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THE CHAMPION HEN.

That some Missourians do not like the idea of the Oregon Agricultural hen taking the honor for being the greatest layer of eggs in the world is plainly in evidence in the following article which appears in the editorial columns of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat:

"The glad news comes from Oregon that something besides new devices of government are being hatched in that state. The Oregon Agricultural college announces that hen C543 has made what is declared a world's record though scarcely in her prime, being hatched April 29, 1912, she has just laid her 291 egg within a year. She has been too busy laying to rattle much about her achievements, but the authorities of the Oregon Agricultural college are supplying the omission. They also remind us that the previous world record was made by a hen belonging to that college, number not given, in 1911. She laid 282 eggs in twelve months. Details are lacking as to the age of the previous champion. She may have had some preliminary training. But hen C543 deposited her first egg last October, when less than 6 months old. The dispatches are meager. We know not how she was fed and trained, what objects were set before her, what exercises she indulged in or even her general tastes and inclinations.

"But Missouri welcomes Oregon as a competitor in one of the chief industries of this country. In egg production Missouri leads the United States, and no sly allusion to the outlawed practice of hiding the shells is intended. According to the last available government statistics, Missouri produced 111,816,693 dozen eggs in a single year. This surpassed the record of Iowa 2,000,000 dozen, the next state in rank. The records of Ohio and Illinois were each 1,000,000 dozen less, while Kansas, home of the poet laureate of poultry, F. D. Coburn, produced over 30,000,000, dozen less eggs than Missouri. This in the face of the fact that Missouri raised but \$1,913,210 fowls that year, nearly half a million less than Illinois.

"Oregon may have individual hens with records surpassing any in Missouri. But she has not enough of them and they do not average so well. While she has a right to be proud of the feats of her highly educated poultry, hampered and coddled as only professors in an agricultural college know how, Missouri has a juster pride in the faithful work of the plain, common, average hen. May her tribe increase. But isn't Oregon ashamed to number her champion as, if she were an ordinary convict? By all means she should have a name that should become a household word in all that region 'wher' rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound save his own dashings."

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In Dr. Grenfell's book he tells some interesting things concerning the Labrador dogs. The creatures are fed once a day and are always hungry, and yet a team will go for two or three days without food. Dr. Grenfell says that he has traveled seventy miles a day with a half breed team of seven dogs and 250 pounds of baggage. "The great beauty of a dog team is that it seems to banish all conventionalities. You can go anywhere and everywhere with no roads, no hedges, no walls, no restriction but your own will, and that will without rein or bridle you make your dog's will.

Dogs can carry you up almost the steepest snow slope and down again in safety. They do not slip or sink in, and if they fall over even a high cliff in the winter they are very rarely hurt. They seem to understand what you say and so form a better companion than a horse. They are automobiles which need no handling of their machinery. They enjoy traveling almost more than their masters enjoy it. They learn to love you as only a dog will, and if it were not for their occasional outbreaks of wickedness they would make the best of companions. As it is, I know of no greater pleasure possible than a large, strong team, a good leader, a brisk, bright spring day and a really long journey to go.

"Our dogs know little or no fear and, unlike the wolves, will unhesitatingly attack even the largest polar bear," Dr. Grenfell says again. "On one occasion a man's dogs, traveling along smooth sea ice, scented a white bear and started off like the wind. They suddenly turned a point and ran right into him, so that the traces tangled round the bear before the astonished driver had time to unlash his gun. As soon as he could he cut the traces, but even in harness the dogs kept bruin at bay. Though the bear stood up to fight on his hind legs, the dogs managed to get in some good bites without being hurt.

"On another occasion," adds the doctor, "a man brought me a specially valued dog that a bear had squeezed. The bear had been sighted some distance off on the ice floe, and the dogs were slipped to hold him up for the hunter. By the time he arrived on the spot they had the bear practically killed. But two had been damaged by him, one clawed and one squeezed."

Destructive Music.

A member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York tells a story that he had from one of the musicians attached to the orchestra there. It appears that a friend of the wife of the musician had during a call on the latter inquired as to the husband's taste in musical matters. Among other things she wanted to know what operas the musician liked best to play.

"I don't know much about dot," said the better half, who was at the time busily engaged in darning an old shirt, "but I do know some things. Voteffer he likes I like not dos Wagner operas. Dey sounds vell enough, but dose clothes—ach! He neller yet comes home from dot Wagner opera dot he haf not torn a place in his poor old shirts. I brefer the Italian operas."

A Bodyguard of Giants.

The Prussian guards were originated by Frederick I, whose ambition it was to form a royal bodyguard of giants. Every country was ransacked by his agents to supply recruits, and no head that towered above the crowd, even in the bazaars of Aleppo or Cairo, could escape the crimps of the Prussian king. The most extravagant sums were offered to men of exceptional inches, and an Irishman, more than seven feet high, who was picked up by the Prussian ambassador in London, received a bounty of £1,300.—London Mail.

Painful Etiquette.

The royal court of France used to be a great place for etiquette. Louis XIV, once caught a severe cold owing to the fact that on his arising from his bed one cold morning the lord of the chamber, whose duty it was to hand him his shirt, happened to be absent. Not one of the numerous courtiers present had the courage to transgress etiquette by handing the garment to the shivering monarch.

Good Wishes From Home.

When Mr. Brown was away from home on an extended business trip, he got a long letter from his wife. It ended thus:

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