

Hoodoo Haunted Royal House

When the Duke of Edinburgh was a 16-year-old schoolboy at Gordonstown, in Scotland, he was summoned one day to the headmaster's study and gently told of the death of his 28-year-old sister Princess Cecilia.

She had been acknowledged the most beautiful of all his four sisters. And her tragic death in a plane crash was almost the last chapter in her life, for she had been haunted by the evil forces of the hoodoo.

Can anyone truly be born unlucky? Let's turn back the pages to 1843 when, only a few hours before Queen Victoria's death, she was born, the second daughter was born, the girl who was to be known as Alice.

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Within three years her country was plunged into the Austro-Prussian war, her husband was torn from her side for military duties and Alice watched her newly adopted people in flight. The resulting peace left her so poor that she had to patch and mend her children's clothes herself.

But worse was in store. Alice was devoted to her children, especially her two boys, Ernest and Albert. One dread day, May morning, she was playing near a window, little Pritty overbalanced — and fell. Her fall was the beginning of her death in the courtly below.

Her grief knew no bounds. Affected by the shock, young Ernest would often wake from sleep, screaming. "Why can't we all die together?" he heartily moaned.

During one of these spells of distress, when he was ill with diphtheria, the Princess took him in her arms and comforted him and so fatally contracted the fever herself.

It is small wonder, in fact, if all Europe whispered of the hoodoo on the great house of Hesse. As the years passed, the trend of misfortune seemed to develop ever deeper undertones.

Then one of Alice's daughters, Alice, married the Tsar of Russia. It was her coronation that hundreds of people were killed and thousands injured in a ghastly crowd stampede. As the last Tsarina she was murdered by the Bolshevik revolutionaries in a grim cellar at Ekaterinburg.

Another daughter, Elizabeth, married the Grand Duke Sergei. In 1905 she was assassinated in an attempt to escape the curse and to share her sister's fate when the revolutionaries hurled her to her doom down the shaft of a dunned mine thirteen years later.

Only Alice's eldest daughter escaped this appalling sequence. Marrying a cousin, she founded the present Mountbatten line and we know her as the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven. In happier vein, it was from her home in Kensington Palace that the Duke of Edinburgh left for his marriage in Westminster Abbey.

But the curse says of ill luck traces through the eleventh Ernest who, so innumerable were family tragedies, became Grand Duke when only 23. His marriage was bitterly unhappy and ultimately the affair ended in the scandal of divorce.

His daughter had been born but she died so suddenly, during a visit to Hesse of the Tsar, that rumour-mongers feared she was a victim by mistake in a poison plot.

Grand Duke Ernst married again and this time found a new wife of happiness with his daughter, Princess Eleonore, and their two fine sons, George and Louis. Yet as if to defy him there came the first world war and the collapse of Germany, reducing the familiar world he had known to ruins.

It can be argued that others are involved in wars, that some

are later deaths occur in every family. But the Hesse horror was to reach its terrible denouement.

The Duke of Edinburgh's sister, lovely Princess Cecilia, married young Prince George and came to live with the family in the quiet little palace at Windsor garden. Soon the young couple were raising their own family, two boys and a girl.

The young Prince Louis, who had been working in England, wrote home that he, too, was to marry. His choice was the pretty daughter of a well-to-do family. And once again the evil destiny of the Hesse family took a dreadful course.

Amid the wedding preparations, the Grand Duke died nearly 70 and had endured a long illness. But the Prince and Princess decided that the funeral should not impede a wedding.

She had chartered a plane in order to fly to London for the ceremony. With a farewell message to Princess Cecilia, Prince George and their children all climbed aboard.

The plane crashed in flames. There were no survivors. For Ernst who as a small boy had whimpered, "Why can't we all die together?" the ghastly wish came fulfilled with this horrible end. . . save for one final flare-up . . .

The Duke of Edinburgh's youngest sister, Princess Sophie, had married a kinsman, Prince Christopher of Hesse. To the dismay of her family, she joined the S.S. rose high in Hitler's staff — and he, too, was killed in an air crash in 1943.

Fortunately, Princess Sophie has since remarried and found happiness. For Prince Louis, too, there has been no grim sequel.

From Princess Alice's birth in 1843 to 1943, the Hesse hoodoo had ghastly blanketed four generations.

Coincidence or curse? How can this century of sinister misfortune be explained?

RUN ON THE BANK

Dizzy Dean always fancied himself as a hitter. Pitting his Houston one day, he clouted a homer in the third inning. As he loping after another, he was run-flimed by a catcher.

It seemed bigger and bigger. In the seventh inning, Dizzy suddenly lost control and walked three men in a row. The Houston manager promptly yanked him.

Instead of going to the scoreboard, Dean ran out to the mound and started talking to the pitcher. He tucked it into his hip pocket and started heading for the clubhouse.

The manager came dashing after him with blood on his eye, bellowing:

"What's the idea, Dean?" he bellowed.

"Darn it, skip," replied Dean, "if you ain't gonna let me pitch, I ain't gonna let you have my run."

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES—Chit-chat of the general store post office came a halfway comeback with installation of this stamp vending machine at the Federal Building Post Office in Detroit, Mich. When money is deposited, user dials number and denomination of stamps required. Out come the stamps and a polite, tape-recorded "thank you". Seasonal messages, such as "mail early for Christmas," can also be recorded from time to time as a reminder to customers.



EARLY PICKIN'—Smart apples in Wenatchee, Wash., believe that an apple a day — until May 15 for the 37th annual Washington State Apple Blossom Festival. They've picked their finest blossom well ahead of time.



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OUT OF THIS WORLD—Flashbulbs popped almost as fast as the rocket sled traveled when screen actress Cathy Marlowe posed up recently at Holloman Air Development Center, N.M. The blonde bombshell was at the outer space experimental site for the premier of "On the Threshold of Space".



TOPKNOT—So brimful of style is this hat that there's no room for a crown. Hair is styled in a chignon to hold the Peris creation, fashioned of velvet and styled by Bob Sintka.



Costly Feathers—Off on his 35th trip to the Far East recently was Mr. Wilfred Frost, London Zoo's 78-year-old collector, who sailed search of New Guinea in birds — the magnificent lovebird of the paradisae.

HOW COLOUR CAN AFFECT YOUR LIFE

"Cover the red paint on your bridge and people will stop jumping off it," an architect suggested to Bristol Trades Council recently when the number of people who had jumped off the famous 185-foot-high Clifton Suspension Bridge was being discussed.

His theory was based on the fact that red is the most exciting colour and might affect someone who was highly strung.

The red is red oxide to protect the bridge, and the suggestion was that if white oxide were used the average of four people a year who have jumped from the bridge in the last half-century would drop.

His suggestion has been approved but Clifton Suspension will not be the first bridge to have its colour changed to discourage people from jumping off.

Blackfriars Bridge, London, once had the worst reputation for people throwing themselves into the river. Someone suggested it was due to ironwork being eliminated. The brown colour was replaced by a green and the number of suicides fell by one-third.

Green and health more than moods and health more than we realize. Airline operators know this. They paint their planes brown and tan to give a sense of interior decoration of their aircraft they would get a rise in the number of cases of air-sickness.

When before the war deep escalators were being introduced into London Tube, some passengers complained that looking down made them nervous.

By accident, the plain white roof of one of the great sloping tunnels became damp. When the water was immediately removed the "looking over a cliff" effect. Learning from this, other underground designers tinted the tunnels, and there were no more complaints.

Colour can even alter "erectile" of a box — or seem to. In your own life, the colour of boxes they had to lift were pretty heavy. The boxes were black. The colour was changed to pale green. The weight was unchanged, but there were no more complaints about strained backs.

All factories now are "colour-conscious," knowing that colour can affect the mood, efficiency, and warmth of the workers. A shoe factory was always blaming the workers' ineptness of the workers, the manager looked at the machines and realized that workers were sewing black shoes with black thread on black machines.

The machines were painted green and buff. The number of mistakes immediately dropped and output increased.

In another factory there were always complaints that it was cold. Because the temperature was automatically controlled. But the walls were reddish. When they were repainted a deep pink, everyone said: "Thank goodness they've heated the place up a bit."

Temperature Was Exactly The Same!

In pastel colours are especially restful and relaxing. A restaurant owner was worried about the time customers came over their meals, because he needed a quick turnover. He painted the walls in shades of red and yellows, said a colour expert. People started

to eat-up and go on to the turn-over time per cent.

Another cafe owner's complaints that it was more heat, but by painting light blue decorations in the colour scheme, sales increased by 10 per cent. The right colour makes a man buy. A chain store manager made them look at the Yellow Light gives a man a "petting" bloom.

In food, red is the most appetizing. It is not only color that makes things look so popular as they are. They all taste the same. Colours of food affect their popularity, even if they all taste the same. A scale experiment with different color combinations showed that white and red decorations sold more than white and green. Right colors increase sales by one-eighth.

Ask ten people to buy a color — not their friend's color — but just "a color" and you will find that ten of the colors that attract men, the color that attracts women, the color that attracts children.

An American football coach claimed that his team won more matches after he changed the color of his team's uniforms. He had one team in red for "top talk" and blue for rest.

You can make use of color in your own life. A girl who felt very fond of a color wouldn't like to wear it. She was told to wear a white dress for a while and she found it made her feel "helpless" and dejected.

But a blonde who wears a red hat will never get married, according to this expert. She will attract the "playboys" like a magnet, but she will scare the serious man. Another colour expert says he has saved marriages by changing the decorations in his home. A "rosy" wife who greets her husband with grey-green walls with woodwork were changed to white with red walls. The girl whose emotional outbursts threatened her marriage changed when the glowing color of her husband's curtains for the home were changed to quiet tones of blue and green.

If you are apt to "See" make sure your decorations don't encourage it. If you are a "Blues" person, red and greens may help. Consider avoiding decorating change your life.

THE FARM FRONT

By John Russell

Beginning to look as if the course and master of the wheat field, is an enemy of the farmer. That is what the farmer's enemy looks like. That is what the farmer's enemy looks like. That is what the farmer's enemy looks like.

Water-based sprays of the fungicide, applied early in the season before the annual rust showers begin, covered each test plot with the spore-destroying chemical. A "spreader-sticker" compound in the mixture helped give uniform protection that remained anchored to the plants.

Conventional weed-type sprayers equipped with large capacity tanks and operated at increased pressures produced the volume of spray required. A second spraying was tried out after a short interval in order to maintain the chemical's effectiveness. If weather conditions had been favorable for the development of rust, one or two more 'follow-up' sprays would have followed during the month-long danger period.

A careful check was kept on all pertinent aspects of the treated grain and later compared with information obtained from the rust-damaged control plots. Almost without exception, the treated grain rated higher in such categories as yield, weight per bushel, grade, germination and milling characteristics, as well as in the net cash return per acre.

In milling tests of samples from the treated and untreated plots, the treated grain exhibited no difference in the quality of flour, bread or macaroni produced. The treated samples were equal in weight without any loss of weight in wheat protein. In diastatic activity and gassing power, the samples were similar. Generally, the quality of the treated wheat was higher as shown by bushel weight, grade and thousand-kernel weight.

Further tests with the fungicide during the coming season, as well as full-scale applications by growers, are planned.

Sources of energy and protein are one of the expensive elements of most poultry rations. This is the main reason why the relationship of energy to protein and its component amino acids has received so much attention in recent years.

One of the amino acids, the "building blocks" of protein, is methionine, and a large amount of research and actual experimentation has established its importance in the preparation of high-efficiency feeds.

Natural methionine is present in most regular poultry feed, but it is an integral part of the feed. The methionine in this natural is liberated too late to be utilized. Supplemental or "free" methionine added to the diet can be absorbed and assimilated by the animal without any previous digestion. The synthetic product is a fine white or buff-tinted powder with a waxy texture and characteristic odor. Only small amounts of it are required as a feed additive.

Latest research of methionine research, reports "Farm Progress", a method of calculating the most effective amount to be added to any broiler ration on the basis of the feed's productive energy (calorie) content. This method is:

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
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4. Tabled
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6. Son of God
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DELIVERS ALL WEEK

Charles A. Diabler delivers mail on weekdays and sermons on Sundays. The 40-year-old New Yorker supports his family by carrying mail in the Bronx as head of the Woodside Community Church. He hopes to put down his mail bag and devote "my entire life to the ministry, my call."

The GREEN THUMB
By Gordon Smith

An interesting garden is like a window into the world, if you have the vision. Even if space is limited to the standard urban back lot, it is possible with a few well-placed plants, shrubs, or trees, to create a garden that is a true and beautiful place.

WORTH STUDY
Humorists suggest that the pictures in the catalogues often excel the results in the garden. If this is so, the blame can often be laid at the door of the gardener, because he didn't study the catalogue well enough. Practically all catalogues, in addition to giving specific planting instructions, indicate whether a particular plant or shrub is best in a semi-shade or in a full sun, or whether it grows best in sun or shade; whether it likes heavy or light soil; or has a preference for wet or dry places in the garden.

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QUACKS AND CULTS

By DOUGLAS LARSEN
NEA Staff Correspondent

An unholy alliance between promoters of quack cancer cures and fake religious cults has helped build a \$10,000,000-a-year racket in the U.S.

The most tragic cancer victim of all, the person who has lost hope of being cured by legitimate treatment, has become one of the chief victims of this depraved combine.

"Cancer quacks and religious fakers are natural partners," says a spokesman for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"The distraught cancer victim who loses hope is easy prey for cultists and quacks selling false hopes," he explains.

So-called faith healers have discovered that they can multi-victims for extra thousands of dollars with fake medicines as a tie-in sale with faith.

"No quack is a perfect quack without a pretense of religion," is the way Oliver Field, chief investigator for the American Association, sums up this development. The AMA is now investigating more than 1,000 reports of cancer quackery in the U.S.

A typical case from the files of the FDA concerns an elderly man to God. All night prayer meetings occur and early morning prayer meetings are very frequent. In his report he said that the church in America would be stocked to hear a great crowd of Koreans praying audibly at the same time. He said that healings of the blind and sick occurred frequently. He remarked that visiting the church in Korea was like breathing the atmosphere of the early church as described in the first chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Their sanctification is outstanding.

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that they will grow to best advantage. He knows that he has put the right plants in the right place and proper attention and care throughout the growing season will bring satisfactory results.

Most From Vegetables

A lot of gardeners have learned that the only way to get top quality in vegetables is to grow them at home. The reason is simple. Most vegetables, and especially things like peas, corn, beans, carrots and even spinach start to deteriorate within a few hours after they are picked. No matter how carefully we pack them, they soon start to lose some of their garden freshness. Because this is so, many people even with tiny gardens try to have a small plot for vegetables tucked away somewhere. And it is literally amazing how many good meals can be produced from a bit of land only a few yards away from where the garden is a small one, we won't try to grow our winter supply of potatoes, or very much of the bulky things like corn and squash. But even a 12 foot row of beans, spinach, carrots or beets will produce a lot. Most of these things can be grown in rows only a few inches apart and we can get more out of the plot by alternating rows of the bigger things like carrots, beets and beans with smaller things like lettuce, radish and onions. We can also have two rows of one kind, or one row of two, and we can spread out the sowings so that something fresh and new will always be coming along.

THE LONELY RACE—Alone for a few newswomen and police, Wes Santee is shown as he warmed up for a meet at Modison Square Garden while his suspension by the AAU ran the gamut of the courts. Even if America's greatest miler is declared to be a Simon-pure amateur, Amateur Athletic Union's lifetime ban on him for allegedly accepting excessive expense money may stick with the International Olympic Committee. Such action would bar him from participation in the Olympic Summer Games at Melbourne, Australia.

SLOW-DOWN

Harrison met Johnson after several years. "And is your wife as lovely as ever?" he asked him.

"Oh, yes," replied Johnson, "but now it takes half an hour longer."

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THE IMPRESSIVE MACHINE, here demonstrated on a model during AMA show, is billed as cure-all by means of "attuned color waves." All it does is shine a light through glass.

