

A Welcome to the Stork



Miniature Cradle Flower Container Which Mother Will Cherish as Memento.

For no other type of floral arrangement are so many novel ideas available as for those which carry a message of friendship and congratulations on the arrival of the stork. From time immemorial this has been an event which called for gifts of flowers, to welcome the new arrival and felicitate the parents.

For so joyous an occasion, there is no call for restraint in the use of color, or cleverness. The present fashion favors small flowers, and containers which suggest the occasion and may be retained as a memento.

If flowers are sent in a cradle as shown in the illustration, the mother

will not only enjoy the flowers sent in such a novel way but will cherish the cradle as a reminder of the event.

Light colored sweet peas, pale blue delphinium, small pink roses, and delicate baby's breath are dainty flowers suitable for the new baby. Flowers for the new arrival do not need to be just pink or blue, and white, as formerly used, but any light tones are appropriate. Lavender sweet peas or light yellow miniature zinnias are lovely for such use.

A pair of booties filled with forget-me-nots or other miniature flowers are quite different from the ordinary gift and will delight the mother. A baby rattle or other tiny gift tied on the handle of a basket of flowers or nestled among the blooms themselves is another way of expressing your friendship in an original way.

Llama, Beast of Burden, Used by American Indian

The llama has the distinction of being the only beast of burden that the American Indians were in possession of when America was discovered, observes a writer in the Rural New-Yorker. The peculiar conformation of its feet enables it to tread with security over rough and steep slopes where other animals would find it difficult walking. And then, camel-like, it is capable of making long journeys without water.

The llama is not a fast traveler, for the average distance is from a dozen to 15 miles a day when transporting merchandise, as it is distinctly a beast of burden, yet it supplies the Indian of South America his supply of wool for clothing, fresh meat, though coarse, leather, bone and his fuel, as the manure when dry is burned.

Here is one very peculiar trait of the llama: He carries a burden of from 100 to 125 pounds. If he is overloaded, he simply resents the imposition by walking out to the side of the road, lies down, and there is no persuasion and no punishment that can be administered to him that will induce him to change his obstinate decision!

When you look at a llama, you are beholding one of the most interesting animals of history, for when the great Inca Empire flourished from the Maule River in Chile and the Oasis of Mendoza to the Northern Andes of Ecuador, the llama was their beast of burden.

Payne Wrote "Home, Sweet Home" in the Palais Royal

When John Howard Payne, author of "Home, Sweet Home," wrote "mid pleasures and palaces," he was actually living in a French palace, the Palais Royal in Paris. History has it that Payne was disappointed in love during his stay in France, and that fact may have inspired the melancholy of the song, observes a writer in the Chicago Daily News.

The palace he lived in is a rectangular building enclosing an old world garden. Over 300 years old, it has had many famous Americans as well as Frenchmen within its doors. There in the 1770s John Paul Jones, naval hero of the Revolutionary war, visited the Duc de Chartres and was entertained at dinner. During the meal the duchess gave him a watch which had belonged to her grandfather, a naval commander, and John Paul Jones promised her an English frigate in return. Sure enough, when he came back to Paris later, he presented her with a sword surrendered to him by an English commander.

The Palais Royal is also a famous landmark of the French revolution. There Camille Desmoulins inflamed the people with a revolutionary speech on July 12, 1789, just two days before the mob destroyed the Bastille. Later the palace was a center of fashion, and it was in it that Napoleon used to meet his friends to discuss plans for a new France.

Made Wooden Eye Shields

The first eye help invented in the New World was the mask which the Eskimo made to fight off snow blindness, and these could be made only when a certain driftwood, or "Ik-shaut," was swept across by the polar current from north of Siberia. These wooden shields were about four by seven inches, with walrus hide thongs and an interesting arrangement of slits which must have taken time to perfect. At last, says the New York Sun, after our workmen had made some spectacles from poor glass brought from England, a jeweler, working evenings above his store, disproved the theory that steel spectacles could not be made here and brought forth a product which resulted in America's taking the lead in spectacle making.

Sacred Foot Print

A simple impression in a rock on Adam's Peak in Ceylon—five feet by two feet and shaped like a human foot—is sacred to a third of the world's population. The 175,000,000 Buddhists claim it was made by Buddha, the 250,000,000 Hindus maintained it was made by their god Siva and the 250,000,000 Mohammedans assert that it was made by Adam when he stood there, on one foot for 200 years, to expiate his crime in the Garden of Eden. —Collier's Weekly.

How "Wewanta" Was Named

Many curious stories are told about how places got their names, none more odd than a postoffice in Lincoln county, West Virginia. Inhabitants made the usual petition for mail service and after determining to grant the request it is said that the Post Office Department asked what the office should be called. "Call it what you please," was the reply, "only we want a post office." And "Wewanta" it was and it is. —Pathfinder Magazine.

Believed Writing Could "Talk"

An odd belief in the power of writing prevailed in Hawaii in the early 19th century. When the missionaries prepared a written language for them, says Collier's Weekly, the natives believed that writing could "talk," and that an owner's name on an article protected it from theft because if it was stolen the word would repeat the name until the thief was caught.

"Franks" Used on Early Pony Express, Writer Says

While letters were carried by mail, on horseback, before the issuance of postage stamps, in 1847, at Eastern points, the first record we have of a Pony Express in California was in 1848, the year gold was discovered, notes a writer in the New York Sun. Samuel Brannon, publisher of the California Star, at Yerba Buena (now San Francisco) is claimed to have created the pioneer pony express.

He proposed to carry letters for 50 cents each to Eastern points and guaranteed they would reach their destination within two weeks. On April 1, 1848, his pony started carrying mail to Independence, Mo. Instead of arriving there in the specified two weeks' time it took all summer. Then gold was discovered, and in the attendant excitement caused thereby this Pony Express became a forgotten enterprise.

At the time of the gold rush California as a place of importance was entirely non-existent. Population and activity were centered in the north, with three rivers utilized as the main highway. San Francisco had become a city almost overnight, and the other important points were Sacramento, reached by the Sacramento River; Marysville, on the Feather River, and Stockton, on the San Joaquin. Express messengers carried mail on the boats and made the rounds of the mining camps, the envelopes bearing the "frank" of the express company.

Bird, Animal Pests Not Kind That Affect Humans

The idea that swallows, bats, flying squirrels and other wild animals and birds carry on their bodies such pests as bedbugs and lice of various kinds and that these birds and animals actually bring them into human habitations, to the detriment of the human race, is nothing but superstition, according to George B. Lay, Junior Biologist at the North Carolina State College.

Most of our native birds carry at least one species of louse, sometimes more than one; and often one species from each of the two orders of chewing lice and sucking lice. Usually, each species or group of birds has a particular kind of louse as a permanent resident or occasional visitor; and such lice, if they try to get along on a different species or group of birds, find the food not to their liking and die.

For this reason, man is not troubled by the insect pests of wild birds and animals. Bats do carry such pests, in at least two orders of insects, but such pests cannot get along on a human being. Most lice, to the casual observer, look alike and the differences between species is structural or very insignificant and would not be noticed except with a magnifying glass, due to the small size of the insects.

Residence Abroad

It is not a question of time, but of intent, when a naturalized citizen goes to his native country on a visit. If a naturalized citizen returns to his native land and remains there indefinitely without contact with the American government, it is assumed that he has forfeited his citizenship, and it remains for him to prove that he has not. Yet, a naturalized citizen who has, for instance, business connections which take him to his native land, and keep him there may stay for years without forfeiting his citizenship. A citizen who returns merely for a visit of a few months or a year, and communicates with the nearest American consul occasionally during the period, informing him of the intention to return, will have no difficulty about his citizenship status.

Became Famous Sculptor

One day in 1861 a young Ohio sculptor by the name of John Quincy Adams Ward was at work in the executive building in Columbus modeling a head of Gov. Dennison. While the governor sat and the sculptor worked, a young state senator by the name of James A. Garfield sauntered in. "Garfield, this is Mr. Ward, a rising young sculptor," said Dennison by the way of introduction. Then, with a smile, he added, "When you become a famous statesman, Ward will make a statue of you." Twenty-five years later the bronze statue of President Garfield, sculptured by the internationally famous John Q. A. Ward, was unveiled at Washington by the Army of the Cumberland. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Rivers That Flow North

The St. Johns River in Florida is supposedly the only river in the United States which flows northward throughout its entire course. There are others, however, which flow north for a part of their course. These include the Monongahela in Pennsylvania, the Tennessee in Tennessee and Kentucky, the Red River of the North in Minnesota and North Dakota, Big Horn in Wyoming and Montana, Powder in Wyoming and Montana.

Wife May Deed Property

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However, the serial numbers of the bills were intact, and the Treasury Department came to the rescue with duplicate bills.

Sunday School Founder

Robert Raikes, founder of the Sunday school movement was born 1717-1735.

READING IN BED COMFORTS

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