poorly. The boss was studying the same time how to cut down expenses."

There was a clever young operator who caused the rescue of a sick man when she heard him groaning into the telephone. She knew at once that something was wrong because the groaning came before and not after he had tried to get a number.

Housewife—"What do you work at, my poor man?"
 Tramp—"At intervals, madam."

First Salesman—"Meeting with much sales resistance lately?"
 Second Salesman—"Yes. I ran into three brooms and two bulldozes yesterday."

New Method Devised To Oust Plum Beetles

Entomologists of the United States Department of Agriculture have devised a simple and effective "jarring sheet" for use under peach trees to collect plum curculio beetles. Jarring the pests from the trees in the Spring and destroying them has long been recommended as a supplementary control measure, but the new jarring sheet is an improvement over the collecting frames formerly used.

O. I. Snapp and J. R. Thomson of the Bureau of Entomology, who developed the improved jarring sheet, secured together three 36-inch widths of unbleached cotton 15 feet long, making a sheet 9 by 16 feet in dimensions. They put small holes, 10 feet long, through a hem in each of the 9-foot ends, to facilitate handling, and put a rope through a hem on each of the other sides, fastening the ends of the rope to the poles. They stretched a chain across the centre of the top of the sheet parallel with the poles to weight it down in the middle. When ready to collect the curculios, they place two sheets under a tree, one on each side, and jar the large limbs of the tree with a pole, padded on the end with a piece of automobile

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Rock Study Vastly Extends Earth's Age

Geologist Turns Back Clock Seven Hundred Million Years

Washington.—A vast aeon—known to geologists as Liplian time—150,000,000 years—appears to have dropped completely out of history, according to Professor Charles Schuchert of Yale University in a report issued by the National Research Council.

Search the world over has failed to reveal the slightest clue to the errant millennium during which some of the most momentous events in the history of life on earth occurred. The pages of rock on which the long story of life was written before man began to record events seems to have been torn out and thrown away for this period.

The record of time, Prof. Schuchert explains, runs back in fairly good order through the period known as Cambrian time, about 500,000,000 years ago. Then there was abundant life in the great oceans. Many of the creatures had hard shells. They died, sank to the bottom and were buried in the mud. Through the millenniums the seas disappeared, the bottom mud became rock and was raised up into mountains.

MOLLUSC DAYS.
 The fossils of the sea creatures were embedded in the rock; so that geologists today know what they looked like and what families they belonged to. Some of them were relatively enormous creatures, measuring from six to eight inches. They represent practically all the divisions of the animal kingdom now found in the seas except those with backbones such as fish, mammals and reptiles.

Seen in a museum exhibit today these lords of creation a half billion years ago look like very primitive creatures. But they are probably closer to the highest developed forms of life today than to the most complex forms which preceded them and of which there is record. Just behind them lie the lost millenniums during which animal life was beginning to take on the evolutionary processes which resulted in the mammals of many millions of years later.

In the next oldest known rocks, Prof. Schuchert says, there have been found traces of some primitive sponges, some tiny protozoa-like creatures known as foraminifera—trails of worm-like creatures and of some unknown invertebrate animal. There are also limestone deposits of peculiar formation laid down by tiny plants, the blue-green algae, who are still busy in American rivers after almost a billion years. There also are traces of bacteria. Even some of these were already high in the scale of life, especially the worm-like creatures known as annelids.

SKELETON GROWTH MYSTERY.
 But, Prof. Schuchert says, "not one of the known animals had yet learned to use lime for skeleton structures, either external or internal, and this when there must have been present a highly diversified mass of invertebrates. We know that the pre-Cambrian seas must have been replete with lime salts in solution. If any of the

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A Happy Normandy Village

"For a good apple year the year has not been too good, but for a bad apple year the year has not been too bad." That is the classical phrase attributed to Norman apple-growers. It is heard in a thousand variants. You can never get nearer the fact. Things might have been better, but then they might have been worse. On the positive side the Norman philosophy is lacking. There are no enthusiasms. Superlatives are eschewed. Everything is comparative.

In my Norman village I constantly heard the non-committal reply. The workmen were putting up an elaborate kitchen with incredible complication of pipes to carry hot water from room to room; and were painting and carpentering and generally making my old mill inhabitable in order to make it habitable.

Would they have finished in a week? Surely they were approaching the end? They had already been a month and a half longer than they had led me to believe. Could I rely on them to complete their task by Wednesday?
 "Why, as to that," said the entrepreneur, blowing up his forge, "as to that, it will certainly be well advanced."
 "What do you mean by well advanced? Do you mean it will be finished or not?"
 "I cannot say it will be finished, and I cannot say it won't be finished. It will be well advanced."
 "But you have told me that for more than a month. What am I to think?"

The West Through Eastern Eyes

Here we have an interesting and informative article written by Kimpie Sheba, city editor of the Japan "Times and Mail," wherein we view customs and habits of the Occident as seen by the Orient.

Just as our Japanese days appear unaccountable to you, so your Occidental ways are equally unaccountable to us. Suppose I set down a few of the customs, observed during a brief stay in the United States, which seem strange to a Japanese.

It is early morning in a typical American home. You are resting on soft pillows and spring beds. We are different even while we sleep, since in Japan people lie on hard beds and rest their heads on firm pillows, those used by the women encased in wooden sheaths. Presently you awake. You sit up and stretch yourselves, facing the foot of the bed. As we in Japan rise, we make a turn so that when we stretch ourselves, we have our faces turned in the opposite direction, toward the pillow. In brushing your teeth you devote as little time as possible to the undertaking. Our countrymen take as long as possible. In fact it is not uncommon for a Japanese of the lower classes to be seen out on a morning's work in the neighborhood of his home, brushing his teeth.

After washing your face, you use a dry towel. We wipe our faces with a moist towel.
 As the typical American family is about to sit down to breakfast, the mistress of the house may call to her husband, "Harry, won't you run upstairs and bring me something to put over my shoulders?" And Harry runs up. In a Japanese family, Mr. Sato would be sitting at the breakfast table while his wife was still busy in the kitchen. As she came into the dining room, Mr. Sato might call out: "Run up, will you, and fetch my glasses." Mrs. Sato would obediently hasten upstairs.

Yes, it seems we do things in exactly the opposite way—even to saying grace. In American homes, if grace is said, it is before food that is eaten by the living. In Japan prayers are recited only before food that is proffered to the dead. And when we say grace, we have our faces turned up, while you pray with your faces turned down. American and European women in mourning wear black dresses, whereas in Japan women wear only white during this sad period. On the other hand, black is the conventional costume worn at weddings in Japan.

Your people develop love before marriage, and it very frequently happens that this love grows less intense as the months pass after the ceremony. Our people frequently develop love only after the marriage ceremony is over; for in the majority of cases the man and woman are not sufficiently well acquainted even to hold hands during the period of their engagement.

A Japanese carpenter pulls his saw, while an American pushes his. In using a pair of scissors, your workmen to operate the handle end, while we push together the tips. You stand your umbrellas with the handle end up; we stand ours with the handle down. In carrying a closed umbrella, you hold the handle, but we dangle ours from a string attached to the opposite end. In entering a house, you first of all take off your headgear. The first thing we do is to remove our footgear. If you have brought a guest home with you and he has a gift, he presents it immediately. Our custom is to leave the gift on paring. In presenting the gift, you inform your host that it is something very nice and you hope he will like it. In Japan we assure our friend that anything we may choose to present as a gift is really of no value and we know he will

"It will be well advanced."
 Wordsworth could not induce the child to alter her simple reckoning: "We are seven." I could not induce the entrepreneur to abandon his phrase: "It will be well advanced."
 "Well," said the Mayor of the tiny commune, "my advice would be—stay on the spot if you would have the house made ready. They have so much work to do that they rush from one place to another. They do the most urgent jobs. They will never believe that your job is urgent if you do not take up your abode. Then when they see you camping in confusion they will take pity on you!"
 I thanked him for his counsel. "Yours must be a happy village if there is more than enough work for everybody!"
 He shook his head. "For a village where there is plenty of work there is not too much cause for complaint," he said.

The sun shone on the red roofs, irregular, old, rain-soaked and sunburnt. The hills on the other side of the river were green enamelled. Their meadows were rich and shining. Here and there a cloud, white in the sky, cast deep shadows on the grass. The trees that crowned the slopes showed every hue from pale gold to black. The orchards on the right were heavy with fruit. For a village where nature was both generous and charming, where there was employment for all, there was little room for grumbling. From "Between the River and the Hills," by Sisley Huddleston.

So, hereafter to the American visitor in Japan who exclaims, "Gosh, you're a strange people!" permit me to reply—in a spirit of friendship, of course—"The same to you."

The Bible

It lays a pillow for the weary head, it puts a staff within the pilgrim's hand, it meets us at each bend of life's rough road, it evermore anticipates our range, it is a guide to life's last boundary line, it opens wells no drought of Time can fill, it satisfies the most artistic sense, it is a gallery of matchless charm, it is an honest critic of the soul, it is a cheque-book we too seldom use, it kindles hopes beyond our fondest dreams, it has a balm for every wounded heart, it speaks a language that all understand, it ends in an apocalypse of gold.
 —Alexander Louis Fraser.

Done to a Turn

A new system of memory training was being taught in a village school, and the teacher was becoming enthusiastic.
 "For instance," he said, "supposing you want to remember the name of a poet—Bobby Burns. Fix in your mind's eye a picture of a policeman in flames. See—Bobby Burns?"
 "Yes, I see," said a bright pupil, "but how is one to know it does not represent Robert Browning?"

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But there are things in America which seem just as ridiculous to Japanese eyes. For instance, in New York recently, when I happened to be walking on Fifth Avenue, I beheld a sight which almost caused me to hold my sides lest I burst from laughter. For what should I behold in midday and in the very heart of the greatest city in the world but an American woman proudly walking along, wearing a dark blue Japanese coat, or "bappi," on the back of which, in glaring red Japanese characters six inches in height, were the words "Fire Extinguisher." It was a coat patterned after those issued by the Tokyo fire department.

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