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MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS LOST AT THE SCAFFOLD.

It Consisted of Black Pearls, and Was Worn by Queen on Morning of Her Execution.

After many centuries, and in a curious way, a historic necklace of black pearls, which Queen Mary of Scots wore on the morning of her execution at Fotheringhay Castle, has been recovered in a romantic way. From that morning, when, at the foot of the scaffold, the ill-fated queen distributed her jewels and money among her broken chain, the pearl necklace had been lost sight of, and was only recently unearthed in an old curiosity shop in a small village in Scotland. The keeper of the shop parted with the pearls to a lady customer for 12s. 6d., but there was then nothing to indicate their real value. Now experts have declared that they are incomparable, and, in fact, they have been resold for no less a sum than £16,000 (about \$80,000). It seems that a short time ago a lady, riding her bicycle in Scotland, accidentally broke the chain, and her pearl necklace was suspended. Remembering that in a little shop she had seen a few strings of beads and other trifles dear to youthful village maidens, she rode there to see if she could find something to replace for a time her broken chain. She found nothing to serve her purpose, and was on the point of leaving, when the old lady behind the counter said, "I have got an old necklace that might do, but it is much more expensive. Shall I fetch it for you?"

The necklace, which was rather large, dull-looking "beads" was produced. It did not seem to be quite what she wanted, but the curious workmanship of the clasp took the lady's fancy and for the sum of twelve shillings and sixpence she became its owner, and to it attaching her eyeglasses, she resumed her ride.

To her purchase she attached but little importance, but being one day in London, a friend admired the "beads," not a little, and expressed a wonder as to where such a pretty string had come from. It so chanced that shortly afterwards the "beads" had occasion to visit the shop of a dealer in antiques, her object being the purchase of a grandfather clock, and while there she showed her "beads" to the dealer, asking him what he thought of them. After a short inspection, the dealer became quite animated, fingering each "bead" in turn, and asking so many questions as to how and when the lady had become their owner, that her curiosity was completely aroused. Subsequently the dealer was submitted to a jeweller and his interested inquiries served to confirm the owner's impression that her possession was positively of rare value, and the impression was strengthened when an offer was made of £5,000 for the string. This offer was declined, and instead the string was submitted to an acknowledged expert in matters connected with antiquities and ancient jewellery. Here a brief examination of the "beads," and a glance at a book of reference, were sufficient.

"This, madam, is the string of black pearls worn by Mary Queen of Scots on the day of her execution. The pearls have suffered by neglect, but I can buy them from you, should you wish to sell them, for sixteen thousand pounds. I shall re-sell them at a profit to a customer if you accept my offer which remains open for your consideration as long as you like." The lady accepted the offer, and shortly afterwards the old shop woman in the little Scotch village was equally delighted and astonished to receive a cheque for one thousand pounds.

Queer Ideas of Arithmetic.
In a village churchyard in Worcestershire there is, or used to be, a tombstone stating the age of the tenant of the tomb below to be 304. The mason apparently had the crudest notions of the mysteries of arithmetical notation.

Oddly enough, to the present day we would find in Burma 1000 900 11 1 used for the year 1910, this being a case of an admixture of an old notation with modern symbols. The same kind of admixture of new and old is taught in the indigenous monastic schools of Tibet, and is prevalent all over India among the Hindu astrologers. In the purely native schools Indian children are said to learn the multiplication tables up to 100 times 100.

Teachers in our own elementary schools may bless their fortune that they are not called upon to listen to such a nerve-ending drone from "twice two are four," up to the numbers just mentioned. Even in the Government schools of the United Provinces the children had to learn up to 40 times 40 until a few years back.

Beautiful, But Dangerous.
The laburnum is a beautiful tree. Unfortunately, however, like many other beautiful things, laburnum blossom is dangerous. The long, yellow flowers and the seeds which presently take their place contain poison—cytisine—so powerful that a hundredth part of a grain injected under the skin of a cat or a dog is sufficient to cause its death. In ten seeds of laburnum there is sufficient poison to kill a child, and there are a number of cases on record of death from this cause. Also the laburnum exercises an evil effect upon the vegetable world. The gardener will tell you that flowers will not flourish in the ground about a laburnum tree.—London Globe.

The Victim.
"I hear poor Dobbs, the humorist, has gone to a sanitarium," Binks said.
"Yes," Higgins said. "He's worked himself into a state of nervous prostration that I fear is incurable."
"That's too bad," Binks said. "How did he come to do that?"
"Why, six weeks ago he got an answer to a riddle, one's a chan-fleur and the other's a fur show, and he says he'll never be able to sleep until he finds the question it will make a good answer to," Higgins said.

LABOR CONDITIONS GOOD.

Outlook in Canada Rosy Says July Gazette.

Very satisfactory are industrial and labor conditions in Canada as reviewed by the Labor Gazette. In its general summary it says: "There was general activity in nearly all branches of industry throughout Canada during the month of June. Prospects of an abundant harvest, continue to be exceptionally good, sufficient rains having fallen during the first two weeks of the month to ensure prospects of good yields. While the coal mining industry in Alberta and Eastern British Columbia was impeded by labor disturbances there was, on the other hand, exceptional activity in the coal mines of Nova Scotia.

In all branches of manufacture, prosperous conditions prevailed and arrangements were being made for the establishment of many new industrial institutions.

The general tone of the lumber trade was healthy.

Unskilled labor was well employed, railway construction absorbing a large number of men.

Generally speaking, all classes of labor were well employed, except in a few cases; the supply of labor generally equalled the demand though arrangement for the additional help which he requires, about 1897 in the season had not been completed.

Returns of immigration, trade and transportation continued to show large increases over those of the preceding year.

The number of trade disputes reported to have been in existence in Canada during June was twenty-seven, a decrease of seven compared with May, but an increase of nine compared with June 1910. About 208 firms and 15,010 employees were involved in these disputes, about 169 firms and 8,071 employees having been involved in new disputes of the month.

Industrial accidents occurring to 1,902 individual work people in Canada during the month of June, 1911, were reported to the department of labor. Of these eighty-two were fatal and 110 resulted in serious injuries. In addition eleven fatal accidents were reported as having taken place prior to the beginning of the month, information not having been received by the department before June, 1911.

A Wonderful Memory.

An interesting incident occurred on the Montreal Stock Exchange the other day when Mr. Rodolphe Forget made what is now one of his periodic visits to the Exchange. The common stock of the Wayagamack Pulp and Paper Company was, at the time, selling around 38, and Rodolphe started in to buy something like a thousand shares, and succeeded in doing so before the stock got very much above 37 1/2. Then, when it was noticed that he was buying such a large amount of the issue, other brokers started to buy, and at the close of the day the stock had gone as high as 39, and in the meantime Mr. Forget, it rather looked, had been able to turn round and sell all the stock that he had acquired in the morning, and at the end of the day had practically the same amount of money as he had when he started out, and yet the stock was selling at 39, as compared with 36 when he started in to buy it.

In his operations Mr. Forget is always favored with a remarkable memory and has a decided advantage over most other brokers in that he is able to stand in the middle of a crowd and go along trading in 500 or 1,000 shares of a stock in small lots, both buying and selling, without being forced to let every transaction down on his piece of paper, until he has achieved what he has been after, when he can step aside to the desk and from memory write down from twenty to thirty different transactions that he may have put through in the course of five or ten minutes.

A Railway Anniversary.

Recently the Canadian Pacific Railway celebrated or failed to celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday, as the only transcontinental railway in North America. The building of the Canadian Pacific meant the building of a new Canada, the consummation of the Confederation, the opening up of the West, and the dawn of a new era in Canadian national life. Born in political tempest, nurtured in trials and tribulations, the Canadian Pacific grew slowly and steadily until in June, 1886, the first transcontinental train left Montreal for Vancouver.

The total earnings of this ribbon of steel across the continent in 1896 were only ten millions of dollars. This year the total earnings will be over one hundred millions. The mileage has grown from a little less than five thousand miles to over fifteen thousand. Then it had two steamers in commission, now it has seventy-one.—Canadian Courier.

A Poor Memory.

They were watching the moonlight on Lake Ontario, and he was quoting verses from Omar Khayyam. From the poets they drifted to personalities, and he finally made a reference to their happiness the summer before.

"Last summer?" she echoed innocently. "Why, were you here last summer?"

"Was I here?" he repeated in indignation. "Why, we were engaged." She looked at him dreamily for a moment. "Oh, so we were. But I always had a wretched memory for faces."—Canadian Courier.

No "Uncles" in Quebec.

According to a recent report there is not a single pawnbroker in Quebec, the last person in that business having died about 30 years ago. Since that time no one has applied for a license. One reason probably the high license fee required to be paid by persons wishing to engage in pawnbroking. Again, it may be due to the absence of extreme poverty among the native population and the ready assistance extended to deserving poor by a number of charitable organizations.

ANOTHER ALLIANCE.

Young Canadian Weds Society Woman in the Old Land.

Anglo-Canadian marriages have been quite in vogue this spring. London has been the scene of at least two large fashionable weddings recently, which attracted much interest in the Dominion. Not long ago Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.P., was married and some of the most eminent people in English public life attended his wedding. Just the other day, Mr. Claude G. Bryan, son of Canon Bryan, Toronto, married Miss Annette Furness, niece and ward of Lord Furness, the great ship baron. This wedding, too, was a big social event.

Mr. Bryan, like Mr. Greenwood, has mainly made his way by his own unaided efforts, helped by a rather Irish temperament in certain incidents of his career. Not long ago a graduate of Jameson Avenue Collegiate Institute, Toronto, and the University of Toronto—Class of 1896. At Varsity, he was a well-known member of the Kappa Alpha Greek Letter Society. On leaving Varsity, for three years young Bryan was reporter on The Globe, Toronto, part of the time serving as secretary to Mr. J. S. Willison, then editor-in-chief. While covering assignments for his paper he one day met Sir Gilbert Parker at the Queen's Hotel.

The novelist wanted a secretary. He was attracted to Bryan by that young man's boyish vivacious ways, and engaged him. For some time Mr. Bryan resided in England with Sir Gilbert. From secretary he rose to be his literary collaborator. Mr. Bryan and Sir Gilbert combined in producing in 1903, "Old Quebec, a History of New France." The actual writing of this work, which is generally credited to Sir Gilbert Parker, was done entirely by Mr. Bryan. While in London, Mr. Bryan wrote numerous short stories and articles for magazines—contributing occasionally to the Canadian Magazine.

He has for some time now lived in New York and Indianapolis as chief executive officer for a large insurance corporation.

His bride, he met during his engagement with Sir Gilbert Parker. The tastes of the young couple are largely identical. Miss Furness is a literary woman of no little note, the author of several bright romances. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will reside for the future in London, in the magnificent home presented to them by Lord Furness, next door to Lord Charles Beresford. It is understood that Mr. Claude Bryan will be the next Canadian to contest a seat for the British House of Commons.

More About Sir Wilfrid.

The London Journal, Modern Society, once more favors its readers with a long, distant information about Canada's Premier. Undoubtedly one of the most interesting visitors to our shores just now is Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who has been described as "The Simple Life Prime Minister." Although he possesses a knighthood, he is at heart as democratic as Lloyd-George himself. "Titles and badges," he said on occasion, "do not make the man, and I myself would prefer to be called simply Wilfrid Laurier." Indeed, considering his high public position, Canada's Premier is almost too modest, but his sterling character and wonderful powers of oratory have won him the affection of all classes. It is interesting to note that, although Sir Wilfrid is the virtual ruler of millions of English-speaking men and women, he himself was not able to speak a word of English until he was eighteen. Up to that age he could only talk in French, and his first lessons in English were received from an old Scotch farmer, to whose house young Laurier used to go for family worship. Sir Wilfrid is very advanced in all his ideas, and some time ago he publicly expressed himself as being in favor of woman's suffrage. "Well," said a lady member of the audience, "if you give us the vote, you will find that we shall vote for you and the Liberal party." "Oh, no doubt," replied Sir Wilfrid with a knowing smile. "You are just like the men. You want something first, and when you have got it, you will show your gratitude—if you don't forget it."

Better Homes For Working Men.

Ottawa has a Model Homes Association which proposes to help working men to get cheap and suitable plans for the houses which they are to build in the Capital City. The underlying idea is that the working men will get better homes and the City of Ottawa will have more pleasing workmen's houses. It is proposed to select a certain number of plans from a large number which have been submitted by architects from all over the Dominion and to supply copies of these model plans at a nominal price. The City Council has made a grant to the association and some private funds are available. In addition, Controller Hasteley has offered to give a site and a thousand dollars in cash to the association for the erection of the first model home.

Gas to Burn.

The visitor to the Canadian town of Medicine Hat is struck by the sight of street lamps burning in the day. The reason is that the city obtains the whole of its light and heating from the natural gas stored in the caverns of the earth beneath. The City Council, having an inexhaustible supply of gas, has found it cheaper to let the street lamps burn all day than to pay labor to light and turn them out. It is said that not a ton of coal is used in the town in a year, the lighting, heating of buildings and the cooking of food all being done by the natural supply of gas.

A Wireless Feast.

One hour by wireless from Glace Bay, Cape Breton, to Dakar, on the coast of French Western Africa, is the astonishing feat accomplished by the Glace Bay wireless station. The message was flashed to the Eiffel tower at Paris and from there relayed to Dakar station, the whole operation taking only sixty minutes.

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