CATS AS THEY FALL.

They Can Land on Their Feet No Matter How They Drop.

It is a common saying that if a cat is dropped in any way whatever it will always alight on its feet. Since a man cannot lift himself by his boot straps or a boat cannot propel itself through the water except by pressing against the water in some way one may well wonder whether this is not one of the common sayings which are fallacious. The general principles involved are of such interest that the question was taken up a few years ago for consideration at a session of a French scientific society.

It is a fact that it is dynamically possible for a cat to turn over, no matter how dropped, and experiments have shown that they actually do it. If a balloonist or air man should fall from a great height and should find that he were descending so as to strike on his head he could turn himself over so as to strike upon his feet if he knew the proper means of accomplishing it. But the distance he would have to fall in order to have time to turn over would be so great that he could have only an academic interest in striking on his feet rather than on his head, for the final result to him would be the same in either case.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

A GENEROUS BANDIT.

The Double Action Trick That Was Turned by Cartouche.

Old time bandits were much more attractive than those of today. There is nothing chivalrous about the automobile robbers of America and France, as there was about such men as Cartouche. Here is an anecdote of which Cartouche was the hero:

One evening he was crossing the Pont Neuf, in Paris, when he saw a poor wretch about to leap over the parapet into the Seine. The brigand stopped him and asked why he wanted to bid adieu to life. The would be suicide informed him that he was on the point of bankruptcy and that he preferred facing death to facing his creditors.

Cartouche was touched and told the man to call his creditors together on the morrow and they should be paid in full.

The creditors assembled. Cartouche went over their accounts, paid them all, got their receipts and said goodby to his grateful beneficiary.

It is almost needless to add that when the creditors left Cartouche met them and relieved them of all he had given.—Exchange.

Legend of the Sunken Bells.

Somewhere beneath the soil of Sussex, England, there lies a peal of bells, while in the church near by a solitary bell calls to prayer. In the middle ages, it is said, a certain valiant knight wished to present to the church a peal of bells that should be of use and perpetuate his memory as well, but the vessel that brought them careened on approaching the harbor, and the bells fell out and sank into the mud. Thereupon the donor declared:

"Never shall the church have a chime until that peal I give it be dragged from the sea by a team of four milk white oxen."

The oxen seem to have been difficult to obtain. At any rate, the fact remains that to this day the edifice to which the pious knight made his benefaction has never possessed more than a single bell.

The Wild Horse.

The "wild horse," which until recent years was comparatively plentiful in the southwest and west, was the offspring of the horses introduced into the western continent by the Spaniards. When Pizarro and Cortes invaded Peru and Mexico they took with them the horses (the first ever known in the new world) from which sprang the droves of mustangs and bronchos that used to roam in unfettered freedom over the plains of Texas, California and New Mexico and the wide pampas of South America. Some of the wild horses were of good size and very beautiful, but most of them, owing probably to lack of proper breeding, were of the pony variety.—New York American.

Bow Legged Men.

Do not revile the bow legged man, for he plays an important part in the world. It is estimated that 40 per cent of mankind are bow legged, so numerically this class is entitled to great respect. Bow legs invariably accompany a robust physique. We find them one of the conspicuous features of athletes. Comedians are almost always bow legged. Of the bow legged geniuses to which humanity points with pride the most illustrious examples are Caesar, Horace, Napoleon, Wellington, Schopenhauer and Cavour, the celebrated Italian statesman.—London Answers.

Where Did They Put It?

Yeast—When they do housecleaning at home I have the greatest trouble in finding anything. Crimsonbeak—Me too. They cleaned house at my place the other day, and when I get home, do you know, I couldn't find the keyhole for the longest time.—Yonkers Statesman.

The Difference.

"Who is the more contented—a man with a million dollars or a man with six daughters?"

"The man with six daughters. The man with the million wants more."

The arrows of sarcasm are barbed with contempt. It is the sneer in the satire or ridicule that galls and wounds. —W. Gladden.

Correspondence

OAK GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Snow, nee Marie Lemmon, spent the week end with Mrs. Snow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lemmon. They returned to Portland Tuesday afternoon.

The population of the Oak Grove district will be greatly depleted during the days of the Chautauqua as nearly everyone has signified his intention of attending the gathering.

Mrs. P. H. Carroll of Portland is visiting her son, Phil, at his ranch.

J. W. Church returned from Walla Walla last week to spend his vacation at Terrace Heights.

J. E. Hall, accompanied by his wife and baby, returned from Portland Saturday. Joe reports that his son has entirely recovered from his recent severe illness.

While the evening was not very propitious, those who turned out for the social at McCurdy's last Thursday evening had a good time.

W. E. King discovered a new kind of a caterpillar last week and named it "Spike Tail" on account of its peculiar shaped tail. He intends consulting with Prof. Lawrence to find out more about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Sieg were guests of honor at a luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sutton at their home last Sunday.

Work on the new school house is being rushed but the new building will not be completed in time to open school in this Fall.

CASCADE LOCKS

Miss Martha Alwick is spending a few days with Miss Vera Olin.

Wayne Osborne has returned from Portland, where he has been confined in the hospital for several weeks.

Johnnie Alwick spent several days last week with Mrs. H. W. Taylor.

Vivian Cates returned to his home Sunday after spending several weeks with Merle Yettick.

Miss Marvel Thomas is visiting Miss Wretha Hewitt.

Chas. L. Coke has returned to his home after spending two weeks in Hood River.

A dance was given Saturday night at the K. of P. Hall. Everyone had a fine time.

Mrs. H. C. Levy was in Portland last week.

Miss Melissa Hill left Saturday for Hood River.

Dr. Carter, dentist, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Clark and family of Portland are spending some time on his ranch here.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple and son of White Salmon are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly.

Miss Elsie Granstrom entertained a number of her friends Sunday afternoon in honor of her ninth birthday.

Mrs. Brolliar has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Elston Barnes, who resides near Tillamook.

Miss Irene Buss returned to her home in Oregon City Monday, August 12.

Several parties have climbed the mountains within the last week. In some cases the trips have been very successful.

Mrs. A. G. Hall and granddaughter, Marie Day, are visiting relatives in Portland.

Wm. Kertcher spent Sunday at his home.

PINE GROVE

Wm. Starrett was a week end visitor in Portland.

Miss Della Gherking is visiting at the home of her uncle, Joe Gherking.

Mr. and Mrs. Gove are spending their vacation at the beach.

A number of young people, friends of Ned and Marian Van Horn, are making the Butte lively with their merriment. Sunday evening the party took the trip to Cloud Cap Inn.

Miss Hermena Kellar, who has spent the present month with her mother, Mrs. Hans Lage, returned to Portland Thursday.

Miss Zena Miller leaves tomorrow to take up her school work at Duke's Valley for the coming year.

Pine Grove school commences on Sept. 2. All pupils will be expected to be on hand to enroll the morning of that date.

Mr. and Miss Godberson of Mosier came over Sunday to hear the lecture, "The Difference Between Christian Science and Divine Healing," by Dr. House.

A party composed of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lage, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Starrett and Mrs. E. E. Lage took a very much enjoyed trip up through the Camas Prairie and Trout Lake country last week.

The next Sunflower Class social will be held on the evening of Sept. 3d at the home of Miss Alene Clark. The entertainment and refreshments are up to the boys on that occasion.

A party composed of the Vanniers, Lewis' and Sonnemans left Sunday morning for an outing at Camp Overalls.

At the annual election of officers of the Ladies' Aid the following were elected to hold office for the coming year: President, Mrs. McCully; vice-president, Mrs. Sonneman; secretary, Mrs. Dennison; treasurer, Mrs. Johnson.

The announcement cards of the wedding of Ralph Jarvis and Miss Nina Redfield, which took place on Wednesday, Aug. 14, at the home of the bride's parents at Bucoda, Wash., have been received. They are both old Pine Groveites and have many friends here who wish them all kinds of success and happiness. Our greatest regret is that they will reside on Willow Flat instead of in our midst.

A camping party consisting of the Johnsons, Kingdons, Susie and Paul Mohr is at Lost Lake. Another consisting of the Dragseths, Brownleys, Scotts and Mrs. Pearson returned Saturday evening firmly of the opinion that Lost Lake was found on land as well as in Lake bed, they having enjoyed the rainy season at that place.

A crowded house greeted Dr. House last Sunday evening and, as on his previous lectures, his personal magnetism and ability as a speaker held almost breathless attention throughout the evening. The last lecture of the course will be Tuesday evening. Those who have not attended these lectures have missed a rare treat. In the morning services Dr. House preached from the subject, "A God who knows; a God who cares, and a God who will." All present were much helped and uplifted by the talk. Mrs. Ham of Spokane sang a solo, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

ODELL

C. R. McCoy spent several days last week on his property which he purchased from Ben Krohn.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor injured her arm in a runaway accident last week.

Mrs. Ralph Lewis returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Portland. Mrs. Lewis' grandmother and aunt came back with her for a short visit.

Rev. Phipps preached three splendid sermons at the Methodist church Sunday. In the afternoon he gave a helpful talk to young men.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Young, Marie Gould and Sherman Lafferty went to Lost Lake Thursday to spend a week.

Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Chas. Davis' mother, is visiting at the Davis home.

Mrs. Gould invited the boys of J. M. Shelley's Sunday School class to a party for Curtis Gould this afternoon.

Rev. Wm. Sunday will preach at the Chautauqua grounds at Parkdale next Sunday at 2:30 p. m. The morning will be given up to a young people's rally. There will be special music.

Miss Clara Burke of Portland is visiting Mrs. T. L. Smith.

Dave Kemp is much improved from his serious illness.

Monty Mapes came over from Trout Lake Sunday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Rev. Wm. Sunday's sermon, which was the best of many given here, was on the power of the Holy Spirit. In his closing prayer he touched tenderly on his affection for Hood River and prayed affectionately for many dear friends and neighbors by name.

BARRETT

Mrs. J. J. Gibbons returned home Sunday from a visit of three weeks in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paddock arrived Friday from Indianapolis to be the guests of their son, A. L. Paddock.

Misses Ivy and Jessie Peterson of Beaverton spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cauller.

Miss Eleanor Spall of Portland is the guest of Miss Vernice Robbins.

Mr. Robbins returned home Saturday from a business trip to Oregon City.

Chas. Clymer and sisters, Mrs. McDavidett and Miss Clymer, spent a few days in camp at Cloud Cap Inn last week.

Mrs. Van Horn entertained the Ladies' Aid last week.

Mrs. Jennings and her mother, who is here from Mississippi, were recent visitors at the home of Roy Smith.

The girls of the Queen Esther Sunday School class are going on a little camping trip this week.

The Endeavor will hold an ice cream social on the church lawn Wednesday evening.

Mr. Evans of Chicago, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Berry, left Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. Clymer entertained the Woman's Christian Missionary Auxiliary on Wednesday evening, Aug. 5. A delightful evening was spent. At the conclusion of the program the guests were invited out of doors, where a bonfire had been built. Each guest was provided with a sharp stick and set to roasting "weinies." Lunch was served camp fire style. All reported a most delightful evening.

UPPER VALLEY

President McClelland of Knox College, Mrs. McClelland and Miss Ruth McClelland of Galesburg, Ill., are visiting their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clarke.

The engagement is announced of Miss Blanche Shahan, formerly of Portland, now teaching at the Valley Crest school, to Everett A. Brown.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marguerite Blake of Southern California to Charles I. Moody. Mr. Moody has just purchased the Winter and Twelves ranch and will take possession at once.

Henry Steinhauser of New York is spending a few days with his brother, Chas. Steinhauser.

Lawrence Puddy had his hand very severely cut while chopping wood on Thursday. He went at once to Hood River for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickets are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Harriet Cooper and her guests, Miss Tooze and Miss Hilda Tooze of Oregon City, John Cooper, Alex Porteus and Clifford Thomas, went on a camping trip to the west slope of Mount Hood last week and report a three-inch snowfall during one night.

"Billy" Sunday will conduct the services of the United church of the Upper Valley on Sunday, August 25th, at the Parkdale grove at 2 o'clock.

The union picnic of the three Sunday schools of the United church, which was postponed from Saturday on account of rain, will take place on Saturday, August 31, weather permitting.

Banks Will Close at Noon

On account of the Chautauqua the banks will close at noon Saturday.