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DEPLORES DISAPPEARANCE OF THE CIGAR STORE INDIAN

(Boston Transcript.)

In an article in Scribner's, Mr. John L. Morrison relates the interesting history of the cigar store wooden Indian, and deplores this noble effigy's disappearance from our streets. It seems that the wooden Indian, as a sign for tobacconists, goes back well-nigh to the day of the advent of tobacco as a commodity. The wooden Indian was born in London, and flourished there for at least two centuries. Though the red man himself is the original American, the cigar store Indian was an immigrant from Britain.

According to Mr. Morrison, the first tobacco-trade figure in America was not an Indian at all, but an elegant white gentleman. And Sir Walter Raleigh, Highland chieftains and European royal personages have often figured as tobacco signs. But the Indians, in feathers and war paint, became the traditional figure for the purpose; which was entirely appropriate. Fifty years ago he stood at the door of practically every tobacco store. Often he was a very impressive piece of sculpture. Several well-trained European artists—among them Julius Melchers, a German and father of the painter, Bari Melchers, was long a maker of wooden Indians in Detroit. Other good artists condescended to their production. Besides pointing the way to the dear consolation of the weed, the cigar store Indian may have had an important part in the development of the American artistic taste.

But Mr. Morrison says there is not one wooden Indian left in Boston, and only two are left in Manhattan. Philadelphia, always conservative, retains three. Why should the monumental aborigine agent of tobacco publicity have thus disappeared? Obviously because the crowding of our streets has necessitated the removal of sidewalk or store-front images of all kinds. Time was when certain other businesses were advertised in a similar way. At the door of every fur store

stood a stuffed bear—an effective means of publicity, especially when, as occasionally happened, some bold big dog attacked the bear and laid him low. When these and similar figures became obstructive, they were ordered off by the authorities, and thus the cigar-store Indian and the furrier's stuffed bear gradually disappeared from view. At present, the Indian at least is relegated to museums, where he constitutes a desirable antique. He might be a frequent object of the private collector's fancy but for his obstructive bulk.

We may well deplore the disappearance of so picturesque an adjunct of commerce as the wooden Indian—especially as, by means of him, the cigar stores often provided a rather better show of sculpture than the public statuary of the squares and parks afforded. The wooden Indian was at once realistic and heroic. He lighted the eyes of youth with an admiring gleam. He suggested a romantic past, now dead. He is affectionately remembered by the generation—so far as it survives—that went before the present one.

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METAL CIRCLE GARTERS

Metal circle garters are among the autumn novelties. They are about three quarters of an inch wide and made up of engraved or stamped rectangles in gold or silver finished with a clasp set with a colored jewel. The metal pieces are strung on elastic so that the wearer does not feel quite so much as if she were in chains or plate armor as might be imagined.

DOGGIE NEW POCKETBOOKS

Toy dogs for pocket books are a new invention pleasing to children. The dog is in bright colors and at his side there is a folding purse in the same leather. The dogs are to be carried under the arm when the owner goes about. Fair sized dogs are shown for girls of 15 and there about and small dogs for little children.

HIGH COLORS

Some of the multicolored crystal chokers suggest Scotch plaid combinations. They are of green, red and dark blue crystals with rhinestone rondels interspersed.

CHEESE AND BACON SANDWICH

Cut bread in slices one inch thick toast lightly, brush with butter. On each slice lay a strip of broiled bacon. Lay a slice of tomato on bacon, sprinkle generously with grated cheese, salt and paprika. Put in oven until cheese melts. Ham may be used in place of bacon.

FRIED CHICKEN WEST VIRGINIA

1 chicken
Flour
Salt
Pepper
1 cup milk
1 egg

Cut the chicken in convenient sized pieces. Beat the egg into the milk, dip the chicken in this and then roll in seasoned flour. Place one half inch of fat in a deep frying pan, heat and place the pieces of chicken in it. Cover and cook over a low fire until tender, turning the pieces occasionally.

LOS ANGELES SANDWICH

Chop one onion fine, cut six slices of bacon in small pieces and cook together to a light brown. Add four eggs and stir until eggs are set. Season with salt and pepper and spread on slices of toast.

TURN OF THE LEAF

In the pleasant days of autumn With the reaping of the sheaves There's a world of mellow beauty In the turning of the leaves.

There is a vivid blaze of color Blending of a hundred shades As the tints that make the costume Of a hundred merry maids.

From the vantage of the hilltop Far as human eye can trace There's a witching panorama Of kaleidoscopic grace.

Spring, the princess of the seasons Frolicked in her garb of green Multitude of flowers in blossom Decked fair Summer as a queen.

But the empress garb of Autumn Fabric of a thousand weaves But attains its grace and glory With the turning of the leaves.

—PETER GRANT in Detroit News

INDIAN SUMMER

Indian summer broods today Over the mellow autumn lands Soft wispy veils of amethyst And amber pale stream from her hands.

Vines hang heavy with purple grapes Apple trees bend with crimson gems And in the woods the great oak trees Are crowned with golden diadems.

Like topazes the pumpkins lie Set in a ring of brown and green And mock the sun, while slender spears Of goldenrod make gay the scene.

Nature is drowsy; her work is done Now she awaits her winter rest; Harvest is over; the tired brown earth Will sleep with red leaves in the breast.

—Marion Isabel Angus in the Vancouver Province.

BAKED BEAN SANDWICH

Break open hot baking powder biscuits and spread with butter. Put a large spoonful of hot baked beans between and on top of biscuit. Serve with catsup, chili sauce or with hot canned tomato soup, undiluted.

A 500-pound box of chocolates was displayed at a New York exposition. If left open over night, we have no doubt all the nongatines were gone by morning.

"Naw suh, I jes' couldn't get no results with them dices. I's only got one shirt between me an' stah-vaion."

RAH! RAH! RAH!

Hear the alma maters calling To their sons from far and near. Soon bond salesmen in the making Will respond by thousands "Here."

Pop—Didn't you feel pretty cheap sitting there with a young innocent girl at such a shocking play? Bob—I did. She had to explain a good many of the innuendoes before I was able to get them.

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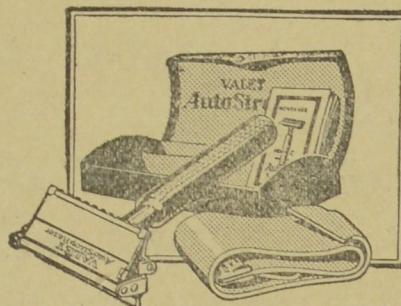
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