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“Listen, O Isles, unto me; and hearken,
ye people, from afar; the LORD hath
called me from the womb; from the
bowels of my mother hath he made
mention of my name. And he hath
made my mouth like a sharp sword; in
the shadow of his hand a polished
shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me”;
And said unto me, Thou art my servant
O Israel; in whom I will be Glorified.

Isaiah 49 Verses 1 - 3

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Dear Readers,

At the end of 2024 and early this year for many people world-wide there was great hope that the world would be more peaceful this year with Mr Trump promising a lull and even an end to the carnage and slaughter in the middle-east, as well as a possible cease-fire in the Ukraine --- USSR ongoing war. Nothing has changed with the claims of politicians before they make office.

My apology for this issue being a little late, -- my excuse is that I have been unwell for about six weeks with flu or maybe covid and it has lingered on for a while only the last couple of days have I felt near normal. I did find it to be cooler come end of MAY and on, but with the aid of our Lord Jesus the good part is we overcame my problem without doctors or medicine.

Our prayers must go through our Lord Jesus Christ to our Heavenly Father for Him to send His Son and the warrior Angles to tidy up the mess.

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Inflation is paying twice as much for something you get half as much of.

You don't make many mistakes with your mouth shut.

HOW REGULATORY CAPTURE ENDANGERS PUBLIC HEALTH. COURTESY THE LIGHT.

By **KARA THOMAS**

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Australia's medical regulator AHPRA [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency] and the Medical Board have become not just failed watchdogs, but an active threat to public health through its ruthless enforcement of government policy over scientific evidence. The organisation's transformation from public protector to political enforcer represents one of the most dangerous developments in Australian medical history, made even more egregious by its continued defence of unsafe Covid vaccines despite mounting evidence of harm.

The Queensland Supreme Court's ruling in the Dr William Bay case exposed AHPRA and the Medical Board's methods as fundamentally unlawful, finding they denied basic procedural fairness, demonstrated apprehended bias, and failed to identify actual breaches of professional standards. Instead of protecting the public, AHPRA has become a tool for enforcing political compliance through regulatory terror.

Dr Fraiman's rigorous reanalysis of Pfizer and Moderna's original trials revealed that serious adverse events occurred in one out of every 800 recipients - a staggering safety signal that

should have triggered immediate suspension of the program. Yet AHPRA continued to persecute doctors who raised these legitimate concerns about safety, especially considering that Pfizer appears to have concealed deaths prior to Emergency Use Authorisation and substantial DNA contamination has been detected in the *process 2* manufactured global vaccine rollout, which was never properly tested. Dr Jay Bhattacharya, Trump's pick to lead the National



Institutes of Health (NIH), appears correct in his assessment of the Covid response being 'the biggest public health mistake we've ever made ... the harm to people is catastrophic'.

The human cost is in fact devastating. The Australian Medical Professionals' (AMPS) recent 'Human Cost of AHPRA' survey of health practitioners shows over half of medical practitioners have faced AHPRA notifications, with nearly 80 per cent reporting unfair

treatment. Multiple practitioners have committed suicide while under investigation. Many more report depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation - not from clinical misconduct, but from AHPRA and the Board's persecution of those who dare question official guidelines, political narratives and the government's response to Covid.

The consequences extend far beyond individual practitioners. When AHPRA shut down Professor Dr Reece's Brisbane practice serving

1,100 drug-dependent patients, the results were calamitous, patient deaths, hundreds re-incarcerated, widespread return to illicit drug use, and a 17 per cent spike in local crime rates. Similar devastation followed AHPRA's action against Melbourne's Dr Taylor and his 1,360 vulnerable patients.

AHPRA and the National Board's March 2021 directive effectively criminalised medical opinions that questioned government Covid policies.

The unprecedented level of government information control and regulatory overreach created an environment where critical safety data was withheld from doctors and the public, while practitioners' careers were threatened if they raised any concerns. The government's suppression of scientific debate combined with AHPRA and the Board's attack on clinical independence forced doctors into an impossible position - most lacked access to crucial safety information, yet faced career destruction for even questioning the official narrative. The result has been catastrophic: systematic suppression of emerging safety signals, destruction of informed consent, undermining of ethical evidence-based medicine, and the creation of a climate of fear where many physicians dare not speak out even when confronted with clear evidence of patient harm.

As the Hope Accord petition now argues, the apparent emergency that justified rushed vaccine approval 'no longer exists'. Yet AHPRA and the Board continue to enforce compliance with a failed policy that emerging evidence suggests is 'contributing to an alarming rise in disability and excess deaths.' The

regulatory capture is complete - rather than protecting the public, AHPRA and the Medical Board refuse to meet with independent researchers to exchange critical safety information, seemingly actively suppressing evidence of harm to maintain political narratives and corporate profits.

The current situation is untenable. AHPRA and the Board's conduct has created a healthcare system where fear replaces evidence, where compliance trumps conscience, and where bureaucrats dictate clinical decisions, many that cause more harm than good. They continue to defend policies that have resulted in monumental social and economic harm and destruction of trust in our institutions from the enforcement of unscientific secret health advice that was in total contravention of our 2019 Pandemic Plans. At the same time, they refuse to acknowledge the mounting safety signals that demand immediate suspension of these experimental gene-based mRNA products. British Cardiologist Dr Aseem Malhotra has stated, 'These experimental injections should never have been approved for use in a single human being.'

The path forward requires more than reform. It demands a complete overhaul of medical regulation in Australia. The alternative - a permanently cowed and gagged

medical profession serving as mere enforcers of government policy while ignorant or ignoring clear evidence of public harm - represents an existential threat to both public health and democratic society. We must remember: when AMPS keeps asking for scientific exchange, for discussion, for scientific evidence, the authorities keep ignoring the questions.

AHPRA's and the Medical Board's transformation from regulator to enforcer will be remembered as one of the darkest chapters in Australian medical history. We have here a cautionary tale of how institutions meant to protect the public can become instruments of harm when captured by political and corporate interests. The cost of continued silence is measured not just in ruined careers but in preventable deaths and injuries. Reform is no longer optional; it is a moral imperative for anyone who believes in public health and medical ethics.

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See also The Hope Accord at <https://thehopeaccord.org/>

Don't judge - written by Bob Katter

On the basis of this email, the day will come when the ANZAC Day Parade will be banned, RSLs will close and Australian soldiers will wear a different uniform. As Bob Katter says below, the Australian flag is already forbidden in some public areas. Sometimes I wonder if we can still call this place Australia, it's already 'owned' by many foreign countries now with huge investments in place.

Whether you love him or hate him, he hits a raw nerve!

Bob Katter - Saying it as it is:

My great, great, great grandfather watched as his friends died in the Boer War. My grandfather watched and bled as his friends died in World Wars 1&2. My grandfather watched as his friends and brothers died in the Depression of 32. My father watched as his friends died in Korea. I watched as my friends died in Vietnam, East Timor and Desert Storm. Our sons and daughters watched and bled as their friends died in Afghanistan and Iraq. None of them died for the Afghanistan and Iraq flag.

Every Australian died for the Australian flag.

At a Victorian high school foreign students raised a Middle East flag on a school flag pole. Australian students took it down. Guess who was expelled - the students who took it down.

West Australian high school students were sent home because they wore T-shirts with the Australian flag printed on them.

Enough is enough.

This message needs to be viewed by every Australian; and every Australian needs to stand up for Australia.

We've bent over to appease the Aussie-haters long enough. I'm taking a stand.

I'm standing up because of the hundreds of thousands who died fighting in wars for this country, and for the Australian flag. And shame on anyone who tries to make this a racist message.

AUSTRALIANS, stop giving away your rights! THIS IS OUR COUNTRY!

This statement DOES NOT mean I'm against immigration!

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE, IN MY COUNTRY, welcome to come legally:

1. Get a sponsor!
2. Learn the LANGUAGE, as immigrants have in the past!
3. Live by OUR rules! Dress as we Australians do.
4. Get a job!
5. Pay YOUR taxes!
6. No Social Security until you have earned it and paid for it!
7. NOW find a place to lay your head!

If you don't want to forward this for fear of offending someone, then YOU'RE PART OF THE PROBLEM!

We've gone so far the other way. Bent over backwards not to offend anyone.

Only AUSTRALIANS seem to care when Australian citizens are being offended!

WAKE UP AUSTRALIA!!!

If you do not Pass this on, may your fingers cramp!

Made in AUSTRALIA and DAMN PROUD OF IT!!!!

AMEN

(from Bob Pocock)

PRIDE GOES BEFORE DESTRUCTION.

by Holly Mills.

"The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserves his soul. **Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.** Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud" Prov 16:17-

Why is it that the leaders we have in place in our countries today seem to be so full of arrogance and pride? It is as if when they get into a position to govern our lands that they all of a sudden think they have a right to rule without consideration of the people or the country. They decide they are going to do what is best for them instead! Who gave them the right to do that? They weren't elected by the people to do what is right for them, they are supposed to do what is right for the people and country but their own pride takes over and they become arrogant and think they know what is best for everyone including best for themselves. GOD hates this pride and through all that they do it is leading them to their own destruction.

Many leaders in the Bible fell because of pride. They were good men but their power and success led them to forget that God was the reason for this power and success and they became prideful and arrogant. This caused their fall. Today most of our leaders do not even seem to have faith in God so this makes them even more prideful as they truly believe they deserve the power and success because of themselves. They think that they have ruling authority on their own and their own moral authority, rather than God's, to do what they want. This is dangerous as their decisions can cause much harm. **"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light; and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!"** (Isa. 5:20-21). Through this thinking God's Word has been weakened and denied and the truth was lost, therefore darkness came over the land as the leaders brought the people down. The churches lost their foundation and the people suffered. **"Woe unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD."** (Jer. 23:1).

"If man is his own priest, he can absolve himself of responsibility for wrongdoing. They have an attitude like that of the Babylonians. Isaiah 47:10, "For you have trusted in your wickedness: you have said, 'No one sees me;' your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you

have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else beside me.'" The "little I am" has put himself in place of the Great I Am and therefore thinks he is accountable to nobody but himself! But the terrifying reality for unsaved mankind is that there is a righteous Judge who will exercise judgment against all wickedness." *The Downfall of World Leaders: Pride Is Not A Sin That God Takes Lightly - Harbinger's Daily.*

I think this is where we are today. Our leaders are falling into destruction and will face God's wrath very soon it seems but we must not let them bring us down with them. We must examine ourselves for any pride we have in us that makes us think we are above God's Laws and His truth. His truth sets us free and draws us close to Him. There is a battle right now and God has put adversarial leaders in to rule as a punishment situation to turn us in repentance to Him. But we must pray for Godly rulers and that the fall of this Babylonian system will come soon. Then these evil prideful people will be judged accordingly. *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world (system). And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."* (1 John 2:15-17).

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Senator Ralph Babet Speaking on Excess Deaths

Australian Parliament 23 March 2023

The fact that Australia is right now experiencing its highest mortality rate in over 80 years must be cause for concern and it must be a priority for everyone in this place. It should be front-page news. According to Actuaries Institute figures released earlier this month, Australia experienced an 11 per cent increase in excess deaths in 2022, the greatest number since World War II. It's not all Covid. Only around a third of nearly 23,000 excess deaths, according to the most recent ABS report, have been attributed to COVID-19. The remainder, a truly significant amount of excess mortality, is not recorded as Covid related; in fact, it is largely unexplained. What's more alarming is that the Actuaries Institute states that excess mortality was a significant percentage in all age groups in 2022. So, we're seeing significant excess mortality across all age groups, even among young people. ■

To Which Tribe Do I Belong?

PART TWO

And pour out their increase to the bounds of the earth. (Genesis 48:16—F.F.)

IN THE July issue of DESTINY it was pointed out that the Northumbrians were a "double tribe," and as there was only one "double tribe" in Israel, namely, the "double tribe" of Joseph, we must go back 3626 years to the occasion when the two sons of Joseph were elevated to full equality with their eleven uncles, the eleven brothers of their father, Joseph. They then became the two sections of the double Tribe of Joseph—known in subsequent history as the two separate Tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh.

Unfortunately we generally read the 48th and 49th chapters of Genesis independently of each other, and their true significance is thereby obscured.

Have you ever asked yourself these questions: Did Jacob die twice? Were there two death-bed scenes? Are not these chapters really two sections of one continuous narrative; two sets of incidents culminating in Jacob's death in the presence of all his twelve sons?

LET us reconstruct the scene. In Gen. xlvii, 28-31, we have "Jacob's last instructions with regard to his burial" in Palestine, promised to him by Joseph at probably his last but one visit to his father; his governmental duties, no doubt, making these visits none too frequent.

We are next told, in chapter xlviii, that Joseph's "intelligence department," or couriers, conveyed the news to him that his father, Jacob, was really on his death-bed—that the end was approaching. Taking his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, with him, he left his official duties at once and arrived only just in time. The arrival of Joseph, the Viceroy of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh, most probably not without a bodyguard, would cause some stir, and Jacob was informed of Joseph's arrival, and prepared himself to receive his favorite and distinguished son. There are now two alternatives we can use in describing the scene: (1) That Joseph and his two sons had

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a *private* and *preliminary* interview with Jacob, and we can read chapter xlviii as a description of that interview; or (2) that the eleven other sons of Jacob (Joseph's eleven brothers) *were present*, and stood respectfully aside during the blessing on Manasseh and Ephraim, hearing and seeing all that occurred.

Personally, we favor the latter alternative from the wording of the first verse of chapter xlix. Jacob would not, rather could not, being *in extremis*, make his voice heard to those scattered outside, summoning them to his bedside. "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the latter days."

In other words, I suggest, it might read: Come nearer to me; you have heard what I have foretold regarding the long-distant future of the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh. Now come nearer, and I will also prophesy what will happen to your descendants "in the latter days."

DR. DRIVER, the great Higher Critic and Regius Professor of Hebrew at Oxford, thus refers to this phrase: "The expression is one which occurs fourteen times in the Old Testament; and it always denotes the *closing period*" (these are Dr. Driver's italics) "of the future, so far as it falls within the range of view of the writer using it."

We, therefore, give Jacob the full credit of being inspired to predict the future. He claims such an inspiration in the phrases he uses, and the narrative is filled with an air of straightforward naturalness. The test of its claimed inspiration must be made in history—namely, have the descendants of the two sons of Joseph evolved into separate national and governmental life, as described? We shall see the full significance of this test as we proceed.

From several translations of this 48th chapter of Genesis, open before

me as I write, I will quote chiefly from Dr. Moffatt, aided by some parallel quotations from Ferrar Fenton. My readers will then be able to trace some of the niceties of translation comparing them with the Authorized Version which is itself a translation made in A. D. 1611*.

WE NOTE how reminiscent Jacob became in his preliminary conversation with Joseph, the chief theme being the blessing he himself received at Bethel—formerly Luz.

- 1 After this, Joseph was told that his father was ill; so he took his two boys, Manasseh and
- 2 Ephraim. Jacob was told: "Here is your son Joseph coming!" And Israel collected his
- 3 strength and sat up in the bed. Jacob said to Joseph: "When God Almighty appeared to me
- 4 at Luz in Canaan, he blessed me and said: 'I will make you fruitful and multiply, I will make you a group of nations, and I will give you and your descendants this land as a lasting
- 5 possession.' Now the two boys who were born to you in Egypt, before I came to you in Egypt, are to be mine; Ephraim and Manasseh are to be as much mine as Reuben and Simeon." (We can omit verses 6 and 7)
- 8 When Israel saw Joseph's boys, he said: "Who
- 9 are these?" Joseph said to his father: "They are my sons, whom God has given me here." Then he said: "Pray bring them to me, and I will bless them."
- 10 Now Israel's eyes were dim with age, so that he could not see. Joseph brought them up to his father, who kissed them and embraced them.
- 10 (Ferrar Fenton) But the eyes of Israel were heavy from age. He was not able to distinguish, so he drew them to him and kissed them and embraced them. (We can omit verse 11)

*It is interesting to notice that this date of the publication of the Authorized Version falls about midway in the period between the arrival of the Virginians and the Pilgrim Fathers in North America.

SALAAM

("A salutation or compliment of ceremony or respect in the East."—Dictionary.)

Verse 12 presents us with a charming example of the possibilities of obtaining a more correct translation. Here is Ferrar Fenton's footnote: "A learned Jewish gentleman, hearing of my work, sent to ask how I rendered the 12th verse of the 48th of Genesis—'for,' he said, 'it is translated totally wrong in both the Authorized and Revised Versions, and all others.' I copied out from my MSS. my translation as above, and my inquirer declared I was correct."

Here are the three translations of the 12th verse:

Authorized Version:

And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth.

Ferrar Fenton:

Then Joseph brought them for his blessing, and they bowed before his face, earthward.

James Moffatt:

Then, removing them from his father's knees, Joseph bowed to the ground.

HERE we must insert the footnotes on verse 12 by the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Hertz, in his great commentary on Genesis. They not only help us to understand and visualize the scene but show us how a choice blend of these three translations would be still more correct.

"From between his knees." To place a child upon the knees was the symbol of adoption. Joseph's sons had thus been placed upon or between the knees of Jacob. This having been done, Joseph removes them. "Bowed himself." "In gratitude to his father."

My readers can now blend a translation to suit their own preferences as to what appears the most correct description of what occurred.

How the interest in the narrative grows as we go into these details and fit together these niceties of translation.

THE BLESSING ON THE SONS OF JOSEPH

We now reach the consideration of the actual blessing bestowed on Ephraim and Manasseh by their grandfather Jacob. We have noticed the unstudied but dignified symbolism of

their adoption. Now Joseph takes complete control of the ceremony, and arranges that there will be no mistake in the giving of the preeminent blessing of the right hand. He naturally expects that his father would only be equal to the exertion of stretching his hands straight out, and therefore he changed the usual positions of the boys to the opposite sides of himself, so that the elder would be opposite the right hand of Jacob.

13 So Joseph took and brought them both near him, Ephraim on his right, opposite the left hand of Israel, and Manasseh on his left, oppo-

14 site Israel's right hand. But Israel stretched his right hand out and laid it on the head of Ephraim, the younger boy, and put his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands intentionally, as Manasseh was the first-born. (Or, and better, "Although Manasseh was the eldest."—F. F.)

15 And he blessed Joseph, saying: "The God of whose presence my fathers Abraham and Isaac were ever mindful, the God who has shepherded

16 me all through my life, the Angel who has delivered me from trouble, bless the boys; may they carry on my name and the names of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; may they grow into a multitude on earth!"

Ferrar Fenton's rendering reads:

Then he blessed Joseph, and said: "The God in the presence of whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, The God who appeared to me from of old until this day;

The MESSENGER who redeemed me from all misfortune,

Bless the lads and give them my Power,

The Power of my fathers Abraham and Isaac,

And pour out their increase to the bounds of the earth!"

We now return to Moffatt's translation. If possible, it is even more dramatic than Ferrar Fenton's. What a tense scene it describes!

17 Joseph was amazed when he saw that his father was laying his right hand on the head of Ephraim; he seized his father's hand,

in order to remove it from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's, 18 saying: "No, my father, here is the first-born;

19 put your right hand on his head."

But his father refused. "I know, my son, I know; he will grow into a nation, he will be great, but all the same, his younger brother will be greater, and his descendants will become a multitude of 20 nations." Thus he blessed them on that day. He added: The Israelites will invoke your blessing for themselves; they will say to a man: "God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh!"

Ferrar Fenton's rendering of v. 20:

And when blessing in that period they shall say: "The blessing of Israel be upon you! May God make you like Ephraim and like Manasseh," and they will place Ephraim above Manasseh.

THE Authorized Version in verse 19 makes a very subtle distinction between the descendants of these two boys; it is an identification mark of peculiar significance, and is a more correct translation of the Hebrew word "AM," viz., "people."

And his father refused, and said: "I know it, my son, I know it; he also shall become a people and he also shall become great; but truly his younger brother shall become a multitude of nations."

A PEOPLE

I heard it stated in London by the late Dr. Goard that if an Englishman, visiting the U. S. A., had the misfortune to get into trouble with your law courts, the writ served on him would read: "The People of the U. S. A. versus the defendant." Why have you annexed the Biblical word "People" as the official designation of yourselves?

Will it be used as a vital identification mark in these Latter Days when "Knowledge shall be increased?" *We are* "A multitude of Nations," and it is equally true you are "A Great People."

To be continued

THE UNGARIE PROGRESS aka The Butterfly Project

The year 2017 was uneventful. The standards sufficed; working for a crust, working in Australia First's headquarters, attending meetings, socialising... until one weekend in November 2017 found me eight hours' driving from home to a village called Ungarie. Our mission – if we choose to accept it – was to clear out a deceased estate. We began. Little did we know at that time that we would be committed to this gigantic project.

Leon Gregor moved to Ungarie in the Bland Shire in 2007. Leon had co-founded the British-Israel World Federation Pty. Ltd, however, in 2001 rogues David Palmer and his gang attempted to take over as predecessor and seize its assets. Pandemonium. There was much trouble with physical threats against the Christians. Anarchy reigned along with organised chaos. Leon and Trevor Baker worked together and wound up the old company in the Supreme Court to rid of them. Leon stood up and served as a true leader. He was intelligent – and underestimated. Transferring the assets of the old company to his new British-Israel World Federation New South Wales, he moved from Sydney to Gloucester in NSW. to get far away from the rogues. In 2007 Leon found Ungarie in NSW, settled in along with his company and assets. He conducted the business as President unmolested from his home and from a shop with attached theatre a few doors down. His friend and ally Tom Macindoe assisted and supported Leon. Tom lived in the Blue Mountains, and, to be closer, bought a house in Ungarie – then the house next door. Then another...

Tom and Leon's vision was to establish a community hub, a Christian library, and facilities for patriotic people, using the shop and theatre. Leon died in June 2017.

After Leon's death, a lawyer advised that that company should be wound up. The Constitution stated that this could legally be done. Therefore the company became British-Israel World Federation Australia (Incorporated). So it has been since.

That summer of 2017 we stepped inside Leon's home. We had inherited the house, the shop, and theatre. The agenda was to dispose of unnecessary items and to prove the house into being prepared to be rented out in the future. Oh, there was much clutter. Every surface was used for papers and equipment. There were locks on every door, including the dunny. Empty and unopened boxes, multiple appliances and accessories, full filing cabinets, books and magazines, flood damaged goods. One volunteer was saying her prayers: "Oh, my god". Welp, the only way to start was to start.

A skip bin was hired, and we systematically disposed of anything broken, whilst carefully perusing paperwork. At the end of the weekend we realised this job is going to take longer. Tom had allowed us to stay at his empty home next door to where he lived. It took four trips and many skips before we cleared the premises. We could see a dent in our labour. We could see that the flooring was black and white checks. Tenants moved in in February 2018.

Next was to transport all books to the shop a few doors down. A trip during April 2018 found us assessing the shop. Again, it was full of equipment: office supplies, papers, books. De-clutter and organisation time.

A successful massive clean-up.

We could see a dent.

Dirty, dusty, hot, laborious, strenuous.

More work needs to be done.

Never again!

When's the next trip.

2018 saw us loyally committed. We paid for petrol, cleaning equipment etc out of our own pockets.

During that year a garage sale was held, which successfully added to funds. We became familiar with the locals, therefore gained knowledge of the history of the properties, and enlisted labour of a local. Throughout, Tom would act as caretaker whenever he was in town.

In early 2019 we applied for a Heritage Grant through the Bland Shire Council to improve the theatre to function. It was suggested we apply for a Strengthening Communities Grant, which was submitted May 2019. The theatre is non-functioning and "the community is not engaged." So, we need to upgrade before we can engage the community. Unsuccessful.

In October 2019 we applied for and submitted a Development Grant. Our goal and purpose was to improve the premises in order to offer it to the community to engage with. As you know, bureaucracy is a bitch. We submitted the application, provided photos, quotes and expenses, resubmissions, definitions, additional criteria to fulfil. We were required to undertake DA, Construction Certificate, Engineer Reports, Fire Safety Plan, disability ramp etc. We were cautioned that BCA upgrades would be expensive, and the application was not a high priority, and the community is not engaged. Unfortunately, by March 2021, even though we were not rejected nor approved, we decided to not proceed. It's a run-down theatre in a village.

Meanwhile, during 2019 we continued to de-clutter and organise – even in forty one degree heat. The shop revealed its flooring. We had professional volunteers. Holes bogged, repairs made, shop painted, further work assessed. Lists were ticked off. The house was liveable. The theatre was to be a major job. Our vision was to enable the theatre to become functional for theatre groups and entertainment. The shop was to become enabled to hold meetings, accommodate visitors, and to provide a venue for the locals. There's enough room for guests to sleep, and outside, there's enough room for caravans and tents. We liaise with and are welcomed and encouraged by the locals.

Additional projects were implemented. A flyer was distributed around town asking locals for historical stories. In September 2019 we were interviewed by the West Wyalong Advocate, with said interview published.

We were getting there. We have our vision splendid.

Then COVID-19 spread its insidious vibe.

Generous un-lockdowns allowed just limited trips to continue improvements and repairs during 2020 and 2021. Despite this, the project was progressing. The house was lived in, and the shop and theatre were cleaned and cleared. Faithful volunteers were wonderful in their commitment. Donations of furniture, whitegoods, building and hardware materials were welcomed, so the shop was hospitable. The shower and toilets were improved to function effectively. However, during March 2021 work came to a halt for two years.

Hey! Welcome 2023. Trips to Ungarie resumed. We're back, baby.

The more you look the more work you see that needs to be done.

Tom Macindoe died December 2023.

We resume our work and vision that unfortunately Tom would not see.

We have enthusiasm and productivity. Everyone had a job. Future plans abound.

The house needed minor work, the shop kitchen was getting a makeover, and a library was being established. The remainder of the premises internal and external need to be repaired and painted. The front is to be completed.

Trees were planted, gutters cleared, the yard was further cleared, kitchen painted, heavy items gone, trailers to dump, and carpet arrived. The shower block was partitioned to provide privacy. Good for the girls! We are excited about having a mural painted at the front of the shop.

The mice have moved out. We now have new pets. A cute possum stares at a sleeping one. An echidna shows us around the yard. There has been an appearance of a cat as well. The premises are lived in, though we continue to expand and get the shop and theatre up and running for others to enjoy. We as a team can enjoy holidaying in Ungarie – though we must continue to work for it.

Joanne Nickl
January, 2025



The Mystery of Stonehenge

By C. F. Parker.

FEW monuments of the ancient world have been the subject of more speculation and enquiry than that riddle of the ages—Stonehenge. Like the Pyramids, it has stood from time immemorial, its origin and purpose shrouded in the mists of antiquity. Stonehenge has become the symbol of endurance—of endless ages—of time itself.

Its mystery is deepened by the knowledge that it was designed to serve, and still functions, as a giant sun-dial of the seasons. The centre of its circle, the Altar Stone, and the distant "hele" (sun) stone, are situated on a straight line passing through the point of sunrise on the Summer Solstice; thus part of its original purpose is clear: to define the "circle of the year."

But, who designed and erected its gigantic stones; and what deeper knowledge lay behind that which is apparent to us to-day? Stonehenge is indeed an enigma of the ages, and well typifies the mystery of time itself.

Yet it is time itself that furnishes the answer to the riddle of Stonehenge; and the "circle of the year" that proves to be the key for opening the storehouse of knowledge of the ancients.

Stonehenge was constructed with the aid of that ancient and terrestrially defined unit of measurement, the inch, used with slightly different values by the modern British, ancient Romans, Greeks and Egyptians. The original value of this unit, as defined in the geometrical construction of the Great Pyramid, was $1/500,000,000$ th part of the Earth's polar diameter. This inch was used in turn, to define the unit of Egyptian land-measure, the *aroura*, and its sub-division, the *quarter-aroura*.

The *aroura* was represented by a square of 100—

common Egyptian cubits (20.607 inches); being derived from the astronomically defined *quarter-aroura*, of which Horapollon writes:

"To represent the *current year*, they (the Egyptians) depict the fourth part of an *aroura*: now the *aroura* is a measure of land of an hundred cubits. And when they would express a year they say a *quarter*."

From the above it is seen that the area of the *quarter-aroura* can be represented by a circle of 3652.5 inches circumference, or a year-circle in which each inch represents ten days. In the words of Mr. David Davidson:

"A circle of this diameter falls precisely internal to the outer ring of stones forming the circle of Stonehenge. The diameter indicated by the present remaining stones of the circle, as determined by Petrie's survey, is 1,168 British inches. Petrie argues that the measure of this diameter is derived from Egypt, where it occurs generally as 1,162 or 1,164 British inches." (*The Great Pyramid*, par. 78.)

Eighteenth and Nineteenth Dynasty Egyptian beads have been found at Stonehenge; while Baltic amber has been found in Egypt of the same period, which confirm Sir Norman Lockyer's date for the construction of Stonehenge, as 1680 B.C. ± 200 years, and his association of this circle with "Semitic civilizations." The appearance of structures similar to Stonehenge, on both sides of the Mediterranean, in Palestine, Sinai and Arabia, confirms the fact of an eastern and Israelitish origin of the British people.

Such discoveries should encourage students of ancient British civilization to seek the answers to their problems in the knowledge of British-Israel identity. ■



STONEHENGE AT SUNSET.

You weren't meant to find out. But now you have Nation First issues a rallying cry

George Christensen

You probably felt it before you could name it.

Something's off in the West. The leaders don't listen. The media lies. The truth feels dangerous to say out loud. You scroll through the news and wonder: *Who's really running the show?*

Here's the truth—ugly, raw, and terrifying to the elites: **the people are waking up.**

If you're one of them—step up now and join the fight.

Across Europe, brave men and women have been rising through the ranks. Populist leaders. Pro-freedom candidates. The kind of voices that would've been considered common sense just 20 years ago.

Marine Le Pen in France. Călin Georgescu in Romania. The AfD in Germany. All gaining massive support. All rallying millions against mass immigration, cultural decay, and globalist control.

So what's happened?

They're being banned.

Not because they broke the law. Not because they lied. But because they told the truth—and the truth is now considered subversive.

You heard that right. In *democracies*, opposition leaders are being banned from running for office. And while that might sound like something out of North

Korea or the CCP, it's happening *right now* across the so-called free world.

The UK. Canada. Germany. Australia. Even the United States isn't immune.

This isn't politics as usual. This is a coordinated takedown of the populist movement.

Make no mistake—**this undermining of freedom isn't isolated to one country.**

Right now, across the Western world, they're weaponising laws to shut down speech. In the EU, populist parties are being banned. In the UK and Canada, governments are pushing 'hate speech' and 'online harms' laws to criminalise inconvenient truths. In Australia, they had the so-called *Combating Misinformation and Disinformation Bill* designed to let bureaucrats determine what you're allowed to say.

Different names. Same agenda. **Silence the people. Protect the elites.**

And what exactly can't we say anymore?

That mass immigration is eroding national identity. **That a man can't become a woman.** That borders matter. **That our Christian heritage isn't something to be ashamed of—but something to defend.**

Say those things today in Berlin, Birmingham, Brussels, or Brisbane—and you're smeared as dangerous.

What they call *hate*, we call *truth*. What

they call *disinformation*, we call *disagreement*. What they call *dangerous*, we call *Western civilisation*. That's why I launched *Nation First*—not to be polite, but to be a battering ram against the gatekeepers. To give you the unfiltered truth. And to remind the powers that be: **we will not be silenced.**

But if we're going to keep telling the truth—loudly and without compromise—we need more than silent agreement. **We need committed voices standing with us. People willing to back this fight, not just watch it.**

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You've seen what they're doing—to our countries, our values, our future.

This movement is growing. And they hate that we exist. But we're still here. And we've got one thing they'll never have: **a nation of free people rising.**

So let me ask you this—

When they ban the next Le Pen... the next Georgescu... the next you... will there still be anyone left to speak out? ■

COURTESY Aussies for the Control of Politicians or A.C.P.

THE COST OF BUILDING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

RECENT comments by A. R. H. on the enormous cost of the construction of Solomon's Temple have brought forth numerous enquiries as to whether or not a typographical or other error has been committed.

According to Hastings' Dictionary of the Bible, from which the total of £1,025,000,000 in gold and silver used in the Temple was obtained, the separate values for the gold and silver talent are respectively £6,150 and £410.

Extracts from the following authorities confirm the figures in question.

Webster's International Dictionary, 1907, states the following:

Talent: "Among the Hebrews, a weight and denomination of money. For silver it was equivalent to 3,000 shekels, and in weight was equal to about 93½ lb. avoirdupois; as a denomination of silver, it has been variously estimated at from £340 to £396 sterling, or about \$1,645 to \$1,916. For gold it was equal to 10,000 gold shekels."

Shekel: "A common estimate makes the shekel equal in weight to about 130 grains for gold, 224 grains for silver, and 450 grains for copper, and the approximate values of the coins are (gold) \$5.00, (silver) 60 cents, and (copper half shekel) one and one-half cents."

On making enquiries at the British Museum the writer was informed that Eberhard Schrader, D.D., Ph.D., was accepted as the highest authority on the subject. A paragraph from his work "The Cuneiform Inscriptions of the Old Testament," 1885 (English translation), Vol. I, page 130, reads as follows:

"According to the present value of money, the Hebrew gold-shekel would be equivalent to nearly £2.5, the silver shekel to about half-a-crown, while the gold talent would amount to 3,000 × £2.5, i.e., about £6,750, and the silver-talent to about £375."

From these various estimates it is seen that the computation of value for 1,000,000 talents of silver and 100,000 of gold mentioned in A.R.H.'s article was conservative. Nor does the sum of £1,025,000,000 represent anything like the modern equivalent of the total wealth of the temple. The abundance of silver became so great that we are told (1 Ki. x, 21) it was subsequently counted as of no value. Iron was doubtless as precious as, if not more so than, gold, for the defence of Israel consisted largely in the use of iron weapons. Of that metal alone, we are told that so great was the weight of the quantity gathered by David when preparing for the Temple that no estimate could be formed! (1 Chron. xxii, 14.). ■

C. F. PARKER.

We Are All Amalekites

By Chuck Baldwin

March 27, 2025

Israeli leaders constantly refer to the Palestinian people as being "Amalekites." But their Jewish supremacy goes even further than that. Benjamin Netanyahu and his fellow Zionists constantly refer to the Palestinian people (the "Amalekites") as "animals" and "subhuman" that can be mercilessly tortured and killed with moral and civil impunity.

The Amalekites during the days of Moses were the descendants of Esau, the son of Isaac and brother of Jacob—so they were biologically the nephews and nieces of Jacob (renamed "Israel" by Jehovah). The point being, the Old Testament Scriptures make it clear that the Amalekites were *people (human beings)*—even kinsmen of the Israelites.

The God of Abraham and Moses never regarded the Amalekites as anything other than people—wicked people, but people nonetheless. In fact, God dealt with the Amalekites with great longsuffering and grace, waiting over 400 years before bringing divine judgment upon them, thus giving the people of Amalek time to turn from their wickedness and find mercy and forgiveness with God. Why? Because God loves mankind, as we are all made in His image, God gave His only begotten Son to die for the sins of mankind.

The greatest-of-all Bible commentators, Matthew Henry (1662 – 1714), wrote in his commentaries regarding the Old Covenant wars of Israel:

In dealing with the worst of enemies, the laws of justice and honour must be observed.

"The laws of justice and honour [the Laws of Nature] must be observed" because even one's enemy is a human being made in God's image and, therefore, is a candidate for God's mercy and redemption.

But the philosophy of the Donald Trump administration is that **anyone** can be designated as a *Palestinian*, meaning an *Amalekite*, undeserving of Natural or constitutional rights.

"He's not Jewish anymore. He's a Palestinian."

With these words, US President Donald Trump did not merely insult Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer – he exposed something far more insidious. In Trump's world, Palestinian is not just a nationality. It is an accusation, a sentence of exile, a mark of delegitimation.

Schumer's crime was questioning Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's increasingly authoritarian government. Schumer, a staunch Zionist who has long positioned himself as one of Israel's most unwavering defenders, dared to suggest that Netanyahu's extremism was harming Israel's future.

That alone was enough for Trump to strip him of his Jewishness, to brand him as something else – something meant to be demeaning.

This is not the first time Trump has wielded the word "Palestinian" as a slur. He has used it against former President Joe Biden, against Schumer previously, and indeed against anyone who dares to question Israel's policies.

A Palestinian can be arrested for protesting, fired for speaking, or blacklisted for dissenting. And now, anyone can be treated as one.

This is the real warning in Trump's attack. You don't have to be Palestinian to be punished like one. You don't have to be Arab or Muslim. You only have to step out of line.

Even Jewishness is no longer protection. Your identity has become conditional, your history disposable. You can be declared a traitor, an enemy within, someone who has forfeited their place.

The moment you question Israel, you become Palestinian – not by birth, but by decree. Because in this world, a Palestinian has no rights, nor does anyone who defends them.

(Source)

Donald Trump is ushering in a new brand of authoritarianism, one marked by a single accusation—an accusation that is so broad it can be interpreted anyway the Trump *Reich* pleases: the accusation of *antisemitism*.

Listen to Trump's uber-Zionist Attorney General Pam Bondi:

US attorney general labels pro-Palestine protesters 'domestic terrorists.'

US Attorney General Pam Bondi has described pro-Palestinian student protesters as "*domestic terrorists*," warning that universities could lose federal funding if they fail to address anti-Semitism on campus.

In February, the US Justice Department formed a multi-agency task force focused on combating anti-Semitism, with its top priority targeting harassment in schools and universities. Officials said the group would coordinate federal enforcement and "*root out*" anti-Semitic behavior on campuses nationwide.

Protesters, including Jewish students, argue that criticism of Israeli policy does not constitute anti-Semitism. They say advocacy for Palestinian rights aligns with core American values.

One would think that an attorney would have at least a rudimentary understanding of the First Amendment in our Bill of Rights:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

That's pretty clear to me. The government **cannot** abridge the people's right to the freedom of speech—even speech it doesn't like—or the freedom to peaceably assemble (protest) and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Folks, let's understand what is at stake here. If we are not free to speak, we are not free!

Candace Owens nailed it

We just don't see Muslims as human life. And to me, to speak about Gaza and talking about casinos and hotels, and these people just lost their entire families. It's so far removed from humanity. And I have been very disappointed with Trump on his perspectives about Gaza. I think it's wrong. And I'm tired of America being used as Israel's piggy bank.

For whatever reason, everyone can critique every other country for taking money from us, and then everyone's blind when it comes to Israel.

To see those Palestinian children. And the images are seared into my brain. The screaming, the crying, the bleeding, the stuff that we saw on X for the first time, and really realizing how much we had been lied to about what was happening in that region. It was very easy for me to [speak out]. I have to be on the human side of things.

As far as I know, Candace does not have a law degree, but she obviously has more understanding of the First Amendment than Trump's attorney general.

By the way, Trump and Bondi are in the process of implementing a national Red Flag gun confiscation law. Obviously, neither of them understand the Second Amendment either.

And Trump and Bondi are deadly serious about expunging pro-Palestinian speech:

President Trump's demand on Tuesday to ban masks at "illegal" anti-Israel protests came just one day after Anti-Defamation League CEO Jonathan Greenblatt issued the same demand at the ADL's "Never is Now" conference.

Of course, banning masks at protests allows government surveillance to identify individual protesters so that they might be prosecuted afterward. That protesters feel compelled to wear masks shows that **right now** America cannot be truly defined as a *free* country.

Trump calls anti-Israel protests "illegal." But the First Amendment says they are not only "legal" but they are "protected."

It is painfully obvious that Trump doesn't care about the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, freedom or the rule of law. Everything about Donald Trump exudes *authoritarianism*.

As long as I'm living in a world composed of morally and spiritually fallen men, I no more desire to be under right-wing authoritarianism than I do left-wing authoritarianism, theocratic authoritarianism or secular authoritarianism. In this world, authoritarianism of any kind is the enemy of Liberty.

On April 18, 1775, in defiance of the soldiers of the British Crown, John Adams shouted, "We recognize no sovereign but God, and no king but Jesus!" This became the rallying cry and motto of our War for Independence.

And speaking of our War for Independence, is Trump really planning to bring America back under the British Commonwealth? Did Trump learn anything about the Battle of Lexington, Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech or the Declaration of Independence? If he did, you sure can't tell it.

Trump says he "loves" King Charles. That's no doubt because Trump loves the power of monarchy. And, as I have written here and here, Trump and Elon Musk are working arduously to bring America under the rule of a *techno-monarchy*. It is no coincidence that British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Canada's current Prime Minister Mark Carney were both members of the globalist/technocratic Trilateral Commission.

Read this very important article relevant to Trump's possible decision to bring the U.S. under the British Commonwealth. This is all part of the Trump/Musk/Thiel plan to bring about global technocratic rule, which I have already written about.

Trump also must love the British attack on free speech.

Trump needs to read this report:

I am a Holocaust survivor. UK police interviewed me for protesting genocide

It's vital for all of us in Britain to speak out now against our own government's complicity in Israel's genocide.

I was seven years old when Germany invaded and occupied their unreliable ally, Hungary, in March 1944. This makes me 87 years old now. But my memories of hiding as a hunted Jew on false papers, and the utter devastation of the climactic fighting around us, between a trapped

German Army and the Red Army, are still a crystal clear memory. I see the burnt-out cars, tanks, dead horses and human bodies, ammunition and helmets thrown about, burnt-out buildings, mountains of rubble and broken glass everywhere – just like tragically destroyed Gaza is looking today.

For over a year now it's been clear that Israel's plan is to destroy Palestinian society in Gaza in order to force as many people as possible to leave. This policy has many differences from Nazi Germany's plan to destroy Jewish society in Europe – but it also has many similarities. That is why, as a Holocaust survivor, I've felt compelled to join ~~various~~ pro-Palestine protests in London.

We don't know quite how far those in power intend to go with their restrictions on the right to protest. But we do know they want to portray London's pro-Palestine demos as tainted with anti-Semitism. This is despite the fact that these protests have included thousands of Jews and that many Jews, including myself, have addressed the protesters from the stage.

Most importantly, this whole campaign is an intentional distraction from the main issue, which is to stop the Gaza genocide now. As Israel resumes its indiscriminate bombing – murdering hundreds more civilians in Gaza – it's vital for all of us in Britain to speak out now against our own government's complicity in Israel's genocide.

Every time we hear a politician talk about Israel, they call it "America's greatest friend and ally." Really? What is their definition of friendship? Name **one thing** Israel has done **FOR** America. All Israel does is bleed America financially, morally, spiritually, culturally and politically—and drag America into its perpetual wars of aggression, which have ZERO national interests for the United States.

When President Donald Trump and Attorney General Pam Bondi call the people of America "Palestinians" and "domestic terrorists," they are regurgitating the Jewish supremacist/racist mantra of Benjamin Netanyahu and his fellow Zionists.

Don't believe me? Listen to what this very influential Jewish rabbi recently said:

It really doesn't matter if Donald Trump or Donald Duck wins the US elections. It really doesn't matter if Kamala Harris or Kermit the Frog wins.

When it comes to international affairs, anything that impinges on the future of this world, Donald Trump, Kamala Harris have no freedom of choice. They become like puppets. And who pulls the strings of those puppets? We do. The Jewish people.

In other words, we are all Amalekites. ■

P.S. My second message in the series *By What Authority Does Zionist Israel Commit Mass Murder Against Women And Children? A Clinical Study Of The Destruction Of The Amalekites And The Old Covenant Laws Of War* is now available on DVD with the subtitle *Israel's Laws Of War In General*.

Yet another name change

Mt Warning National Park has had its name changed to Wollumbin National Park to appease the aboriginals.

I'm so sick of all this pandering to them.

I'm fed up with having to endure their welcomes to country, the acknowledgements on TV after an Australian show has been aired, and frankly, I'm totally fed up with their constant blaming whites for all their woes.

Although I have no time for Peter Dutton, I applaud him for his pledge to not display the aboriginal or TSI flags if elected this year, saying that he won't continue Albo's practice of addressing the nation with both flags in the background.

It's bloody ridiculous to have a country with 3 flags which promotes nothing but division. And I'm fed up with seeing the

aboriginal flag on government and other buildings. I find it offensive.

Reconciliation? It's the aboriginal activists who want division – not white Australians.

Jenny Thomas ■

COURTESY A.C.P.

STORING FOOD

BEFORE YOU COULD BUY ASPARAGUS grown in Mexico in Soho in December, and strawberries flown from Spain in March, and before the advent of freezers, storing and preserving food was a matter of supreme importance.

STORING MEAT AND FISH

At school we were told that in former times most of the cattle had to be killed in the autumn and salted down because there wasn't enough winter fodder to feed them on. We were not told that the reason there was not enough winter fodder was that it was customary to remove all the fences after the harvest so that everybody's cattle could graze on everybody's land. As it paid no individual farmer to grow winter fodder crops, none were grown, and the cattle had to be slaughtered in the autumn.

It was certainly not a good idea to slaughter a bullock during the summer months as the meat would deteriorate rapidly in the heat, and fly-proof, well-ventilated buildings were not very often available. A city butcher could do it only because he was able to sell the meat within a day or two of slaughtering. The practice of corning beef—lightly salting it in brine—extended the period that he could store the meat by a week or two.

There was no refrigerator, of course, but by the nineteenth century nearly all houses had a spacious, walk-in larder or pantry. Fish and vegetables were laid directly on its cool stone or marble shelves and covered with muslin, while meat and game were hung in the larder or in a meat safe.

STORING DRY AND DAIRY FOODS

Grain—the edible dried seed of plants—was the foodstuff that made civilization possible. Small grain—wheat, barley, oats and rye—would keep perfectly well stored in the rick or stack, provided that you kept the rat and mouse population in reasonable check and covered the rick with a good coat of thatch. Held securely in the straw, the grain would gradually dry out naturally and would keep quite well for years. When the farmer wanted to sell or use some he simply threshed out a rick, or part of a rick. The housewife stored grains in wooden bins, which she stood above floor level to keep them out of the reach of greedy mice.

When I was a boy, every cottager I knew had a bin in his outhouse. This was a large wooden box (big enough for a man to hide in) with a sloping roof, lined with sheet zinc. It was used to store the barley meal for the cottager's pig. There might be another to hold bran, which would also be food for the pig or for the rabbits. In the larder there would be a flour bin of some sort—often a four- or five-gallon earthenware crock, which was sometimes glazed on the inside only, and often not glazed at all. This crock would have a wooden plug that fitted the hole in the top exactly. There might be another, smaller, crock for dried peas and another for broad beans. Peas pudding was a common dish among country people and broad beans, or fava beans as they are known in America, were a good, high-protein standby.

Eggs, cheese and butter all need to be kept in a cool place and so were all stored in the larder. Between them, the larder and the kitchen housed a great variety of wooden, earthenware, glass, and stoneware containers for the dry goods that the good wife needed, or thought she needed. These included salt, sugar, pepper and a few spices such as cloves, cinnamon and ginger (country food was not heavily spiced). Herbs were stored in paper bags, while sugar and flour kept best in wooden tubs. There would also always be some earthenware or glass jars containing pickled onions or shallots and other pickles. Fruit was often kept in nets and apples were usually dried, cored and strung to the ceiling, or laid on shelves in a cool, dry loft.

CARRYING FOOD

Always somewhere in the kitchen, usually at the end of a shelf, you would find a little pile of calico bags. These were used for collecting the shopping. They were taken to the grocer's or the village shop and filled with the goods the housewife needed—flour, sugar, lentils, rice, or whatever. This marvelous system eliminated all need for the messy and environmentally damaging "packaging" that litters our countryside today. There were no horrible plastic bags and there was no "rubbish mountain". In fact, there was practically no rubbish. Tinned food was only just creeping in and most country

MEAT SAFES

Meat was generally hung before cooking to ripen its flavour. In wealthier households it was stored in a large meat safe which was suspended from the ceiling. In this way it was kept out of reach of vermin and its muslin covering prevented the flies from landing on it.



STORING FOOD

people never saw it. You might find the odd tin of Tate and Lyle's golden syrup (with that fascinating picture of the apparently dead bee on with bees buzzing round it), the very occasional tin of sardines from Portugal, and sometimes a bottle of Bovril.

STORING LIQUIDS

The flood of tasteless fizzy water (known today as "mineral water") had not yet started: most country women brewed their own wines and farm workers took a bottle of home-made wine with them to the fields to drink with their morning "snap". I've been given many a swig from such a bottle, the proffering of which was always preceded by a ritual wipe over the top of the neck with

an earthy hand. Before glass bottles were widely available at the end of the seventeenth century, housewives would fill wooden, barrel-like containers with hot or cold drink, depending on the time of year. Wood was ideal because it did not conduct heat but bottles and jugs made of tough ox hide were also widely used. When I was young small stoneware ginger beer bottles might appear at fêtes or special occasions (see p.40); they had screw tops with threaded stoneware "corks" in rubber washers. Lemonade was sometimes sold in glass bottles with glass marbles inside the neck, held firmly against a rubber ring at the top by the pressure within the bottle. I remember smashing the bottles to get at the marbles. ■

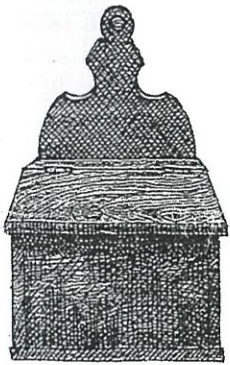
THE LARDER

Many different types of container were used in the larder for storing all sorts of food. Stoneware or earthenware jars were used for storing vinegar and pickled foods, while jams, jellies and salted food were stored in salt-glazed earthenware jars. Bread was kept in large crocks or bins, and tin jars were used for storing tea and biscuits.

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WALL SALT



19TH-CENTURY
PINE WALL SALT



WALL SALTS

Salt was often stored in a container known as a wall salt. It was hung on the kitchen wall in a position convenient for the cook to take spoonfuls to add to the cooking pot.

