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THE MIDNIGHT RIDER WHO ROUSED A NATION! PAUL REVERE

Paul Revere was a gold-and-silver-smith, a trade which he learned in his father's shop. A fine copper engraver, he was the pioneer of copper manufacturing in America. An officer of the militia, Revere was a brave patriot and took part in the Boston Tea Party. He induced the Colonists to seize English stores and to capture Fort William and Mary—one of the first battles of the Revolutionary War!

Revere was a member of the band of 30 patriots who formed a patrol to watch the movements of the British forces. Longfellow, in his well-known poem, has commemorated the famous ride of Paul Revere at midnight on April 18th, 1775, to rouse the farmers and warn them of the approach of the British forces.

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Uniform Curing of Meat

Has Long Been a Problem

Different kinds of wood have been found to contribute more palatable flavors in the meat smoking process than others. Hickory and oak have long been favorites in North America, but certain types of nut shells and various aromatic seeds have been used by primitive tribes. Some of the plains Indians liked the smoked flavor which developed from semidry grass, something of the "bonfire" smell we welcome in the fall. The smell of smoke from a sage smudge was quite desirable to some of the West Coast Indians, and green sprigs from the sage plant were thrown on the fire in the tepee. Most of the sage flavor, as we recognize it, however, was destroyed by the burning, states an expert.

The companion of salt in meat curing, saltpeter, was perhaps discovered through its being an impurity in the salt that was used. On the other hand, there is also a possibility that some of the early meat curers did not distinguish too well between the salty flavor of common salt and the bitter-salt flavor of the saltpeter. In any event, the discovery that saltpeter preserved the reddish color of meat led to its combination with salt centuries ago. Early curing and salting did not always provide for uniform penetration of the meat by the cure, so that the unsalted spots, uncolored spots, and sour spots with which meat curers still contend, have been problems of the centuries.

Fans of the Early Times

Inlaid With Gold, Jewels

The utilitarian sticks of antique fans were ornamented as lavishly as were the mounts, being intricately carved, inlaid with gold, and sometimes set with jewels. Ivory was a favorite material, and the most expert craftsmen of the day were employed in decorating sticks to support silks painted by famous artists of the period, says a writer in the New York Times.

The designs were usually of the romantic type, then so prevalent in all forms of art. They represented elegant ladies and gentlemen at their games or flirting beside garden fountains. Landscapes were favored, too, as were architectural settings.

Flirtatious ladies of an earlier day evolved a complete language of the fan, and such codes are still traditional in the Latin countries, where dark-eyed señoritas wield their fans in eloquent fashion, expressing volumes by the turn of a wrist. They peer over or around a fluted edge with inherited allure or retire in confusion behind the outspread folds.

To the women of Japan the fan is part of their costume. It was from Japan that the folded fan was introduced into the West. Women of all times, however, have appreciated its advantages. Queen Elizabeth listed twenty-seven fans in her "Inventory."

Queen for Ten Days

Queen Maud was the daughter of Henry I and the rightful queen. She was set aside by Stephen, the king's nephew. Later she claimed the throne and was actually crowned, but relinquished her right on the condition that her son should follow Stephen.

Queen Jane was the ill-fated Lady Jane Grey. She was proclaimed, not knowing that the deed appointing her to succeed Edward VI was a forgery. She reigned only for ten days, when the rightful queen—Mary—succeeded to the throne. Jane was afterwards beheaded.—Pearson's Weekly.

Sausage, Favorite of Romans

Sausage manufacture really dates from Roman practice. Even during the time of Augustus Caesar a large number of varieties were prepared. There were large sausages that were served sliced, and there were small sausages that were served whole. There were both fresh and cured sausages, although the fresh sausages were practically restricted to home manufacture and consumption. Romans were particularly fond of a sausage composed of pork and white pine nuts, chopped fine, seasoned with pepper, bay leaves, herbs and cummin seed.

Outer Mongolia

The so-called People's Republic of Outer Mongolia came into existence in 1921, when Russian red army troops entered this vast, sparsely populated territory in pursuit of the forces of the white leader, General Urgern von Sternberg. Its international status has been highly anomalous. Theoretically it is still part of China, but no Chinese official may set foot there. The country in the last few years has been barred against all foreigners except Russians.

Faith That Is In Us

Every act of ours is a venture on faith. After the shades of night rout the last sentinels of day, we retire to slumber, in perfect faith that on the morrow the sun will smile its usual greeting on an awakening world. We ride to business in train, trolley or subway. Because of our faith in the unknown hand that holds the throttle, we ride unafraid, secure in the confidence that all is well.

Jobs—Not Pensions



NEW YORK . . . Col. Bernard W. Kearney (above), newly elected Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, announces that the policy of his administration will be an effort to secure steady jobs for World War veterans rather than lobbying for a pension system. Commander Kearney resides at Gloversville, N. Y.

Greeks Originated Tragedies

Tragedy began in the Greek religious dances at the festival of Dionysus. The word "tragedy" means a goat song which was first sung at the festival of the god by a number of men in disguise, headed by their poet.



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Liberty Bell at Expositions

The Liberty bell was featured at the Centennial exposition, Philadelphia, 1876; the World's Industrial and Cotton exposition, New Orleans, 1885; Cotton States exposition, Atlanta, 1895; the Interstate and West India exposition, Charleston, S. C., 1902; the Bunker Hill celebration at Boston, June 15, 1903; the Louisiana Purchase exposition, St. Louis, 1904, and the Panama-Pacific exposition, San Francisco, 1915.

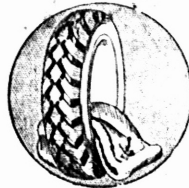
Dialects in the Philippines

There are about 85 distinct dialects in the Philippine Islands. A few of these are distinct languages.

Grant Uninterested in Politics

General Grant, before becoming President, had never taken an active interest in politics and had voted for a Presidential candidate only once.—Gas Logic.

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Meaning of Abbreviation "Cir."

The abbreviation "cir." when placed before a date stands for the Latin word "circa," meaning "about." It is often used in connection with dates which cannot be fixed exactly.

Forbidden Fruit

Coco de mer is the real Forbidden Fruit of the Bible. According to tradition, Adam and Eve had their Garden of Eden in the Seychelles, which lie between Africa and India.

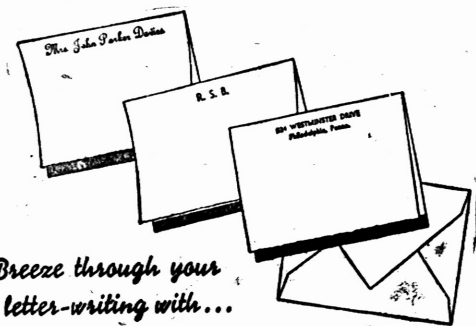
Octopus a Food Favorite

Jelly-fish are relished as food by both the Chinese and Japanese. Octopus, squid and allied sea creatures also are food favorites in many parts of the world.—Gas Logic.

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