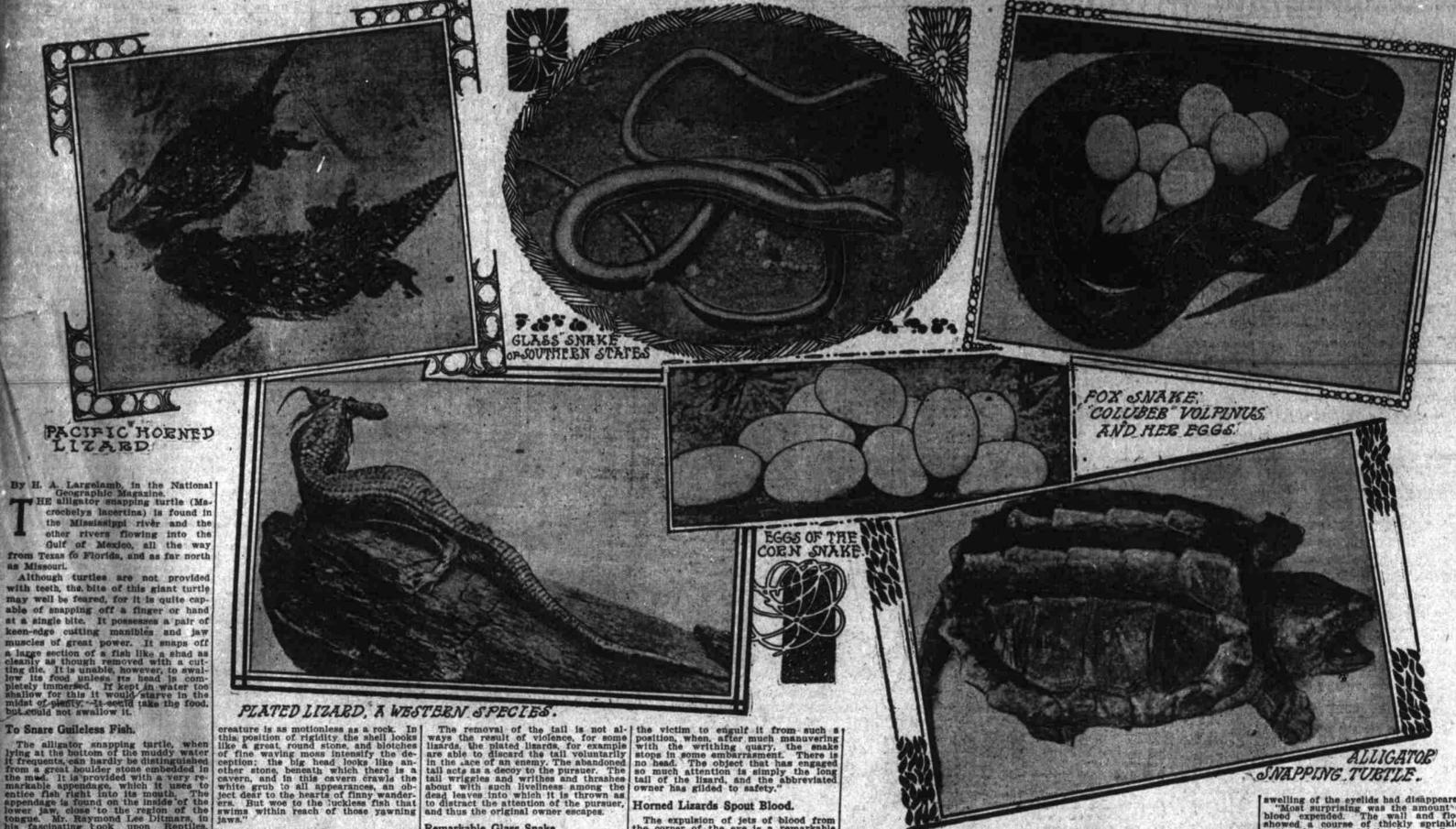
# Curious Habits of Turtles and Lizards



"This is a well-developed filament of flesh, white, and distinct from the yellowish mouth parts, and resembling a large grub to such a degree of nicety that the popular-minded observer, seeing the object in the reptile's mouth, would declare it to be the larva of some insect. More striking, however, is the centile's power to keep this appendage

We are all more or less familiar with the difficulty of catching lizards with-out causing them to lose their tails. The tails come off on the slightest provocation. This decapitation — or, rather, decaudation—is not of so much consequence to a cold-blooded reptile as it would be to a mammal like a dog motion, giving it the aspect of crawlg about in a small, circular course.

"With the mud-colored shell lying see to the bottom, the jaws thrown en to a great extent, this organ is put motion. Every other portion of the stall may be removed and yet motion. Every other portion of the stall may be removed and yet motion. Every other portion of the stall may be removed and yet motion. Every other portion of the stall may be removed and yet may not the glass 'snake,' and the glass 'snake,' and the glass 'snake,' and the glass 'snake,' and the proton finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention or the arter of the glass 'snake,' and the proton finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention or the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally length be holds in his jaws is so vigorous that it requires much attention of the victor finds that the smooth, scally

How Lizards Lose Their Tails.

Remarkable Glass Snake.

The glass snake, which is really a lizard, although it has no feet, is unable to make much speed; and for this reason it is very easily overtaken by its enemy, the king snake. As the pursurer catches up with his very he grasps at once at the first part offered.

"There is a sudden twisting movement on the part of the glass 'snake,' and the victor finds that the smooth, scaly

The expulsion of jets of blood from the corner of the eye is a remarkable habit sometimes attributed to horned lizards. We can hardly wonder that so eminent an observer as Raymond Lee Ditmars, Curator of Reptiles in the New York Zoological Park, after having examined several hundred specimens without observing the effect, should have become somewhat skeptical about the alleged habit. His skepticism, however, has been suddenly dispelled with a

"The latter process," he says, "seemed a haif seconds, and toward its terminatio greatly excite the creature. It finally threw the head slightly upward, the neck became rigid, the eyes blurred from the sockets, when there was a distinct sound like that produced if one presses the tongue against the roof of the mouth and forces a small quantity to issue from the eyelid, which was of air forward. This resping sound, consuming but the fraction of a second, was accompanied by a jet of blood at great pressure. It hit the wall four feet away, at the same level as that of the reptile. The duration of the flow of blood appeared to be about one and ing aspect of the eyeballs and the lizard to pen treatment of the subject, the work is witten largely in untechnical language and the illustrations are the best we

swelling of the cyclids had disappeared,
"Most surprising was the amount of
blood expended. The wall and floor
showed a course of thickly sprinkled
spots about one-eighth of an inch in
dismeter. There were 103 of these
spots."

The above quotation is also taken
from "The Reptile Book." by Raymond
Lee Ditmars, published by Doubleday,
Page & Company, 1997. This book is an
admirably written and well fillustrated
work on the structure and habits of the
Turtles, Turtoises, Crocodilians, Lizards

## The World's Biggest Motor Track Nearing Completion



The Brooklands motor track, covering a circuit of three miles and 100 feet in width. It is the biggest in the world

miles from London, the world's greatest motor track is now practically completed. The first race meeting, for prizes aggreating \$22,0000, it is announced will be eld there on July 6.

The best cycling and running tracks the most famous athletic grounds, the est imposing of race courses sink into parative insignificance by the side of this great smooth artificial road. Ten cars at a time will be able to rush alaround the three-mile concrete track. Its promoters predict that it will revolutionize motor racing. Hitherto rd-breaking and competitions for eted trophies have been attended by frightful risks, and many discomforts. They have demanded a heavy toll of human sacrifice. The dangers of the road—treacherous corners, perilous revines and blinding dust—have restrained the enthusiasm of the most ardent automobilists. On the new track they will be able to experience the joy of all joys for motorists—to let themselves go at the highest speed their mechanical steeds are capable of. And hey will be able to do it with the minimum of risk. Until similar, or more ambitious courses are provided in other countries the world's records it is predicted will be made on the Brooklands track, as it has been named. And John Bull, who has been in a rather pessimistic mood for some time, is not a little tickled to think that he can claim the higgest and best motor track on earth. frightful risks, and many discomforts.

### Built by Locke King.



on a main road for a fast motor car; a three-mile circuit, cut through private property, wears a very different aspect, however, and when it is remembered that the average cycle track takes three laps to the mile, the area covered by the Brocklands course, within a fraction of three miles to the lap, is brought home fore forcibly. fore forcibit

### Banks Are Steep.

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To anyone familiar with cycle racing the extraordinary steepness of the banking at the curves indicates how tremendous must be the speed which renders them necessary. There are two bends. The ionger of them has been struck to a radius of 1,550 feet, the shorter 1,000 feet. Even that latter is a very moderate curvature. Yet to enable motor cars to nespotiate it safely at the dizzy speed with which they will whirl around the track has necessitated a difference in level between the inner and outer edges of the course of no less than 26 feet. On the outer edge the slope is no less than one in two—that is, the angle of inclination is 45 degrees. This means that a car having a track of four feet six inches would travel around this part of the course with its outer wheels raised two feet three inches above those on the near side. With the exception of a slight rise of about one in 10 to the smaller bend the course is practically level. In order to assist exhibitors in "pulling up" the track rises.

steeply just past the finishing post. The level "straights" between the two bends are respectively about one kilometre to half a mile in length.

### Will Break Records.

S. F. Edge, the famous English racing motorist, who expects to make several records on the new track, is enthusiastic about it.

from sight their progress can be watched practically from start to finish. Accommodation will be provided for as many as 50,000 spectators, and the organizers believe that under the conditions provided motor car racing will prove as attractive to the crowd as the big turf events.

### Visitors Are Safe.

In view of the high speeds to be attained every precaution will be taken to insure the safety of visitors. They will be separated from the inside edge of the track by two substantial fences. Between these fences policemen will patrol. It will probably be some time before the policemen will be able to overcome their feelings at the sight of the speed limit being so constantly exceeded, while the drivers themselves will doubtless have some difficulty at first in keeping their hands and feet off their brakes at the sight of a uniform. orr their brages at the sight of a uniform.

This bold enterprise has received the warm approbation of the leading automobilists of the country, 400 of whom have already joined the Brocklands Automobile Racing club, by which the institution is to be known. A strong committee has been appointed to conduct the general management of the club, of which the Earl of Lonsdale is president and Lord Montagu of Beaulieu vice-president.

## Rider Attacked by Bobcat.

Prookston Correspondence Pioneer Press

## King Edward Adopts Young Astor's Scheme

ING EDWARD is quick to appreciate a good thing, and to adopt it himself when the chance occurs. He heard of how young Astor is transforming the interior of Clieveden house, the historic mansion on the Thames, which his father presented to him as a wedding gift. His majesty sent a member of his household staff to Clieveden to see what is being done there. The guest upartments have been converted into welf-contained suites, complete, each having its separate sitting-room, bathroom, etc. The king was so impressed with the report of his functionary that he at once issued orders that the same system should be adopted in Buckingham palace. The work is now well advanced. As their majesties guests only meet their host or hostess at one meal in the day, or two at the most, the arrangement by which the visitors are quartered in their own complete domain is particularly convenient.

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The great white house on the wooded heights overlooking the Thames has seldom had any air of life about it since Mr. Astor bought it from the late Duke of Westminster, who sold it to provide for the children of his second marriage. The Duke was very popular in Tapiow and Haidenhead; he was a good landlord, and had that broad tolerance for "the people" which the public expects of a great English nobleman. Mr. Astor's action in closing the riverside walk of Clieveden woods save one part, between two public ferries, which he rejuctantly fenced off with oak, barbed wire, and padlocks, was not popular. People said that it was the American who was the aristocrat, and the duke the democrat. Then he stopped tea being sold at one of the lodges. The people would have stood it from an Englishman better, they are still readys with feudal submission to a feudal lord. But when, after all this exclusion, Mr. Astor was seldom seen at Clieveden and having a millionare owner-for the estate was found to be practically no benefit to the town and country round about, bringing little trade and less visiting, public opinion became aggressively insular in tone.

Now the district is hoping for better things at the hands of his son. Besides, Mrs. Astor is said to be very fond of entertaining and it is that which causes money to circulate in the neighborhood. Young Astor and his wife have an opportunity to gain the good will of the neighborhood which was withheld from the older man.

Half the battle in social success here is won if you manage to get talked about. There are sceres of lovely woman and girls—rich and agreeable—who get scarcely a passing glance because they have not set the tongues of gossip in action. It is much better to be spoken about unkindly than not to be referred to at all, indifference being the most disastrous portion which can fail to the lot of any aspirant for position in the fashionable world.

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### Many Pretty Girls.

At Mrs. Whitelaw Reid's Thursday afternoons there is a preponderance of pretty girls and those of them who have been most discussed are: Miss Carter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ridgley Carter. She is certainly very good-looking and wears her clothes with real distinction. She was veted the prettiest girl at the last reception at the embassy. Mrs. Wyborg of Cincinnati, is taking about an interesting daugh-

### Japanese Prince Attentive.

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Mrs. George Cornwallis West was one of the guests invited to meet the Japanese Prince Fushimi at the Duke and Duchess of Connaught's dinner party and directly he Joined the ladies in the drawing-room after dinner he never quit her side until the lady rose to go home. They talked French nearly all the while though now and again Mrs. West, who is a splendid linguist, was able to say something in Japanese, a fact which pleased the great soldier considerably. It is a fortunate thing that the Duchess of Connaught is not a jealous woman or she would naturally have felt hurt at the manner in which she was left "out-in the cold" by the guest of the occasion.

But this is not all. Fushimi was to have gone to Aldershot to see a review at which the king was also to be present. It was so wet however, it had to be put off so the Jap had the afternoon to himself. After making a brief visit to the national gallery to see pictures which bored him unmistakably, he drove straight to Winston Churchill's, the present address of Mrs. West, who is keepling house for her son and to the unutterable amagement of the household, explained that he had come to have another chat with Mrs. West, who is keepling house for her son and to the unutterable apparement of the household, explained that he had come to have another chat with Mrs. West, who is keepling house for her son woman on the face of the earth like his brilliant American mother, was immensely amused and flattered. After tea the prince seemed to get fixed in a glue-pot and never moved to get fixed in a glue-pot and never moved to get fixed in a glue-pot and never moved to get fixed in a glue-pot and never moved to get fixed in hour in which to dress.

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For cuite a long time the Countess of Essex "dropped" out of society and she was rarely to be seen anywhere. This was partly owing to her health, which has been very indifferent. She is now much better and able to get about as usual. She has, however, to live by rule, and is still an enthusiastic vegetarian. Lady Essex has always been in the magic circle of the king's friends, being one of the bright amusing well-dressed American women he likes. It is, however, doubtful if she will ever again be able to stand that gay crowd who have the constitutions of horses.

vate Dentist.

"If I ever get really rich," said the man with the toothache, "I shall have a private dentist. What do I want of a

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"It's bad enough anyway to suffer from your teeth, but to me this suffering is made doubly distressing by the circumstances attendant upon my visit to the dentist's office.

"I arrive there to find the dentist working away upon the teeth of some patient in his chair, and that always sort of disturbs me—to find somebody else being worked over and cared for while I wait in distress. I think I am entitled to all the care and sympathy. And maybe I find somebody else waiting, perhaps a friend of the person in the chair, or somebody waiting his turn, come ahead of time; and that disturbs me for I like to wait with my pain in solitude.

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"But the dentist gets through with the patient in the chair on time for me and I take my place under his hands. And I don't doubt that I get his concentrated and complete attention and skill while he is operating upon me, but I can't get away from the idea that he is working as rapidly as he can so as to be ready for the next patient.

"And then, with all my pain, I cannot forget either, that person in the waiting room, waiting for his turn after me, and waiting without a particle of sympathy for me, and in fact rather impatient of my presence and thinking of himself alone; this is rather wounding to my self-esteem.

"In fact, however I regard it, a visit to the dentist's office is always a jarring experience. My dentist is a man of the highest professional skill, and, as I said, I am sure I get his best care; but still all these familiar things that I have mentioned to you far me, and I would avoid them all if I could. So when I get real rich I shall certainly have a private dentist."

From the Washington Star.
"So you quit smoking because she
ked you to," said the youth with the