

Death Secret Of Elephants Found By White Hunter

French Naturalist Tells Story of Last Moments of Big Tuskers.

Big-game hunters and explorers know that the skeletons of elephants are seldom, if ever, found. What happens to old elephants? Do they follow an inbred instinct and set out for some remote "elephant graveyard," there to die among the blanched bones and gleaming tusks of thousands of others of their herd, as many natives and white hunters aver?

A French naturalist has recently discovered the answer to what has hitherto been one of nature's mysteries. Elephants, he has discovered, die in deep water. Crocodiles soon devour their carcasses.

For twenty-seven years this Frenchman, M. Guy Cheminaud, hunted in the Indo-China peninsula. M. Cheminaud says that if an old elephant suddenly collapses and dies, the elders of the herd gather round him, turn him over with their trunks and tusks, and having decided he is no longer alive, bury him, sometimes dragging the body off to softer ground. Scooping a hollow, they roll him in, cover him with earth. Others of the herd gather bundles of grass and weeds, or rip off leafy branches which they add to the soil piled on the body.

Senile decay in an elephant generally shows first in the trunk. It becomes semi-paralyzed and ceases to function. The poor creature cannot get food into his mouth. He becomes weak from malnutrition. He can still drink, however, and bathe to soothe his cracked hide covered with mosquitoes and flies. As he can no longer squirt water over himself with his trunk, he has to wade out a long way or take risks where the shore shelves steeply down. Comes the day of doom. He gets out of his depth. He is too weak to battle with the current. He drowns. The crocodiles and fish devour him.

Marie Lloyd Rose From A Factory Girl To Stage Star

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"Darby and Joan" celebrating their diamond wedding!

From the first, the future Marie's temperament was difficult to gainsay. She was put to work at a boot-factory and a feather-curler's, and "sacked" from both. Her first success was with her sister Alice, as a "star"-member of the "Fairy Bell Minstrels"—a troupe of little Hoxton girls, who appeared at the Nile Street Mission. One of their songs was "Throw down the bottle"—a temperance-ballad in distinct contrast to some of her later triumphs, such as "A little of what you fancy does you good."

The speed of "Tilly Woods" rise to fame was miraculous. At fourteen she was singing at the old Grecian-on-the introduction of "Harry, the Waiter"—at 15s. a week. She was then known as Bella Delmare. At fifteen she had changed her name to Marie Lloyd—after "Lloyd's Newspaper." In the same year she was "discovered" by George E. Belmont at the "Star," Bermondsey, and booked to appear at a matinee at the Oxford, with her already-popular song, "The boy I love is up in the gallery." Fame was immediate. By the time she was 18, Marie Lloyd was earning \$500 a week. In her last years she could earn \$2,500 a week, and paid income tax on over \$50,000 a year.

Miss Jacob's stories of Marie Lloyd's lavish generosity are probably not exaggerated. "No 'old pro' ever appealed to her in vain. On one occasion at Southend she saw some poor children and gave their school mistress a cheque she happened to have on her. It was for \$1,250. Wherever she went she kept open house.

GARBO BACK AGAIN



Greta Garbo

"I have no home. I'm just a wanderer," cried GRETA GARBO, screen star, when she arrived last week in New York, above, after a year vacationing in her native Sweden. She told reporters that her year in Sweden had not been an enjoyable one because of ill-health.

Cairn Used As Tribal Burial Place In Bronze Age Found

Discovery Made in Scotland Has Great Historic Value—Relics of Flint Also Found.

Glasgow, Scotland.—A find at Ferniegair sand quarry, near Hamilton, recalls a remark by the ancient Sicilian historian, Diodorus Siculus, when he described the importation into South Europe of tin and perhaps bronze from the Cassiterides. He describes the ingots as being of astragalus form; that is, shaped like an ankle bone. These ingots have on rare occasions been found in the South-West of England, but no molds for them have so far been noted. One was disclosed at Ferniegair sand quarry, and was described by Ludovic Mann in a lecture to Glasgow Archaeological Society.

Finds from the same sand pit, but of an earlier period, were also discussed. These were found in stone-built cists under a semi-demolished cairn exposed by the sand diggers. A model of one of the cists, to a scale of one-quarter full size, was submitted by John Gentles.

Great care was taken in the examination. The measurements of the structures and of each of the slabs comprising the walls and cover-stones of the tombs disclosed that the slabs were dressed so as to be in keeping with the standard prehistoric measures. Before disturbance of the tombs several visitors checked the measurements with the old-style foot-rule. The use of these units in such structure, has not hitherto been published, though noted in previously discovered similar structures.

The cairn must have been used as a tribal burial-place during several centuries of the Bronze Age, as proved by the various shapes of the urns. The later burials were cremated and the ashes placed in a large vessel, inverted, upon a horizontal slab. The earlier burials in the cairn were in cists, and were inhumed.

Among the relics placed with the dead were objects of flint and felstone, and of the latter material was a Bowman's wrist-guard, serving to protect the wrist from the recoil of the bow-string. This beautiful and carefully worked object had curved sides, forming arcs of circles of

apparently a particularly sacred character. These circles were registered at five parts of the bracer, and have each a radius of 11.6 inches, representing one eclipse year in the old-time astronomy.

Diagrams taken from survey sheets, showing various areas in which Neolithic and Bronze Age monuments survive, proved that these had been arranged in a precise geometrical manner in conformity with a grouping of concentric rings, each divided into 19 sectors. Ancient sites round Glasgow were shown to be similarly distributed from a common focal point in the centre of Glasgow Cathedral, which was thus proved to have been an important sanctuary hundreds of years before the coming of Christianity into Clydesdale.

The cairn disclosed recently near Hamilton was also shown to have been the centre of a geometrically disposed group of prehistoric shrines, and the circle of standing stones of Brodgar, Orkney, was shown to have been the pivotal point for about 100 Stone Age sites, extending over the whole of the Orcadian archipelago.

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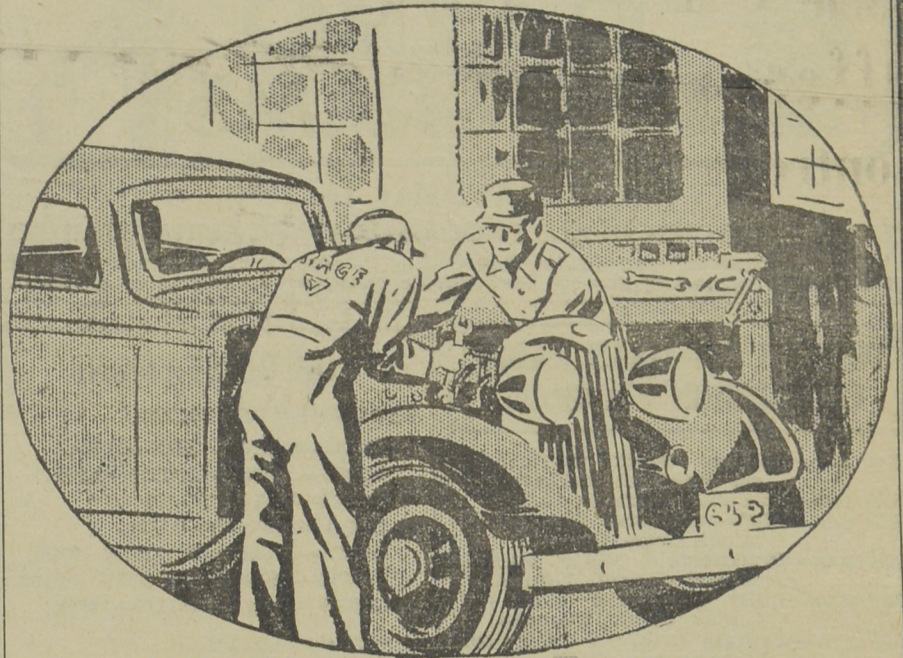
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a member of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service. We examined samples of hemp and wire hawsers, forceps and scalpels, and paint brushes of all manner of shapes and stiffnesses.

From the paint brush corner came another exhibit—a wide badger hair brush softer than any shaving brush, and made specially to stroke the gilding of the Victoria and Albert.

We passed on. I marvelled in passing that draught boards and even disc boxes rejoiced in numerical nicknames. We came to a bin full of numbered cylinders of cardboard. I learned that each one held a sample of carpet, carefully preserved from light lest it should fade. And here at last I found an article which bore no pattern number—a moth ball.

Round the corner I spotted a



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bearskin. Thereupon I was told that this Admiralty pattern room housed some 2,500 army articles. The reason is that, when the army depot moved from Pimlico to Didcot, contractors were reluctant to travel so far to see the articles for which they were asked to quote. Thus they accept the hospitality of the Admiralty pattern rooms.

In an open space was a row of bedsteads. It was explained that the old type of barrack-room bedstead was to be superseded. These bedsteads were set out for trial by a committee of experts.

Every article in these pattern rooms is duplicated so that samples may be sent out to contractors. It appears that old-time craftsmanship is still to be reckoned with and that these men prefer to copy an article from life rather than from drawings and typewritten specifications.

HUMANE!

Nineteen years after a gas attack, the most "humane" form of warfare according to Major-General Sir Henry Thuillier, a man has been stricken with blindness as a result of its delayed effects.

It has now been disclosed that during the past two years 15 such cases have been admitted to St.

Dunstan's, London, the latest being that of a man who was temporarily blinded at the Battle of Arras, 1917. Subsequently discharged from hospital as cured, and granted a small pension, he was able to carry on as a railway employe until recently when, his sight failing, he was awarded a full pension through St. Dunstan's. In all 15 cases loss of sight has been due to mustard gas. It is stated that lachrymatory gas, at first so irritating to the eyes, and chlorine, with its danger to the lungs, do not leave permanent disability through delayed action. That is, so far as is yet known.

WELSH MOUNTAIN MOVING

The movement of the mountain in the Rhymney Valley has, it is stated, again become a menace, particularly to the railway between New Tredegar and Abertyswg.

Large quantities of earth have moved down the valley, and there is a possibility of the railway being overwhelmed. The authorities controlling the public services are seriously perturbed.

Abertyswg has virtually been isolated since the main road in the region was ruined by a landslide some time ago.