

BOX HILL TRADITIONS

MEREDITH'S HOME HAS LONG BEEN PLEASURE RESORT.

Since Jane Austen's "Emma" Picnic Parties at One of England's Most Beautiful Spots Have Been a Popular Amusement—It's Box Hill That's Famous Throughout the Country.

One wonders when Box Hill first became a favored spot for pleasure parties. We associate so much of our ideas of travel and enjoyment with railways that it is natural to imagine that they must have been the first to popularize it.

It is not every such delightful spot that gets immortalized in a novel. True, Bath and Weymouth, Lyme Regis and Bournemouth, figure as scenes of safety. But early novels show that they were well known.

It is not, it must be confessed, a very happy precedent, since the party was a melancholy failure. Of all the long record of misunderstandings, so skillfully worked out, in which Emma Woodhouse found herself involved, the party to Box Hill proved no small part.

But the essence of the illustration is not that the party was dull, but that there was a party, and that this was a hundred years ago.

Those same box-hills are notable. They give the hill its name, which suggests that they are older than the tradition of their planting in the reign of Charles I.

At about this time, too, Box Hill came into notoriety because of the eccentric burial of a certain Major Labelliere.

But a true to box-trees and eccentrics. It is of Keats and Meredith we think. Keats came but for a brief time to finish "Endymion," but even that short stay has linked his name for ever with Box Hill.

Removal sale! White lawn blouses from 50c, corset covers, from 25c; night dresses, 50c.

CHARGED BY AN ELEPHANT.

A Plunge Through a Tree and a Rifle Shot Just in Time.

Captain C. H. Sigand tells in his book, "Hunting the Elephant in Africa," of a narrow escape he had from a young bull elephant.

"I made frantic efforts to crawl through, but a stout branch resisted my progress, and at the same moment the gong was pushed in after me and pushed me through the branches on the other side.

"I quickly changed my rifle round and discharged it into his stern. It was the last cartridge in the rifle. Having fired, the rifle was taken out of my hands, and I found Matola, who had counted the shots, gazing beside me, serving me the second rifle as a waiter might offer a dish.

"The breach was open, and he was holding the clip in position with his thumb just over the magazine.

"The rainiest place in England, the famous lake region of England, has the distinction of being the rainiest spot in that country.

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It is a popular error in England that penal servitude "for life" means in reality "for twenty years."

Just within the gateway of Gray's Inn, London, is the greatest curiosity of the inn—the famous old bookshop of Jacob Tonson.

In the reign of Edward III, there were eminent clothiers and woolen weavers in England whose family name was Blanket.

White Rose flour put up in 7, 12, 49, 93 lb. packages at all grocers. The private bank of F. C. Dale & Co., Madoc, closed.

Reduced prices this week in fresh herring, whitefish, salmon, salt herring, salt salmon, etc. all fresh and good.



Right Hon. Herbert H. Asquith Prime Minister of Great Britain is himself one of the best "stump" speakers in the Old Country.

THE APOLOGY.

Jennie looked so debonair That Tom kissed her then and there Without warning.

She was wary, he was bold, And he would not be controlled, Fate defying.

Even Preachers Do It. This is the age of full-speed-ahead-the-risk-of-breaking-your-neck.

Obituary for a Dog. The insertion by the Rev. J. G. Lyon, parish minister of Carmyle, Arbroath, Scotland, of this advertisement in a local paper has been the subject of some criticism.

How to Glaze Nuts. Glaze nuts are always great favorites. Use walnuts, almonds, Brazil nuts and pecans.

Stage Paint. Painting the face on the stage is a barbarous custom come down to us from the age of oil lamps and candles.

Charges. "Your lawyer made some pretty severe charges against the other fellow, didn't he?"

M. H. GRASS DEFENDS THE OLD SYSTEM OF READING THE WEATHER.

He Presents Facts for Impartial Judgment—Some Very Interesting Records of Past Winters Are Given.

Callins Bay, March 27.—(To the Editor.)—In the early part of February of 1879, I appeared in an item in the Whig stating that neither scientists nor observers had any confidence or reliance in the tradition of what was known as "bear-day" in Canada.

How were the pioneer refugees to obtain any accounts of what the weather conditions were likely to be? Surely only the predictions of the actions of animals, ground-hogs, chipmunks, birds, and mirages.

Prominent among those that were certainly adopted was: First, Mrs. Woodford, who owned ninety acres of land there and lived in a red tavern stand a little to the south-west of the residence of Anthony McGinn.

Second, John C. Clark, grandfather of George F. Clark, here, and of Brantford, kept records for many years, and was a man of great talent, and a wonderful executive ability and a great penman.

Third, Rachel Poxley, wife of the Rev. James Poxley, Slab City, now Westbrooke, ninety years ago, deceased thirty-eight years ago, and fourth, Deborah Holmes, grandmother of Calvin Lewis, Victoria street, lived until near ninety years, and is deceased about thirty years.

In 1855 the 2nd of February was very bright, cloudless sky, calm. A terrible winter followed through February and March, with an awful quantity of snow.

In 1896, another severe winter occurred in February and deep snow, but the chipmunk appeared about 10th May and by the 17th of March the snow had all disappeared with terrible floods.

In 1880 the 2nd of February was cloudy. All February and March were open, no snow.

There is a sufficient recompense in the very consciousness of a noise freed.

its usefulness the watchfulness of ability have become obsolete. From time immemorial people of all nations have gathered their weather-wisdom from the sun and moon as well as from the peculiar actions and habits of beasts, birds and insects.

The celebrated Sir Humphrey Davy, one of the most successful modern explorers of the secrets of nature was not above attending to, and explaining the "weather omens" which are derived from popular observation.

In 1841 when Mink of Kingston drove the four horse-stake to Toronto, then Little York, the postage on a letter to York was 1s 3d. Fare for one passenger £2 10s.

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