

RAISE FINEST FURS

Project to Keep \$14,000,000 From Going Abroad.

Dr. C. C. Young Imports Flock of Karakule Sheep and Describes Success of Crossing Them With American Breeds.

Chicago.—A project designed to keep in the United States the \$14,000,000 now going abroad annually for the Astrakhan, Persian broadtail and krimmer furs so fashionable among wealthy Americans has been launched by Dr. C. C. Young, a former Chicago physician, now commissioner of agriculture for the State of Coahuila, Mexico.

It is the breeding of Karakule sheep, the basis of all the fine furs that come from Persia and other portions of Central Asia. He has succeeded in bringing to America after great expense and much trouble, on account of the rigid laws forbidding the importation of Asiatic sheep because of the danger of importing with them Asiatic diseases, a flock of full-blood Karakules and has begun the crossing of them with American sheep at his ranch at Menor, Coahuila.

Dr. Young was born in Bessarabia, a province of south Russia, and there was familiar as a boy with the Karakule sheep which produce the beautiful furs, although he then never saw a full-blood Karakule. He came to America when sixteen years old, took up the study of medicine, was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1901, and was for a time on the advisory staff of the Cook County hospital.

When the throat infection for which he is now receiving treatment made it imperative that he give up his practice in Chicago and live an outdoor life in a southern climate his mind reverted to the Karakule sheep and he decided to occupy his time with them. He finally surmounted the difficulties in the way of importing the sheep, and he now has a growing flock of them on his Mexican ranch. Recently he described enthusiastically the proportions to which the business may grow in the United States.

"The Karakule sheep are the basis of all these fine furs," said Dr. Young, "and the value of the fur depends upon the percentage of Karakule in it. Crossing the Karakule with the common scrub sheep of Persia, we get the Persian broadtail. Crossing it with the Astrakhan long-haired sheep we get Astrakhan, and crossing it with the common merino sheep of the Crimea we get the krimmer fur.

"These sheep, however, are vastly inferior to the sheep of the United States, and I decided that by crossing the Karakule sheep with various breeds of American sheep I would get even better fur than that produced in the United States, would be marketable at a profit at a far lower price than is paid for the Persian furs. My experiments so far have more than justified this conclusion."

Dr. Young exhibited some of the pelts he has taken from the lambs resulting from the crosses between the American sheep and the imported Karakules. The crosses between the Lincolnshire and Shropshire and the Karakule have given a fur that is of a far finer texture and much more beautiful luster than the imported furs.

ARGUMENT ON RACE SUICIDE

Doctor Declares Statistics Prove First-Born Children Not Equals of Later Ones.

London.—One of the new features at the seventy-eighth annual meeting of the British Medical Association, held at London, is a section on medical sociology, dealing particularly with the social aspects of the falling birth-rate.

That the elder-born children of a family are more liable to suffer from disease than the younger ones is a point Dr. J. W. Hunter has placed before the section. Of children of the working classes Doctor Hunter has found this holds good up to and including the seventh born child. With the eighth born, however, a sharp increase in the liability to physical defects has been noted, which steadily increases with still later members of the family. As a result of his studies Doctor Hunter believes that the limitation of the family to two or three children means the annihilation of the race.

FISHHOOKS BAD FOR FOWLS

Pennsylvania Chicken Fancier Believes Old Saying Is in Need of Revision.

Lewiston, Pa.—John B. Clemmens, a Pennsylvania railroad signalman at Newton Hamilton, is of the opinion that the old saying, "Never count your chickens until they are hatched," could be well amended to read "Never count your chickens." Clemmens is a chicken fancier and had a flock of half-grown games of which he was especially proud.

The other day his two sons returned from a fishing trip and threw a number of large eel hooks, baited with pieces of veal, on the bank at the boat landing. As a hour later there was a great commotion among the flock of games and an investigation showed that each had swallowed a chunk of veal and an eel hook with it. Clemmens killed six of the chickens in removing the hooks.

SIXTY VARIETIES OF PEAS

English Firm Shows Many Kinds of Vegetables—Small Proportion of Commercial Value.

London.—The average man, who enjoys a dish of green peas and knows the delicacy merely as "peas," will be astonished to hear that at the Royal Horticultural society's show at Holland park one well known firm alone showed 60 varieties of the vegetable. Though the ordinary consumer does not know it, each variety possesses a different quality and taste, which the expert can detect.

A representative of one of the biggest firms of seed merchants in London said that the different varieties of peas were grown almost exclusively for show purposes.

"For commercial purposes," he said, "only the dwarf varieties are grown. The expense of 'sticking' the taller peas would run away with the grower's profit."

"The finer varieties of peas are grown for culinary purposes only by expert gardeners in private gardens. They are much finer in taste than the ordinary pea, but they have no commercial value, because the average purchaser will neither pay extra, nor, indeed, ask for a particular kind."

"At the moment, as a horticulturist, I should recommend the Battleship pea as the best, but the grower for the market is producing quite a different variety. He is growing a dwarf pea of 2 feet 6 inches or 3 feet at the most in height."

The manager of a popular restaurant, who was also consulted on the subject, said that the best quality of peas could be supplied to the average diner "if he would order or demand them. The ordinary diner out," he said, "does not realize that vegetables, like wines or cigars, vary in quality. He orders peas without any specification."

SPOONING IN PUBLIC PARKS

Adam and Eve Made Love in Eden, Therefore Their Children Should Do the Same.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Public courtship was upheld in the pulpit by Rev. G. L. Morrill, pastor of the People's church. This was in answer to a popular appeal made to the city authorities to stop "spooning in the parks."

"Adam and Eve were placed in Eden to spoon, and their children have been at it ever since. Mingling winds, nodding flowers, hills that kiss the skies, creeks that mingle with rivers, and waves that clasp each other, are but a commentary on Solomon's words that 'two are better than one,'" said he.

"The rich have palatial parlors or private parks in which to make love, or they go to ocean or mountain by auto, train or ship, where they plan marriages that often end in divorce and death."

"The poor walk or go in street cars to parks and lakes, where they read books of nature and learn lessons of repose, cheer, humility, economy and beneficence, then meet and mate and make happy marriages and home. Lovemaking, which is proper in the home or parlor, is just as proper in a public park. What is wrong is wrong everywhere, in public or private."

WOULD DATE ALL HEN'S EGGS

Colorado Legislature to Be Asked to Enact Such Law at Next Regular Session.

Denver, Col.—At the next regular session of the state legislature a bill will be introduced to compel farmers to stamp eggs offered for sale with their names and the dates they are laid. The bill will be introduced by Harvey E. Garman from Denver county.

The object of the law, Mr. Garman says, is to enable the purchaser to tell just how fresh an egg is when he buys it. This will be a public benefaction, he thinks, as most of the people who come to Colorado for their health depend upon fresh eggs.

"It is not an easy thing to purchase eggs that are fresh," said Mr. Garman the other day, commenting on the proposed law. "And the consumptive seeking health knows this better than anyone else. The grocer always has on hand what he calls 'fresh' eggs, 'seconds' and 'cracks,' and some grocers have been known to keep in stock eggs which on their books are marked 'rots.' The eggs marked 'fresh' mean nothing more than that the eggs are the freshest the grocer happens to have on hand."

TRAP 200 CATS IN A MARKET

Vicious Animals Fight Captors, But Are Put into Baskets for Annihilation.

New York.—Yowling, spitting, scratching and biting, 200 cats were cornered, one by one, the other night in the old Washington market and dumped into baskets, to be disposed of by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Agents of the society, policemen, watchmen, butchers, fishmongers, green grocers and all the little world of the market joined in a midnight hunt that, for activity and noise, outdid anything ever chronicled from Africa.

For years the cats, at first encouraged to keep down the rats, had run wild and increased in garrets and subcellars until they became an intolerable pest. The market is now in process of renovation.

LETTERS OF GREAT

Relics of Queen Mary and Catherine de Medici to Be Sold.

Notable Original Papers Written by Royal Hands or Bearing on Historic Matters Will Be Put Up at Public Auction.

London.—Royal letters and state documents, as well as holograph and autograph letters of various celebrities, ranging in date from 1417 to 1904, will be sold by public auction at Sotheby's soon.

The collection includes letters from Mary Queen of Scots, as well as from her cousin and rival, Queen Elizabeth, and an important treaty, deciding the future destiny of Mary Queen of Scots, by means of which Mary of Guise, her mother, Cardinal Beaton and Lord Lennox rendered void the English treaty, as also the contract for Mary's projected marriage with the future Edward VI. Twenty-seven years later Mary was in prison at Chatsworth and from there addressed an appeal to her brother-in-law, Charles IX. of France, imploring him to intercede with Elizabeth. This letter is accompanied by Elizabeth's original order for the payment of "the blood money," £100, to Sir John Popham, the crown prosecutor, who conducted the fatal trial at Fotheringhay.

There is also the only letter remaining in private possession written by Mary I. of England; it is dated 1554 and is a recommendation of Symon Raynard, Charles V's ambassador, and the principal negotiator of the Spanish match.

Documents relating to the Field of the Cloth of Gold have their place in this collection, including a mandate signed "Francis" and dated September 8, 1520, being "an order to the treasurer and receiver general to pay certain sums for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in the month of June last past during the journey we made to the town of Andrea and its neighborhood in the matter of the visit, meeting, and parliament between us and our very dear and good brother and ally, the king of England, and for the feasts, banquets and other similar expenses that we there incurred."

The catalogue comprises some rare holograph letters from Catherine de Medici written to her daughter Elizabeth, queen of Spain, between 1569 and 1570. One of them contains the following: "And so my daughter, my dear, commend yourself to God, for you have seen me as happy as yourself, never expecting to have any other sorrow, except that of not being sufficiently loved by the king, your father (Henry III.), who honored me more than I deserved; but I loved him so much that I was always afraid, as you know, that he did not love me enough. And God has taken him from me, and not content with that has left me with three little children, and in a strange kingdom, not having a soul there whom I can trust who has not some special ax to grind."

Other letters from Catherine mention the hostility of the Guises after the death of her eldest son, Francis II., husband of Mary Queen of Scots, and the intrigues of Admiral Coligny, and the attempts of the Duc de Nemours to carry off the Duc d'Orleans (afterward Henry III.) and set him up against his brother, Charles IX. There is likewise a mass of Huguenot correspondence.

Charles I., Charles II. and James II. of England are well represented in this collection, and among the state documents there is the grant to Canterbury by Edward VI., and signed by him, as well as by Cranmer and Thomas Lord Seymour. There are also two of Cromwell's black letter proclamations, prohibiting horse racing for six and eight months respectively. Owing to their being pasted up these proclamations were soon destroyed and the two present specimens are consequently almost unique. There are twelve letters written by Mme. de Maintenon and an inventory—the original manuscript—of the effects left by Mme. de Pompadour at her death. There is likewise a manuscript dated 1721 embodying the "Remembrances for Order and Decency to be kept in the Upper House of Parliament by the Lords, when His Majesty is not there."

FARMER DIGS UP \$32,000

Delaware Man Uncovers Gold and Silver Coin While Plowing in His Scrubby Field.

Laurel, Del.—Ashbury Hammond has dug \$32,000 in gold and silver coin out of a grave on his farm, the other day, and all his neighbors are busy plowing over their own fields in the hope of a similar windfall.

The local bank has taken the money and has given Hammond full credit for it, so that there can be no question of the value of the find. Hammond was a scrub farmer whose land barely supported him.

This sudden acquisition of fortune came when his plow point struck a brick vault in a sandy hill. He got a peek and opened the vault. As soon as he recovered from the horror of seeing a skeleton there he went inside. A bag of coins lay at the skeleton's head and another at his feet. One of them contained Spanish and American gold and silver worth \$17,000, and similar contents in the other were worth \$15,000. The coin looked new, although the latest date on any of it was 1821.

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A Maiden Lane expert said that, judging from the description of the uncult stone, the largest perfect diamond that could be cut from it would be pear-shaped. The finished stone will probably rank among the world's famous gems. When cut the diamond should be worth at least \$200,000. The Premier mine became world-famous in 1905, when the Cullinan diamond was discovered by Mr. Wells.

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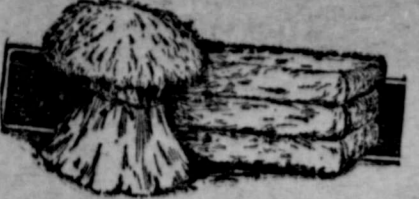
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OCRN BEYOND GREAT DANGER.

With the farmer of this country there is a natural tendency to take a pessimistic view of the things that govern his crops. Pessimism and a hail sentiment on the markets seem to be born in him. With many of the farming population there is a constant looking to get "the worst of it." This has perhaps been generated in him by what is known in certain circles as the "walking delegate." In other words by the agitators for combination to fight combination. And it might as well be admitted right here that the only way to combat combination is with counter combination, but it must be done rationally. Within a day or two there has arisen a "spell of weather." Jupiter Pluvius has been acting up and there has been a deluge of rain at a time when the farmer was wanting a couple of weeks of dry warm weather. Some sentiment is being expressed that the corn is in danger of being hurt by the frost. It is not at all surprising that this sentiment should be heard and along with it a lot of pessimism. But the fact remains that if the country were to freeze up tonight it would go into the corn fields and husk the largest crop of corn that has ever been taken from the fields of this country.

WOOL TRADE UNCERTAIN.

Denver Field and Farm: Wool is different from any of the staple commodities as regards the standard of value. While Boston assumes to be the central market of America and does handle more wool than any other city, yet there is no open market by which the wool grower may know from day to day what his wool is worth as does the grain grower who has daily market reports from Chicago and other centers. A few leading wool dealers send out reports saying that such grades of wool from such sections are worth so much a pound, sometimes even quoting these prices, as of secured wool, when they know no grower also secured wool. And when it comes to spring and wool begins to move and the growers are ready to sell, these dealers send out reports of slow markets and sagging prices, when perhaps at that very time they may have high-priced extravagant solicitors and buyers in the field securing wool by purchase or consignment. There is no open market where actual sales are made, so that accurate or intelligent knowledge may be had as to the actual value of wool. And here again the grower is lost amid a confusion of grades, so that it would take an intelligent knowledge of the value of a clip of wool. Of late years the price has practically been made by the dealers and buyers at the place where the

Daddy's Bedtime Story—The Good Fairy and the Bad Witch

WELL, lambskins, I am going to tell you a fairy story tonight," said daddy as Jack and Evelyn climbed to their accustomed places on his lap to hear their bedtime tale.
"Oh, goody, goody!" they cried, and daddy began:
"Once upon a time in a pretty village in Germany there lived a fairy who was very, very good and an old witch who was very, very bad. Now, it kept the good fairy so busy watching the witch and undoing all the harm she did that she was all tired out and badly in need of a vacation."
"Would the witch do, daddy?" asked Jack.
"Would, if the children of the village were to have a party she would put an evil spell on the ice cream and poison it, but the good fairy would have her wand and charm all the evil away, and the children could eat the cream and not suffer, so, you see, a bad witch could do lots of harm, and it needed a good fairy around all the time. As I said, however, she needed a vacation and thought she might go away for one day at least. Her plan was to slip off when it was dark, so that the other would not know, but the witch found it out, and she laughed and was soon up to her evil tricks.
"Then she turned all the milk in the village sour, got all the dogs barking so that the people could not sleep a wink, frightened the horses and the cows and made lots of trouble like that. Then as she was flying around on her broomstick she espied a lake, and she said:
"Ah, this is where the boys swim. I'll fix them!" And she ordered all the frogs in the lake to dig a deep hole under the water so that the children would be drowned.
"Then the good fairy came flying back, for she felt sure some mischief was on foot, and it wasn't long before she found out just what was going on. It made her very, very angry. She did not let the witch see her, but called all the spiders together and told them to spin a monstrous web all around the lake and to make it very strong, for she wanted it to catch the wicked old woman when she came up from the water and started to fly home. The spiders spun and spun and made the biggest web anybody ever saw, and when the witch came out of the deep hole she flew right into the web and was gobbled up by the spiders.
"Then the good fairy made the frogs fill up the dangerous hole, and after that was done she went for a long vacation and had a grand time. She got so fat from drinking milk, however, that her wings would not carry her any more, but the villagers, who knew all she had done for them, built her a fine home, and she lived there happily ever afterward."

wool is grown and, generally speaking, the grower who has sold for the highest price he could secure at home has obtained the best results and with no further bother in running around looking after it.

BETTER WHEAT IS WANTED.

Oklahoma Farmers Aided by Instruction From Train.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 27.—Oklahoma has unusually favorable conditions for the production of fine wheat, and it has been demonstrated that much of the crop may be marketed several weeks earlier than that from the wheat sections of the north. This year the crop approximated 24,000,000 bushels. Each of it as was unexcelled in quality. There can be nothing better than the pure, hard turkey-red wheat, yielding flour which has no superior in quality or quantity of bread.

Owing to improper attention to seedling, notwithstanding the large yield of plump, heavy berries, it is safe to say that the wheat growers of Oklahoma will lose more than \$2,000,000 this year, because so much of the crop is mixed or mongrel wheat. Realizing what this means to the farmers of the state, and in an endeavor to prevent a repetition next year, Professor H. M. Cottrell, agricultural commissioner of the Rock Island lines, secured the co-operation of the Oklahoma Agricultural College and arranged for the operation of a "better wheat" train through the state.

Lecturers and experts on wheat culture accompany the train, and at each stop instruct the farmers in better methods of wheat-raising and seed selection.

The railroad officials have given the subject their untiring support, and the enthusiasm that has been aroused is a little short of marvelous. They are being shown how every man, woman and child is affected by the loss of money resulting from the use of farm or town.

Farmers, business men, the farmers' institutes, commercial clubs, bankers, millers, grain dealers and newspapers have joined in the movement to have nothing but pure wheat sown this year.

At every stop the train is surrounded by eager crowds, who have had previous notice of its arrival and who seek information. Men, women and children show an intense interest and come miles to hear the lectures. Samples of wheat are brought to be tested by the experts and the corps of lecturers have many times had an audience of more than a thousand interested listeners.

100,000 Bushels Pledged. From pledges made it is not unreasonable to believe that over 100,000 bushels of pure seed wheat will be sown in Oklahoma this year.

In working out the details of this campaign Professor Cottrell profited by his long experience in agricultural college extension work and eliminated from the scheme dry, uninteresting lectures so burdened with scientific terms as to tire his audience. The story of pure seed wheat and its direct benefit is told in simple language, and the relation which it bears to the general welfare of the community is explained in terms easily understood by the children, who will some day be farmers and farmers' wives.

The support of local interests, the state board of agriculture and others has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the Rock Island officials, and it has become in fact a state-wide movement, which will mean, beyond question, adding millions of dollars to the wheat crop value next year.

Other sections are watching the progress of the train and its effect with undisguised interest, and it is reasonable to believe that this "better wheat" campaign in Oklahoma, with its splendidly organized forces, will prove an incentive to similar action with references to other crops in Oklahoma and in other states, as the

IS VALUABLE FOR FARMS.

Experiment on Large Scale in Louisiana Proves Successful.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 26.—Foreseeing the time when the cut-over timber land will be valuable for agricultural purposes, one of the large land-owning lumber companies has converted a tract of 400 acres of its land into an experimental farm for the purpose of proving out its agricultural possibilities so that when the time comes to put it on the market its merit may be correctly represented to prospective purchasers. The company is the Lone Bell Lumber Company. The experimental farm is located near De Ridder, La., and although the experiments have been under way only three years, the farm is said to be self-sustaining at the present time. De Ridder is located on the Kansas City Southern and Santa Fe railroads in Southwestern Louisiana and up to the present has been known almost exclusively as a lumber-producing point.

FOOD AND NUTRITION CHARTS.

Government Issues Charts Showing Digestive Value of Foods.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The recent wide spread discussion of the high cost of living has aroused great interest in all phases of domestic science, and has greatly increased the demand for the publications of the department of agriculture on all subjects relating to food and nutrition. The department has recently issued a set of 13 charts on the composition of food materials; these charts are printed from photo-lithographs in six colors, and show in the case of each material the protein, fat, carbohydrate, ash, and water contents and the fuel value expressed in calories. The percentage composition and fuel value are given in figures and the relative proportion of each constituent is represented graphically. For example, in the case of whole milk a glass of milk is shown; 87 per cent of the figure is colored green to represent the water content, 3.3 per cent red to represent the protein, 4 per cent yellow to represent the fat, 5 per cent blue to represent the carbohydrates, and 0.7 per cent drab to represent the ash content. The fuel value of 310 calories per pound is represented by printing in solid black nearly one-third of a square one inch on each edge, since one square inch represents 1,000 calories. The figures given for the percentage composition of the various materials are average figures based upon as many analyses as are available in each case. The food materials shown in these charts are as follows: 1, whole milk, skim milk, buttermilk, and cream; 2, whole egg, egg (white and yolk), cream cheese, and cottage cheese; 3, lamb chop, pork chop, smoked ham, beefsteak, and dried beef; 4, cod (lean fish), salt cod, oyster, smoked herring, and mackerel (fat fish); 5, olive oil, bacon, beef suet, butter, and lard; 6, corn, wheat, buckwheat, oat, rye and rice; 7, white bread, whole wheat bread, oat breakfast food (cooked), toasted bread, corn, bread, and macaroni; 8, sugar, molasses, stick candy, maple sugar, and honey; 9, parsnip, onion, potato, and celery; 10, shelled bean (fresh), navy bean (dry), string bean (green), and corn green; 11, apple, dried fig, strawberry, and banana; 12, grapes (edible portion), raisins (edible portion), grape juice (unfermented), canned fruit, and fruit jelly; 13, walnut, chestnut, peanut, peanut butter and coconuts. Chart 14 gives the functions and uses of food under the headings, "constituents of food" and "Uses of Food." In the "Dietary Chart" 15 shows the dietary standard for a man in full vigor at moderate muscular work and the estimated amount of mineral matter required per man per day. These charts are printed on sheets 21 by 27 inches of a good quality of paper, and are for sale by the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C., at \$1.00 per set. The charts will be found especially useful to instructors and students in classes in physiology, domestic science, and other branches in which the food and nutrition of man is studied, either in schools or colleges, or in clubs or similar organizations.

MUST LEARN THE LESSON.

Need For Organized Forest Fire Protection Among Private Owners.

Washington, Sept. 27.—One of the lessons which will be drawn from the trying experience of the present forest fire season, in the belief of officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is the need of wider organization among private owners of timber to safeguard their holdings. It is pointed out that already in the northwest, both on the Pacific coast and in Montana and Idaho, timber land owners have formed themselves into associations which assess the members on an acreage basis and thus meet the cost of maintaining a regular patrol and fire-fighting organization. Only by getting together can private owners usually assure themselves protection, for fire is no respecter of boundary lines and the man who undertakes to keep it out of his own timber will want it kept out of his neighbor's, too. Wherever possible the government's forest officers cooperate with the force put in the field by the associations, so that the employees of the government and those of the private owners are handled practically as a unit in fighting the common enemy.

SHEEP AND MALTA FEVER.

It has been determined that the disease known as Malta fever is due to a microbe, Micrococcus melitensis, and that it may be transmitted by the milk of the goat. Writing in the Comptes Rendus of the Biological Society of Paris, M. A. Conon points out that sheep are susceptible to this fever, and may transmit it in a similar way. Another important conclusion arrived at is that the microbe may pass from the blood of the mother into that of the offspring. It was hoped that the fever might be stamped out by removing the infected goats and replacing them by their immunized offspring. But if the above conclusion is correct, this plan will probably fail, since the young will already have the microbe in their blood.

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JUST QUESTION OF KNOWING
Monopolist Explains to Plain Citizen Why He May Stand on Lifter's Foot.

"You are standing on my foot," said the citizen to the monopolist. "Ah, you must not think of that," good-naturedly replied the monopolist. "It is sordid and pessimistic. You should think of the higher things of life."

"Yes, but it hurts," argues the citizen.

"That may be; but remember that it is only through trial and tribulation that we learn to make something of ourselves. Blessed are the meek."

"Yes, but why should you stand on my foot?"

"I see you are inclined to think of yourself; that is wrong," admonished the monopolist in a gentle tone. "Rather you should contemplate the good I have done in the world."

"That may all be true, but I think I shall have to ask you to get off my foot."

"Being a Christian gentleman," replied the monopolist, very gently, "I take no umbrage at your unkind, not to say unreasonable, request. But what you ask is unconstitutional, and I must insist on my constitutional rights. I have a franchise to your foot. That is the legal phase of it. But there is also a moral side. I have become accustomed to that mode of standing. For you to try to change it now would be nothing less than unpatriotic."

"Notwithstanding all that I must insist that you get off my foot."

"In that case, my dear sir, I shall have to appeal to the courts and get out an injunction against you."

"Do you deny that it is my foot?" hotly demanded the citizen.

"I do not deny that; in a sense it is your foot," blandly returned the monopolist. "But I think I can show that I have a controlling interest in it."—Ellis O. Jones in Life.

WEDDINGS STRIPPED OF FUSS
In Brittany Matrimonial Candidates Are Herded Together and Married in a Bunch.

Over in France they have a way of getting rid of all the undesirable features which in the United States go with getting married. They have the scheme in operation in Brittany. In Brittany they do away with the best man and bridesmaids and ushers and other such impediments strewn in the path of the American celebrants of the matrimonial ceremony. Even the dressmaker and the milliner and the florist are given the laugh. Their goods aren't needed. The caterer is the only tradesman who profits.

About the middle of January every year there is a general round up of all the men and women who have been engaged within the twelve-month. They are herded together in one place, and on the appointed morning along comes the priest and marries them in a bunch. No fuss, no feathers, no "Lohengrin" or Robin Hood stuff, no ushers or bridesmaids to carry away your stickpins and your brooches. And everyone wears the national costume, simple in construction though gaudy.

There were 27 couples married at Plougastel January 11, 64 people, 64, count them. Among the 64 were only four names. Everyone married was a Legall, a Jesuquel, a Thomas or a Karsenuff. Fifteen of the brides were named Marie and three were named Marie Legall.

The caterer got his rake off from the barbecue which followed the ceremony. He served 27 sheep, and six cows at the wedding breakfast.

Science' Becoming a Nuisance.
 Steadily medical science is closing all avenues of safety. Time was when man might do pretty much as he pleased and live. Now whatever he may do is deadly. The Chicago health department has just issued a warning against country springs; in the pellucid water of these springs death lurks in all of its hideous forms. Also to quaff a cooling from the "Old Oaken Bucket" is dangerous. What to drink was long a matter of price rather than choice. But now it is a matter of neither choice nor price. The millionaire as well as the pauper confronts death whenever he drinks or eats. It is unkind of "science" to point out so many dangers and not to indicate any paths of safety that the ordinary person will be content to travel. Perhaps the most comfortable thing, if not the safest, to do, is to take a chance now and then and refuse to be alarmed. Trusting these few lines, etc.

Women in the Wrong Place.
 The anomaly of this island, the center of the British empire, crowded to overflowing, while millions of acres of the richest land in fine climates lie undeveloped, has at last struck the national imagination. We cannot open a paper without seeing articles about the wheat fields of Canada, the fruit farms of British Columbia, or Rhodessa, the offers of work for British men and women in Australia, New Zealand, and last but not least, South Africa. But in large movements of every kind it is exceedingly difficult to preserve the regular, even progression of parts. Some portions of the mass will always move slower, others faster, than the rest, thereby causing a distortion and dislocation of the whole. That section of the community known as the better-class woman has lagged behind the rest, and by her scarcity in the one place and her superfluity in the other is creating a danger to society.—London Times.

COUNTRY BOYS' CORN CLUBS
One of the Enterprises Devised to Make Country Life More Attractive.

Everybody who reads the papers published in the corn-growing sections of the country has read, during the past year, of boys' corn clubs. The movement to organize farmers' boys into such clubs has expanded rapidly. Down in Sherman, Tex., last summer the crowning feature of the parade at a big local celebration was the marching of the Grayson county boys' corn clubs. There was a handsomely decorated float, bearing a charming young lad, who represented the "Sweetheart of the Corn," and afterward came 125 youthful corn growers, each shouldering a corn stalk with a big tassel.

These enterprises are some of the principal means which have been devised to make country life more attractive for young people. There are other ways which apply more particularly to the family circle. Probably the phonograph has done more to lessen the tedium of farm life than any other invention, excepting, perhaps, the rural telephone. The piano and the organ are desirable, and their presence has brightened many a country home, but the coming of the phonograph has brought the opera, the vaudeville performance, the latest song hits, directly to the farm kitchen or parlor. It is both a purveyor of music and an educator, and will go a long way in making home life attractive for the boys and girls on isolated farm homesteads. It is a cause for satisfaction to know that many fathers of families are beginning to realize that the introduction of a phonograph is an excellent investment.—E. L. Farrington, in Collier's.

TRIUMPH WAS HIS AT LAST
By Dying, Salaried Man Was Able to Leave Wife Comfortably Provided For.

He looked ahead with hope when he got \$20 a week.

"Some day," he thought, "I will draw \$25. Then I will have \$1 a week more to spend for my own pleasure. My wife will have another with which to do as she pleases, and we will save three. That will be \$156 a year, not counting the interest."

When he got \$25 a week he thought: "I will make myself so useful here that they will pay me twice as much some time as they are paying me now. We will then save \$15 a week, and I will always have at least \$5 in my pocket."

When he succeeded in inducing them to pay him \$50 a week he often thought:

"O, if I could have an income of \$5,000 a year! Then it would be possible for me to have at least \$3 a week for myself, and we could save perhaps a thousand annually."

When the hair on his temples was white he had become so valuable to his employers that they paid him \$5,000 a year, and he often said to himself:

"If I had \$10,000 a year I believe we could manage to save a little now and then, and perhaps I could sometimes smuggle a dollar or two out to spend for my own pleasure."

But, alas, poor man! He never reached that happy state. He managed, however, to leave enough in the way of insurance to enable his wife to live in the style to which she had become accustomed. Which was no small triumph for a man on a salary and a wife whose ambition was to keep a little ahead of her neighbors.

Ubiquitous Golf.
 George Sargent, the golf champion, said one afternoon at Hyde Manor, Vermont:

"Golf has become so popular that it is mixed up with everything. You wouldn't think that golf could have any relation to taxicabs and music, would you? But the other day, apropos of taxicabs, a New York man told me that all the golf sticks of New York were becoming wry-necked. New York golf players, he explained, ride to the ferries in taxicabs, and their sticks get wry-necked from twisting round to watch the dimes mount up on the taximeter."

"Then, on the way to the next hole, our talk turned to grand opera, and the New York man declared that the other day his baby daughter, taking up the score of 'Electra,' pointed to a group of quarter-notes and said: 'Papa, how does one play those little golf sticks?'"

Two Narrow Minds.
 Oscar Hammerstein was talking about music to a reporter.

"The music of Strauss and the music of Puccini are alike agreeable to me," he added. "Only narrow-minded people devote themselves to music of one school."

"I have no sympathy with an argument I once heard between an Italian conductor and a German conductor at a Caruso night."

"To think," said the German, "that people are silly enough to pay seven dollars a seat to hear sugary music like this when for two dollars a seat they can hear real, robust German opera music!"

"Yes," sneered the Italian conductor, "and I suppose some people wonder why a New Yorker will pay eight dollars for a terrapin canvas-back and champagne at Delmonico's when he can get a frankfurter and a schooner of beer in the corner saloon for a dime!"

STAY AWAY FROM THIS CLUB
If You Are Not Qlib of Tongue You'll Find the Initiation Expensive.

"I have just been initiated into the club with the longest name of any club in the world," said the Staten Island man. "And I might remark incidentally that the initiation cost me 16 quarts of champagne."

The name of this wonderful organization, omitting the commas, is the High Ball Bend Booze Glee Yacht Chemical Engine Cornerstone Pousse Cafe Brook Trout and Colonel Garcia Club of Staten Island. Now say it quickly just from memory. It is really quite easy—only needs a little practice.

"You can't, eh? Well, take my advice and stay away from the gang that hangs out in the vicinity of High Ball Bend, which is that portion of Richmond terrace immediately adjacent to the St. George ferry."

"The gam is to get a fellow into the clutches of that crowd, fire about six drinks into him, sprig the name of the club on him, and ask him if he wants to join. Just about that time he is perhaps willing to join anything, and he says yes."

"The only entrance fee is to be able to repeat from memory the complicated name of the club. If you fall down it costs you wine for the crowd. And there are some other rules and penalties."

"The object of the organization? No, it isn't exactly to further the municipal interests of the Borough of Richmond. It is simply to initiate new members."—New York Times.

WHALE STRANGLES ITSELF
Meets Death as Result of Colliding With Wire Rope While Feeding.

From Seattle comes a remarkable story, brought into port by a cable repair ship. This ship had been sent north along the coast of Alaska to repair the cable, because during the last winter difficulty had been experienced in sending and receiving messages.

The vessel picked up the cable connecting Valdez and Sitka a few miles off Cook Inlet not far from Sitka. The crew never had such a time hauling a cable on board as they did that day on the Alaska coast. Finally the cause of the great weight was found.

Some time during the winter a whale, feeding on the bottom of the ocean with wide-open mouth, collided with the wire rope.

Unable to shake the big wire from the mass of whalebone in its jaws, the big fish "turned turtle," rolled over once, turned round, rolled again and died.

In these few moments the fish proved himself his own hangman, for the cable was twisted tighter about the head of the whale than any mortal could have twisted it with the most powerful machinery.

The whale drowned and the carcass was devoured on the bottom of the ocean by other fish. The crew of the cable repair ship hauled up an immense load of whalebone, and found a great twist in the government cable that had been the cause of the unusual difficulty in sending messages to and from either end of the rope.

Bible and Obsolete Words.
 The tercentenary edition of the English authorized edition of the Bible, over which there was a conference of learned men in Princeton last week, is to have some changes. Where the meaning of words has changed, the text is to be changed so as not to be misleading; where the old version is obscure it will be changed in the interest of clearness; where it is infelicitous in choice of word that will be set right, and for words that have become obsolete others will be substituted. Damage could be done on all of these lines, but happily the work is in the hands of men of taste and judgment, who will make no change for the mere sake of change.

As to obsolete words, it may be said that no word that is in the Bible can become obsolete. The Bible words live and undoubtedly the English Bible has done a service to the English language in keeping some good words in use that might otherwise have passed out of it. "Let" in the sense of hinder is said to be condemned by the revisers, and perhaps rightly, but it was a good old word in that use of it.—Harper's Weekly.

Tea on Wheels.
 The greatest novelty of the Fete de Neuilly, which is in full swing now, and which stretches from the gates of Paris down to the Seine, is a novelty in roundabouts. This year, instead of whizzing around on pigs, on camels, rabbits, cows or motor cars—the mere horse has long been out of date on the Paris roundabouts—Neuilly Fair provides a turning drawing room, in which tea is served in elegant surroundings. Tea on a circular tray big enough to hold the drinker and the room in which it is drunk is certainly something rather new.—Paris correspondent London Express.

Entire School Lent Abroad.
 Not often is the American school with all its students transferred to another country. But such was done with the Baltimore Forest school, numbering 45 students, after George W. Vanderbilt had decided that he no longer cared to have it occupy his estate in North Carolina. In November last the school was taken to Germany for the winter.

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VALUE OF CASEIN

Kansas Students Discover New Use for Buttermilk.

Heretofore Considered Waste Product Can Now Be Manufactured into Brushes, Combs, Billiard Balls and Other Articles.

Lawrence, Kan.—Prof. Robert Kennedy Duncan has announced that important discoveries have been made and completed in the department of industrial chemistry at the University of Kansas which will prove of inestimable value to many industries throughout the country.

The most important of these discoveries probably is in the manufacture of casein. E. L. Tague, a fellow in industrial chemistry, has perfected a process of manufacturing this product from buttermilk, something chemists have been unable to accomplish heretofore. Mr. Tague spent two years in experimenting. The donors of the fellowship, an eastern manufacturing concern, purchased all the apparatus and materials needed to carry on the work.

Buttermilk has always been a waste product. Millions of gallons thrown away by creameries can now be turned into a practical benefit for use in the manufacture of casein, which is extensively used in the sizing of paper by paper mills. It is also used in manufacturing brushes, combs, billiard balls and many other articles.

When Mr. Tague finally completed his process and submitted it to the donors the new method of manufacturing casein was tested thoroughly in a practical way and found to be a complete success. The result is that a million-dollar plant will be built soon for its manufacture from buttermilk. Furthermore, a contract has been made whereby the inventor is to receive ten per cent. of the net profits of the business.

Archie Weith and Frank Brock are two other students in the same department who have made discoveries scarcely less important. After working a year and a half these young men have found a way to make an enamel for steel containing tanks that has the same coefficient of expansion as the steel itself. By the use of their process of manufacture an enamel is obtained that will not crack under conditions of extreme heat or cold. The enamel is also resistant, will flow over the steel properly in the enameling process and is resistant to acids. It can be used as a lining for steel tanks and towers in various kinds of industrial occupations.

Professor Duncan left for Rochester, N. Y., to close a contract with an eastern concern which has obtained the rights of manufacture of this enamel. He stated that the inventors, Archie Weith and Frank Brock, would receive large royalties.

Two years ago the National Bakers' association granted a fellowship paying \$500 a year to Henry Krohman to carry on experiments in search of some means of making salt rising bread uniform in quality.

The efforts of Mr. Krohman also have proved entirely successful. He also discovered a way to isolate the microbe which causes the bread to rise. This means that bakers will be enabled to supply bread of a better quality and lower in price to consumers all over the country.

Out of 15 fellowships these three remarkable discoveries have been brought about. Other students are now engaged in experimental work in various other fields, and Professor Duncan stated that a number of them will undoubtedly accomplish things fully as important as the discoveries already made.

The department of industrial chemistry gives practical knowledge to the public, a knowledge which brings about the utilization of methods new to the industrial world and a utilization of many products heretofore unknown.

The funds for these experimental purposes come from manufacturing concerns throughout the United States. These corporations, of course, refuse to have their names given out until exclusive rights of sale or manufacture of any products or processes resulting from the experiments. In order to obtain the fellowships the university must sign a contract which protects the donors for a period of three years, after which all discoveries made and the names of donors of the fellowships will be made public.

110-YEAR-OLD CATALPA DIES

Historic Tree in Pennsylvania Town Falls With Crash After Reaching Ripe Old Age.

Bristol, Pa.—Bristol's venerable one-hundred-and-ten-year-old catalpa tree, on the Edward Bruden premises, died of old age and fell the other day while the family were at dinner.

The old tree which clung fast to the ancient tree was gathered in fragments by hundreds as relics. A peculiar remnant of this old catalpa tree, a gigantic stump, was over twenty-five feet high, and when viewed from one standpoint looked like an elephant standing on its hind legs.

The "old elephant tree," as they call it, has a history that runs back before the Bruden advent, to the days when the descendants of Samuel Launers, an English tory flourished in its shade. It measured just above the ground 21 1/2 feet in circumference and near the top of the stump 14 feet.

FEAR OF NIGHT IS DISEASE

English Magistrate Fines Nurse for Leaving Children Alone in Dark Unprotected.

London.—Great public interest has been aroused by the case of Kate Bell, a Hampstead nursemaid, who was fined 40 shillings at Marylebone police court for leaving three young children alone in the house while her master and mistress went out for the evening.

Her mistress, Mrs. Hoarne, returning home unexpectedly at 8:30 p. m., discovered that the nurse and both servants had gone out, leaving the three children, age thirteen months, three years and four years, respectively, entirely unprotected.

In fining her the magistrate, Paul Taylor, told the nurse that "her conduct showed a very inadequate consciousness of her duty. She had been guilty of a serious moral delinquency."

The house surgeon of a large children's hospital in South London, considered "moral delinquency" much too mild a term.

"The callous way in which young children are left alone nowadays," he said, "amounts to positive crime—it occurs most frequently among the very poor."

"The criminality of the proceeding lies in this; that, in nine cases out of ten, leaving children alone means frightening them into submission with all manner of absurd tales."

"A very frequent instance of what I mean occurs when a married couple go out for an evening at six o'clock, say, and tell the infant upstairs that a tiger will come from under the bed and eat it if it cries or gets up while they are out."

"What that poor mite suffers in its loneliness passes all description."

"As often as not, too, its nerves become permanently affected, and it suffers in youth from a nervous disease which is now classified as pavor nocturnus—dread of the night."

"And when the child grows up pavor nocturnus will turn to St. Vitus' dance, or 'habit spasms,' or one or other of the serious nervous affections with which the next generation promises to be rife."

"Pavor nocturnus—the symptoms of which are constant tears and intense nervousness—is an illness we dread here, because it is next to impossible to do anything for a child's other complaints until, by long hours, or even days, of patient coaxing, its nerves are restored."

"But if pavor nocturnus gets too firm a hold any cure we can effect is temporary at best, for the child's nervous system has been ruined for life."

BUTTERFLY FARM AT BEXLEY

Britisher Raises All Kinds of Moths, Which He Sells to Naturalists and Museums.

London.—An article which appeared recently describing L. W. Newman's butterfly farm at Bexley, Kent, has aroused a great deal of interest among people who do not know what is the purpose of such a farm. Letters have been received from many sources asking for information on this point.

The advent of the butterfly farm is due directly to the great increase in popularity of nature study during recent years. Field clubs, local nature history societies, school and other nature museums and private collectors of butterflies and moths are growing in number with such rapidity that an establishment like the one at Bexley, owned by Mr. Newman, inaugurated with the idea of supplying collectors of butterflies and moths with those insects in all their stages, has proved a busy and paying venture.

Mr. Newman farms British insects only; but he supplies museums of all grades of importance, and private collectors, also, on both sides of the Atlantic. His private customers range from a millionaire naturalist to schoolboys. The latter consult him by thousands, often sending him curious letters and ending with their "best love."

HE IS OLDEST MAIL CARRIER

Veteran Hoosier at Selma Gets Postal Card Shower From Patrons Along Route.

Muncie, Ind.—L. G. Saffer of Selma is said to have the distinction of being the oldest mail carrier in the employ of the United States government. Although now in his eightieth year, he carries the mail every day over a long rural route out of Selma. No weather is too stormy for him to make his deliveries and he is so prompt that farmers' wives set their clocks by his appearance at their front gates with the mail. His route covers 29 miles.

"There is nothing like out-door life for a man of my age, or any age," said he, "and I surely get my share of it. Unless Uncle Sam 'frees' me, I expect to be delivering this route at the age of a hundred. A man doesn't really begin to understand things until he is in the neighborhood of seventy, and lots of useful careers have only begun at that time."

A post card shower for Saffer was given recently by the patrons along the route and he received 500 of them.

Mosquitoes Turn on Foes. Orange, Tex.—Oil drilling operations and other outdoor work in localities along this section of the gulf coast have been suspended temporarily on account of the voracious swarms of mosquitoes which prey upon the men. The pest is the worst ever known in the lowlands.

FAMOUS NOTE LOST

Mexican Declaration of Independence Cannot Be Found.

Celebration Will Be Held on September 16, But Republic Is Only Eighty-Nine Years Old—Historic Document Missing.

City of Mexico.—In connection with the so-called first centennial of Mexican independence, which is to be celebrated all over the republic on September 16, the curious fact has developed that what is known as the original Declaration of Independence has been lost, and all efforts to find it have failed. It is probable that the document has been stored away either in this country or Europe and its hiding place forgotten.

The coming celebration will be a memorable event in the history of Mexico. At the City of Mexico and every important place of the republic improvements and public works of all kinds will be inaugurated, such as theaters, roads, schools, monuments, parks, etc. Prominent among her sister cities, Monterey, which has been called the future Chicago of Mexico, will have something grand in September next. A battle of flowers, the inauguration of a monument to Hidalgo, the Mexican's greatest hero; floral games, and above everything else, an exhibition of the products of the state of Nuevo Leon.

It must be remembered that, excepting perhaps the City of Mexico, Monterey, with the state governed by it, is the most noted commercial and industrial emporium of Mexico, having very large steel works, foundry plants of many sizes, a great brewery, cement factories and various other large manufacturing plants, also a great number of small industries, and all will no doubt make a very interesting show.

Unlike the United States of North America, Mexico does not have a formal Declaration of Independence. The only thing that approaches it was the decree issued September 21, 1821, signed by Augustin Iturbide, who afterward became the first emperor. It is curious that Mexico is this year celebrating what it calls its centennial of independence, when, as a matter of fact, the revolution started by the patriot priest Hidalgo, on September 16, 1810, was not a revolt against Spain, but against the vice-regal government of Mexico and against the Bonaparte usurpers of the Spanish throne, when Napoleon put his brother Joseph at the head of the Spanish Kingdom. This revolution was crushed in 1815.

It was not until 1820 that the second revolt broke out, headed by Augustin Iturbide and the Indian, Guerrero. In this revolt all parties in Mexico were united. Iturbide became the leading figure through his influence with the church. It was not until late in 1821 that the purposes of the revolutionists were put into anything like definite form. Iturbide was thus the real liberator of Mexico, and the nation has really only been independent 89 years.

And at first it was an empire with Iturbide as emperor. A large vein of coal has been found in the State of Vera Cruz, some thirty-five miles south of Tampico. The vein is about six feet thick and the quality of the coal is very good, though a little soft, but free from sulphur or rock. The men owning this land are preparing to develop the vein and will get in shape for shipping coal as soon as the Matamoras and Mexico City railroad, which runs right near this property, is completed.

DISHES SOUND FIRE ALARM

Lives of Family Saved as Falling Picture Crashes Chinaware, Awakening Them.

Kingwood, W. Va.—Untidiness in leaving her supper dishes standing on the table over night saved the lives of Mrs. Boccina and her children when an incendiary of Black Hand proclivities fired her house.

The dishes chance to be undisturbed by the flames reached early in their course. As the cord by which it was suspended burned, the picture dropped, shivering the dishes.

The crash awakened Mrs. Boccina just in time to see a man break through the door and run away. The fire, which caused the picture cord to break, had been started in several parts of the house and it was extinguished. Threats had been made against members of the Boccina family by a fellow countryman.

GEM FIELDS PROVE WEALTHY

Germans Discover They Have Bonanza in Southwest Africa—Government Gets Half.

Berlin.—Since the resignation of Colonial Secretary Dernburg, one line of his policy has been justified by remarkable statistics published concerning the diamond fields of Luderitz Bay in German Southwest Africa. In the current year diamonds worth \$5,000,000 have been turned out, and half of that, according to the contract framed by Herr Dernburg, goes to the government of the colony.

All told, these German diamond fields are proving far more valuable than was expected. At first the entire value of the fields was set down at \$50,000,000, but now one claim alone has been proved to be worth more than that.

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FAITHFUL HORSE IS RETIRED

Rooney of Bellevue Hospital, New York, Is Placed on Farm After Long Service.

New York.—Twenty years of faithful service as a Bellevue hospital ambulance horse earned Rooney, the pride of the Bellevue stables, a pension and retirement on a farm in Long Island, where the clover is knee deep and oats, corn and hay are served without stint. In the many years of service in Bellevue, Rooney has hauled more misery through the streets of New York and done more to alleviate it than any horse in this city.

There has not been a fire or an accident of importance in the Bellevue hospital district that Rooney has not attended. He hauled victims of the Hotel Tarrant building, Park Avenue hotel and the Hotel Royal fires, and time and again made record runs in response to appeals for aid. The hospital statistics show he responded to thousands of ambulance calls and never failed in his duty.

Before the old horse started for his new Long Island home the other day in charge of an agent of the S. P. C. A., David Collins, superintendent of the Bellevue stables, presented to him a new halter with his initial stamped on the straps. Old "Tom" Coughlin, the veteran ambulance driver in the hospital, had tears in his eyes when Rooney was led away.

Coughlin had taught the old horse many tricks. One was to cross his legs and stand like a corner lounge. Another was to tip his driver's hat in response to greetings by women. Rooney not only would remove Coughlin's hat and salute the women with it, but, after the salute, he would replace it carefully on the head of his driver and friend.

No one could insult Rooney and get away with it. The horse would remember the insult for months and retaliate at the first opportunity. Among the stable men he had the reputation of being able to kick two ways at once. He began to fall a year ago and since then has been leading an easy life in Bellevue.

NEW YORK TO PHONE LONDON

Great Results Are Expected From New Submarine Cable Laid in English Channel.

London.—Telephonic communication between London and New York may be looked for before long if a new submarine cable recently laid across the English channel by the British post office answers expectations.

The cable, which extends from Dover to Cape Gris Nez, is the first of its kind laid in tidal waters. The tests so far made have given satisfactory results.

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WOMAN IS LOST THREE DAYS

Portland, Ore., Woman Makes Remarkable Trip Through Almost Impenetrable Wilderness.

Portland, Ore.—Famishing and wearied by an aimless tramp for three days and nights through the almost impenetrable wilderness near North Beach, Wash., Mrs. Joseph Marx, sixty years of age and mother of Mamie Marx, a Portland jeweler, was found by a logger at a point on the Bear river and taken to Long Beach.

The elderly woman accompanied a party of friends to Long Beach. Two days later she made arrangements to visit the family of Emil Scheicht at Seaview, another seaside resort. After leaving her apartments in the Hotel Portland at Long Beach Mrs. Marx boarded a train for Seaview. During a period of absent-mindedness, she forgot to inform the conductor of her destination. It was not until Chinook, a station 40 miles away from her starting point, was reached, that she made known her destination to the train crew, when the train was brought to a standstill and Mrs. Marx alighted, ostensibly to take another train back. Refusing all offers of aid and not ascertaining the distance from Chinook, she started to walk back to Long Beach.

When darkness fell, she became lost after she left the railroad tracks. For three days the enfeebled wanderer groped about the woods without food or drink.

About four o'clock a logger working on the Bear river about 12 miles west of Chinook, saw Mrs. Marx clamber down the river bank to the water's edge to get a drink. The logger, impressed with the oddity of the appearance of the elderly woman in such a remote place, spoke to her, and learned that she was lost. The man utilized a skiff and brought her up Shoalwater bay to Nahcotta and placed her aboard a train for Long Beach. Relatives of Mrs. Marx in Portland were immediately notified.

RUSSIA IS BUILDING AIRSHIPS

Six Machines Are Being Constructed and Aviation School Will Soon Be Opened.

St. Petersburg.—Russia is putting forth strenuous efforts to get ahead of France and Germany in the field of aeronautics. Funds are being collected, air pilots trained and aeroplanes constructed. A school of aviation will soon be opened at Moscow. The Moscow Society for the Encouragement of the Applied Sciences is endowing an aerodynamical laboratory in the university, and also another in the Technical school there.

M. Ulyaninoff, chief of the Warsaw section of aviation, has invented an aeroplane, a model of which was exhibited in Moscow last December. The construction now is nearing completion. A characteristic of this aeroplane is capacity to adjust itself to changing atmospheric conditions. It is a biplane provided with apparatus for maintaining horizontal stability and a landing chassis on a double system. The biplane may be changed into a monoplane by removing one of the surfaces. Among the test results, which were all favorable, one was considered especially interesting. The model, when set going in an inverted position, invariably righted itself automatically, effecting a normal flight. The first aeroplane on this system will shortly leave the airship building works.

Altogether six airships now are being built in Russia.

SWORDFISH IN FIERCE FIGHT

Had Two Men in Small Boat Thoroughly Whipped When Others Come to Their Rescue.

Boston.—John Henry of the fishing schooner Alice Palmer tells of a fight for life he and his dory mate, Adam Walters, had with a swordfish off the Georges Banks the other day. The fish was sighted in the afternoon and in a short time two harpoons were sticking into his back and he was racing away with the harpoon buoys. Henry and Walters manned a dory and started after the buoys.

Infuriated by the pain of the iron bars, the fish turned on the dory. It drove its powerful sword through one end of the craft and then the other, while the two men leaped back and forth to escape the driving blows.

The dory began to fill as the repeated attacks of the fish opened up holes, and it looked as if the fishermen would be left entirely at the mercy of the fish in the water. But a second dory from the schooner swept up and with harpoons settled the fate of the fish and rescued the two in the sinking dory.

Prays Over Horse Deal.

Minneapolis, Minn.—That he try his hand at horse trading is the latest request made of Maj. Arthur Cass of the Salvation Army Industrial home. He has had marked success as matrimonial agent in the two years he has been in charge, but has never made a horse trade. As the request comes from a middle aged unmarried woman in the country he said he would pray over it and try his luck during the week.

French Officers Use Opium.

Paris.—Six persons were convicted at Brest of being connected with opium dens which officers, their wives and naval cadets frequented. Forty per cent. of the officers of the garrison, it was said, were addicted to the drug.

HOW TO KEEP BUTTER PURE

London Firm Bells Microbes to Be Introduced into Cream to Kill Decay Germs.

London.—Inoculated butter—guaranteed to keep fresh for months—into which millions of beneficial bacteria have been introduced for the purpose of preserving it, will be in common use in the near future, and the part hitherto played by boric acid in butter will henceforward be played by the active microbe.

The production of these preservative micro-organisms is the object of a new company, which has recently opened its offices at Crickwood, and here large laboratories are being installed for the purpose of raising millions of billions of bacteria for use in the dairies of the world.

The manager of the new company said that the discovery of the preservative microbe was the result of years of scientific research.

"Its object," he said, "is to fight other microbes that are found in butter which have a harmful effect upon it—that of turning it rancid. The only way of combating these germs has hitherto been by the use of preservative chemicals, which are harmful adulterants."

"But now my firm has succeeded in finding an antidote germ to the harmful one, and by introducing it into the milk before churning butter is made which will keep fresh and pure for a long time."

"The inoculation of the milk has the effect, broadly speaking, of setting up a fight between the opposing armies of germs and the bad ones, that would destroy the freshness of the butter, are destroyed by the harmless ones which are introduced."

The microbes are sold in the form of a clear liquid, in small bottles, which is added to buttermilk and prepared in a certain way before use. When the preparation is ready one gallon of it is added to every 20 gallons of cream in the butter churn, the rest of the butter making process proceeding in the usual way.

The prices of the cultures used in these processes vary from 75 cents to \$2.50 a bottle, and full instructions to dairymen are issued with each consignment. The cultures are equally effective in margarine.

SNAKES IN SPORTING CLASS

Pennsylvania Reptiles Make Good at Fishing Trout—Also Attack Farmer's Pigs.

Altoona, Pa.—Two recent incidents prove the Blair county snake to be in the sporting class, though not always quite lucky in his hunting and fishing experiences.

Before returning to the city from his summer home at Royer, Postmaster George Fox of this city went down to Piney creek to look for trout.

As Fox was crossing the bridge he heard a commotion at the water's edge and, looking down, saw a water snake trying to swallow a seven-inch trout. Procuring his landing net, for he is a noted fisherman, Fox, assisted by George D. Cook, a Harrisburg merchant, who has been his guest for several days, landed both the snake and the trout. The snake never let go of the trout until a cudgel landed on its neck. The trout later made a nice meal for an Altoona friend.

Only the day before an Altoona railroader discovered the same snake, an old inhabitant of the pool, devouring trout, but the reptile got away. Its chief diet for a long time has been trout, it being an adept at catching them.

Hearing a pig emitting unearthly squeals, Harry Jones, a farmer, near Ebensburg, hastened to his pig sty and was astounded to find one of his pigs encircled by a blacksnake and slowly being squeezed to death. Jones grabbed up a rake and killed the reptile, which measured six feet four inches in length, four inches in diameter and 12 inches in circumference.

IN A BEE-SQUIRREL BATTLE

Prowling Boy Has Time of His Life Defending Himself While Up in a Honey Tree.

Germantown, Pa.—To have enraged a colony of half a dozen flying squirrels and to have been viciously and disastrously attacked by them was the experience of Harry Sloan, an eighteen-year-old Stewardson township boy, while the incident as a whole has suddenly disclosed a trait of this type of squirrel that even old woodsmen and hunters never knew of.

Flying squirrels have always been looked upon with more or less contempt, and many gunners utterly refused to shoot them because of a superstition, something akin to that with reference to a white doe, that the killing would bring bad luck to some member of the offender's family.

Young Sloan is an adept at "hiking" wild bees and was engaged at that business over in the Kettle creek region when he had the experience of his life. He invaded the tree inhabited by bees and squirrels and the latter attacked him, one after another, as fast as the bees themselves, and equally mad. The little animals bit the boy terribly, one of them inflicting an ugly gash on the eye. Sloan was almost blinded, but he finally groped his way down along the tree to the ground, though the aroused squirrels continued their onslaught until he was squarely upon the ground and able to defend himself with a cudgel.

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