TRADES OF LITTLE ANIMALS

Bees Are Geometricians, While Mole is Meteorologist and Many Birds Are Musicians.

Bees are geometricians. The cells are constructed so that with the least quantity of material they have the largest spaces and least possible loss of interstice.

The mole is a meteorologist. Eels are electricians. The nautilus is a navigator; he raises and lowers his sails—casts and weighs anchor, and performs other nautical acts.

Whole tribes of birds are musicians. The beaver is an architect, builder and wood cutter; he cuts down trees and erects houses and dams.

The marmot is a civil engineer; he not only builds houses, but constructs aqueducts and drains to keep them dry.

The white ants maintain a regular army of soldiers. Wasps are paper manufacturers. Caterpillars are silk spinners. The squirrel is a ferryman; with a chip or a piece of bark for a boat and his tail for a sail he crosses the stream. Dogs, wolves, jackals and many others are hunters. The monkey is a rope dancer. The black bear and the heron are fishermen, and the busy ants are regular day laborers.

Economy, Frugality, Industry.

The original tightwad lives in Missouri. According to those who know him, he is so tight that he saves the tips of his shoe laces and sells them for old iron, and in the last 22 years he has realized 11 cents from their sale.—Popular Magazine.

GAME FOR RECESS AT SCHOOL

Twenty or Twenty-Five Boys and Girls May Participate in Pastime While Clasping Hands.

This game may be played at recess with as many as twenty or twenty-five girls and boys taking part in it. All of the players except three clasp hands and form a circle. Inside the ring is the orchard where the fox, one of the players, takes his place. The farmer, another one of the extra players, stands on the outside of the ring and calls to another player, who is outside the ring, saying: "Bruno, a fox is in the orchard." Then the fox runs from the circle beneath the players' uplifted hands. Bruno chases him, first entering the circle and then following just where the fox runs.

All through the game the dog, Bruno, must imitate everything that the fox does just as players in "follow their leader" imitate their leader. If the fox jumps up to touch the branch of a tree Bruno must imitate. Sometimes the fox does many stunts which amuse the ring players very much and which make it hard for the dog. If the dog does not follow he cannot go on with his part of the game, but must join the ring. Then the fox becomes dog and a new fox is chosen. When the dog captures the fox he becomes the fox for the new game and the fox goes into the ring. Then a new dog is chosen. When the ring is very large there may be two foxes within the circle and two dogs to chase them.

The Word "Yankee."

The origin of the word "Yankee" has been variously explained. Some authorities think it is a corruption of the word English, as it was pronounced by the American Indians who called the white people "Yenghies." It seems first to have been applied to the British soldiers about 1775, as a term of reproach to the New Englanders who afterwards adopted it themselves.

Others hold that Yankee is a corruption of Jankin, or John, a nickname given to the English colonists of Connecticut by the Dutch settlers of New York. The song "Yankee Doodle," was originally "Nankee Doodle," and was applied to Oliver Cromwell.

A Bed of Roses.

You hear people quote an old saying sometimes about such and such a place being no bed of roses. That does not mean garden beds, but real beds on which people slept. There used to be mattresses, cushions and couches stuffed with dried rose leaves both in Greece and Rome, and Antiochus, when he meant to enjoy himself very much, slept in a tent of gold and silver in a bed stuffed with roses. Those times are past and gone, but you still see in many houses baskets and bowls of dried rose leaves standing about.

Wolf Dogs in Ireland.

Wild wolf-dogs are still found in the remote parts of Ireland. They have soft, round ears, rather pleasant, broad faces, and can easily be tamed if they are caught young. They do not hunt in packs, like wolves, but usually live and hunt apart, with their mates. In bodily conformation they are much like the Eskimo dog, but of slighter build.

"Fashion" or "Cookery?"

"Daring color schemes are likely to dazzle visitors to Paris. . . . Cream skirts are to be worn with mustard coats," says a morning paper. We hardly know whether this comes under the heading of "Fashion" or "Cookery."—London Globe.

For Burnt Matches.

Burnt matches are dirty and dangerous to throw about, the charred wood leaving dirt and the glowing end sometimes burning a fine bureau scarf or polished wood. Have a little glass of sand and thrust the burnt end of the matches in this, thus preventing dirt and danger.

Everlasting.

Things gained are gone, but great things done endure.—Algernon Swinburne.

Immense Museum Library.

The library of the British museum contains 1,000,000 volumes.

WILL EXHIBIT ART TREASURES

$40,000,000 Insurance Placed on Morgan's Collection.

Real Value Unknown—4100 Objects to Be Shown to Public—Many Others Are In London.

New York — Although the precise value of the Morgan art collection at the Metropolitan Museum was not obtainable, it was learned that it had been insured by J. P. Morgan as executor of his father's will for $20,000,000.

This figure, however, does not represent the full value of the collection, but only the maximum of insurance procurable throughout the world on that particular risk in that particular building.

Agents of the Morgan estate have been trying throughout the world for additional insurance without success, and have now come to the conclusion that they have obtained about all the insurance possible on the collection.

It developes that the late J. P. Morgan never insured his art objects or seemed to see any necessity for doing so.

The $20,000,000 thus obtained in insurance, however, does not cover the total insurance on the art collections left by Mr. Morgan. An additional $10,000,000 of insurance has been obtained on the art collection in Mr. Morgan's private gallery on Thirty-sixth street.

Another $10,000,000 of insurance has been obtained by Mr. Morgan as trustee on the art collection in his father's London house at Princess Gate. This would bring the total of insurance so far obtained on the chief Morgan art collections up to $40,000,000.

The art treasures are to be placed on view for the American public as soon as arrangements can be completed, it was announced at the Metropolitan Muesum of Art. The art objects, numbering about 4,100, will be exhibited temporarily in one of the museum's new wings, early in 1914, according to present plans.

TOOK DYNAMITE FOR PAINT

Witnesses Show Danger of Alleged Plot Against Strikers.

Boston—Another big crowd listened Thursday to the evidence adduced by District Attorney Pelletier in support of the charge that William Wood, president of the American Woolen company, and Frederick F. Atteaux, a dye manufacturer, conspired with others to "plant" dynamite at Lawrence to cast suspicion upon the striking textile operatives.

The danger of the "plant" was illustrated in the testimony of Josef Assaf, a Syrian painter of Lawrence, in whose home some of the explosive was placed. Assaf said that when he opened the package he thought the sticks might be some new form of paint. He tried to burn a stick and then smelled of the scorched portion. Later on, he showed the sticks to a physician, who told him it was dynamite.

He intended taking it to the police station, and hid it for safe keeping in his bedroom, where it was found later by the police who arrested him.

T. R. "Extremely Temperate.

Marquette, Mich.—Men who have been associated with Colonel Roosevelt in public and private life, who met him on the Nile when he returned from his African hunting trip, and newspaper men who accompanied him on his various political campaigns, testified Thursday in Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's libel suit against George Newett, a newspaper owner of Ishpeming, Mich., that the ex-president not only was not a drunkard, but that he was notably and extremely temperate in the use of intoxicants.

Allies Must Sign Treaty.

London—The growing displeasure in diplomatic circles of the great powers at the attitude of Greece and Servia found expression here in what practically amounts to an ultimatum which Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of foreign affairs delivered to the delegates of the belligerents. The communication, which was couched in strong phrases, without ambiguity, made it clear that enough time had been spent in futile discussions of the peace settlement and that the moment had arrived for signing the treaty.

Coaster Brake Trust Fined.

Rochester, N. Y.—Fines aggregating $81,500 were imposed in the United States district court by Judge John R. Hazel, of Buffalo, in the cases of defendants in the government's action against the so-called "coaster brake trust," for violation of the Sherman law. Six corporations and eight individuals pleaded guilty to charges of conspiring to restrain trade and attempting to monopolize domestic and foreign trade.

Army Aviator Killed.

Montrose, Scotland—Lieutenant Des Mond Larthur, of the army flying corps, was killed near here while practicing aeroplane reconnaissances with other officers. He was flying at a height of 3000 feet when the wings of his machine collapsed.

GRASSHOPPERS MOVE SLOW

Pest in New Mexico Not Likely to Cover Much Ground.

Clovis, N. M.—The great army of grasshoppers which has invaded New Mexico on the east has reached Elida, Roosevelt county. The army is 20 miles long and four miles deep and the grasshoppers are literally stripping the country bare in their path.

They are moving westward across the central part of the state at the rate of a mile a day.

A mass meeting is to be held here at which funds will be raised and a plan devised for resisting the invading army before they reach Clovis.

Washington, D. C.—The grasshopper invasion of Northeastern Mexico, a telegraphic report of which reached the department of agriculture Wednesday from A. G. Hammer, one of its agents, is not causing alarm among officials here.

Prof. F. M. Webster, in charge of the work of insect investigation, said the pest was not likely to spread over a large territory, as it could be successfully fought because it had not traveled far or done much damage to crops.

The report from Mr. Hammer shows it is the "differential grasshopper," not the fast-moving variety which spread over nearly the entire country in the 80's.

WILSON'S ATTITUDE IN DOUBT

Dislikes Exemption Clauses in Sundry Civil Bill.

Washington, D. C.—Whether President Wilson will sign or veto the sundry civil bill with its clause exempting labor unions and farmers' organizations from prosecution under certain funds set aside for the operation of the anti-trust laws still is an open question.

The President sent for Senator Martin, of Virginia, and Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, chairman of the two congressionl committees on appropriations, and talked at length with them about the bill. At the conclusion of the conference White House officials were silent. The President was informed that the particular thing that was holding up the bill in conference was a dispute as to an appropriation for managers supervising national soldiers' homes. His visitors said they expected to reach an agreement by the end of the week.

It is considered likely that the President will make known in a few days just what his position will be toward the much talked of exemption clause.

The President has been informed that if he objects to the attaching of legislation to an appropriation bill he could accompany his signature with a memorandum of protest on that point. He likewise has been told that the exemption clause would not affect such substantive law and that prosecutions of any violations of the law by labor unions or by farmers' organizations could still be accomplished through other funds at the disposal of the department of justice.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO FEARED

Ambassador's Wife Making Hurried Preparations for Flight.

Mexico City—Considerable alarm was created in the American colony here Wednesday when it became known that Mrs. Henry Lane Wilson, wife of the American ambassador, was making hasty preparations to depart for the United States within a few days.

In some quarters the announcement is construed to mean that Ambassador Wilson has received information of serious impending trouble and that he is taking the opportunity at hand to remove his family from the danger zone. The ambassador himself declined to discuss this matter. At the ambassadorial mansion it was said that Mrs. Wilson was returning home on a visit to friends and relatives.

Lane Announces Purpose.

Washington, D. C. — To make the acquisition of homesteads as easy as possible in strict conformity with the law for bona fide settlers and genuine homemakers and as difficult as possible for dummy entrymen or speculators is the announced purpose of Secretary Lane in beginning an investigation of the rules and regulations of the land office. A month ago Secretary Lane sent a special representative to South Dakota to investigate the specific charges against county land agents, and the above is the result.

Cotton Sellers Target.

Washington, D. C. — Demand for legal action against those who sold cotton to James A. Patten and others of the "cotton pool," indicted in 1910 for running a corner, was made in the senate Wednesday by Senator Smith, of South Carolina, who said he had been assured that the department of commerce, if the senate would pass a proper resolution, would investigate thoroughly the selling end of the famous pool.

Taft's Order Attacked.

Washington, D. C.—A resolution to abrogate ex-President Taft's order, putting all fourth-class postmasters into the civil service, was introduced by Senator Overman. He declared he had not conferred with President Wilson, or any cabinet officers about it, but believed the spirit of the civil service law had been evaded.

The Eternal Why.

"Papa," said an inquisitive boy, "don't fishes have legs?" "They do not," answered papa. "Why don't they, papa?" "Because fishes swim and don't require legs." Then he asked, "Papa, ducks have legs, don't they?" "Why, yes, ducks have legs." "Well, ducks swim, don't they?" "Yes." "Then why don't fishes have legs, if ducks do? Or why don't ducks not have any legs if fishes don't?" Papa gave up.

Good Reason, Too.

"Miss Mary," inquired the clergyman, "have you seriously considered the great question of life?" "Well, you see, sir," Mary replied, blushing, "none of the young men has asked me yet."

Gave Him Away.

Master (who is trying to make a good impression on his strait-faced aunt from whom he has expectations)—"Mary, have you seen a letter anywhere about marked 'Private'?" Mary—"You mean the one from the man what can't get 'is money out of you, sir? I put it be'ind the mirror, sir"—Punch.

Had to Have Round Figures.

Where Catherine, age five, buys her candy, they will not sell less than a nickel's worth. Catherine asked for money to buy some, but her papa said: "You have pennies of your own." She answered, "Oh, but pennies ain't any kin to one another unless you've got five."

Laying Matting.

When laying matting, it is not always necessary to cut it in order to fit corners and alcoves. It may be better to do so in very small spaces, but often moistening the matting is found to be better than cutting. Softened thus, it can then be bent without breaking, and makes a neat, substantial edge.

UNUSUAL RESOURCE OF BOY

Lad With One Roller Skate Attaches It to Box and Secures Bigger Load of Wood Than Others.

Small boys were collecting firewood, where it had been thrown out for them, at the side door of a large grocery establishment on upper Broadway. There was something of a rush to see who would get the most, and the proud possessor of one roller skate came out ahead in the scramble, says the New York Sun.

Seizing an orange crate, he strapped his skate to one of the bottom slats and, filling the crate with wood, rolled it away on the four wheels of the skate, while others were left to drag or carry their smaller loads.

Also Had Something to Praise.

The other morning my four-year-old cousin and her five-year-old friend were talking of all the hand-painted china their mothers had. The five-year-old one said: "My mother has a hand-painted sugar bowl and milk pitcher and some plates," and she mentioned several other things. Then my cousin spoke up and said: "Huh! That ain't anything; we got a hand-painted fence back in our yard."—Exchange.

No Chance for Him.

A certain minister having noticed a new attendant for several consecutive Sundays, engaged her in conversation after service. Cordially shaking the young blond by the hand, the reverend gentleman asked her name, address, etc., and concluded by asking if he might call upon her. In a rather broken English and very Swedish intonation came this response: "No, t'ank you, I have a reg-lar feller."

Willing to Become an Enemy.

"The quickest way to make an enemy of a man is to lend him five dollars," said a philosopher, sententiously; and then, with a half-concealed show of eagerness, he inquired: "Isn't there somebody around here who would like to make an enemy of me?"

Electric Current and Nerves.

Along human nerves the electric current travels at from 33 to 60 yards a second.

Never Satisfied.

When a man gets something for nothing he is pretty sure to think it might have been something better.