

WOMEN, CATS, MOON

LINKED TOGETHER BY CERTAIN SUBTLE LIKENESSES.

M. H. Grass, of Collins Bay, Writes About the Relationship Existing Between the Three.

Collins Bay, Dec. 3.—(To the Editor): In the very ancient and widespread feeling that women, cats and the moon are linked together by certain subtle likenesses we have one of the most curious phenomena of the human mind.

We never picture a witch flying into the sun with a dog on her shoulder, but the symbol of the old lady on the broomstick with a black cat on her shoulder and flying across the moon is one that exists in all countries.

Perhaps there were some natural reasons for this association—undoubtedly there must have been—which were more to our ancient forefathers than to us.

The feline love of comfort and luxury and its general attitude of tolerating more than welcoming demonstrations of affection is in itself an attitude which women during the long ages of the repression by man intensified for their own protection.

There is little doubt that the trait was noticed by observers throughout the world who make superstitions. Superstition is usually, by the way, only a psychology with the wrong dress.

There is, too, the changeableness of the moon in which poets have always found an analogy for the shifting of woman's moods. At the beginning there is no doubt that the curious association of the three was complimentary.

Later, when through causes of which we know little, the superstitions of all races degenerated, this complimentary quality was lost, and even with the moon, stress was laid upon the unpleasant similarities.

In the Middle Ages, and after, women were in the stake who were convicted of the charge that they had conversed with a devil in the shape of a black cat.

Four ministers attested the truth of the tale which Captain Burt brought from Scotland in 1720, that the leg of a cat cut off by a man it attacked turned into the leg of an old woman.

In agricultural communities both the moon and cats are consulted about rain and frost. If the cat scratches its ear, it is a true sign of rain; and if it sits with its back to the fire, as a North Carolina mountaineer says, a cold snap is inevitable.

More Kultur. Ottawa Journal, comes in the news despatches that the Germans have levied a new war payment of \$75,000,000 on Belgium, with a further \$7,000,000 a month to maintain German troops.



KAISERIN VISITS WOUNDED GERMANS. Kaiserin of Germany visiting wounded German soldiers in one of the Lazarettos in Berlin.

The Third Time

Carr Anna read the news of the bank's failure and a gray pallor settled over her face.

For the third time! Her hands, large, homely, and work-rasped, clutched unconsciously at the newspaper-wrapped lunch in her lap, as though they clutched at the trip to her home of which she was again deprived.

It came as a bitter shock to learn that the brightest spot that America cared to show her was a shirt and overall factory. But she had worked fiercely, regardless of weariness and smarting eyes and hunger until she had saved enough to pay for her passage to the little, dull old island town.

There was no profit to be gained by loitering. So they went disconsolately back to the noise and whirr of the machines. And if Anna's heavy feet almost rebelled and refused to take her there, there was small wonder.

They found the usual big crowd at the bank doors. Old women, stunned into tearfulness, and some who wailed fiercely, men who muttered angrily; those who roared, and others who stood about in dumb hopelessness.

At first she put it down as a vagary. The patient, slow voice belonged only to a slow fellow named Johann whom she had defiantly left to take care of his parents, while she hunted happiness in new fields.

Operation Decided On As Only Means of Relief

But the Writer of This Letter Resolved to Try Dr. Chase's Ointment First and Was Cured.

This is not an isolated case, for we frequently hear from people who have been cured of piles by using Dr. Chase's Ointment.

After physicians had told me that nothing short of an operation could bring relief and cure, if you could read these letters, coming as they do, day after day and year after year, you would realize what a wonderful cure Dr. Chase's Ointment really is.

A PRISONER OF WAR

At Fort Henry Writes For Tobacco Money.

A Groton, Dakota, newspaper has the following: Groton has contributed her victim to the European war.

Felix left Groton about a month ago, bound for New York. Just how he fell a victim to the enemy is a matter of speculation. How many husky Canucks he killed before submitting to capture is not stated, but it is supposed that he opposed the enemy in the traditional close formation of the German enemy.

With the Bayonet. A letter from an English Corporal who was wounded in France on Oct. 23 and who is now in the Seaman's hospital at Greenwich, has been received by a friend in New York.

Well, we were through the thickest of the fighting between Ypres and Lille. We had twelve days in the trenches, two days together without any food or water.

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There is a story about in Washington official circles, guarded with as many injunctions to secrecy as if it came from the British embassy itself, that there is being framed here a new model for a defensive air craft which is guaranteed to give serenity and security to London.

Tempered with Common-sense

The charge of the "Light Brigade" at Balaklava was a magnificent display of courage, the acme of patriotism,—but it accomplished nothing. It was a useless sacrifice.

Be sure that you do not make useless sacrifices on the altar of your country. Be sure that you temper your patriotism with common-sense.

We must remember, in connection with our efforts to buy nothing but "Made in Canada" goods, that there are some articles necessary to every-day life that are not and cannot be made as well and as economically in Canada as they can elsewhere.

No amount of insisting that these be "Made in Canada" could establish such industries on a permanent, profitable basis in Canada.

In lines where competition is practicable, there are enough industries in Canada turning out goods that are the equal of those imported to support every Canadian workman, if these industries are supported by every Canadian consumer.

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James McParland, Agent, 339-341 King St. East.

Advertisement for a Real Automobile and a Guaranteed Watch. The ad features an illustration of an early 20th-century open-top automobile and a pocket watch. Text includes 'FREE For Boys', 'A Real Automobile and a Guaranteed Watch', and 'Boys Here Is The Grandest Proposition Ever Made'.

Advertisement for Bulk Oysters, Finnan Haddies, Kippered Herrings, and Dominion Fish Co. The ad includes the text 'SOWARDS Keep Coal and Coal Keeps SOWARDS' and 'Bulk Oysters, Finnan Haddies, Kippered Herrings, Dominion Fish Co.' with phone numbers.

Advertisement for PERRIN'S TIPPERARY BISCUITS. The ad features a map of Ireland with various regions labeled (e.g., SCOTCH SOLDIER, ENGLISH SOLDIER, IRISH SOLDIER) and illustrations of soldiers. Text includes 'While the kiddies are bound to want them for their patriotic pictures of troops of the allied armies, Union Jack, British Bulldog, etc., the grown-ups will be just as enthusiastic about their delicious flavor and golden-brown crispness.'

Advertisement for 'Tempered with Common-sense' featuring the story of the 'Light Brigade' at Balaklava. The ad includes the text 'The charge of the "Light Brigade" at Balaklava was a magnificent display of courage, the acme of patriotism,—but it accomplished nothing. It was a useless sacrifice.' and 'Everything Else Being Equal, "Say Made in Canada"'