

WEST INDIAN SUPERSTITIONS.

Signs of Coming Trouble That the Negroes of the Islands Firmly Believe In.

The negroes of the British West Indies have many curious superstitions...

If you carry a tree pepper in your pocket you will become poor.

If a lizard jumps into a tub in which clothes are being washed...

Whenever a negro burts a black dog he always begs its pardon...

A negro who is engaged to be married must put a tombstone on the grave of any friend who has recently died before the wedding...

A belief in duppies (ghosts) is universal. If a negro has to walk abroad...

The odor of musk in the forest after dark sends him frantic with dread...

If a rat bites you during sleep or an owl flaps its wings heavily...

EXPENSES OF FAMILY TREE.

The Cost in Time and Money of Looking Up One's Genealogy is Something Considerable.

A few years ago I was reading the description on my grandfather's grave in Kent, O.—Aaron Root, 1771-1861...

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The latest royal personage to join the list of those who have found that the sweat of one's brow is not a very terrible thing...

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APPLIED SCIENCE.

Remarkable Developments of Electricity in Advance of Commercial Utilization.

A new application of electricity, and one which is interesting from its very originality, is seen in a process for detecting and determining the dilution of wine with water...

The recent experiments made at Hamburg have shown that the saturated steam penetrates more thoroughly into the pores and interstices of the fabrics...

From the testing of the purity of wines to the destruction of the germs of disease is somewhat of a leap in considering the work of the engineer...

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HIS LITTLE SCHEME.

Mr. Squeeze Fears Matters So He Wouldn't Have to Tell So Many Whoppers.

"Now, see here, Martha," said Mr. Squeeze, severely, at the close of the discussion, relates Alex Ricketts in the New York Times...

"Why, Isaac Perry Squeeze?" gasped Mrs. Squeeze, aghast at such a suspicion.

"I mean it," asserted Mr. Squeeze, doggedly. "Will you promise?"

"You very well know I never did or thought of such a dreadful thing," cried Mrs. Squeeze, indignantly.

"Then it won't hurt you to promise," asserted Mr. Squeeze, logically.

"I won't do anything of the kind," refused Mrs. Squeeze, almost tearfully.

"It's an insult to ask me to do anything of the kind, and you ought to be ashamed of yourself to even imagine I ever could do anything so horrid."

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MODERN MONTE CRISTO.

Subject of the Pope Who Discovered Treasure and Founded Colony on an Island.

The pope lately received a curious document, dated island of Galia, which is in the Mediterranean, off the coast of Africa, about 50 miles from the French naval station of Bizerta...

The island, which in ancient times was called Calache, is legally included in the French protectorate of Tunis.

Recently a French gunboat visited it with some engineers on board to see what possibilities it possessed for fortification.

The engineers found the island inhabited by about 100 Italians, ruled in a sort of patriarchal way by one Giuseppe Darco.

Darco, according to his own story, was forced to leave his native land as far back as 1850, when at the age of 20 and a member of the Giovane Italia he killed a political associate.

He managed to elude the police, and one dark night he embarked in a small boat on the Mediterranean, hoping to reach Tunis.

Winds and currents drove him upon the shores of La Galia. He explored the island, and finally, like Edmond Dante, of Monte Cristo fame, he discovered a cavern where, in a secret place, he unearthed a treasure consisting of the traditional bags of Spanish doubloons and dollars.

As well as many silver coins of other countries, all bearing dates in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Evidently the cave had been the hiding place of Barbary pirates prior to the conquest of Algiers by the French.

He gathered a portfolio of the gold pieces, and, after a few days spent on the island, managed to signal a passing ship, and was taken to Tunis.

Next Darco purchased a small fishing sloop and returned to the island, where he packed up the remainder of the treasure and deposited it at different Mediterranean ports.

He then divided his time between La Galia and La Calle, Algiers, a place much frequented by fishermen from the Torre del Greco, in the Bay of Naples.

La Calle Darco married an Italian woman, bought a parcel of agricultural implements, carpenter's tools and provisions, and started for his treasure island.

He founded a family there. Besides himself and his wife, four relatives—two young Italians and their wives—composed the colony.

He now has 57 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

At the age of 10 Giuseppe Darco is said to be still vigorous and energetic.

He refuses to accept French nationality or to acknowledge the authority of the resident general in Tunis.

The latter promised to leave the patriarchate if he would only pay taxes. This was refused, and while the Quay d'Orsay is meditating on the case Darco has appealed to Pope Pius X for protection.

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SOME MODISH FANCIES.

Odd Bits of Fashionable Finery That Are Now Delighting the Prudent Eye.

A rose measuring some six inches in diameter is one of the new corsage decorations. It has a jeweled center, a few sprays of green foliage and its material is thin crepe in the pastel shades, says the Brooklyn Eagle.

Heather sprangling bows for the hair are made of narrow velvet ribbon, stiffened and bordered with jewels or sequins.

For evening wear are delicate hair wreaths of colored foliage or flowers powdered with rhinestones.

Almost a trimming of itself is this corsage decoration for an evening gown, composed of velvet orchids shading from palest heliotrope to purple.

A bunch of the orchids is entwined with loops of pale pink ribbon and from this falls a long trail of knotted ribbon and single orchids.

A long stemmed ribbon rose of pale green, set in branches of foliage makes a charming garniture for the corsage of a black or white gown.

Still, another note of dress, and one that will appeal to all women, is found in the wearing of turn-over collars to match the turn-over cuffs and the carrying of lace and lawn handkerchiefs to match both.

The effect is charmingly pretty. It glorifies an otherwise ordinary shirt waist, and makes it look like a thing of dressiness and skill.

The French are making a specialty of their belts. They do not always wear a belt, but for many of the French gowns are cut princess shape, but when the belt is worn it is one of the handsome things of dress.

Enormous slides of gold and steel or of gold and turquoise are run upon wide pieces of satin ribbon.

The ribbon is brought around the waist, in belt fashion and pinned in the middle of the front.

A handsome turquoise pin, or a pin of steel, is fastened in the middle of the front to cover the joining of the ribbon.

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FAULTS OF CHILDREN.

Hereditarily Explains Many of the Worst Ones—A Few Bits of Homeopathy Advice.

If you want a mental and spiritual portrait of pa and ma, watch Willie and Susie at their play for a half hour or so, writes Alfred J. Waterhouse, in New York Times.

Brown says it is strange that his Charlie tells no many wrong stories; but I am able to control my surprise— I have had some business dealings with Brown.

My Tommy and Mary played keeping house the other day, and I noticed that a large part of their play consisted of pretended bickering between the head of the family and his foot.

Now I wonder where they got such reprehensible ideas of domestic life?

Peters contends that there is nothing in heredity, but even he admits that he never knew a mongrel dog to give birth to a high-bred Godson sceler.

A good and great man may be born of the slums, as one came out of Nazareth, but it is just as well to remember that a gold mine rarely is found in a mud hole.

If the man who wrote a book entitled "The Instance of Childhood" had listened to the conversation of some group of youngsters on the street of an evening he might have added several valuable chapters to the book.

Although they probably would have demoralized its general plan to a considerable extent.

I frequently punish my child for being too accurate an imitation of his pa, and so do you.

My children are not perfect, but then, what could you expect? Their mother is a nice girl, but she has her little faults.

Brown says that he feels pained when he observes the selfishness of his children. I sympathize with Brown, but I have not caught him in the act of hunting for pieces of need in which to give away some of his money.

If George W. J. is inclined to "point things red" don't be too severe on him. Remember what his father used to say.

One of the dunces of our school has since been a congressman. Still, do you consider that there is any proof that his mental characteristics changed as he grew older?

And, again, you can't always tell. Sadie would say that she would be an old maid, and you ought to see her seven kids!

If ever the gods on high Olympus enjoy themselves in these days, it must be when they hear a Wall street financier telling his little son that it is time to play marbles for keeps.

"I don't care to nickle!" that boy knows his father's positivities better than you know his.

Nature will give you a stamp. If your child was born to be a hoodlum, no fine reprimand will convert the fact into gold.

If a school-teacher does not feel pretty well acquainted with some parents whom she never met, she can tell them the business. She can tell them the business.

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