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## Secret Hiding Places

Many of the ancient family seats of England have secret chambers and hiding places. Persecutions of various kinds were common. Some were political, some were religious and all equally unpleasant.  
Precautionary measures were taken by public men and people who felt that they might be "anted" and sanctuaries were provided. Some of these places were fair-sized rooms, others little more than cupboards, just large enough for a man to stand upright. Some unfortunates even died in the hiding-places, for skeletons have been found in many of them.  
In the old mansion at Stonhurst, in Lancashire, now a famous college, there are several of these secret chambers. One of these was situated in a wall behind a large bookcase. The entrance to it was through a sliding panel, the opening spring of which was cunningly concealed in the wall.  
When this place was discovered some years ago, an old bed and mattress were found in it, also a great number of guineas of the reign of James II. The chamber itself was fairly roomy, and about five feet in height.  
Tradition has it that the oldest part of Stonhurst is riddled with secret passages and chambers. Some years ago, when alterations were being made in the structure, a hollow beam with hidden hinges was found. It had evidently been used in bygone days for hiding sacred vessels and other valuables.  
Yet another secret chamber in this old mansion is over the main entrance, in the central tower. From this, through a small hole, cunningly hidden in the carving of the coat-of-arms of the Sherburn family (the former lords of the manor) on a large shield of marble over the gateway, a good view could be obtained of the approach to the house. In this chamber a number of loaded horse-pistols were discovered, many of them ornamented with silver. They had evidently been placed there for use in case of emergency. The fact that they were still loaded seems to show that the emergency never did arise. And, to confirm this, a full flask of rum was also found.  
At Irnham Hall, in Lincolnshire, is another secret chamber. This hiding-place is very cunningly devised. A solid oak beam, forming one of the steps leading down into the bedroom, was so arranged that it could be lifted up, disclosing a trap-door that led down into the hiding-place below. A fastening on the inside kept this secret away from the thief, thus rendering detection impossible.  
The room, which was about eight feet by five, and five and a half feet high, was ventilated by means of a chimney. Its unusual shape and the fact that it alone, of all the other chimneys, was not blackened by smoke, gave the secret away.  
On examination, the shaft was discovered to get straight down into the secret chamber. A subterranean passage was discovered some years ago, but the foulness of the air made it impossible to explore it very far. It is believed to run to Corby, a few miles distant, and to come out into an old house there.  
A similar passage was discovered a few years ago at Arundel, running from the castle in the direction of Amberley, but the entrance to it was blocked up when a man lost his life in trying to follow its windings.  
At an old house at Deal, a subterranean passage, leading from a secret chamber behind a fireplace to the beach, was discovered some time ago. It was the uncanny noise of the wind blowing up the passage that led to the investigations which resulted in the discovery of the secret chamber and its outlet.—*Montreal Herald and Weekly Star.*

**Had Many Trades.**  
A "Jack of all Trades" is David E. Duckett, of Wimbledon, a London, Eng., newspaper held a "Jack of all trades" contest. Mr. Duckett not only claimed that he could work at 7 different occupations but said he had been employed at them and he sent in the name of the employer and the town where he was so engaged.  
Mr. Duckett's tasks have been: Timekeeper's assistant, portable engine fireman, hotel porter, packer, lathe operator, engine cleaner, flyman at theatre, handyman, exhibition stand fitter, chief petty officer, scenery hand, climber, builder's laborer, paperhanger, painter, plasterer, pointer, bricklayer, carpenter, bugler, steward, ordinary seaman, able seaman, quartermaster, bandsman, fruiterer and florist, glazier, roof hand, carman (pair horses), rigger, splicer (wire and rope), milk roundsman, barman, gardener, pianist, cornet player, erecter, property owner. At no time, he says, has he been dismissed for being incompetent.

**Witness Memorized.**  
A man who gave evidence at Es-seld Police Court complained to the bench that he felt too nervous to tell his story coherently.  
The magistrate—Why are you nervous?  
The man—That policeman keeps looking at me, and I do not like his face. It gives me a "creepy" feeling.  
The policeman turned his back, and the man said that he was satisfied.

**Gold Among Nails.**  
Sir Clement Coffin, an ironmonger, of Ellesmere, Shropshire, Eng., had no faith in banks, and nobody knew what he did with his money.  
He died recently and the secret came out when his stock was examined.  
More than \$1,000 in gold pieces was hidden in bags of nails, and more than \$2,000 in bank and Treasury notes was collected from tea caddies and canisters.

Some friends seem to have the gift of giving useless gifts.  
**Before School Fortify Your Child**  
**SCOTT'S EMULSION**

## INTERESTING MIND.

**Remains of Bronze-Age Man Found in Tomb in Wales.**  
Excavations reminiscent of Luxor have attracted a big gathering of archaeologists and sightseers to a remote upland in the Montgomeryshire parish of Garthbebbio, Wales.  
Workmen in removing a sepulchral mound to build a bridge, came across human remains in a cistfaen or tomb. They were left undisturbed until an exploration could be carried out on behalf of the National Museum of Wales by Mr. Mortimer Wheeler, Professor of Archaeology at Cardiff University.  
Meanwhile, the inhabitants of the tomb had been regarded locally as a Welsh King "Tut."  
The parallel with Luxor is not without its appositeness, for Prof. Wheeler says the burial was approximately of the period of Tut-Ankh-Amen, or possibly a little earlier. It was of the Bronze Age in the second millennium before Christ. Earl Power, who was present and had arranged for the excavation, is a cousin of the late Lord Carnarvon.

The district coroner, Dr. Humphrey's was also in attendance, but not to solve the problem of how the Bronze Age man came to his death. He could not resist a professional touch, however.  
As Professor Wheeler took from the tomb the handful of human dust and fragmentary bones and placed them in a bag, the coroner remarked that an open verdict of "Found dead" was obviously the safe one.  
The remains had clearly been cremated, probably on a funeral pyre of wood. The tomb was made of smooth river stones, covered with rough slabs, and with the remains were found a pierced stone axe hammer, a flint arrow-head, and a flint scraper, the last-named evidently an instrument for dressing skins. These were apparently for use in the next world.  
The axe was of an unusual type to be found in Wales, possibly derived from Scandinavia, and suggesting, says Professor Wheeler, Scandinavian influence in Wales at an earlier period than is suggested by previous discoveries.

**Tower of London.**  
Possibly no building in England is so rich in historic memories as the famous Tower of London. It is bathed in blood and tragedy; it is the hunting place of innumerable ghosts and filled with legendary lore. It has housed the nation's greatest patriots and has also been the custodian of the world's most notorious. The Tower of London, the ancient citadel and state prison of London, is on the north bank of the Thames, about one mile east of London Bridge. Tradition ascribes its foundation to Claudius Casar; but for this statement, there is no evidence, although the structure may occupy the site of the old Roman fortification. The White Tower—the first part erected—was commenced in 1078 by William, the Conqueror, and completed by his son, William Rufus, who, in 1098, surrounded it with walls and a moat, and built, in addition, St. Thomas' Tower and Traitor's Gate. The Tower of London has been added to by several of the sovereigns of England, and covered at the present time an area of 13 acres. It is used at the present day simply as an armory, and a jewelhouse for the crown regalia.

**Fountain Abbey.**  
Fountain Abbey, picturesque views are in the grounds of Studley Royal, has been left to the nation by the late Lord Ripon. The ruins are most beautifully situated and are the most extensive of the kind in the country. The Queen visited them when she was on her recent stay with Princess Mary and Lord Lascelles at Goldsborough Hall. The abbey was founded in 1122 and the building was erected between 1204 and 1247. The tower, which is a prominent feature, being built about 1500. The building consists of nave, transepts, choir, and eastern transept, the great cloister, a magnificent vaulted chamber, being 30 feet in length. For many years now the abbey ruins have been carefully protected, and at first sight they appear to be perfect except for the loss of the roof.

**Color Line Illegal in South Africa.**  
An important decision on the question of drawing the color line in the Supreme Court, which declares that the color bar is opposed to the general law of the land.  
The case arose on the application of the Attorney-General for a ruling in an action against a mine manager who had been charged with contravening the mining regulations by permitting a native to take charge of a locomotive.  
Justice Klauser, the presiding judge at the trial, asserted that there was no justification for differentiation among classes or colors, and in the absence of an express statutory provision it would be dangerous to hold that the Governor-General had power to make such a regulation.

**"Vinum Theologicum."**  
The best wine formerly made in England was named "Theologicum," because, according to Hollinhead, "it was had from clergy and religious men, unto whose houses many of the lady would often send for bottles filled with the same, being sure that they would neither drink nor be served of the worst, or such as was any ways mingled or vined by the viner; but, the merchant, would have those that his society would have gone straightwate to the devil, if he should have served them with other than the best."

**Home of Annie Laurie.**  
Craigdarroch, the home of Annie Laurie, is for sale. It was at Craigdarroch that the real Annie Laurie lived after she was married to Alexander Ferguson, the prosperous laird she chose in preference to Douglas of Finland, who wrote the song that made her famous.

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Of course, there are wonderful in-laid trays as well as silver, copper and brass trays. But some way, willow trays, though inexpensive, appeal strongly to us. In summer they are suggestively cool and in winter, covered with dainty dollies, they are clean, attractive and best of all, they are light to hold.  
For nursery use, willow trays are washable and that is another advantage. Home artists are making these trays rarely beautiful and individual by painting them. One painted black with gold trimmings has a border of lilacs peeping from under the lace edge dolly and purpling the lace delicately in color. Another has a ground of pumpkin yellow and a wreath of white crocuses that are wonderfully springlike in suggestion and very dainty.  
At card parties we find the small or willow trays used in serving refreshments. This is quite an idea, for otherwise, when the call comes just before a hand is finished, one must leave the game and attempt to grasp several dishes, with no place to set them but in the midst of the cards, which is most disturbing. On the other hand, the little liden trays are readily disposed of until a convenient season without fuss or inconvenience. One hostess chose a brightly colored all-paper service for her trays. They were not only fresh and crisp in appearance, but were easily disposed of when the silver was removed from the tray. To re-labor means usually a saving of expense and this holds true in individual service.  
In the olden days, at children's parties and other functions the foods were passed on large, rectangular tin trays, beautifully decorated and japanned. Some of those trays today reappear in the antique shops or woman's exchanges, and they bring prices that would have astonished their original owners.  
The little bed tray with folding legs is a joy to the lazy late breakfast, as well as to the invalid. It may be chosen in color to match the china. For instance, a white bed tray, with delicate wild-rose decoration,

may be covered with dainty dollies of pink, embroidered bolting cloth, and attractive pink lusterware china needs no prettier background for its loveliness. Again, a delicate green tray with its lace dollies embroidered in fern pattern makes a perfect setting for a green and white belle china service. With a pink rose laid at the side of the tray, the picture is complete.  
Though round willow trays are one's idea of tray comfort, still the square trays fill their mission very acceptably, and if they are to be carried on the tea-wagon, they fit to better advantage for carrying, taking up less room than round trays.  
Glass-bottomed trays, where there

are rare lace dollies placed underneath the glass, or embroidered pieces that are too fine for use where they are apt to get soiled or wet, are attractive, but somehow they are too formal in atmosphere for a cozy afternoon tea or the more intimate breakfast. There is far more charm in a willow tray decorated or plain. The teapot seems to naturally belong on it, whether it be of old Chinese blue ware or just an earthen pot.  
A man cannot convince you that he is cultured the first time he meets you, but many of them attempt it. Now is the time to get your broken resolutions and patch them up to start off 1924 right.

## Sleeplessness

Sleeplessness, like insanity, is greatly on the increase. Modern life, with its hurry and worry and noise, brings an enormous strain on the brain and nerves.  
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