

Indian Adding Machine

Odd String Arrangement

When an Inca king of ancient Peru wanted to announce a law, count his army, send a message, record a battle, or issue an edict, he sent for his quipu maker. Unlike the Mayas and the Aztecs to the north the Incas had no written language, and so the quipu took its place. It was made of a number of strings all tied at one end to a main string, relates a writer in Pathfinder Magazine. At first it was used only to count and was quite simple, knots being tied to represent tens, hundreds, and thousands. Later, however, as the makers gained in skill, the quipu became more complicated. Strings of different colors were used, and instead of simply tying knots in the individual strings they were knotted together to convey messages. At the height of the empire quipu makers and translators were stationed in every important town and quipus circulated widely.

A few of these relics are still in existence although their stories remain mostly untold because the art of translation was destroyed with the rest of the Indian culture by the Spaniards. The Field museum, in Chicago, recently ended a ten-year search when a surprised official discovered one where it had been lying unnoticed among other articles in the museum.

Mail for Tristans Not

More Than Once a Year

To the inhabitants of Tristan da Cunha, the world's most isolated bit of land, Christmas comes when the mail comes, observes a writer in the Washington Post.

The tiny island is set in the South Atlantic, midway between the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn. Thunderous seas break almost continuously over its bleak and forbidding shores. Winds of hurricane force roar day and night.

But because it is a part of the far-flung British empire, Tristan receives at least one steamer visit a year, but few more. There is no anchorage so the vessel stays off shore and, awaiting a rare calm spell, sends landing parties in small boats.

The arrival of the vessel is the high spot of the year to the 130 or so Tristans—descendants of a small group placed on the island 100 years back when England took possession. The people are hardy and frugal. Their diet consists entirely of fruit, potatoes, fish and mutton. Though monotonous, the diet agrees with them.

Revolutionary War Trick

Maj. David Zeigler, who upon appointment by President Jefferson became the first marshal of the Ohio district, was taken prisoner in Philadelphia during the Revolutionary war together with two other American officers. Soon afterward the three men escaped and, in fleeing, stopped at the house of a German family near the city. Major Zeigler, who had begun his military career in the army of Frederick the Great, passed as a Dutch doctor to gain the friendship of the German family. Making some pills of bread and water, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, he cured the wife of some minor ailment and the three men were thereafter not only treated cordially but did not have to pay any bills for board and lodging.

Early California

California was almost entirely isolated from the rest of the world, at the time it was admitted as a state, and during the gold rush era that followed. Somehow the printed words regarding the unpopulated western plains from the Mississippi to the Rockies, the herd of buffalo, tribes of warlike Indians, nonexistence of telegraph and railroad communication, just simply do not seem to click in the average mind. History asserts that gold seekers made the trip from New York by boat all the way down the coast of the two Americas, round the Horn and up the Pacific coast to San Francisco, in less time than it took expeditions starting from Chicago to cross the plains with prairie schooners, but either trip is hard to visualize.

Most Deadly Animal

The crocodile, not the lion, is the greatest killer of human beings in Africa. This slimy, foul-smelling monster, the largest living reptile known to man, lurks along paths near the water's edge and lies in wait below footlogs hoping that the unwary traveler will fall into the water. He is the most hated, the most feared, and the most hunted creature alive. Yet his numbers seem to increase rather than diminish.

Graphic Term

"Alligatoring" is a term used to describe the appearance of a paint film that has cracked into large segments, resembling the hide of an alligator. Alligatoring is usually caused by one coat being applied over another before the bottom coat is thoroughly hard and dry, or by a less elastic material being applied over a more elastic coating underneath.

Rain Does Not Clear Air

Contrary to popular belief, rain does not clear the air, according to records made by health authorities in 14 of the largest cities in the United States. Automatic air filters, used to measure the degree of atmospheric pollution in these towns, failed to show any increase in cleanliness either during or after the fall of rain.

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Defeated Talmadge



ATLANTA, Ga. . . Senator Richard B. Russell Jr. (above) led the ticket in the 2 to 1 defeat of Governor Eugene Talmadge, who sought nomination for a Senate seat in the Democratic primary election. The entire Talmadge endorsed slate also trailed far behind.

President's Cottage, W. Va.

The President's cottage at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., was built in 1816 and restored in 1932. It was the summer home of Presidents Tyler, Van Buren and Fillmore. The building houses the Old White Museum, containing memorabilia of the Springs.

Space and Eternity

"When you have explained space and eternity," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "you may claim to have learned the first two letters in the immense alphabet of knowledge."



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Juice Much Treated

Sugar cane juice in Hawaii, mid-Pacific American cane-growing area, is boiled, clarified and evaporated, then crystallized and lastly whirled in the "centrifugals," where the molasses and sugar are separated.

Heads Bar Ass'n.



BOSTON . . . Frederick H. Stinchfield (above), of Minneapolis, Minn., is the new president of the American Bar Association, elected at the annual meeting here, August 28th.

Invest—
Borrow—
BUILD!

Whaler Reached 72 S. Latitude
According to records in Sydney, an Australian whaling vessel, the Venus, ventured beyond 72 degrees south latitude in the Ross sea nine years before Explorer James Ross made his famous voyage between 1840 and 1850.

Furniture Names Traced to Far-Fetched Meanings

Often the names of pieces of furniture have strange origin. A divan is not a "carriage for two," as one might hastily guess, but a chair of state. It is from the Persian "divan" and refers to a low couch without back or ends, on the authority of Webster's International Dictionary. Davenport has the familiar meaning of "large upholstered sofa often convertible into a bed" and also refers to a kind of small writing desk, both designs by the gentleman of that name. The word desk itself is rather strange, since it comes from the Latin "discus" and is related to "dish."

That the word chair comes from "kathigra" (Greek), a combination of roots meaning "sit" and "down," has been remarked often enough. Chest comes from the Greek "kiste," a box; table from Latin "tabula," a board; cabinet from Latin "cabinetta," Italian for a small cage or basket, and commode is from the French word meaning convenient.

These are reasonable, but consider bureau, a French word for desk with a Latin origin in "birra," a shaggy garment. Desks once were covered with woolen cloths, it appears. "Carpet" comes quite naturally from Latin words referring to carding and weaving, but rug is Norwegian. In Swedish, "rugg" means entangled hair.—New York Sun.

Road Built by Napoleon

Engineering Masterpiece

Napoleon invaded Italy by crossing over the St. Bernard mountain. When he had ended the campaign by destroying the Italian army at the battle of Marengo and had returned to France, he determined to emphasize and render permanent his success by constructing a great military road into Italy, states a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The execution of the work was entrusted to M. Cerd, one of the foremost engineers of the day. It was begun on the Italian side in 1800 and on the Swiss side in 1801, and was finished in six years.

The road was made over a shoulder of the Simplon mountain, from Pyrlog in Valais to Domodossola in the north part of Piedmont, Italy. The summit of the mountain over which it passed was 6,500 feet above sea level. The road was from 25 to 30 feet broad, and had nowhere throughout its extent a slope of greater than one foot in thirteen. It was carried across 611 bridges, over numerous galleries cut out of the solid rock or built of masonry, and through a number of tunnels. The road was one of the masterpieces of the engineering of that day, and cost about \$3,500,000, half of which was borne by France and the remainder by Switzerland.

Joy of Accomplishment

Give thanks for the hard job! If it were not for the difficult thing there would be no joy in accomplishment nor any reward for effort. There is always room at the top because getting there is a hard thing to do. But bear in mind, once you are there it is the difficulty of reaching you that makes your place secure. If winning were always easy then the top would be crowded and where would be the challenge, the struggle that so stirs the spirit of a man? Difficulty is what saved the world from becoming but a mere of mediocrity.

Pony Express Forerunner

Although history has never made it quite clear, the Lyon collection of Pony Express stamps and "franked" envelopes reveals that there were really two pony express, although the first was not officially known as such. This original organization was a Wells Fargo service that came into being in 1855 and undoubtedly paved the way for the official Pony Express, which made its debut April 3, 1860, financed by Senator Gwin and Alexander Majors, a pioneer freighter of the plains.

British Treaty

A sixty-three-year-old bishop of the Church of England, John Robinson, in 1718, made the most important treaty in British history. He represented Britain at the Congress of Utrecht and secured as spoils of the war of the Spanish Succession, Hudson's Bay territory, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Gibraltar. The latter was what was important, for it gave Britain command of the Mediterranean and was the rock on which was founded Britain's naval and colonial supremacy.

Police Dogs

The term "police dogs," as German shepherd dogs are commonly known, in America, is a misnomer. A real police dog is an animal which has been trained to do police work, whether it is a German shepherd, a Doberman pinscher, or any other breed. In Germany, airdales are known as "war dogs," because they were used by England during the war for service with the army.

Weight of Clouds Great

All the clouds of the universe have a total weight of 613,800,000 pounds, declare barometric scientists of South Germany, who made an investigation. According to a Munich report they arrived at these figures by measuring and weighing rainfall released by all clouds over Bavaria. They also determined that a grand total of 2,240 billion pounds of rain falls on the earth every year.