

CAT'S LONG TERM ENDS

Rescued From Prison Between Brick Walls After an Incarceration of Two Years.

PEOPLE QUARRELED OVER IT

Some Wanted to Kill It, Others to Feed It, and an ex-Cowboy Solved the Problem of Rescue.

New York, July 23.—After nearly two years' imprisonment between brick walls four stories high and only a little more than three inches apart, a cat has been rescued by means of a lariat. The feline dropped into the crevice when it was only a few weeks old and has been there ever since, fed and cared for by families residing in the buildings.

The prison which it occupied so long is between two buildings in East Fourth street. The crevice is closed front and back and even closed partly on the top by tin roofing. Efforts which the kitten made again and again during the early days of its imprisonment to climb up the slippery walls, only to fall back, were watched with sympathy by the neighbors and they became divided into factions—those who thought that the kitten ought to be killed and relieved of its misery and those who held that while there was life there was hope. The latter fed the cat and gave it water by means of a long string. Discontented neighbors many times threw it chunks of poisoned liver but the animal never touched it. Meanwhile the cat grew and every effort was made to release it but without success. A few days ago the story became generally known and came to the notice of an ex-cowboy who, with an old lariat soon dragged the cat from its prison, thus removing a source of much worry to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

MEATMEN'S STRIKE RESULTS IN GREAT SALMON DEMAND

New York Jobbers See Prospective Shortage in 1904 Pack and Take Sockeye Futures at High Prices.

New York Commercial, July 18.—Due to several causes, among which is numbered the meat strike, there was noted Saturday a material improvement in the demand for canned salmon. The improvement in business, while not of large proportions, was of such character as to indicate that the jobbing trade is at last awakening to the fact that it is the part of wisdom to carry larger stocks to meet the new conditions. The principal improvement is noted in the increased orders for red Alaska salmon, and several fair sized sales were reported in the street at full figures. The sales were made on the basis of \$1.35 to \$1.47½ as to brand here. The coast market is quoted firmer at \$1.25 to \$1.30 f o b as to holder and brand. Aside from the influence exerted by the meat situation, the high prices quoted on future sockeye and the light prospective pack of this grade the uncertain outlook on the Columbia river, and the fact that the active consumptive season for salmon is on are potent factors in the awakening interest in red Alaska.

Apart from the limited offerings of new pack Columbia river salmon on the market, there is practically no fish of the better grades available for immediate consumption except red Alaska. Jobbers up to now have been carrying very light stocks depending on first hands for supplies to meet current consumptive needs. This policy has been adhered to by all the jobbers and is attributed to the fact that they regarded the prices as too high. It was expected that when the packers found the goods would not move freely at the opening prices they would meet the conditions by lowering their ideas. This, however, has not been the case with the larger packers, and the new situation with regard to prospective pack at all points on the coast has quite justified the stand taken last fall by the packers as to prices.

Following the announcement of opening prices on the 1904 pack of sockeye salmon Friday by the Pacific Selling Company, other interests entered the field Saturday on the same basis, namely, \$1.50 on talls; \$1.60 on flats and 95c on halves f o b the coast. The packers fixing this basis are Kelley, Clarke Company, representing several well known sound factors, and the Fidalgo Island Packing Company, represented here by Johnston, North & Company. Up to the close no prices

had been named by the Alaska Packers' Association.

On the basis of the opening prices representatives of packers here report a good business in confirmation of orders placed subject to opening prices on talls, flats and halves. At least one interest on the coast has decided to entertain new orders, and sales are generally being made subject to confirmation by the packers on the coast. The trade is apparently convinced that the sockeye pack will be light this year, and those who have a market for certain quantities of the fish are anxious to cover this business even at the high prices.

All reports from the sound point to one of the lightest packs on record. So far no body of fish has been sighted in the outside straits, and assuming that a good run is seen there in the next few days it will be after August 1 before the fish can reach the sound canneries. This means at the best a short packing season on sockeyes, since the run of this species is usually ended by August 15 on the appearance of the humpbacks. Advices from the Columbia river report a very light pack there to date. It is stated that none of the packers are caught up with their early orders and that with a heavy run from now on the total pack would not more than cover the business already booked. Columbia river opening prices on chinooks were \$1.45 for talls, \$1.55 for flats and 90c on half-pounds, these being 5c per dozen lower than the basis now fixed on sockeye salmon.

ISLAND FOR SALVATIONISTS.

General Booth Announces That He Has Purchased a Colony.

During the course of the Salvation Army congress just held in London, General Booth made the announcement that he was on the point of completing the acquisition of an island of large area for the use of Salvation Army colonies. Pressed for an explanation as to the locality of the island in question, he declined to give any further information until all the arrangements in connection with the transfer of the property had been completed. It is now asserted on good authority that the island in question is that of Anticosti, lying at the mouth of the St. Lawrence river, which was purchased some ten years ago for about \$150,000 by a Frenchman, Henri Menier, of chocolate manufacturing fame.

Menier has spent almost \$2,000,000 on the island, but has apparently tired of it, and has not only decided to waste no more money on the place, but to get rid of it at any cost. Indeed, it is understood that General Booth has secured the island for what is really a merely nominal sum.

Menier has had no end of trouble with Anticosti. First of all, in connection with the eviction of the squatters who he found there, and then in relation to his attempts to treat the place as if it were an independent sovereignty in stead of part and parcel of the Canadian Dominion and subject to the laws and rule of the latter. Indeed, at the time of the death of Queen Victoria he sent a telegram of condolence to the governor general of Canada phrased in such a manner that Lord Minto, regarding it in the light of a pretension to the sovereignty of the island, declined to accept it.

One very strict rule and law which Henri Menier established on the island was that not a drop of alcoholic liquor should be brought onto it, or drunk there, and any case of infraction of this rule was followed by expulsion. The island has excellent soil, huge forests and abundance of fish, and there is no doubt that, in the hands of the Salvation Army, its resources will be fully developed.

Clever Financial Advice.

The following illustration of a famous financier's astuteness, which is now going the rounds, is good enough to bear reproduction here:

Upon a client complaining to Baron Rothschild that he had lent 10,000 francs to a person who had gone off to Constantinople without leaving any acknowledgment of the debt the baron said: "Well, write to him and tell him to send you the 50,000 francs he owes you." "But he only owes me 10,000," objected the other. "Precisely," rejoined the baron, "and he will write and tell you so, and thus you will get the acknowledgment of it."

A Sensible Englishman.

Like the traditional Englishman, Arthur Stanley, dean of Westminster, wore home from his first visit to America an expression of amazement which only time could efface. He was at once beset by interviewers, who asked the usual questions. "What was the thing which most impressed you in America?" was one of these. Without a moment's hesitation Dean Stanley replied: "My own ignorance."—Chicago Chronicle.

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