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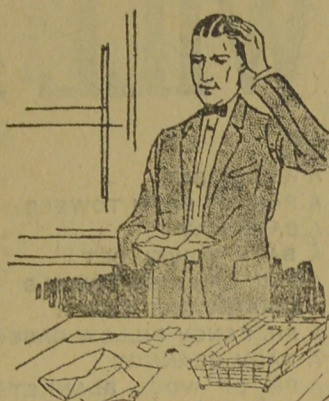
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MANY CURIOSITIES MET WITH IN A GLOBE CIRCLING TRIP; DEATH DEFYING SNAKE DOCTOR

(Bob Davis in New York Sun.)

By divers and sundry routes over land and sea it has been my lot during the last fourteen months to cover a total of thirty-five thousand miles. Much of the distance was along the beaten tracks, but no opportunity to make excursions into untrodden quarters and remote corners was ever neglected. Matters of casual interest turn up everywhere and all countries have customs that are more or less entertaining. Here and there, however, one encounters a situation, a legend, a circumstance, a detail of life that is little short of a curiosity. It is of these matters that today's column is composed.

On the outskirts of Sydney, Australia, not far from the spot where Capt. Cook landed and took over the vast island in the name of England, I saw a snake doctor perform his remarkable cures after having been bitten repeatedly by an Australian black-snake of the deadly type. The demonstrator carried his serpents in a flour sack, and when the spectators gathered in sufficient numbers to justify trade he hauled out the snakes one at a time and tantalized them into action. His bare arm was struck and lacerated repeatedly. Blood was drawn invariably. He then made a short address on the merits of his remedy, which was applied to the wounds from a small bottle, steered the snakes back into the sack and picked off a few customers at one shilling and six a bottle. Other poisonous snakes bit the demonstrator, but he spent the day defying death and promoting commerce. The wounds appeared to heal rapidly, leaving no inflammation. There was no doubt about the genuineness of the exhibition. Nevertheless so I was informed by an Australian whom I have no reason to doubt, when one of those pet snakes fanged his boss in private the gentleman, in spite of his miraculous remedies, curled up and died—publicly immune, but in the seclusion of his home defenseless against the deadly albumen of the black and the tiger snake.

Excels in Chess.

In the mountains near Brastegi, Sumatra, is a tribe of Bataks, the male members of which excel in chess. Aside from eking out a bare existence from the rich jungle they have no occupation other than playing the ancient game. The hovels or compounds in which they live are squalid in the extreme, and a repellent atmosphere pervades the premises. Yet under every thatched roof sits a master at the chess board. No visiting Caucasian has ever been known to win a game of chess in Brastegi. The Batak boys in their teens are able to play as many as sixteen games in unison, keeping the position of the men in their minds during the progress of the play. To one ancient I submitted a dozen chess problems which I gathered from English periodicals. He worked the twelve out in less than an hour and laughed at them. It is nothing unusual for Bataks to sit down without boards or men and play an imaginary game, calling the moves one to the other and visualizing the positions. When the checkmate occurs there is never an argument. A team of the world's champion chess players would have its hands full bucking the Bataks. That's all they do.

Delicious Fruit.

The mangosteen, Java's most delicious fruit, is constructed like an orange. On the spot immediately opposite the stem are five, six or seven triangular formations converging in a circle. These triangles indicate the number of segments contained in the thick, purplish, pithlike shell. In most mangosteens the segments contain a black bean shaped nut which is not edible. Occasionally a mangosteen is found that is wholly free of the nut and is in consequence regarded as a

great delicacy. There are natives in Java who can examine the triangles and with infallible accuracy pick out the fruit that contains no nuts. I witnessed this remarkable performance many times, but in no single instance did I find a native who could explain how he reached his decision or what visible signs revealed the absence of the seed. Nor was it possible to distinguish the slightest difference between the mangosteen with or without. A Dutch overseer at Weltevreden told me that he had sought the explanation for twenty years without success.

A Buddhist Temple.

A few miles outside the village of Sangarotte, Java, is situated a Buddhist temple at the gate of which the most ingenious mendicant in the Orient has taken up his permanent abode. Upon arriving at the shrine the visitor is greeted by a bright eyed dancing and hilarious youth who flaunts his robe in welcome, opens the automobile, helps out the women and children and makes himself highly useful for a handful of chicken feed. Upon leaving the temple one finds at the gate a miserable, maimed wretch clothed in rags and held together by some invisible power. He trembles with a palsy and in a scarcely audible prayer petitions alms. Who could spurn such terrible destitution? One goes the limit in largess. Your native chauffeur averts his face to keep from choking with laughter. The glad hand that gave you welcome and the palsied palm into which you poured the coinage of your own kind heart are one and the same.

Mixed Currency.

In touring through several countries one unwittingly gathers a mixed currency of silver, copper, nickel and white metal small change. It sifts into the pockets and is ever present, mingling with alien associates on a basis of equality. It was such a collection of chicken feed that I tossed before a money changer in Colombo, thinking to confuse him.

"How much?" I asked. He touched the pile with a long brown finger, shifted a coin or two and replied almost instantly: "Eighteen shillings and nine pence." In the twinkling of an eye he had computed into English value the money of five foreign nations. His deductions were correct to a fraction. In reply to my question as to what he would give in cash for one white poker chip, which I happened to have in my possession after escaping from an American liner, he wanted to know first what it was.

"Legal tender in the United States," I informed him. "And you needn't ask concerning its face value. There are times in my country when a poker chip—one white poker chip—is worth anywhere from a smooth dime to ten thousand."

He slammed down the lid of his cash box and locked it.

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THE MARITIME MEMBERS IN GOOD NATURED MOOD

(Montreal Standard.)

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Parliament, which has assembled on the eve of Canada's diamond jubilee year is perhaps more interested in the mood of the Maritime members than any since the first Parliament following the birth of Confederation, that Parliament in which Dr. Charles Tupper was the only representative from Nova Scotia who stood for Confederation.

After sixty years the majority of Maritime members find themselves in much the same position as the followers of Joe Howe in the first Confederation Parliament; they are here to support Joe Howe's thesis that the Confederation bargain would not give the Maritimes a square deal; they go even further and declare that some conditions of the bargain have not been fulfilled.

But the Maritime members have come to the capital this time in a good-natured mood—very unlike the mood of Nova Scotia representatives in the first Parliament. They appear confident of getting results from their prolonged campaign to secure remedial action for Maritime grievances.

The radiate assurance that they do not want to leave the Confederation.

But—and in their minds it is evidently a large but—if they do not get action on the Duncan report they make it pretty plain that the consequences will be beyond their control.

They make it plain too that partisan politics will not be allowed to interfere with their determination to press the Maritime question to an issue.

Whatever side of the political fence they may happen to be, they cannot afford to risk the displeasure of the younger generation of voters who for the time being consider the adjustment of Maritime rights more important than the fortunes of any party.

Not so long ago when a Maritime member raised a Maritime question, the great majority of the members from the other provinces usually left the House.

So the Maritime member having little to offer by way of enlightenment for the Maritime members who remained to listen to him, somebody, to provide entertainment, took the first opportunity of interjecting party politics.

And presently the Maritime question got lost in the heat of a partisan squabble.

Last year the Maritime members did get an auditory when they discussed Maritime questions; but they hardly carried conviction to the majority of the members—partly because the members had long been accustomed not to take the complaints from the Maritimes seriously. But now the Maritime members feel that the Duncan report will justify all the complaints they have made, and that when members from the other provinces have learned something of the evidence upon which the findings of the Duncan commission are based, they cannot fail to be convinced that fair treatment has not been meted out to the Maritimes. If they are not convinced, the Maritime members argue, it will be because they are willfully determined not to accord the recognition the Maritimes are bent on getting, within the four walls of Confederation if possible, and if not by other means. It is pointed out that if the Maritimes constituted a separate dominion, the trade of the other provinces with them might be counted as exports, with the consequence that the Maritimes would get the benefit of the abnormally low export freight rates on the railways which now enable the produce of the western and central provinces to be sold in Britain and Europe cheaper than in Nova Scotia.

DANCE HALL IN FOUR TOWNS AND TWO STATES

Wells River, Vt., Dec. 21.—Dancing from town to town, from county to county, and from State to State on a single floor is one of the favorite diversions in this vicinity. With the coming of ice and snow it has been suspended, but Spring can't be far behind, and then the young folks will flock again to the pavilion on a little island in the Connecticut River.

When the United States Supreme Court decides the Vermont-New Hampshire boundary dispute which has been dragging along for many years the situation may be changed. At present the island is the meeting point for the town lines of Newbury (Orange County) and Ryegeta (Caledonia County), Vt. and Haverhill and Bath, N. H., both in Grafton County.

HOW QUE. LIQUOR COM. CARRIES ON ITS BUSINESS

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realization. The gallonage of wines sold is gradually increasing and that of spirits decreasing. In 1923-24, 631,845 gallons of wines and 775,995 gallons of spirits were sold. In 1924-25, 722,022 gallons of wine and 718,053 gallons of spirits.

History of the Trade.

The liquor traffic in the Province of Quebec will soon celebrate its tercentenary. The records show that the Indians learned to drink about 1629. From that time on the history of the fur trade is replete with stories of the sale and barter of spirits to the Indians. The church and the Government both did all they could to prevent the sale of firewater to the natives. The licensing system came into existence in 1774 with the Quebec Revenue Act and the license fees were payable directly to the Governor. Prohibition sentiment had made substantial gains when the present legislation, creating the Quebec Liquor Commission, came into effect. This Act gave the state an absolute monopoly of the liquor trade.

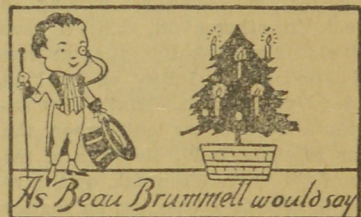
The Peel street store in the city of Montreal often rings up \$10,000 in a single day on its cash register. A quiet day is when the sales fall to \$2,500. The Peel street store is in the heart of the hotel district. This means that a large number of the customers are out of town visitors.

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