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Accounts for Hissing of Geese.
A recent writer explains the peculiar attitude and hissing of the goose something as follows: When you enter a yard where geese are they will stretch out their necks and hiss like a serpent. They will do the same when sitting upon their nests. This authority says that in the far east, long ago, geese nested in the tall grass, and in some way unknown discovered that no sound would drive away the intruder as quickly as the hissing of the snake, the bite of which is poisonous and meant death. Therefore, when the intruder approached near the nest, the geese would stretch out their necks, making it resemble a snake and send forth sounds like a snake, which were successful in driving away the enemy.

Guatemala in Ferment.
A prisoner in his own palace, fearing treachery and assassination every moment, President Cabrera of Guatemala who, during the last few months has twice escaped the bombs of his enemies, is to-day as closely guarded at the capital as a monarch of continental Europe. Cabrera even fears poisoning. It is said about Guatemala City that, no longer trusting the servants about the palace he now has his mother prepare his food for him. Even then he takes the utmost precautions. There will be a mighty political upheaval in Guatemala soon without a doubt. And when Cabrera goes out the future is a matter of conjecture.

Phosphorescent Tree.
People walking in a wood in the Wishaw district, near Glasgow, after dark, were startled the other night by what they took to be an apparition in the wood. On making investigation they found the trunk of an ash tree in an upright position giving forth a light resembling phosphorescence, but more brilliant. Those who have visited the spot stoutly insist that the tree's light is more of an incandescence brightness, sufficient for the reading of print in its vicinity. Large crowds were attracted to the place to witness the spectacle, while young people secured chips of the tree and wore them on their clothes in the dark.

Overcrowding Not Allowed.
On English railways a passenger in a full carriage has a legal right to push away any one else who tries to get into it. This decision was given in a London police court when a man complained that he was pushed out of a carriage at a station by another passenger, who said the car was full. "It is the duty of the conductor," said the court, "to see that the trains are not overcrowded. They are perfectly entitled to use reasonable force to prevent any one from boarding cars when they are full. If they fail to avail themselves of this right the passengers are entitled to act for themselves."

High Praise for Maeterlinck.
Maurice Maeterlinck, who it is announced, is to receive the Nobel prize for literature this year, has been called "the Belgian Shakespeare"—a title he is by no means averse from holding. As he is now only 46, it is probable that he has not yet given of his best. Last year he purchased the ancient abbey of Saint Wandrille, in Normandy. This historic retreat was in ruins, but the poet set about having the place repaired, so that he can entertain his friends amid picturesque surroundings.

Clergy Forbidden Use of Bicycles.
Cardinal Coullie, archbishop of Lyons, has issued a stern prohibition against the priests and clerical students of his diocese riding bicycles, holding that the practice is contrary to the gravity of the priestly calling and distraction of conduct which should mark the clergy. An appeal to Rome, it is believed, would be fruitless, for Pius X, when he was Cardinal Sarto and bishop of Mantua, took the same step forbidding clergy the use of bicycles.

See Future Profitable Industry.
The bureau of science, Manila, has published a bulletin by Warren D. Smith, chief of the division of geology and mines, and members of that staff, on the mineral resources of the islands and their product in 1907. It is believed that a sure, profitable and steady mining industry may in time be built up in the colony, but this report shows that little more than a beginning has yet been made.

Samovar Economy.
Every Russian house, however humble, has one or more constantly used samovars, or hot-water urns, and Consul Ragsdale, at St. Petersburg, in a report, suggests that they might be introduced into the United States with success. The Russian breakfast is tea and rolls, sometimes with butter and jam added.

Gift Pearl in the Mouth.
What luck some people have! I was eating oysters the other day next a man who suddenly made a face and uttered a cry of irritation, and then extracted a pearl from his mouth. "Confound the thing!" he said, "it nearly broke my teeth. I'm always finding them."—V. V. V., in London Sphere.

Many Suicides from Bridge.
By jumping over Dean bridge, Edinburgh, a man named Alexander Young, of Coatbridge, has committed suicide. Since it was constructed over 200 persons have thrown themselves from this bridge.

An Ordinance Regulating the Running of Trains, the Construction and Maintenance of Railroad Crossing and Lights at the Same and Traffic at Depots.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Haskell.

Art. 1.
Every corporation, receiver or receivers, trustee or trustees, owning or operating a line of railway though any portion of the City of Haskell shall hereafter be required to place, erect, and maintain a light or lights at any point on its line running through or upon any street in said City that the City Council of said City may by resolution direct, and said lights shall be of such character and constructed and erected in such a manner as the said City Council may in said resolution require. It shall be the duty by the City Marshal of said City upon the passage of any such resolution to give notice thereof in writing to the local agent in Haskell of the corporation, receiver or receivers or trustees named therein.

Art. 2.
Any corporation, receiver or receivers, trustee or trustees of any such corporation who shall fail or refuse to comply with the requirements or directions of any resolution provided for herein in ten days after the receipt by its local agent of notice thereof, as herein provided, shall be liable to a penalty not less than ten nor more than twenty-five dollars for each day they shall so fail to have such light put up at such crossings so designated. Said penalty to be recovered by suit in the name of the City of Haskell in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Art. 3.
Every railroad company constructing or operating its railway through the City of Haskell shall erect and maintain permanently good and sufficient crossings and also culverts and waterways for drainage at all streets over which its roads may pass, including streets hereafter laid out and opened, and in crossing streets such railway shall conform to the grade and level of the streets as established by the City; provided, that the city Council may by special resolution grant permission to the railway company to raise or lower such grade. Every person or corporation who shall violate this article shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, and said penalty shall be recovered by suit in the name of the City of Haskell in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Art. 4.
Any person in this City who shall stop or cause to be stopped any railway engine or car across any street, alley or other pathway for more than five minutes, or shall run an engine after dark without a headlight, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars.

Art. 5.
Any person who shall conduct run or cause to be run any railway engine or car at greater speed than six miles an hour within the corporate limits of Haskell shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Art. 6.
Any person not being a regular passenger or an employe or officer of the railway company who shall jump on or off, or climb to or hang on to any railway engine or car, while the same is motion, in this City, or who shall be concealed about or in any car or train of cars who is not in the employ of the company owning such train or car, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Art. 7.
Any person who shall conduct run or cause to be run any railway locomotive or engine with-

out ringing a bell attached thereto before starting and all the time such locomotive or engine shall be in motion within the corporate limits of this City shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Art. 8.
It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit passengers or customers upon the arrival of any train in this city upon the platform of any railway company or upon the space between the railroad tracks and the depot buildings.

Art. 9.
Any person or persons who shall crowd upon a railway platform in this City during the arrival or departure of train, or obstruct or interfere with the ingress or egress of railway-passengers, or unnecessarily discomode employees of the railway company in the transaction of their business, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Art. 10.
Any person violating any of the preceding articles of this ordinance either by act or omission shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, where the punishment is not prescribed, be fined not more than one hundred dollars.

The rule calling for a second and third reading of an ordinance shall be and is hereby suspended and waived and this ordinance shall become a law and be of force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed, approved and adopted August 19th, 1909.
L. S. T. E. Matthews,
Mayor of Haskell, Texas.
Leon Gilliam
City Secretary.

PIGEONS WILL CARRY CAMERAS.
Ingenuous Photographic Apparatus Invented by German.

Photographs taken from airships balloons have long been considered a practical method of learning whereabouts of an enemy's forces, fortifications in time of war, but snapshots by a camera attached to a pigeon are an altogether new idea. This minute photographic apparatus is the invention of a German, Dr. Neubronner, and has just been patented. The officials at the German patent office were disposed to ridicule the invention at first, but after proofs of its practicability were offered their opinions changed. The German war office recognized its strategic value, and they believe that photographing pigeons can render much assistance to a besieging army. The miniature camera weighs only 2 1/2 ounces, and that is considered the maximum weight which a homing pigeon could carry in a flight of not more than 100 miles. As many as 30 snapshots may be taken automatically, and the instant of exposure can be so timed that the desired views will be obtained. By this means objects may be photographed from no greater height than 150 to 300 feet, an impracticable feat for an airship or balloon.

To Preserve Leaves.
A simple method of preserving the natural color of leaves is to press each one separately with a hot flatiron, laying the leaf upon paper, then rubbing the iron over wax or paraffine and pressing the leaf on both sides until dry. After ironing several leaves in this manner there will be enough wax left on the paper, so that the leaves will require ironing on one side only. Leaves should not be wet when ready to be pressed. Spread them carefully between layers of newspapers or other paper equally absorbent, taking care to use plenty of paper. After the leaves are spread out disturb the paper as little as possible; but the outer layers must be changed frequently at first and later every two or three days. Keep in a warm, dry place, as the color is best preserved by rapid drying.

His American Souvenir.
John Schmidt was young and German. Shortly after he came to New York his friends in Germany wrote: "Send us as a souvenir something typical of American habits." So John Schmidt looked around. After observing Americans at home and in public for a period of three weeks he considered himself competent to comply with the request. Last week he sent home the thing which, in his opinion, most adequately represented American customs and institutions. He sent six packages of chewing gum.

Definition.
"Pa, what is a knocker?"
"A knocker, my boy, is a man who usually finds fault with another man who is doing something better than he could do it himself."—Detroit Free Press.



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