GEORGE WASHINGTON'S ANCESTORS

By EMORY HARRING DUNLAP

TRACING families to their earliest beginnings is a favorite pastime with many Americans. There are not a few who claim descent from some noble or kingly European house. Some go back to Edward III. of England, while others to Alfred the Great, while millions of good people believe that they are descended direct from Adam and Eve, by way of Mr. and Mrs. Noah. The profession of pedigree tracing depends upon the old dollar. If the price can be paid a genealogical tree will be drawn up, which finally will strike its roots into some royal tomb.

There is one famous name which can be traced back for more than 700 years. The family boasts of no royal ancestor, and it never held any hereditary title, but all through this long time its members were people of position.

In 1183—before surnames were thought of—a Norman knight named William of Hertburn bought the manor of Wessyngton from the bishop of Durham in England. He paid four pounds in good cash for it, and also agreed to attend the bishop with two greyhounds on occasions of state functions, and to furnish a manat-arms when the lord bishop had any fighting on hand. This William, hereafter known as Sir William of Wessyngton, was the first man to bear the name, and was the direct ancestor of George Washington. The name is pure Saxon, meaning the town on the marshy meadow, and the village now known as Washington is in the coal mining district about ten miles from Durham. The Washingtons soon spread all over the north of England, where the name still is common, and one branch of the family settled in the county of Lancashire.

From Lancashire one Lawrence Washington went up to London, to study law in Gray's inn. He made his mark, and, leaving London for Northampton, was so successful there that he twice became mayor of that city. This was in the days of King Henry the Eighth—bluff King Hal—the man who could not make his marriage ideas fit in with the ideas of the church, and so quarreled with it. Church property was confiscated on all hands, and among other fertile spots the manor of Sulgrave fell into his clutches. It was bestowed upon Lawrence Washington, who thus became lord of the manor of Solgrave in Northamptonshire and was revered by the community.

The manor house still stands. Lawrence Washington altered it to suit his own tastes, and in the carving of both stone and woodwork and the decorations of the windows he wove his arms of Stars and Stripes.

Old fashioned folk shook their heads and said that property taken from the church never could prosper. However that may be, the family only held Solgrave for three generations. The first Lawrence had a large family of four sons and seven daughters, and his family twice intermarried with the noble Spencer family—direct ancestors of the present Earl Spencer. So when trouble came on the family the earl built a home for his kinsman in the little village of Brington in the same county. Here in the old village church Lawrence Washington, grandson of the first Lawrence, is buried, according to tradition.

Though "reduced" the family was not impoverished, nor did its members lose their worthy standing. This Lawrence exceeded his grandfather in the number of his children, for 16 were born to him. Two of his sons became knights, some of his daughters married knights or other men of distinction, and his fourth son, also named Lawrence, became a fellow of Brazenose college, Oxford, and a clergyman.

Times changed quickly in those old days. Henry the Eighth and his children long were in their graves, and Charles the First was on his troubled throne. As became an old country family the Washingtons one and all were for their king, and several fought bravely against Cromwell and his parliamentary troops. While the knights fought the clergyman preached, and it is evident that he did not mince words. The parliamentarians writhed under his home-thrusts, and when they got the upper hand they did not forget him. His church was taken from him, and not content with that they published his iniquities in a book of "Malignants," a sort of rogues' gallery of those who were stanchest in the support of their king. The politicians of those days were worse than those of to-day. In the quaint language of the time they said that the Rev. Lawrence "is a common frequenter of ale houses, not only himself sitting daily tipping there, but also encouraging others in the same vice. God hath often been drunk. He hath said that the parliament have more papists belonging to them in their armies than the king had about him or in his armie, and that the parliament's armie did more hurt than the cavaliers, and that they did none at all; and hath published them to be traitors that lend to or assist the parliament."

The reverend gentleman never again made his peace with the "traitors" and when he died in the height of Cromwell's power, his two eldest sons, seeing their prospects blighted at home, turned longing eyes to the west. There is a supicion that they engaged in some wild attempt to upset the government, but it failed, and they escaped on a British ship in 1657 and sailed for Virginia. The eldest son John, a young man of about 24 when he left the old country, was the great-grandfather of George Washington. He had a son Lawrence, whose son Augustine married Mary Bell for his second wife, and to them George Washington was born on February 22, 1732. The arms of the Washingtons, woven in to the fabric of Solgrave manor-house, show three stars and two red stripes on a white ground. In the little church at Brington they appear three times. In the baptismal chapel of the Spencers there, amid many noble monuments, is one tomb on which repose full length figures of Baron Spencer and his wife, who was a Washington. Among the arms carved on this tomb the Washington and Spencer arms are quartered together. In the chancel of the church they appear again over the tomb of Lawrence Washington and under the matting in the center aisle, down which the feet of the villagers pass every Sunday, they cover the remains of Robert Washington, brother of Lawrence. There they are engraved on a brass shield of which the picture here published is a rubbing. The simple inscription, touching a record of happy life, reads: "Here lies interred ye bodies of Elizabth Washington, widdowe who chanced this life for immortalitie ye 19th of March, 1622. As also ye body of Robert Washington, gent., her late husband, second sonne of Robert Washington of Solgrave in ye county of North, who departed this life ye 10th of April, 1622, after they lived lovingly together in this parish."

The arms of the knights of Washington—the stars and bars—were worn on their shields. On their helmets they bore a crest—sometimes a raven, sometimes an eagle. The Herald's college of London, the authority on all matters of heraldry, says: In the red and white bars, and the stars of the shield, and the eagle issuant of his crest, borne later by General Washington, the framers of the constitution got the idea of the Stars and Stripes and the Spread Eagle of the national emblem."

PERSONAL GLIMPSES OF WASHINGTON.

In a historical tribute of more than usual interest on "Washington as a Colonial Magnate," written by E. N. Vallandigham, the following is the striking introductory sentence: "That great river, the Potomac, in its tidal course, seems fitly to typify the life and character of the majestic mail, Washington, who was born within sight of its banks, whose permanent home for most of his life overlooked many miles of its course, and whose tomb now dominates its waters."

The sketch concerns itself almost exclusively with the home side of Washington's career and will be read with interest by many persons accustomed to think of the father of his country only in his regimental uniform or in the presidential chair at the capital.

"Magnate as he was and the neighbor of other magnates who were colossally pleasure-loving and fond of display," says Mr. Vallandigham, as his interesting article is near its close, "Washington retained the business instincts and habits of his family. Before he was 14 he had familiarized himself with business forms and methods, and from his early youth he was a strict and minutely careful accountant. During much of his life at Mt. Vernon he rose at daylight, breakfasted at seven in summer and eight in winter, dined at two upon meat and vegetables, drinking beer or cider and two glasses of old Madeira, and went early to bed. He helped Peter, the slave blacksmith, to make a new kind of plow, and was so eager to try it that he actually harnessed to the invention a pair of his best horses.

"Washington was essentially a man of business after he ceased to be a colonial soldier. Mt. Vernon had ten miles of water-front, most of which, as the owner told a correspondent, was a fishing shore. The seine was hauled and the gill nets and purse nets were tended by the slaves, but we may be sure from Washington's habits that he often superintended the work. The Potomac of to-day, in the region of Washington's birth and residence, has miles of nets staked out just as his were staked when his dusky fishermen fared forth and returned laden with the miscellaneous catch. Washington himself, according to living, seized a poacher whom he found in a boat on his premises lying in wait for canvasback ducks. Flour with the name of Washington stamped upon the barrel passed without inspection in British West Indian ports. Washington had great tobacco barns, such as to-day show their gray shingles on the slopes as one sails the Potomac, and he shipped his tobacco in just such hogsheads as are shipped to-day from half a hundred ports on the Potomac and its tributaries. These hogsheads are no longer trundled directly upon their own staves over roads impracticable for wheeled vehicles, but they are still made with perpendicular, unhoused sides, just as they were in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

"The world well knows the steps that connected the well content and jovial colonial magnate of 1760, who had everything to gain from continued good relations with the mother country, into the patriot leader of 1775 and the next eight years. All through the revolutionary struggle Washington kept himself informed of the doings at Mt. Vernon, and he returned to it at the close of the war determined to resume his old occupations. His dissipations as a colonial magnate had been dinners at Belvoir and other neighboring plantations and an occasional visit with Mrs. Washington to the gay little state capital at Annapolis, whither the belles of Maryland were accustomed to ride on horseback with their hoops looped up somehow in a manner that Maple Avenue, whose fair ones would have to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

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Thirty-five-acre fruit farm, 1¼ miles north of Birmingham, on the town line; 6 buildings; well assured for $1,800. All kinds of soil—clay, gravel, sand and farm loam. Last year this farm produced 123 bushels raspberries, 20 bushels blackberries, 121 bushels strawberries, 100 bushels hay, etc. A gravel ridge 60 rods in length, with an almost inexhaustible supply of gravel, is worth almost the price of the farm alone. Good clay land, also, under a high state of cultivation. Worth looking at anyhow. Price $5,000; terms easy.

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Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

5.

Elegant house and lot; 66 feet front and 99 rods deep on Maple ave. East, (half as here). Fine barn and every modern convenience. Furnace bath, closet, etc. Can be bought for one-third its building cost. Will exchange for improved city property for portion of the purchase price.

66

Village lots on Woodward avenue, bounded north by land of Mollie G. Smith, east by D. U. R. & M. R'y, south by Bower street, west by Woodward avenue, 50 feet front on Woodward avenue, 178 feet deep on north side and 147 feet on south side; all in the Village of Birmingham, Mich. One of the finest building sites in the village.

66

Good, comfortable, cozy, old-fashioned house with 90 feet front on Martin Street. Fine location, plenty of room, and the price is only $1,200.

77

One set on Saginaw street, just south of land owned by John German, 50 feet frontage. Anyone wishing to purchase will find this a bargain. For particulars inquire of Mollie G. Smith or at the Exchange Bank.

103

Eighty-acre farm in White Lake township, w ½ of s e ¼ of section 32, 70 acres cleared, 10 acres timber and huckleberry swamp. (Don't laugh; this swamp netted the owner over $150.00 last summer.) Three acres of good orchard, house 7 rooms, good neighborhood; 4½ miles from Milford, 3 miles from Commerce; proposed electric road comes within a mile of the house. Price, $2,000.

147

Nice little home for someone of small means; ¼ acre in s w ¼ of n e ¼ of sec 23, township of Troy; house 7 rooms; barn in good shape; well; bath barn and house; never dry. 2½ mile east of Rochester Electric fare to Detroit 15c. R. F. D. All cash and no grumbling will buy it at $750. Hurry up!

No. 167

Wants to trade for 80 or 60 acres on or near electric. Ninety-four acres on east ¼ of southwest ¼ Sec. 35, Troy township. The buildings are valued at $8,000 (insured for $7,100); flowing well piped to barn; farm well adapted for stock or dairy; 1¼ miles from electric at Troy Corners, where (later) are good school and churches. Fare 7c to Detroit; $60 per acre.

No. 171

Finest building site between Birmingham and Pontiac, on electric car line; just north of Birmingham, among the country homes of such men as Booth, Barbour, Ridicott, Brady, Shaw, Conklin, and others; 41 acres, nearly half of which is timber, and pretty little brook of Washington Creek runs through the place with gravel elms and oaks overhanging. Nice building site, good drainage 5-foot orchard of 3 acres. Price is high, but if you have the cream you must expect to pay for it.

178

Seven-room cottage on west side of Bates street, 42 feet front, 120 feet deep. You couldn't build the house for $1,200, and that's all we ask for it. City water, wood shed, cellar, all outdoors, convenient to the best bargains we have. Show it to you any time.

180

Farm in Avon township; 75 acres of good land; house, barn and small orchard; no buildings; small amount down. Put sale or exchange for small farm.

185

Corner lot, 100 feet front on Maple avenue 198 feet deep; one good building insured; plenty of small fruit. A bargain for $1,900, one-half mad down.

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One of the best-arranged and finest-equipped residences in the village, and in absolutely the best location on Maple Avenue, which flows from electric road; bath, toilet, hot and cold water, city gas, 2 stories, rebuilt three years, built better than new; 8 buildings, fine orchard; 112 feet on Maple, 220 feet deep; plenty of room for chickens and garden; good barn, fine workshop——Say! What else do you want, anyhow? Will sell house and 82 feet front by 150 feet deep for $2,800. One of our best bargains.

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Five-acre fruit farm outside of the corporation limits of Birmingham, about 10 rods frontage on Woodward Avenue, on the Pontiac electric line; one building in front; about 80 rods deep, with nice little creek (branch of the River Rouge) crossing the back end of the premises. Finest location in the country for a nice little chicken farm. Cheap, but can be bought cheap enough so that you can build to suit yourself and have one of the finest homes among the many in the Bloomfield Hills district. Call or send card and we will bring prices and particulars. Rather show it to you, though.

229

A pleasant and sightly farm of 71 acres in West Bloomfield, ¼ mile from the North-western electric; 3 acres orchard, 4 acres good timber, 8 buildings worth $3,000, and the price is $5,000—and it is well worth it. Soil sandy loam and clay loam, under high state of cultivation. Better investigate.

231

Two-story, 7-room house in good repair; well cistern, cellar, fruit, etc. House would cost more than $1,000 to build—and that's all we ask for it. Opposite school house, between Merritt and Maple, on Chester Street. Terms easy.

232

Farm of 87½ acres, just outside the Village of Birmingham, on the D. & P. electric line; the fare to Detroit, half-hour service; all have one of the 7-cent fares; four buildings in good condition. Beer open location between Detroit and Pontiac.

241

Fine new house with all modern conveniences, within 300 feet of the west side of Woodward Avenue; 8 rooms, hard-wood finish; lot 56x100; plenty of fruit. You could not build the house for $2,000, and that's all we ask for the premises. Well worth looking at.

243

Farm of 160 acres, Saginaw county, 2 miles from Fergus Station, on the M. C. R'y. Clay loam; good buildings valued at $5,000, and $3,000 will buy the farm if you come right away now. The place is within 2 miles of active coal mines, and there is a rich coal deposit under the entire farm; 6 miles to Chesaning; 15 miles to Owosso; 40 miles to St. Charles and 22 miles to Saginaw. Well drained, good fences, and altogether worth the money.

244

If you would buy an acre and a quarter of land with a brick house equipped with hot and cold water, bath, water-closet, furnace, and every possible convenience, and barn, chicken house, plenty of fruit and cement walks—and the house alone cost $6,000—for $3,000 on easy terms, you'd call it a snap, wouldn't you? Well, we can do it. Come on and we'll show you.

245

Lot 7, Block 1, of Campbell's Subdivision, Village of Birmingham, Mich., on the corner of High Street and Forest Avenue. Without doubt the most desirable lot for building purposes on this very popular subdivision. Price $225; but there are other things that we would like to whisper to you. Come and let us take you to see the property.

246

One hundred and twenty-seven acres in the Township of Avon. Six buildings worth $5,000; 7 acres of timber, 5 acres of orchard; well watered (Clinton river runs through the farm); no marsh; land is 12½ feet above the river; fine cedars, 3 wells, 2 good houses, 2 barns in good repair, well fenced, and only a mile from the thriving Village of Rochester. Will trade for a smaller farm or will consider an offer of $8,500, with one-third cash. Take you to see any old time at all.

247

House, barn, and about an acre of good garden land on north side of Saddle Street. Good, old-fashioned house, and a cozy little home in a city. Party has decided to go West and wants to sell badly enough to make a decided sacrifice. Ask the man at the bank about it.

256

Eight-room house, good barn and two acres at excellent land on west side of Southfield Avenue in the Village of Birmingham. One of the best equipped and tidiest homes in the village. Building loan property is to be held today (house is practically new), and the whole outfit can be had for $3,000—$500 more than that. Enough to secure it will get it, and you can have your own way about payments on balance!

LOU

Eight-room, 2-story house on Southfield Avenue, Lot 80x178 on west side of street; cellar, well, 2 good barns, fine stables, hennery, and chicken house. Within four blocks of electric line.

261

Completely equipped shop for general repair work and manufacture of gasoline engines, both marine and automobile. $1,800 cash will buy it; balance on easy terms.

262

Nine lots on the Merrill Plat, formerly owned by M. J. Jansen. Finest location in village. Terms easy and prices low.

264

Nine new houses, no buildings, on south side of Willow street, between Woodward and Pierce (outside of corporation), at $1,250 will buy it on easy terms.

265

Eighty-acre farm in Ionia county, Town of Easton. Will exchange for small farm or residence property in or near Detroit, as a whole or part. Owner has $2,500 to invest. Nine buildings insured for $2,250; mortgage of $1,500, which can run; $2,500 cash will secure balance. 2 miles from Ionia; 5 miles from brick house; all kinds of fruit in bearing; land rolling, with perfect soil. This offer is good for 30 days only, so you'd better get busy.

248

Comfortable house, nearly new, in good location in Whitehead & Mitchell's Subdivision. House would cost more than $1,000 to build this red-hot minute, and we only ask $1,000 for the house and two lots. There is a mortgage of $500 which can run. The building is insured for $700. Owner lives in Detroit and wants to sell.

249

Nice, warm, old-fashioned house on the south side of Maple Avenue, within the best class of residences in the village. Plenty of room for a good garden, and it can be bought for $1,500. Not Why not? Well, just come and talk it over with us, and after you look the premises over you will make us an offer anyhow.

250

Now, here is a "Beaner!" House, barn and chicken house, with two acres of land on westerly side of Woodward, opposite Electric Park, known as "Elmerest," 8 rooms, bath, toilet, hot-air furnace, two grates and mantels, one of the best equipped lot of buildings in the village for the price, drains, fine shade trees and beautiful lawn; buildings insured for $4,000. $3,500 cash will do the trick, and the balance of purchase price can be had on long time and low rate of interest. House would cost $5,000 to build in the finest location and the best lot of buildings on the st, and the price is right.

251

House and lot in Campbell's Subdivision; corner lot 60x110, fine hedge on front and side, cellar, city and cistern water in the kitchen, fine trees on front and side; cherries, peaches, pears, crab apples, all bearing—and a nice little home. $1,400 will buy it, and terms can be made so that it won't take a millionaire to bathe it. Come on.

LOU

Eight acres of land in Newaygo county, Michigan, listed "A No. 1 sandy soil," no buildings, 10 acres cut timber; price $100 per acre. Look it up and anything to investigate. We're ready to answer all questions you may ask—wise or otherwise.

253

Two hundred acres of sand and sandy loam, 40 acres of mixed timber, 20 acres cleared; two buildings of little value; price $10 per acre. Is in the Township of Big Prairie, County of Newaygo. And then we have 440 acres more, in the same township, with 3 buildings, 40 acres orchard and 100 acres of mixed timber; all at $10 per acre. We just dare you to find a better proposition—and you know what our opinion used to be at school regarding any "feller" that wouldn't "take a dare."

257

Just what everybody wants! Don't wait a minute or you'll lose it. Fine house and barn, with 4 other good buildings, all nearly new, an acre of fine orchard, lots of small fruit, buildings insured for $2,900. 11 acres of excellent land, 1½ miles from Flint Electric, an hour's ride from Detroit. Price $2,500; terms easy. Half mile east from school church and store. Take you to see it any time.

258

Lots 23 and 24, Buell's Addition, Birmingham. Price $400 for both lots. Terms, $25 cash, balance on contract.

266

What would you think if we would offer you a fine modern room of 11 rooms, with toilet and bath (cost $2,500 to build when material was cheap), lot 80x250, and a nice little barn, for $2,400? And terms easy at that. Well, we can do it. If you don't think it's worth more money than we ask for it, we will convince you in about a minute if you will call at the bank and ask the man. The property is located in the Village of Birmingham, on the corner, and in one of the best streets in town. Hmmm, we are sure that this is one of the best bargains we have on our list.

267

Forty acres on the line of the Flint electric, at Harris Corners, in Troy township. Excellent soil, clay loam, no waste; one of the pleasantest locations for building a nice country residence. The place is held for more money, but make us an offer of $2,600 cash, and we will see what we can do for you; or, will sell from one to 20 acres in any sort of parcel, or any part of the 40, at prices which cannot fail to interest you.

269

House and lot, east side Woodward Avenue; will exchange for other property; lot 100x97; house 4 rooms; small barn, large garden, some fruit; $1,000; buildings are insured for $800.

270

House and lot, west side of Ann Street; 2-story frame cottage, cement-block foundation, 8 rooms and cellar; one block from Woodward Avenue; $1,800; terms easy.

271

Forty feet front on Southfield Avenue, 176 feet deep; 2 buildings, 6-room house, 3-bedrooms, water in house, garden, fruit, new cement walks; $1,350.

272

Millers, attention! Feed mills, 9x18, 40-horsepower engine and boiler, complete with all fixtures, for $500. Or, will sell separate.

273

New cement house, one block from Woodward Avenue, 4 bedrooms, bath and closet on second floor, 4 rooms downstairs, large verandas, hot-air furnace, hot and cold water, hardwood floors, good barn large enough for horse or auto, cement walks, cistern, etc. Worth looking at, also worth more money than we ask for it, but we'll sell it for $5,500 on easy terms.

274

Nice little country place for some one of small means. House, barn, and all necessary outbuildings with two acres of good land; buildings insured for $725; electric car passes the door; 9½ miles from Clawson on the Flint electric line; $1,300; terms easy.

275

Fine new house and 102 acres of good land on west side of Woodward Avenue, near Pontiac; 28 acres timber, balance cleared; 2 buildings valued at $7,000; hot and cold soft water, tubular hot-air furnace, bath, toilet, water-closet; grapes, peaches, and all kinds of fruit abundant; one mile from Pontiac on D. U. R. electric. Prices and terms on application.

276

Farm of 160 acres, west of Birmingham; excellent soil, good buildings, fine location; 16 acres orchard; 30 acres timber; one of the finest farms in the country. Price low and terms. Take you to see it any day.

277

Farm of 160 acres in Southfield; gravelly loam and clay; 4 good buildings, 6 acres orchard, 40 acres oak timber; 1 mile from cheese factory and Village of Franklin; 2½ miles from electric road; telephone; R. F. D., and $45 per acre will get it if sold before March 1. Postal will get full particulars, or we will take you to see it at any time.

278

How would you like a good big farm in Crawford county, Michigan? 640 acres, and the north branch of the Au Sable river runs across it. 90 acres cleared; 8 acres orchard; 2 buildings valued at $3,500; good house 8 rods from the river; abundance of game and fish; fine climate, pure air; school house on the same section; only four settlers in the township; ideal place for club buildings for hunting and fishing. Price $15 per acre; terms easy, and we will take some stock in a corporation to buy it. Postal will bring full particulars, photographs and map.

Big Game Fees.

In the German possessions in Africa a permit to shoot costs $205; special permission is required to kill more than two giraffes, four rhinoceroses, and six zebras. In the case of elephant shooting, the authorities must be given one tusk from each animal killed. The tusk may be worth a small payment if he shoots a lion, panther, wild boar, or hyena. A permit to kill gazelles, antelopes, and monkeys costs only ten dollars.

Tolstoi's Work for Charity.

As a writer for charities, Count Tolstoy exercises a unique power. The profits from almost his first completed book, "What Must We Do Then?" were devoted to relieving the poverty of the dwellers in the Moscow slums, and since then he has consistently refused to benefit in any way whatsoever by the sale of his numerous works, preferring to devote all the proceeds to philanthropic purposes.

Dog's "Constitutional."

There is a coach dog belonging to one of the car barns up town that takes a constitutional when they let him out. He runs ahead of the Broadway car from the barn to the Battery, returning with the car. That satisfies him. Then he returns to the barn and loafs during the rest of the day.—New York Press.

Bright Boy!

"James, my son, take this letter to the post office and pay the postage for it." After a little while the boy James returned, gayly elated, and says: "Father, I seed a lot of men putting letters in a little place, and, when no one was looking, I slipped yours in for nothing!"

A Sound Sleep.

"Morning' morning!" said paterfamilias, gently as he entered the breakfast-room. "I've had-a splendid night. Slept like a top!" His wife agreed with him. "You did," she responded, grimly—"like a humming top!"

An Opinion.

The advertising Hindoo artians are still pouring forth floods of oratory on the end of the world, though they differ, at great length, as to the method of its final destruction. Our private opinion is that it will be talked to death.—London Opinion.

Lured by Hope of Wealth.

The yellow desert stretching eastward from Luderitz bay in German southwest Africa has become a great attraction, though a few months ago its monotonous sand dunes were hateful and depressing. Diamonds have been found there and a new mining fever is raging. Men are thronging where till now wild beasts have held undisputed sway.

Long Voyage in Small Boat.

A paddle-wheel steamboat which draws but 4½ feet of water is making the perilous ocean voyage from England to the west coast of Africa, where it will be used on a shallow river.

Increases Liquor Duties.

The British government has increased the duties on spirits for Sierra Leone 25 per cent. in response to the agitation concerning liquor traffic in Africa.

MEMORY A MARVELOUS ONE

Librarian Seemingly Never Forget a Face or Name.

Some persons seem to have pigeonholes in their brains. Rev. Richard Mellwaine tells of the old librarian and postmaster of the University of Virginia, one William Wertenbaker, who kept track of names and faces in a way that would have made a professional detective jealous.

He could stand at the window of the post office after he had opened the mail, says the writer, and tell from memory whether there was anything for any one of the hundreds of students, all of whom he soon learned to know by name and face.

My friend, Theophilus Allen Jones of Kentucky, a student of law and a fine fellow, told me of the following incident; He said that at the beginning of the session of 1854-55, having been absent from the university during the vacation, on his return met the old gentleman on the path.

"Well, Mr. Wert, is there anything in the post-office for me?" he asked.

The reply was prompt: "Jones, Theophilus Allen. Three letters and two papers."

This information was found to be correct, and the feat was the more remarkable as there had been probably ten or a dozen Joneses in the university during the preceding session.

Some years later, away from home, I caught a glimpse of my old friend, and as soon as possible went up to him. When within speaking distance I noticed that he eyed me intently, and I called out, "Good morning, Mr. Wert!"

We clasped hands, he continuing to look in my eyes. I said, "You don't know me, Mr. Wert!"

"Don't know you!" he replied. "Pottersburg; McIlvaine; Richard;"—"Memories of Three Score Years and Ten."