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INFORMATION IN REGARD TO ROMAN BATHS OF BATH.

The Hot Springs That Feed These Baths Were Known to the Britons Years Before the Roman Invasion-No Baths Were Built Until Claudius Visited That Place Abou Springs.

The Roman Baths of Bath are among the most interesting relics in England, and form a happy hunting-ground for the antiquary who gathers from them and their specimens of sculpture, pottery and coins, valuable information concerning a highly interesting period of history. The hot springs that feed these baths were known to the Britons years before the Roman invasion, but no baths were built until Claudius visited the place (about A.D. 44) and constructed a huge wall twenty feet high to enclose the springs. Other Romans after him continued the building operations, until a fine system of baths and bathrooms was erected. Solinus, whom many authorities believe to have written as early as 80 A.D. mentions the "Calidi fontes," and the baths and bathing-rooms. For many years Aquæ Sulis (as the place was called) was of considerable importance, being on one of the great roads (the Fosseway) that the domans built to connect the chief points of the island; the fame of the medicinal value of the hot springs spread far, and the baths were land, sendeth greeting. much frequented.

in 410, when England was overrun by the to continue under my care, and still adhere barbarian hordes from the north, Aquæ Sulis to the Doctrines and Discipline of the Church was practically undisturbed, being protected of England are greatly distrest for want of by King Arthur; but in 577, the Battle of ministers to administer the Sacraments Dyrham changed the state of affairs. Two Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, according to Saxon kings defeated three British, and took the usage of the said Church: And whereas three cities-Gloucester, Cirencester and there does not appear to be any other way of at the head of the home. She is the promin-Akeman (as the town Aquæ Sulis was then supplying them with ministers: called). Bath was sacked, and columns, "Know all men, that I, John Wesley, think statues and sculpture were destroyed and the myself to be providentially called at this time conduits which carried off the superfluous to set apart some persons for the work of the water choked up. The water flooded the ministry in America. And therefore under the whole area of the baths, covering it with a Protection of Almighty God, and with a single mineral deposit, and to this may be traced eye to his Glory, I have this day set apart as the excellent preservation of the remains. a Superintendent, by the imposition of my Previous to 577, many of the baths had fallen hands, and prayer (being assisted by other into disuse and had been walled up, and the ordained ministers), Thomas Coke, Doctor of sacking of the city completed their ruin. Civil Law, a Presbyter of the Church of Eng-Many years later, however, portions of the land, and a man whom I judge to be well baths were restored or rebuilt by John de qualified for that great work. And I do here-

of the buried buildings was fully realized. In of Christ. In testimony whereof I have here-(the course of excavating a fine hall was dis- unto set my hand and seal this second day of covered, with a large bath surrounded by September in the year of our Lord, one thouwide scholæ or platforms. Adjoining this was sand seven hundred and eighty-four. John a series of rooms evidently used for varying Wesley." temperatures, as in the modern Turkish baths. There was the frigidarium, or disrobing room, which was not heated; the tepidarium, which was slightly heated by a præfurnium or stove, and the elothesium, which was furnished with oils and spices for the use of the Roman dandies. Other baths were excavated by de grees, and in 1880, a very large bath (known as the Great Roman Bath) was unearthed, and also a smaller circular bath believed to sion from the Papacy and when Christianity have been reserved for women. These latter baths are open to the public, and a visit to them during the summer season, when excellent concerts are held, is an experience not easily forgotten. The visitor enters an im posing doorway, pays a small entrance fee at a turnstile and proceeds along a spacious corridor, where luxurious lounges are arranged. Down a flight of winding stone steps he goes and enters a strange atmosphere. He is standing on the very pavement trod by Ro- held those of Luther as the vital truth. mans sixteen hundred years ago. He stumbles over the uneven stones worn by their sandalled feet. He looks down at the water welling from the same spring that supplied the baths so many years ago. Green and byterian creed? Cast-iron fetters of dogma steaming it is, with a curious odor of warm retain their force only in that church which metal, and in it tiny goldfish dart about.

Over in a corner battered and silent, stands the Holy Coat of Treves. an image of the god Sul, who is believed to have presided over wells and springs and to have had a temple erected in his honor. carved in stone remain to this day to testify nese Empire is practically beyond calculation. to their vanity and their ingenuity-curled and puffed and dressed with coins and jewellery in front, and twisted into curious circular coils at the back.

seats, filled with a modern crowd. Filmy on him till another lady called a policeman, maker, or, at least, war-wager of his time. dresses flutter up and down the rough stones, who gathered him in. Mrs. Elizabeth Stein- After the war of 1870 the old Kaiser prelike bright flowers in a grey garden. Many- man saw a man run out of the basement of sented Moltke with several guns that had been One of the indispensables of torrid India colored lanterns and fairy-lamps hanging her home with a rug she had bought recently. captured from the French, and one of these is the punkah, a large fan, operated by a from the columns throw soft, hazy lights on She raced him for a block, tripped him up, and the marshal managed to have melted down colored servant to secure a draught of air and the water and the people. In place of the so lady-handled him that he was glad to ac- and converted into a bell for the village church keep insects from disturbing the sleeper. The deep Roman voices are the high tinkle of fem- cept the escort of Policeman Christiansen. of Kreisau, near his Silesian seat. The sound native is not always reliable, being apt to inine tones, a few words of gutteral German, Mrs. Agnes Harding's purse was snatched of this converted bell, pealing across the doze, and for this reason efforts have been or a shrill American laugh. In place of the from her hand by a negro boy in a Fulton peaceful summer meadows, said Moltke once, made to devise a mechanically driven punkah. odors of oils and spices is that of tobacco and street car. She managed to get information was the sweetest music he had ever heard. These efforts have failed owing to the diffimodern scent. The spring, after its journey about him and went with two detectives to a from four hundred feet anderground, falls negro settlement, where she found the boy back into the water with a soft, unceasing with her property still in his pocket. This plash. And then, drowning the voices and speaks well for the courage and alertness of the rustle and the plash, comes the sound of Brooklyn ladies, but has it no interest for the music. The haunting strains of Wagner's police? Have citizens got to go all that sort United Stateser who visited the island was this jerking motion is perfectly imitated by a "Star of Eve" float across with penetrating of work for themselves? clearness, carrying the listener into a world of dreams. In that realm of fancy his mind wanders till he is roused by the loud tones At what time of the day was Adam creatof an American march. Brisk, loud, rapid, ed? A little before Eve. the stirring air rings out, till the very air | Where is paper currency first spoken of seems to pulse and vibrate in time with the the Bible? Where the dove left the ark and vorce." To this the woman replied: "No, sir, Originally a quarryman he was for seventeen conductor's regular beats. But is is desecration to play such music in such a place—an

When did Moses sleep five in a bed? When
that nom de plume he published several volthat nom de plume he published several volinsult to the venerable stones and to the me- he slept with his forefathers. mory of the men who carved them. It should Who was the straightest man in biblical The report of the first year's work of the nmes of poetry which showed that, as in the be a funeral march that should echo through history? Moses, for Pharabh made a ruler of Emmanuel movement at St. Mark's church, case of Ferguson, Burns, Hogg, Tannahill and OUR ROOSTER BRAND the thick pillars a funeral march for those him. dead Romans, slow, solemn, mournful. It should be low and sweet, till those restless the same place.

n shadows should be at peace and fade away into the misty air. The stone face of the god seems to frown, but the music suddenly ceases III no and he is placid again.

FIRST METHODIST ORDINATION.

The Document Issued in the Handwriting of John Wesley.

A Toronto gentleman contributes to Saturday Night a relic of John Wesley, discovered recently in an old book, being the ordination papers of the first superintendent of the Meth-A.D. 44 and Constructed A Wall to Enclose odist church in North America. Wesley appointed Dr. Coke to the position in .1784 After the American Revolution many of Wesley's early helpers were driven out of United States on the charge of being British sympathizers, and from 1773 to 1783 the minutes of the English Methodist Conference are without records of work in America. Wesley had intended the Methodist organizations in America to be dependent on the Church England clergymen for the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, but the Civil War destroyed all possibility of it. Twice he wrote to Bishop Lowth, of London, asking him to ordain some of the Methodist helpers, and thus give them authority to administer these sacraments. But Bishop Lowth refused stating that there were three Church of England clergymen in America already! After waiting for four years, Wesley, assisted by Rev. Mr. Creighton, ordained Thomas Coke.

"To all to whom these Presents shall come John Wesley, late Fellow of Lincoln College in Oxford, Presbyter of the Church of Eng-

"Whereas many of the People in the South- out prospect of marriage. After the withdrawal of the Roman legions ern Provinces of North America, who desired

Villula, physician and chaplain to William II. by recommend him to all whom it may con-But it was not till 1755 that the importance cern as a fit person to preside over the Flock

Too Much Dogmatic Insistence.

Goldwin Smith. All who desire the preservation of Christendom as the foundation and the bond of Christian character and life will deplore the renewal of heresy trials and the disruption which they entail. At the time of the seceswas desperately struggling with that power for existence, recourse to some special name and profession of a dogmatic character by way of bond and watchword of defence was natural, perhaps inevitable. But political locality and circumstance had much to do with the formation of the several churches, and it cannot be supposed that all Genevans held precisely the opinions of Calvin or that all the people of the reformed districts of Germany Among Protestants dogmatic tests as conditions of spiritual life and fellowship have outlived their day. How much does a largeminded Presbyterian now think of the Presbelieves in the infallibility of the Pope and in changes in the law that will tend to make duty of obtaining a bell was allotted to

A Grand Tomb and Guard.

Would that those stone lips could speak, for ness the procession carrying away the body the story they could tell would be of virile of the late Chinese emperor, Kuang-Hsu, it interest. Once he looked out on stone white would seem as though the most sacred and and new, and down the wide scholæ or walks secret of Chinese mysteries was about to be went a long procession. Stately captains of solved by Europeans. Never before has a legions, strong, rough soldiers, plump and foreign eye rested upon the funeral car of a power to grant divorces was given, as is proprosperous merchants, all were there. member of the imperial dynasty. No foreign posed, to the county courts, further cheapen-Through the pillars came the sound of voices footstep had ever approached the vast palace- ing the process of obtaining them, they would speaking in the sonorous Latin tongue. From like tombs in which these monarchs have become more common, and scandal would enthe further end comes the sound of singing, been laid to rest. A million dollars and two sue. There is the experience of other counthen a burst of laughter, where idlers are years will be spent on erecting a tomb for tries to support this position, which is that gathered round an itinerant musician, for at Kuang-Hsu, and the late emperor's body will of the strongly religious element of the poputhese baths were always singers, jesters and not be given final burial until the work is lation, and which, regarding all divorces as tellers of tales, who regaled the bathers with finished. Then the whole colony of priests evil, would prevent the granting of any. song and quip. The chime of feminine voices will be placed near this tomb, which will also has against it the fact that the precedent of a comes from behind the wall of the woman's be a temple. The late emperor will be wor- divorce court has been established, and in bath. But an hour before he had caught a shipped in the name of the Chinese people Great Britain precedents broaden rapidly. glimpse of elaborately-dressed heads entering as a god, as is still being done with emperors the portico. Wondrous, indeed, was the head- who died two hundred years ago. The cost dress of some of the Roman ladies-busts to the poverty-stricken millions of the Chi-

Field Day For Brooklyn Ladies.

shopping excursion, found a strange young been expected-to wit, Field Marshal Von which enables the building to be completed and From his corner he views rows of modern man in her parlor, threw him down and sat Moltke, the "battle thinker," the greatest war- equipped.

Biblical Conundrums.

should be a dirge to lay to rest those shades After twelve bolts of lightning had struck ber of cases which have not been materially man. He was familiar with the language and should be a dirge to lay to rest those shades! After twelve bolts of lightning had struck ber of Cases which had literature of France, Spain, Germany and that lurk in every corner and whisper strange a New Mexico house it was as riddled as the improved is small, and already many have literature of France, Spain, Germany and that lurk in every corner and whisper strange a New Mexico house it was as riddled as the improved is small, and already many have literature of France, Spain, Germany and Literature of France, Spain, Ge that lurk in every corner and whisper strange a New Mexico house it was as riddled as the improved is small, and already many have literature of France, Spain, Germany and

IN HINDUSTAN IS NO LONGER A TOY.

She Is Being Steadily Taken Out From Privacy of Apartments and Trained to Take Place in World-Leaders of Public Opinion on Education of the Girls.

The greatest revolution of our times has taken place in India. Woman in Hindustan has ceased to figure merely as a half-toy, halfslave, penned up in a harem, and is more and slave, penned up in a harem, and is more and tal resorts, where the ordinary man feels no more recognized as the pivotal point of Inshame in sitting with his wife and children— Kellogg's is a dia's regeneration. The leaders of public opinion realize that the renaissance of India depends mainly upon the manner in which the girls of the land are educated to take up their responsibilities as mothers and wives. Schools designed for girls are springing up all over the Indian peninsula. The woman is being steadily taken out from the privacy of her apartments and trained to take a place in the world. Early marriage is becoming passe, and the marriage of widows is receiving the indorsement of blue-veined, high-caste men. Early marriage and enforced widowhood never have been essential tenets of the Hindu religion. Ignorance led the people to believe he should leave as soon as he had a drink. The ordination paper in Wesley's handwriting that it was their religious duty to marry their Is it surprising that the public house should daughters early, and not allow the widow to remarry, and the regulation was made so before the nuptial ceremony was performed, the wife-to-be was considered a widow, with-

burning widows on the funeral pyres of their deceased husbands. They, too, contrary to the general impression, have never treated their widows tyrannically. These unfortunate less respectable member of society. It is women are treated with consideration. The widowed mother or aunt in India is usually ent figure of the family. Hindus are establishing widows' homes in all parts of India, where young widows are initiated in the art of teaching and other professions, so that they can earn their living and take care of themselves, independent of their relations. In several parts of India the high-class women still veil their faces heavily in public. This does not, however, mean that these women are held in captivity or forced to cover their faces by some masculine tyrant. Moreover, it is only in the cities that the Hindu woman lives in seclusion. In the country she is as free as the air. Over 65 per cent, of the people are farmers, and so the bulk of Indian

women live on farms. The farmhouse is usually of mud, with thatched roof. In some localities poorly burned bricks or unhewn stones are used. Where wood is used for rafters and girders, it is rudely chopped. The walls, as a rule, are bare and there are no curtains or shutters at the windows, which are without glass panes. The household goods consist of a few earthen vessels, roughly built wooden cots, and mats of straw or coarse gunnysack. The people, as a rule, squat on the floor, and know nothing of chairs and tables. Stoves and cooking ranges are unknown. The women bake their bread in earthen ovens, and cook in earthen pots over a fire made, in many cases, of cowdung cakes. Mustard oil, or some other vegetable oil, is used in almost all the rural districts for illuminating, a poor, uncertain light. Frequently one room serves many purposes, for a kitchen, dining room, drawing tarian diet.

Divorce Topic In England.

English church papers take the ground that divorces cheaper and easier to obtain will crease the number of separations of man and wife and work evil. When, as is now the case With the permitting of foreigners to wit- in the greater part of Canada, divorce Great Britain could only be obtained by act of Parliament, they say, dissolutions of marriage were few in number. When a court was established in London, though the costs were still high, divorces increased. If the

Church Bells From Guns.

the other day by Dr. Alexander, Primate of will be erected near London all Ireland, and it was done years ago by the An anonymous gift of \$125,000 has been made Barrack St., Kingston Mrs. Fannie Kerschneff, returning from a man of whom, perhaps, it was least to have to the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Davos,

Divorce Court a Superfluity.

took to discuss it with a married woman of which slaps the fan to and fro. some prominence and with a good physique. "What would you do," he asked, "if your

health.

ENGLISH TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT.

To Restore the English Public House to its Traditional Use.

A movement to restore the English public house to its traditional use as a place of ease, recreation and refreshment has been initiated in England. Lord Halsbury, the ex-lord chancellor, presided over a gathering of peers, members of parliament, clergy and others, at which it was decided to establish a True Realize That Renaissance of India Depends Temperance Association. The aim is to associate moderate people all over the country who dissent from the extreme and destructive proposals of puritanical teetotalers, in reasonable policy of improving licensed hous es by rendering them more like the continen-

and of thus reducing drunkenness. Lord Halsbury drew a clear distinction from the methods of total repression. "The great aim of our organization," he said, "will be to try something not tried yet-appealing to the will and heart of the people. If you were to train up a body of abstainers who were so because they could not get drink, they would not be men, they would be slaves. The temperance party would improve the public house out of existence instead of improving it for the public use. They regard the public house as a disgraceful place to go to, and as a place-which, if a man visited it, have become a mere drinking shop? We want to alter that, and to make every public strict that if the would-be boy husband died house a decent place of refreshment and re-

"The very essence of this movement is to remove the stigma," said Lord Salisbury. "It The Hindus long ago realized the folly of is very hard that a respectable man should be debarred from a drink and from friendly intercourse with other men simply because to 'frequent' a public house marks him as a

also a dangerous policy.' "The more open drinking is the better, said Rev. H. R. Gamble, of Holy Trinity "English people are not prepared to be dragooned into total abstinence, or into adopting the organized hypocrisy of total prohibi tion." He supported the scheme in the interests of free and healthy social life.

Wonders of Seed Life.

Few objects in nature are more wonderful than seeds. Minute, inert, insignificant, yet Grocore their tiny forms may enfold the food and raiment of countless hosts for successive generations. One single seed may vewer realm with briars or bless it with bloom; may crown its mountains with the glory of Lebanon, or curse its vales with thistles and with thorns. Within these tiny forms slumber germinant energies which may unfold themselves in myriad shapes of strength and beauty, or flow out in lowliest types of vegetative life, which, yet partaking of a Divine vitality, outlast the proudest monuments of human skill and power, and cast their veil of verdure above the ruined relics of that mortal grandeur which sinks with its authors beneath the blight of time. Happy is it that the seed is the chosen emblem of the word which God has spoken, and which, as the expression of the Divine mind, is charged with immortal pow-

Bound To Be Commemorated.

Saturday Night. In the diocese of Nova Scotia is a laudable custom of placing on record in churches the names of the man or men chiefly instrumental room and bedroom. In most instances the in providing the funds for building, and each the room is overcrowded and is uncomfortable new church bears, in some form, an inscripas well as unsanitary. People use their fing- tion bearing the names of those who carried ers for forks and knives, and sop up their food | the burden of collecting the means. But the pieces of wheat or corn bread. Many church at Mill Cove, on St. Margaret's Bay, millions of East Indians subsist on a vege- is unique in a personal tribute. When the building was being erected a committee of the parishioners was appointed and the work was divided among its members, one undertaking the supervision of the wood work, another George E. Jollimore, who sent to Boston for Storage a bell of most metallic sound; but he took the precaution of having it inscribed: "Sacred to the memory of George E. Jollimore." The bell has done duty ever since, but Mr. Jollimore is still alive, although the bell flourishes as a post-mortem tribute. He evidently does not propose to hide his light under the steeple.

Growing British Benevolence.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess, performed an interesting ceremony opening the new headquarters of the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society at Kennington, consisting of the old Town Hall of Lambeth The Society was founded by the Rev. Edward de M. Rudolf in 1881, and has been energetically worked by him ever since, caring for 14,400 children, with 4,000 under care now.

An anonymous gift of \$500,000 has been made to the newly founded Home of Recovery. The scheme was initiated by Miss Fraser-Tytler, and has been taken up by well-known members of I "God grant that the guns of battle may be the surgical and medical professions, being inmelted into bells of worship." That was said tended chiefly for surgical cases. A building

An Electric Punkah Does It.

culty of duplicating the action of the handworked punkah, the special value of which consists in the sudden jerk given the fan by Newfoundland has no divorce court, and the native at each turn. Recently an electricthere is no evidence of the need of one. A ally driven punkah has been devised in which much surprised to hear of this, and under- "lathy shaped spring" covered with leather,

A Scottish poet has just entered into rest. husband came home drunk and undertook to Alexander Anderson, better known as "Surill-use you? Surely you would seek a di- faceman," died in Edinburgh in his 69th year. I would try the poker first, and if any official years employed by the Glasgow & South Are ready to contract for immediate New York, is interesting. Rev. Dr. Batten numerous others, a poet had emerged from and his associate treated 300 cases. The num- the humblest ranks. He was truly a self-made University of Edinburgh,

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