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Says the Madison (Mo.) Times: "R. J. Pendleton has a cat that is an expert fisherman. Near Mr. Pendleton's home is a large pond stocked with fish and on a number of occasions this summer the cat has come from the pond to the house carrying a catfish in her mouth. The fish had evidently just been taken from the water, as they were perfectly fresh, and Mr. Pendleton is convinced that the cat had caught them while they were swimming near the edge of the water. The fish in each instance were between three and four inches long."

In 1808 the astronomical world was deeply interested by the discovery of an asteroid, Eros, whose mean distance from the sun is less than that of the planet Mars. Now comes the no less interesting and remarkable news that an asteroid has been found whose mean distance is greater than that of the planet Jupiter. This body was discovered at the observatory of Heidelberg last February, and since then the calculation of its orbit has revealed the fact that when at aphelion the little planet is about 4,000,000 miles outside the orbit of Jupiter. The provisional designation of the new asteroid is "1908 T. G." This discovery increases the probability that the minute satellites recently discovered circling round Jupiter are captured asteroids.

More and more the attention of the military authorities of the great nations is concentrated on the means of adapting the automobile to the transportation of field artillery. A French writer points out that the idea of a self-moving carriage for field-guns was suggested by the engineer Cugnot as early as 1769. At present, efforts are directed to the perfection of a form of automobile suitable to take the place of horses in drawing the artillery wagons. Many different forms of iron-clad automobiles, carrying light guns, have already been invented and tested, with more or less success; but the main problem is to adapt the automobile to the transportation of guns mounted, as at present, on their own carriages. In other words, it concerns the abolition of artillery horses.

Australia's emus are being destroyed wholesale by the wire fences which have been erected to prevent the ravages of that country's rabbit pest. Every year the emu makes a migration from east to west, the return journey being made at the beginning of the dry season. The march of death begins in the westward journey, when the birds, striking the fences, find further progress barred and die in hundreds from thirst. A boundary rider in a journey of six miles found no fewer than fifty dead birds; while in a stretch of about sixty miles it was estimated that no fewer than 800 had perished. But in other districts matters appear to be even worse, boundary riders reporting that when riding along these fences they are hardly ever free from the stench of putrefying bodies. A complete track is found on the east side of these fences, worn by the maddened birds in attempting to find a passage to the coveted water. Only a very few appear to have the courage to charge the barrier and these, once over, make off westward at top speed.

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We hear a great deal in one way or another about the pitiful failures and mistakes of American girls who marry foreigners. But there is another side to the story. These failures are the exceptions rather than the rule, and if one were to enumerate all the successes he would need much space for the list. Some of the foreign marriages are ideal and the glow of a beautiful domesticity is ever present in their lives. Such a one is the case of the daughter of the late Paran Stevens, a distinguished and

wealthy New Yorker. She married Arthur Paget, son of a well-to-do British family associated with the nobility and considered leaders in the smart set. Her married life has been very happy. She has a number of children, one of whom married a daughter of the late William C. Whitney of New York.

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