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Georges Feydeau (1862–1921) was a French playwright of the era known as the [Belle Époque](#), remembered for his [farces](#). His first full-length comedy, *Tailleur pour dames* ('Ladies' tailor'), was well-received. After studying earlier masters of French comedy, particularly [Eugène Labiche](#), [Alfred Hennequin](#) and [Henri Meilhac](#), he wrote or collaborated on seventeen full-length plays between 1892 and 1914, many of which have become staples of the theatrical repertoire in France and abroad. They include *L'Hôtel du libre échange* ('The Free Exchange Hotel', 1894), *La Dame de chez Maxim* ('The lady from [Maxim's](#)', 1899), *La Puce à l'oreille* ('A flea in her ear', 1907) and *Occupe-toi d'Amélie!* ('Look after Amélie', 1908). His plays are marked by recognisable characters and fast-moving comic plots of mistaken identity, attempted adultery, split-second timing and a precariously happy ending. In the 1940s and 1950s, productions by [Jean-Louis Barrault](#) and the [Comédie-Française](#) revived interest in his works. ([Full article...](#))

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- ... that according to *Rolling Stone*, [Lauren Jenkins](#) blended music and acting for [No Saint](#) "in ways not currently common practice" in country music?
- ... that [Thorfinn](#)'s journey to [Vinland](#) in the manga [Vinland Saga](#) was influenced by the author's anxieties during the [Cold War](#) and the [September 11 attacks](#)?
- ... that the [bicolor molly](#) inevitably goes off the deep end in adulthood?



Cyprian Norwid

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- **1928** – The [Nationalist government](#) of China adopted [Gwoyeu Romatzyh](#) as the official system for the [romanization of Mandarin Chinese](#).
- **1983** – **Cold War**: Soviet lieutenant colonel [Stanislav Petrov](#) averted a potential [nuclear war](#) by **identifying as a false alarm** signals that appeared to indicate an impending U.S. missile attack.
- **2010** – Scottish aid worker [Linda Norgrove](#) and three Afghan colleagues were kidnapped by members of the [Taliban](#) in [Kunar Province](#), Afghanistan.



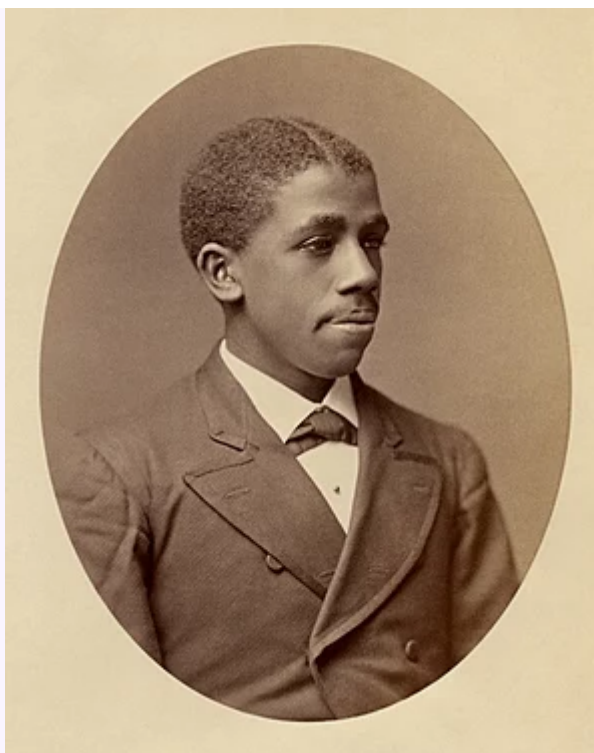
Replica of the *Golden Hind*

[Hiram Wesley Evans](#) (b. 1881) · [Leo Martello](#) (b. 1930) · [Wendy Saddington](#) (b. 1949) · [Alicja Iwańska](#) (d. 1996)

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Edward Bouchet (1852–1918) was an American [physicist](#) and educator. He was the first [African American](#) to earn a PhD from an American university, completing his [dissertation](#) in physics at [Yale University](#) in 1876. Bouchet had become one of the first African Americans to graduate from Yale College in 1874. On the basis of his academic record, he was elected to [Phi Beta Kappa](#), an academic [honor society](#). Unable to find a university-teaching or research-facility position due to [racial discrimination](#), he moved to [Philadelphia](#) in 1876 and took a position at the [Institute for Colored Youth](#), where he taught physics and chemistry for the next 26 years. This photograph of Bouchet, from the archives of Yale, is part of a portrait album of students in the class of 1874.

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