

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Professor Safford, Archbishop Whately, and Mr. Bidder, all had the peculiar ability of being able, at a very early age, to mentally calculate almost any figures thrown at them. All this in spite of the fact that at the time they were given the difficult sum they knew nothing of figures beyond numerals.

The gift was observed in the three men at the ages of four, six and 10 respectively. "When I went to school," wrote Archbishop Whately, "the passion dived at ciphering, and have continued to ever since." Professor Safford's boyish gift of calculation predated out before he was 20. But strange but true at the age of 10 he did a mental calculation whose answers consisted of 36 figures.

While we are on the subject of figures let us for a moment consider: one of the uneducated prodigies, Dase. He was so clever at mathematics that he received a grant from the Academy of Sciences at Hamburg and actually made tables of factors and prime numbers for the seventh and nearly the whole of the eight million. "Think of it! He may then be ranked as the only person in the world who has ever rendered outstanding service to mathematics without any training in this field."

M. Rette, a French poet, could fall asleep in the middle of an unfinished poem, and when thinking of it again in the morning find it completed in his mind. Robert Louis Stevenson was markedly gifted with what one might call that integrating faculty, and when he lay down to sleep and dream — his fiction characters continued their activities so that during his wakeful hours he had only to put into writing what they told him.

Almost half a century ago a section of the first bridge spanning the North River was swept away one dark night during a heavy wind storm. That same night the late Robinson Warren was returning to his home via the old bridge. Suddenly the horse refused to draw the wagon. It kicked and plunged to such an extent that Warren got out to lead the animal across, when he and behold he saw in the darkness before him a great open gap where the bridge had been just a few hours before.

Heinrich Schlemann at 14 was a poor grocery clerk in the village Mecklenburg, Germany. At 35 he was a wealthy merchant. Ten years later, at 45, he had become a world renowned archeologist despite his complete lack of academic training.

As a young boy Heinrich had a flair for knowledge, but his parents were too poor to give him anything like a formal education. Undaunted this amazing youth burned the midnight oil and studied without benefit of teachers until at the age of 24, he had mastered nine languages.

Today the treasures of this amazing man may be seen in various museums throughout the world — more than 20,000 separate items.

It was Heinrich who located the ancient city of Troy and the royal tombs of Mycenae. How did he do it? Where did he come by his know-

Anti-Kidnap Section of Police Protects 1,000 From Reds In West Berlin

BERLIN (Reuters)—A West Berlin police official disclosed Tuesday that a special "anti-kidnaping section" he heads is protecting 1,000 persons it believes to be in danger of abduction by Communists.

The statement by Guenther Weissman, chief of the West Berlin police political department, coincided with publication by the Communist East German news agency ADN of a declaration allegedly made by Dr. Alexander Trushnovich.

Trushnovich was a leading official of a Russian police society whom West Berlin police reported kidnapped a week ago. The declaration was headed: "Why I broke with the past."

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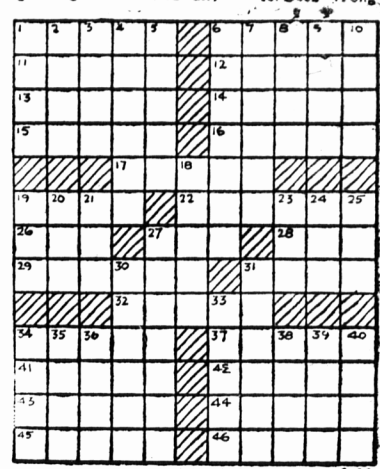
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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
 1. Flaming light
 6. Marks types
 11. Nimble
 12. Farewell
 13. Pantheon gods
 14. Courage
 15. Appears
 16. Valleys (poet.)
 17. Species of pepper
 19. Cutting tools
 22. Like a bear
 26. River (So Am.)
 27. Beat of burden
 28. A line
 29. Diminished in size
 31. Dip up liquid
 32. Unpleasant
 34. Outside of an egg
 37. Ecclesiastical scarf
 41. Article of virtue
 42. Collier
 43. Together
 44. Chemical compound
 45. Tawny
 46. Directs to let attend (print.)
- DOWN**
 1. Chinese pagodas
 2. S-shaped molding
 3. A slight incline
 4. Ascends
 5. Battle formation
 6. Sailing machine
 7. Perfect types
 8. A young lady
 9. Granular snow
 10. Prosecutes judicially
 18. Long teeth
 19. Pet name for a sister
 20. Tree (India)
 21. Conflict
 23. Man's name from the oo (Hawaii)
 25. Female sheep
 27. A relation of likeness
 30. Undo, as links
 31. Player of a lyre
 33. Large volumes
 34. A fish stake
 35. Tuft of feathers
 36. God of love
 38. Poker stake
 39. Manor court (Eng. Hist.)
 40. Does wrong



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