

CAME FROM CHINESE BASKET

Real Origin of Present-Day Baby Carriage, Though the Idea Has Been Improved Upon.

The American baby carriage is really an offspring of the Chinese basket. Way back in the days of Moses, Jochebed, mother of Moses, wove a basket from papyrus reeds, placed her son in it and sent the cargo adrift on the River Nile. The Chinese woman uses this idea, except that she has improved upon it so that she can carry the basket about without a great deal of discomfort. The American genius got the idea of putting the basket on wheels, and that is just what the modern baby carriage is.

It is also interesting to note that the American baby carriages did not spring up "over night." The beautiful vehicle which is now used has gradually grown up from a rude contraption which tipped over when not in use. In the old days when horse vehicles had just two high wheels that's all the baby carriage had. Then came the rig with high wheels in the rear and low ones in front, likewise in baby carriage construction. Modern days brought the automobile with four wheels all the same size. Baby carriage builders followed suit.

GOT ITS NAME FROM PERSON

Cut Paper Portrait Called "Silhouette" After Statesman Who Flourished in Reign of Louis XIV.

Etienne de Silhouette, minister of finance under Louis XIV, became so well known for his policy of economy in an age when extravagance was rampant that anything cheap, such as a cut paper portrait, became known as a "silhouette."

But August Edouard made it so artistic that its name became somewhat of a misnomer. Born at Dun kerque in 1789, he had approximately 100,000 silhouettes to his credit when he retired in 1849. He was extremely methodical in everything he did, but particularly so with his advertisements. After relating a number of gruesome tales of how he had been obliged to enter the sick-room of persons in the last throes of contagious disease that their friends might derive some consolation from a "likeness," he summed up the whole matter by saying that to neglect to visit his studio while there was yet time "shows want of consideration for the feelings and affections of friends and relatives."

HER VERSION.

Sometimes in an orphanage there are happenings which combine both humor and pathos. The other day in a Hoosier orphanage the children were telling their ambitions. "I want to be rich when I grow up," said one of the little girls, "so I can be like we learned at Sunday school—a comforter to the widows and orphans."

Now little Janey's mother had recently given her a stepfather who did not care for her enough to take her from the home. Soberly she said, "I want to be rich, too, and I'll give lots to the orphans. But I'm not going to bother taking care of the widows. There are plenty of men who want to do that."

MADE BOLSHIEV BY TYRANNY.

Krossiw, the Russian Bolshiev minister of trade and commerce, was born on the banks of the Tura, Siberia, where the passing of Siberian exiles filled him with horror. He received an engineer's diploma in Berlin, and is numbered among the world's greatest electricians. He is mild of manner, melancholy of face and dresses in sober, shabby black.

REVERSIBLE TURBINE.

A reversible turbine, says the Nautical Gazette, the invention of a Brazilian, Fausto Pedreira Machado, is now being perfected for commercial manufacture by a company in the state of Delaware. It is claimed that the new mechanism will revolutionize marine propulsion, as it will cost less to manufacture, will reduce operating costs and will be positively reversible.

OUT OF THE QUESTION.

Bank Teller (politely)—I'm sorry, madam, but you must bring some one to identify you—some one who is known to both of us.

Lady (haughtily)—Sir! Our social spheres are entirely too distinct for such a thing to be possible.—
Boston Transcript.

The Scrap Book

PAPA OUT OF THE RUNNING

Bashful Lover's Weighty "Remarks" Had Straightened Out the Course of True Love.

A prehistoric young man fell in love with the beautiful daughter of a great chieftain. But as he was bashful, and her father's stone ax was not bashful, he feared to tell his love. So he procured a brick—that being the fashion in stationery just then—and carved thereon his message of devotion. As the gentle ichthyosaurus croaked the witching hour of midnight, he stole stealthily unto the chieftain's cave. Then with one mighty heave he cast his weighty remarks into the inner blackness, trusting that his lady-love would find them on the morrow.

And it came to pass that when he awoke next morning the blushing damsel was seated on his doorstep.

"Reggie of the Knotted Knee," she cried, "I am thine! The forcible nature of your proposal removed the only obstacle. The brick caught poor papa a lovely whack on the cranium, and he was so struck with your remarks that he's past objecting to anything now!"

EVER-BEARING ORANGE TREE

Possibility That Discovery in Florida Will Revolutionize Conditions in Growth of Fruit.

An ever-bearing orange tree, which citrus fruit growers believe is destined to revolutionize the orange industry of the state, if not of the entire country, has been discovered by horticulturists in a small grove at Avon Park, near Tampa, Fla. To protect the specimen, its purchaser has placed around it a heavy wire fence 20 feet in height and stationed guards day and night.

The tree has been in bearing continuously eight years, but until recently its existence was known only to the owner and several neighbors who, according to citrus experts, did not realize its value, but regarded it merely as a freak of nature. Several of south Florida's largest citrus growers have organized a syndicate, purchased the tree, leased the ground upon which it stands, and already are taking steps to develop its possibilities by propagating it through budwood, with the expectation of having 250,000 trees ready for setting out in groves by 1923.

The tree is about fifteen years old. Its origin is a mystery. Its owners believe it will bring forth stock true to the parent tree and be worth millions to the men who had the foresight to grasp its possibilities.

Mystery in Small Lake.

What seems to be a natural phenomenon is observed in the Fort Steele East Kootenay (British Columbia) district. A small lake or pond which has been used for some time by a logging company for a mill-pond, is situated on the high bench land on the north side of Kootenay river and with an altitude of slightly over 3,000 feet above sea level, in a small, deep hollow surrounded by high wooded banks unaffected by winds and without any streams running in or out of it, or any circulation in it. The water is dark and brackish, yet when logs are put in the east end of this lake, if left unfastened will, of their own accord, float to the west end within a few hours. The mystery is, do the logs move or does the earth move the logs in its daily rotation from west to east?

New Paneling Valuable.

The new wood-metal sheet or paneling, consisting of thin boards between two layers of metal, has given astonishing results. The material, adapted for a multitude of uses, can be made in sections of any size, is unaffected by moisture, resists abrasion and warping, and combines strength with lightness. In tests made a panel 5-16ths of an inch thick proved five times as strong as a solid wood panel of equal thickness, and 80 times as strong as a sheet steel panel of equal weight.

Piscatorial "Trips."

An ex-corporal of the Twenty-eighth Canadian battalion tells of fishing trips his company used to make on the Arras front in 1918. Each period in the trenches was known as a "trip." In April, 1918, the company commander was Capt. Salmon and the Lieutenant was named Wales; his batman was also named Wales. Every day the countersign was the name of a fish, such as Haddock, Herring, etc. Therefore these periods became known to the company as the fishy trip.

Remarkable Recovery of Sight.

Blind for ten years a Northfield, Mass., man awoke one Sunday morning to find that he had regained his sight during the night and could see as well as when a boy. There was no explanation as to how it happened.

Colorful.

A love of colors must have led a Miss White of Hants county, Nova Scotia, to marry a Mr. White. For after his death she married a Mr. Brown. She is now engaged to marry a Mr. Green.

FARM JOURNAL SAYS:

A man is known by the company he keeps out of.

It's all the same to the hen whether we say "sit" or "set."

The best time to catch soft water is when it is raining hard.

It is easy for a man in health to preach patience to the sick.

We're never too old to wish we could go wading in the creek again.

Leave growling to dogs; they do it better, no matter how hard you try.

Who ever heard of a picnic without somebody sitting in the pie?

Beware of excesses of any kind. Learn, like the horse, to say "neigh."

A barking dog may never bite, but does by fright lasts just as long.

Girls nowadays must be ashamed of their ears; they never show them.

Daylight saving appears to be the only saving a good many folks can make.

Speaking of useful inventions, doesn't the strawberry shortcake just about head the list?

Freckles may have their place, but it does seem too bad to cluster them on a pretty girl's nose.

REMARKABLE REMARKS

Harold MacGrath—Humdrum isn't where you live; it's what you are.

Percy Hammond—The human knee is a joint and not an entertainment.

Policewoman Mary Hamilton—Most of the runaway girls come from Boston.

Glen Buck—Ears were made for a better purpose than to hook spectacles on.

Thomas A. Edison—The average college man doesn't seem to know anything.

Roy K. Moulton—Only 3 per cent of the men propose marriage of their own free will.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr.—My father does not judge a man by the cut of his clothes or by his bank account.

Hugh Fullerton—Some folks will believe anything about you so long as it is the worst.—From the Independent (New York).

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Some men feel more at home when away.

Men admire clever women, but seldom marry them.

He who boasts of his goodness is seldom much good.

If you can't get what you like, try to like what you get.

When a man keeps his own counsel he has not much use for a lawyer.

Honesty is the best policy for those who are not rich enough to be financiers.

A clever woman is one who can make a man believe that he knows it all.

After a man gets into trouble it is easy for him to see how he might have kept out of it.

One of life's peculiarities is that the world is seldom watching when a man is doing good.

Noah was a great ball player. He pitched the ark without and within and later put the dove out on a fly.—Chicago Daily News.

DEW DROPS

All dew drops are perfectly round.

Dew is deposited only on a fine, clear night.

More dew is deposited on cultivated than uncultivated land.

We get most dew after a hot summer's day and a westerly wind.

Evening dew is unhealthful, being laden with noxious exhalations.

There is no dew after a windy night; it is evaporated as fast as produced.

Dew will not stay on rose leaves, because these have an essential oil in them.

Dew rolls off cabbage and like leaves, because they are coated with a fine waxen powder.

Little or no dew is ever deposited on smooth stones, polished metal, or woolen material.

Dew is most abundant in exposed situations, there being less to arrest the radiation of the earth's heat.

Nature's wisdom is shown by the fact that plants with woolly leaves require most moisture, and it is those leaves which radiate most heat, and therefore get most dew.

RURAL HOUSEWIVES ARE TAUGHT TO APPLY BUSINESS PRINCIPLES



Home Demonstration in the Kitchen.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Home demonstration work, though comparatively new, is looked upon as permanent, so beneficial have been the results obtained by home demonstration agents working in rural homes. The fundamental purpose of this work, according to a report just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, is to assist the rural housewife to apply business principles to her daily tasks for the purpose of making the farm home as efficient as the farm, thereby producing a more satisfactory and permanent type of rural life. The report referred to is Department Circular 141, which deals with the results of some demonstration work in the 33 southern and western states.

Became Co-operative Movement. The work actually begun in August, 1914, when an agent was appointed in Erie county, N. Y., on state funds. In 1916, it became a co-operative movement supported by federal, state and local funds. During that year four agents were appointed. In 1919 the number had grown to more than 300. Then war emergency funds were cut off, and in the following year the number dropped to 296. Although in this one year the force of workers as well as state and federal funds were reduced nearly one-half, the appropriations made by the local people for home demonstration work nearly doubled, and agents were retained in direct response to requests from the people whom they served, according to the circular.

Home demonstration agents afford an avenue by which the state agricultural colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture offer the practical results of their research and experiments in home economics to housewives of the country. These agents encourage the rural housewives to bring from their store of practical knowledge and experience the lessons they have learned in home management that will be valuable to other women in the community, and so help to make this information available to all. The home demonstration agent is a teacher who makes liberal

use of practical demonstration rather than the lecture or text book.

The most successful home demonstration agents, according to the circular, aim to train local leaders who, by putting the best practices into their own homes, extend the instruction to larger numbers of women. At least two-thirds of the agent's time is spent with farm women in their homes, discussing the varied problems of house-keeping and other matters in which farm women are interested. Aside from interesting women in better home management, modern conveniences, food production and preservation, better food for the family, home nursing, and the selection and making of clothing, the agents are devoting their efforts to promoting community enterprises.

Three types of such enterprises are included: The economic type which includes food preservation, the hot school lunch, co-operative laundries, co-operative buying and selling associations, labor-saving devices, and salvage shops. The social type is concerned with such things as recreation centers, civil improvements, and rest rooms. The educational type embraces farm home tours, libraries, and magazine circles and the like.

Local Aid Needed.

A county organization in extension work which desires the appointment of a home demonstration agent should first communicate with the extension service at the state agricultural college, or with the agricultural agent in the county, the circular suggests. It is necessary for the local organization or county to give some financial support to the home demonstration agent, though the greater part is supplied by the state and federal funds. To supply that share which is required of the local organization, there have been organized within the past two years in the majority of the 33 northern and western states what is popularly known as the "family" or "new" farm bureau. This is an association of people interested in rural affairs, the membership of which comprises men, women, and young people who generally pay a uniform membership fee of \$1 a year.

FAMILIAR ALLUSIONS.

The High Seas—The sea beyond three miles from the coast.

Breeches Bible—An edition in which aprons, Genesis 3:7, is printed "breeches."

Crocodile Tears—Hypocritical grief; the crocodile was fabled to weep as it ate its victim.

Agas—According to Hesiod, there were five ages of the world; Golden, Silver, Bronze, Heroic and Iron.

The Wise Men of Gotham—Three individuals, residents of an English village, were noted for their folly.

Field of the Cloth of Gold—A plain in France where Francis I met Henry VIII, so called from the magnificent display.

King Can Do No Wrong—Meaning the sovereign is not responsible, but his ministers are, for the mistakes of the administration.

Smell of the Lamp—A too labored literary work; Pytheas first applied the phrase to the orations of Demosthenes, who studied constantly in a cave lighted by a lamp.

SAVING CAR FARE.

A downtown dairy lunch had been having very good sales on a special sandwich, relates the Indianapolis News. It was just a sliced hard-boiled egg and ham between two pieces of bread, but it looked good. No one had ever questioned the value of it, so many paid 20 cents apiece for the sandwiches very willingly.

But one day a waiter noticed that a girl who had been in the habit of buying one every day at lunch, was buying just a plain ham sandwich which was just 10 cents and a hard-boiled egg which was 5 cents. And as she sat down at the table where there were a number of other girls, she said: "Here's where I save my carfare home tonight by slicing an egg."

WATCH FOR FIRES AT NIGHT

Forest Branch of Canadian Government Expects Good Results From This Use of Airplanes.

Aircraft patrolling the clouds in the dead of night will defeat forest fires in the great reserves of western Canada. A squad of planes has been obtained by the Dominion forestry branch. Two main flights will be made daily over the southern Alberta districts. Enough night pilgrimages will be made to spot the smallest outbreak of fire. These flights are made in the timbered foothills of the Rocky mountains west of the rich agricultural country of southern Alberta, now being rapidly settled. Besides adding protection to the forest products, the new aerial patrols will minimize danger of fire in the vast grazing sections of the reserves, where thousands of head of cattle and sheep feed.

Aircraft patrols have been started by the government in other forest districts. Forestry reports, showing Canada has 225,000,000 acres of merchantable timber, declare that the annual loss is being greatly reduced through aircraft service.

FINDS SAFETY IN DISTANCE

Greek Reservist in United States Jeeringly Refuses Offer of Employment by Constantine.

After serving five years in the Greek army, with rank of first sergeant, receiving his discharge last January and coming to Marysville three weeks ago, where he obtained work in a local cafe, Edward Kallas received a letter from the Greek war department informing him that his class had been called into service against the Turks and requesting that he report in Athens as soon as possible, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

Kallas immediately wrote a personal letter to King Constantine as follows:

"Dear King: Your letter received and contents noted. After serving five years in the army I have done my bit. As the walking is not good between Marysville and New York and the swimming between New York and Athens is worse, and owing to the fact that you did not send transportation, I will be compelled to refuse your kind offer to come back and mop up the Turks. However, you have my best wishes and I hope you do well."

WORDS OF WISE MEN

The worst solitude is to have no true friendship.

He is most powerful who has himself in his own power.

Leisure cannot be fully enjoyed unless it is won by effort.

The greatest natural genius cannot subsist on his own stock.

Tact is more important than talent—always remember that people are more easily led than driven.

Because of the constructional conditions attending submarine design, according to Admiral Sir H. Bacon, a craft which navigates below water loses a large per cent of its surface fighting efficiency. Ton for ton, the fighting and scouting efficiency of a submersible craft of whatever size is only about 15 per cent of that of the surface vessel. Sir George Owens Thurston, naval director of Vickers, Ltd., gives figures to show that a submarine of 5,400 tons, having a surface speed of 30 knots, could mount an armament of only one 5.5-inch and one three-inch gun.

"COURTS MAKE WOMEN TOUGH."

One of the deputy sheriffs in civil court is opposed to woman jurors. The atmosphere of the court tends to make them cynical, hard-hearted and heartless, he believes.

"Why, I know a woman in this building who isn't afraid of a mouse any more," he said, according to the Milwaukee Journal. "The other day a mouse came into the room where she was and when she couldn't find anything else to throw at it she pulled off her pump and was going to kill the poor thing with it. When she came into the court some years ago she was the meekest little thing."

"Yes, sir, keep the women out of court if you want them to retain their gentleness and kind-heartedness."

NEW PENOLOGICAL IDEA.

The officials of a penitentiary are trying a new experiment by repainting the four cell-blocks and allowing each prisoner to select the color he likes for his own cell, for the psychological effect it has upon the malefactor. The corridors of the cellhouses are being painted a light brown. The cells are being painted in attractive tints of yellow, blue, brown, buff, etc. None of the cells, the warden explained, is to have somber settings, but are all to be bright and cheerful. The penologist is always an optimist.

HUMAN INTERCHANGE.

"Hiram," said Mrs. Cornstossel, "what is the new hired man complaining about?"

"He isn't really complainin'. Talkin' about his troubles is just a hired man's way of bein' sociable and friendly."