

THE FISHER MÄRTEN.

Conceited, Cunning and Intelligent and Without Fear.

The fisher martén deserves to be much better known than he generally is. It is only on account of his own good opinion of himself, his wonderful cunning and shrewd intelligence.

One of the largest and handsomest of the martens, he has also agility, strength and endurance for any two of his kind put together. Measuring about three feet in length, with a slim, vigorous body, the fisher will travel enormous distances in a single night, bounding lightly up into the air, with his nose turned up in order to catch every whiff of scent, outwitting other animals and the cleverest trappers and making himself at home wherever he happens to find himself.

He generally chooses as his hunting grounds the thickly covered hills and ridges where the hemlock and spruce grow in abundance, but he is as much at home on the tree tops as on the ground and can sleep as soundly in a low hollow of a tree as on a branch of a fir tree, where he will be stretched out in the sunshine like any old cat.

As for fear, he does not know what it is. He will not only face but actually kill a Canadian porcupine and does not even appear to mind the quills which penetrate his body. He is not particularly fond of meeting an old bear with cubs, but is generally clever enough to steal her cubs while she goes off on some little expedition of her own, while instances have been related of the fishers in the Rocky mountains even killing young grizzlies.

As for man, he appears to laugh at him and his designs for trapping wild animals. He will pull a marten trap open and take out the bait, whether alive or dead; he will tear a pine marten or mink to pieces in no time and carry it off or drag the trap over some rough projection in order to spring it and make off more often than not without having received as much as a scratch.

But perhaps his cleverest trick, when he finds a trapper following his trail, is to get behind the trapper and follow him, so that while the unconscious trapper is walking after the fisher the fisher is keeping completely out of danger by following the trapper. Many a useless mink has the trapper walked in this manner, and many good baits has he lost by the very same shrewd, cunning animal he is trying to trace and catch—Collier's Weekly.

A Lucky Game of Chess. A story is told of the Moorish prince Abul Hejex, who was thrown into prison for sedition by his brother Mohammed, king of Granada. There he remained for several years until the king, fearing he might escape, placed himself at the head of a fresh revolt and seized the crown, ordering one of his pashas to see to his immediate execution. Abul Hejex was playing at chess when the pasha came and bade him prepare for death. The prince asked for two hours' respite, which was refused. After earnest entreaty he obtained permission to finish his game. He was in no hurry about the moves, we are told, and well for him he was not, for before an hour had elapsed a messenger brought the news that Mohammed had been struck dead by apoplexy, and Abul was forthwith proclaimed king of Granada. It was indeed a small favor for the pasha to grant, but it altered the whole current of the king's career.

Work and Leisure Should Be Mated.

Work is good. No one seriously doubts this truth. Adam may have doubted it when he first took spade in hand and Eve when she scoured her first pots and kettles, but in the course of a few thousand years we have learned to know and value this honest, troublesome, faithful and extremely exacting friend. But work is not the only good thing in the world. It is not a fetch to be storned, neither is it to be judged, like a sum in addition, by its outward and immediate results. The god of labor does not abide exclusively in the rolling mill, the law courts or the cornfield. He has a twin sister whose name is leisure, and in her society he lingers now and then to the lasting gain of both.—Scribner's.

The Bishop and the Widow.

According to a contemporary, a bishop who is widely known for his sympathetic and kindly nature having occasion recently to call upon a widow on some church matter, and finding her deeply distressed at her loneliness, ventured, as he was quite entitled to do, to offer a few words of fatherly consolation. "You must not," he said, "be cast down by your sorrow and lonely position. Remember the maxim, 'Man proposes, but '— "Ah, my lord," interrupted the lady, "if man only would." It is not mentioned whether the bishop was a bachelor or not.—London Standard.

Etymological.

"Well, there's one consolation," observed Mr. Stubbs philosophically, as he absented his neighbor's hen over the fence for the some hundredth time. "At least I have discovered why chickens have crows in their anatomy."

"Why?" asked his wife curiously.

"Why not, with all the seeds they plant in themselves?" queried Mr. Stubbs.—New York Times.

Precisely That. Eragsby—I tell you I'm overworked. I am turning out an awful lot of work just now.

Bocker—That's just exactly the word for employer used in describing your present work.—Baltimore American.

People seldom improve when they are no other model but themselves to pattern after.—Goldsmith.

WHO KNOWS

When His Kidney Trouble Has Fastened and Reached the Chronic Stage? If It Has It Is Incurable by Anything Known Except the Fulton Compound. We Are The Sole Agents.

An analysis of the actual character of the Fulton Compound... It is the only medicine that does not injure the system... It is the only medicine that does not injure the system... It is the only medicine that does not injure the system...

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Legal Notices.

ORDINANCE NO.— An ordinance providing for the punishment of persons residing in houses or upon premises having privies and cess-pools not connected with the public sewer, within the boundaries of sewer districts numbers one, two and three, Oregon City, Oregon.

Citation. In the county court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clackamas.

Notice of Final Settlement. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas.

Notice of Publication. In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed as Administrator of the estate of Diana Scott, deceased.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed as Administrator of the estate of John L. Scott, deceased.

City Treasurer's Notice. Notice is hereby given that there are sufficient funds on hand in the general fund of Oregon City to pay all outstanding warrants endorsed prior to May 3, 1901.

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DELINQUENT TAXES FOR 1902.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale TAX EXECUTION.

Table with columns for County of Clackamas, Sheriff's Name, and Amount Due. Lists various taxpayers and their delinquent taxes for 1902, including names like J. R. Shaver, J. R. Shaver, and others.