

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 Edouart made it so artistic that its name became somewhat of a misnomer. Born at Dunkerque 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 sickroom 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 Bolshevik 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.

REPTILE IS EXPERT ANGLER

"Fishing Frog" Has No Trouble Deceiving the Unwary Prey With His Glittering Bait.

There is a hideous reptile, known as the fishing frog, which angles for its game as expertly and with as great success as the most adroit fly fisher. He is a clumsy, awkward swimmer, but nature has compensated him for his unwieldiness by furnishing him with an equivalent for a rod and line, with bait always ready for use, the Indianapolis News declares. Two elongated tentacles spring from his nose, which taper away like actual fishing rods. To the end of them is attached, by a slender filament, which serves the purpose of a line, a bait in the form of a shiny bit of membrane. The hooks are set in the mouth of the fisherman below, and in order to induce the fish to venture within reach of them, the angler stirs up the mud at the bottom with his fins and tail. This attracts the fish and conceals him from their observation. He then plies his rod; the glittering bait glows in the water like a living insect. The dazed fish are taken in great numbers, perfectly circumvented by the trick of the crafty angler.

REMAINS OF VAST ICE SHEET

Beautiful Configurations of Long Island Had Foundations Laid Thousands of Years Ago.

Long Island affords particularly clear evidence as to the history of the great continental ice sheet which covered the northern states many thousand years ago.

The southern margin of this great ice sheet, according to the United States geological survey, extended to Long Island and remained there for a long time, depositing a thick body of intermixed boulders, sand and clay as a terminal moraine, which is now the 'backbone' of the island. The ice moved southward across the area that is now occupied by Long Island sound, and brought these materials from the north, dropping them at its melting edge. This method of deposition developed a very irregular aggregation of hummocks and hollows, which have produced the many beautiful details of configuration that make the higher parts of Long Island so attractive to lovers of nature.

PLAYING FOR SAFETY.

Robert, aged eight, ran in to his father with his nose bleeding.

"What have you been doing?" demanded his father, as he rendered first aid.

"A boy hit me," was the answer. "Well, and did you hit him back?"

"No, father; you see, he was smaller than me."

The father's heart glowed.

"And, besides, he was a poor boy." The parental face beamed with pride.

"And," added the boy, "you can never tell, father, how strong those poor boys are."—London Tit-Bits.

HAS RELIC OF SITTING BULL

South Dakota State Historical Society Presented With Famous Chief's Pipe of Peace.

The famous old pipe of peace of the Indian chief, Sitting Bull, has been presented to the South Dakota State Historical society by H. C. Pryor of the Aberdeen Normal school.

On the stem of the relic, burned or inked into the wood, is the autograph of the warrior. The bowl of the pipe is of pink sandstone from the quarries at Pipestone, Minn. The stem is about twenty inches long, and is of ash wood. The pipe was traded to Mr. Pryor's father, I. D. Pryor, now a resident of Los Angeles, by Sitting Bull, at Camp Crook in 1887, for a blanket.

The story goes that Sitting Bull had just been released from prison at Fort Randall, and was making his way northward to the reservation. Always ready to pick up a few dollars, he stopped off at Pierre, S. D., and started a flourishing business selling his autographed cards at \$1 each. It seems that his name was about the only thing Sitting Bull could write in English, and he was very proud of it. Some one induced him to step into the telegraph office there and write his name on a number of harmless looking message blanks. The Indian's anger rose to white heat when he discovered that carbon had been inserted between several sheets under the one on which he wrote.

IDEAL FOR SLIPPERY ROADS

At Last Here Is a Motor Car That Can Not Skid, Under Any Circumstances.

A true nonskidding motor car, described with illustrations in the Popular Mechanics Magazine, has been evolved by a Czechoslovakian inventor in which the driving members are feet and legs instead of wheels, and which propels itself by a heel-and-toe walking action. The four legs of the odd contrivance are attached to the throws of a crankshaft in such a way that as it revolves they are first lifted, then carried forward and lowered, and again carried backward. Another part causes them to rock backward at the top as they descend, which brings the heel of the foot in contact with the ground first. As the shaft continues to turn, the heel gives a backward shoving impulse and rises. The toe then comes into contact and imparts a shove. The throws of the crankshaft are so spaced that the eight heels and toes follow each other with their impulses in rapid succession and at exactly equal intervals.

FEEDING EXPERIMENTS.

It seems that the processes which have been developed and described for manufacturing cattle food from sawdust, in which a part of the cellulose is converted into sugars, have been based more upon laboratory experiments and theoretical deductions than actual feeding experiments. The forest products laboratory prepared a sufficient quantity of the food to supply three cows for a sufficient time to indicate the desirability of conducting experiments on a larger scale. The Wisconsin experiment station co-operated in this work, and the results were so encouraging that it has been decided to feed a larger number of animals a sufficient length of time to reach definite conclusions.

MEN CRITICIZED.

Every woman knows that men, "though interesting creatures, are tiresome, hard to control and are prone to seek their own way in spite of warnings," according to Mrs. H. A. L. Fisher, wife of the president of the British national board of education. She told an audience at the Royal Sanitary institute congress that most men become ill entirely through faults of their own and "sow seeds of trouble for themselves by eating too much, eating the wrong things, drinking too much, being lazy, keeping late hours or living in hermetically sealed rooms."

LUCKY FRENCH TOWN.

The people of Thierville will shortly present a statue of Joan of Arc to their church. Thierville is conspicuous by reason of the fact that it is one of the very few communities of France which lost none of its young men who were mobilized, either in the war of 1870, or the great war.—From Le Petit Parisien.

CRIPPLE WINS SUCCESS.

A London boy, born without hands, has triumphed over his infirmity and become an artist of great merit.

He has attained "considerable dexterity in art," according to the higher educational subcommittee of the London city council, who have awarded him a scholarship to provide a general art training for three years.

"The success of this boy is a notable one," the education committee were told, "both regarded as a triumph over physical disability and as a tribute to the effectiveness of the instruction given in the physically defective schools."

HISTORICAL AMERICAN FORT.

The secretary of war has recommended that nearly a dozen old army forts, including four in Maryland, be abandoned. Among these four is Fort McHenry, which bears the name of an early secretary of war, James McHenry, who had been secretary to General Washington. It had its beginning as a fortified area in 1776. It was then that construction of the first fortification, a water battery, was started. Later, in 1794, it was developed into an inclosed, bastioned fort.

The fort gained immortal place in American history in 1814, when it withstood intense bombardment for two days, and repulsed the British fleet.

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LOCAL BREVITIES

Mrs. E. L. Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Claussen of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Baun this week.

A. Kreamer made a business trip to Portland this week.

S. J. McKee was in attendance at the Stock show.

The Marcus show of 1921, shown at the Grand Theatre in Salem Wednesday, was one of the breeziest shows that ever blown this way. There were fifteen terpsichorean artists who made speedy entertainment. The costuming and scenic effects were especially grand and the several who attended from here returned with a "cluck! cluck!" for the Marcus show.

Everyone is admiring the windows of P. R. Alexanders grocery store today. They are decorated with gorgeous chrysanthemums grown by Mrs. Sam Scott and Mrs. S. H. McElmerly.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold a bazaar and cooked food sale at Sloper Bros. and Cockles hardware store December 14th.

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