

THE FIRST ALMANACS.

They Attempted to Foretell Men's Destiny From the Stars.

The almanac, properly so called in its origin, is not merely a device for keeping people in mind of the progress of the year. It is an attempt to show what destiny has in store for us as indicated by the position of the stars in any particular year, and as, according to astrological lore, the destinies of men are ruled by the different aspects of the planets, so also the human body is subject to the influence of the constellations through which the sun appears to pass in his yearly course. A French almanac of 1610 gives a diagram of the human body surrounded by all the signs of the zodiac and indicates the various organs and members over which these signs have power, and this for a guide pour les sages, or to show at what period blood may be let with safety. But the same almanac also gives directions sensible enough for the avoidance of the plague which would not be found fault with by a modern fashionable physician:

Who would keep his body in health
And resist the infection of the plague,
Let him seek joy and sadness fly,
Avoid places where infections abound
And cherish joyous company.

A few examples exist of almanacs of this character before the invention of printing, although none, it is believed, earlier than the twelfth century. But some of the earliest specimens of printing are black printed German sheet almanacs, which are chiefly concerned about blood letting.—Westminster Gazette.

Wasted Time.

Mrs. Newrich was growing accustomed to power. She enjoyed it and was irritated when any one presumed to differ from her in opinion. When the sailing party of which she had been a member landed on the shores of the lake rain soaked and frightened, Mrs. Newrich was the only one who cared to talk.

"It could all have been avoided if that captain had done as I told him," she said between the chattering of her teeth as the party stood huddled under a small shelter.

"When I saw that cloud coming from that corner of the lake I said to him, 'I think you'd better make straight for home and not spend any more time tacking,' but he paid no more attention than as if I hadn't spoken!"—Youth's Companion.

Active at 87.

This would be unusual news if men and women would keep themselves free from rheumatism and all aches and pains as well as keeping their muscles and joints limber with Ballard's Snow Liniment. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

CUTICURA CURED CHIEF OF POLICE

Canadian Officer Poisoned by Weeds — Eczema Developed and Legs Became Scaly — Ankles were Very Sore and Itchy — For Weeks He Could Not Wear Shoes.

FREED FROM ITCHING BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"I have been successfully cured of dry eczema. I was inspecting the removal of noxious weeds, it being part of my duty, from the edge of a river and was constantly in the dust from the weeds. At night I shook out my trousers and cleansed my limbs, but felt a prickly sensation. I paid no attention to it for two years, but I noticed a scum on my legs like fish scales. I could scrape it off, and yet I did not attend to it until it came to be too itchy and sore and began getting two running sores. My ankles were all sore and scabby and I could not wear shoes. I had to use carpet and felt slippers for weeks. I was then on particular police duty and was compelled to be on duty. I got a cake of the Cuticura Soap and some Cuticura Ointment. In less than ten days I could put on my boots and in less than three weeks, though on duty all the time, I was free from the confounded itching. I tell you frankly that Cuticura saved me from what the doctors called a bad leg. Capt. George P. Bliss, Chief of Police, Morris, Manitoba, Mar. 20, 1907, and Sept. 24, 1908."

For Baby's Bath Cuticura Soap has Become the Mothers' Favorite.

Warm baths with Cuticura Soap and gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment, most soothing of emollients, preserve, purify and beautify the skin, scalp, hair and hands of infants and children and, assisted by mild doses of Cuticura Pills, afford the most speedy, grateful and comforting treatment for torturing, disfiguring eczemas, rashes and every form of itching, scaly, crusted humor of the skin and scalp. Guaranteed absolutely pure.

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The First Postage Stamp.

The black penny postage stamp of 1840, the first stamp ever issued, was distinctly unpopular and gave place to a red one after a year's existence. Great Britain was the first country in the world to use postage stamps, and the English schoolboy of the period seems to have regarded them as a nuisance rather than a national benefit. "Have you tried the stamps yet?" wrote one of them to his sister in the year 1840. "I think they are very absurd and troublesome. I don't fancy making my mouth a glue pot, although, to be sure, you have the satisfaction of kissing the back of her gracious majesty the queen. This is, however, I should say, the greatest insult the present ministry could have offered the queen."—London T. P.'s Weekly.

Fields and Orchards of France.

From Avignon to Lyons the railroad runs through a rich country, the fruit trees covered with blossoms and the forests assuming their robes of green, altogether making a picture beautiful to look upon. From Lyons to Paris the orchards, the vineyards and the growing grain delight the eye of the traveler from oriental deserts and remind him of Macaulay's poem: Now let there be the merry sound of music and of dance Through thy cornfields green and sunny vines, oh pleasant land of France! For truly it is a pleasant land.—Paris Letter to Denver Post.

A Weaking

Is the only way to describe the poor child that is afflicted with worms. No matter how much or how often it eats, the worms get all the nourishment from the food—the child gets practically none. White's Cream Vermifuge gets rid of the worms quickly, easily and with no bad after effects. Price 25 cents a bottle. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

Always There.

Mrs. Binks (reading)—John, I read where a scientific expedition explored an extinct crater 2000 feet deep and at the bottom they found the bones of a prehistoric woman. How do you account for it? Mr. Binks—Oh, that's easily accounted for. Martha. You know a woman is at the bottom of everything.—New York Globe.

Baby Morphine Fiends

Are made by all soothing syrups and baby medicines that contain opium and narcotics. McGee's Baby Elixir contains no injurious or narcotic drugs of any kind. A sure and safe cure for disordered stomachs, bowels and fretfulness—splendid for teething infants. Sold by W. M. Johnson.

Getting Ready For a Fresh Start.

Gwendolyn de Courtenay, the handsome society favorite, was nervously agitated. Even a blind baggage can't see that. She paced up and down in front of the large cheval glass in her room. Evidently she was greatly aggrieved over something. Finally her high strung nerves got churned up to such a pitch that she lost control over herself and began to clutch and tear wildly at her hair, pulling it out in large handfuls.

Your sympathetic nature is around and you cry: "The poor woman is temporarily insane. Why doesn't some one stop her before she does herself bodily injury? She must be in terrible mental agony to stand the pain of pulling her hair out by the roots."

But hist! Be not too lavish with your sympathy, friend. Up to now Gwendolyn has pulled off only fourteen pounds of puffs, three miles of interlocking switches and a few detachable curls. She has some distance to go yet before she touches the real, cross your heart hair. Gwendolyn is merely distracted because her maid cannot get her floating hirsute equipment on in becoming array. She is simply getting ready for a fresh start.—Puck.

Seeds as Aeroplanes.

It is strange that man has been so long in learning to fly. Nature in the seed has for eons shown him a good working aeroplane. The seed of the silver maple and the ash often fly in the summer forty or fifty yards. The seed's wing is an extension of the pod. When the seed breaks loose from its bough the wing whirrs rapidly round the body as an axle, its front edge striking the air higher than the rest of its surface and thus producing air pressure in an upward direction that carries the tiny aeroplane on and up in Wright-like flight. The linden seed clusters show an aeroplane of tremendous strength. The seeds hang on a single stem from the center of one large wing. When this seed aeroplane sets forth the wing revolves and points upward, bearing onward its weight of seeds with a power greater than any bird puts forth. The box elder, the pine and the catalpa are other trees whose existence is perpetuated by the aeronautical skill of their little seeds.—New York Press.

Take Notice.

All persons are recommended to take Foley's Kidney Remedy for backache, rheumatism, and kidney and bladder trouble. It will quickly correct urinary irregularities, which, if neglected, may develop into a serious illness. It will restore health and strength. Do not neglect signs of kidney or bladder trouble and risk Bright's disease or diabetes. J. W. McCollum & Co.

Horses in Pantaloon.

"Equine sunbonnets are very well," said a veterinary. "but what would you say to equine trousers? You'll see them in Guayaquil. There the mosquitoes and greenhead flies are so thick that horses and donkeys, unless their legs are cased in cloth, become unmanageable with the pain. Guayaquil is in Ecuador. It is directly under the equator. The heat there is insufferable. Up and down its narrow and foul smelling streets in bluish clouds of buzzing insects walk horses and donkeys in sunbonnets and pantaloon."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Pletcher*

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Lord Churchmouse—That horse I had of you is all right, but he doesn't hold his head high enough. Dealer—Oh, that's 'is pride, m'lord. 'E'll hold it up when 'e's paid for.—London Telegraph.

CAPUDINE for "THAT HEADACHE."

Out last night? Headache and nervous this morning? Hicks' Capudine just the thing to fit you for business. Clear's the head—braces the nerves. Try it. At drug stores

Ability.

Irate Passenger—I believe you're driving over every stone in the road. Driver—Waal, sir, it takes a party good driver to hit 'em all.—Boston Herald.

A good and faithful judge prefers the honest to the expedient.—Horace.

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