

WONT DIE AND LEAVE WORK

Japanese Mortality Rate Lower in Silkworm Season, It is Said, for Remarkable Reason.

There are many reasons for death. But it is a remarkable thing that during the silkworm rearing time in the silk districts, even the sickest people, contrary to all expectation, do not die. The rate of death among old people and invalids in the silk regions during the busiest season is very low indeed.

What is the reason? Well, most of these "people" unconsciously think, "Well, if I die now, everything will be very much upset because I do not finish my work, and if I die, I too will be very much upset in the other world because no one here will have time to give me a good funeral and to see that I am properly and comfortably buried. So I guess I had better live just a bit longer." And remarkable to relate they do go on living. How do they live makes them bear the ills of living and they do not die during the growing season.

But after the transfer of the matured silkworms to the cocoon beds, for ten days there are people dying everywhere. That is strange, too. But really it is because the spirit no longer holds them up. The excitement is over and with rest comes death; the time of anxiety is over and the strain is loosened and with the loosening comes the end of life.

In the silk regions there are not many deaths in either the extremely hot or the extremely cold times. But just after the silkworms are transferred to the cocoon beds, after the strenuous days of rearing them from the egg are over, then they die. These files in winter. It is all a matter of spirit, or as some would call it, "mind."—Japan Advertiser.

HEN FAITHFULLY DID DUTY

Clever Woman's Confidence in Her Pet "Biddy" Proved to Be Abundantly Justified.

There was an old woman who lived not in a shoe but on a farm in New Hampshire. She made a contract to deliver two dozen fresh eggs to an anaemic family from New York who were building up on milk and eggs after a wearing season, and these eggs were to be delivered at a certain hour daily. Although she had to go by buckboard she always fulfilled her contract to the last egg.

But one day as the old woman was putting on her "bunnet" preparatory to going to the door to deliver the two dozen fresh eggs and there was no sign to wait for the laying of another. What was she to do? Fail to keep her appointment or deliver the twenty-three eggs with an excuse?

This clever old woman did neither of these things. She snatched up a squawking hen which had a record as a good layer, crammed it into a coop and started out. On the trip the needed fresh egg arrived, and it was added to the others and made up the quota.

When the customer was counting the eggs she noticed the warm one and asked the reason. The old woman laughed and told the story of how her favorite dependable hen had almost literally laid an egg in her hand. The story has been told over and over since then in ever-widening areas until, with the return home of the New York family, no longer anaemic, it has reached the metropolis.—New York Herald.

Heard in Every Home.

"Why on earth you will persist in coming into the house with all that dirt on your feet beats me, I never saw such a man."

"Now you leave me a little money before you go downtown. How do you expect me to pay the gas bill and vegetable man with nothing to pay with?"

"But I just gave you a dollar last Thursday to shop on. Do you mean to tell me you've gone and spent a whole dollar so soon?"

"It seems to me you might hose off the porch once in a while when you are hanging around doing nothing."

"Now, I don't want to see you sticking at the hired girl again, or I'll pack right up and go straight home to mamma."

"My land! Take those big feet of yours off that sofa cushion right this minute. You are the limit!"—San Francisco Chronicle.

Franks of Sound.

If, when the air is still, you stand near a high wall and speak a word loudly, it will come back to you as if repeated by an invisible person. It is, of course, an echo. Parallel walls separated by a few hundred feet as a canyon, may reflect a sound as to cause it to be distinctly heard again and again in a long-undying series of repetitions. If the reflecting walls are irregular the repetitions, instead of being distinct to the ear, will be more jumbled and unintelligible reverberations. This is noticeable in certain caverns.

Fortified.

"Are you going to polish up your French in order to engage in diplomatic conversations?"

"It might be valuable," said Senator Borah. "A man speaking in a foreign tongue naturally commands respect and gets lots of chances to correct himself. But I guess I've had enough practice in filibustering to make myself sufficiently understood without going outside the English language."

ANCIENT CITY HAD BAR ROOM

Discoveries in Pompeii Prove That the Serving of Drinks Was a Recognized Occupation.

THREE HUNDRED YEARS after the birth of Christ the busy and beautiful little city of Pompeii, overlooking the Bay of Naples, with its 20,000 inhabitants, was dramatically blotted out of existence by an eruption of the long-dormant Vesuvius, and for 17 centuries lay unknown beneath a thick shroud of volcanic refuse, marks the Toronto Mall and Empire. About the middle of the Eighteenth century the grave of the dead city was accidentally discovered and subsequent excavations have slowly revealed the rare treasures of a departed civilization. New excavations were begun in 1911, but with the great war of 1914 the world had something more important to think about than Pompeii. Nevertheless, the antiquarians continued quietly digging and discovering fresh wonders. A few weeks ago the London Times correspondent in Rome wrote an interesting description of the latest findings, among them being a great fresco, with painting of the 12 penates (custodians) of the city—Jupiter, Juno, Mars, Minerva, Hercules, Venus, Mercury, Proserpine, Vulcan, Ceres, Apollo and Diana.

But to the people of North America the most absorbing discovery will be that of a bar, or thermopolium, where drinks were served out to parched Pompeians. There were many terra cotta amphorae found and an amphora, gentle reader, is a sort of glorified "schooner." At the end of the bar was a small furnace and a caldron with a lid for mixing what Mr. Dooley termed "hot wans." Within the caldron the excavators found the remains of some of the liquid used.

WORLD'S DEBT TO COLUMBUS

Expansion of Europe and Remaking of the Earth Followed Explorers' Wonderful Voyages.

Few people realize how thin great regions were peopled four centuries ago, or how many Europeans are living outside of Europe today. The United States, Canada and Argentina contain twice as much land as the home continent. When white settlement began, the land now comprised in the United States may have contained 400,000 Indians—that is the highest estimate. Possibly the other two countries contained as many, an average of population of one person to nine square miles. Australia, with 8,000,000 square miles, had not more than 100,000 persons.

Today, these four countries support a white population of about 120,000,000. The hot regions between the Rio Grande and La Plata had several mil-

lions more. Europe has spread over half the globe, while Asia has spread well within her own borders—and all this change came from the dependence upon that voyage of Columbus. White men crossed the Atlantic before Columbus, but they left no trace of their voyage on this side. It is passing strange that not even more than a few domestic animals were left here. The Norsemen had cattle whose bellows frightened the natives. Not till Columbus pointed the way did the expansion of Europe begin, or the world become truly one world instead of many.

Effective Fog Signals.

In a heavy fog there is danger of collision between ships because the uniform signals used merely indicate their presence, and tell nothing of their course or direction. A sea captain of long experience has now devised a system which overcomes this difficulty, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. Four signal horns of different tones are used, two sirens, a shrill whistle, and a steam gong, all of which are operated by foot levers. Each of these corresponds to one quadrant of the compass, and is operated only when the ship's course lies in that general direction. The four divisions of the quadrant itself are indicated by varying the signals, as, for example, one long blast, a long and short, a long and two short and two long. A recording mechanism is connected to the signal equipment and serves as evidence in case of subsequent question as to the handling of the ship.

Old Regiment to Be Disbanded.

The Eightieth Carnatic is one of the pre-war units which has been ordered to disband. The regiment was raised at Tanjore in 1777; for the first 40 years of its career it was almost continuous in active service, and among the trophies in the officers' mess is the black marble cup belonging to Tippu, the sultan, from whose palace the Carnatic took the cup at the storming of Seringapatam, in 1799. The cup is being offered by the regiment to the British museum.

Seat of the Trouble.

A Gainsborough youth has been fined for causing a disturbance by imitating a cat at night. He said all would have gone well if somebody had not made a noise like a policeman.—London-Fit-Bits.

More Than Likely.

"I wonder what those signals mean that Marconi says we are getting from Mars?" "Oh, they are probably trying to get us to join a league of planets."—New York Sun.

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Dec. 21.—Christmas. The high wind of Sat. was quite a reminder of cyclone. Frank Holmes has been out with his lease on days.

Misses May and Lorraine called to Andover the week by the death of the J. A. O'Leary. Miss Lorraine to Salamanca Sunday night. The funeral services for Lynch and Mrs. J. A. O'Leary and Saturday in Blessed Church, Andover, were held from this section.

Ray Hurlburt was called morning to the home of a aunt who is having a couple.

John P. Dean returned from his trip to Jersey A. M. Mings is able again after some weeks to his home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob. among Wellsville shoppers. Will Lynch's Ford truck advance on our hill road of the icy condition, one week, backing onto Fr. car which was following car somewhat.

Mrs. Wm. Dean and Wellsville visitors Tues.

Elm Vall

Winter has just reached and we are thinking it stay.

Mrs. Holmbeck has her home in James town a few weeks here with Miss Mary Hingher in Wellsville Tuesday.

The perfect spellers for the week were Vivian Sweet, Wm. Burdick, Duane Hardy, teacher.

Births

Dec. 18th, to Mr. Damon, of Wellsville, Dec. 7th, to Rev. Lawton, of Angelica, a d. ryan Eloise.

Dec. 18th, to Mr. T. Wylie, of Belfast, Jr. Dec. 8th, to Mr. Sweezy, of Whitesville.

Marriages

Miss Grace Bliss and of Belfast, were married Mrs. Dora T. Howard Witter, both of Cuba, marriage Dec. 11th.

Miss Kathleen Burlin Hardman, both of R married Dec. 7th. Miss Dorothy Tu Green, of Wellsville, v Allentown Dec. 18th.

Deaths

Mrs. Annie S. Cro years, died Dec. 17th, her daughter, Mrs. E. Wellsville.

Henry C. Morgan, First National Bank at his home on Map 16th.

Hugh Raymond, 11 of Mr. and Mrs. Earl died Dec. 17th, at St. Hornell of appendicitis.

Mrs. Nettie B. Wyr at the home of her Geo. Lewis of Almon born in West Almon.

John Jenkins, of C Wellsville Hospital, 29 years. Burial was van.

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