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"It is only a question of time," said one of Chicago's most extensive importers to a Times reporter, "when carpets will be discarded by all people of means and their place taken by rugs. Rugs combine the excellencies of elegance and durability to so much greater an extent than carpets," he continued, "that they recommend themselves to all who have money to buy handsome and desirable appointments. A good rug not only lasts for generations and is always far more artistic and effective for the floor, but it can at any time be gathered up, carried out of doors, and shaken. A carpet, however fine, wears but a few years at most. When it is once stretched on the floor it must lie there until the recurrence of each great housekeeping epoch.

"Rugs is the greatest demand now are, of course, the oriental, made either in Turkey or Russia. They are all handwoven. The occupation of rug-making, an important industry in these countries, is followed by both men and women. Certain patterns and designs have been handed down in families from parent to child from a time back of reckoning. The durability of the rug is due in great measure to the dyeing of the material from which it is manufactured. No destroying chemicals are used in the preparation of the dyes, the coloring substances being all vegetable. To use aniline dyes is, in fact, a capital offense, and a man or woman is executed for this crime with as little compunction as if guilty of atrocious murder.

"Rugs take their trade names from the province in which they are made. There's the Afghan, Biandhor, Candahor, Khorassan and the Mirzapoor, which, by the way, is made of nettle fiber, so soft and flexible and closely resembling wool that none but an expert can detect the difference; it is almost indestructible, and wear gives it a sheen like satin. There are the Koonah, Persian, Savalee, Ahloowaled, Ouchak and Cabul, all valuable rugs, with a recognized place in the market. The Delhi is a high-priced rug, but it is now very scarce.

"There are excellent rugs of American manufacture, made in imitation of the Oriental, but they do not possess the wearing qualities of the latter, which are dyed with vegetable coloring and hand-woven. Good rugs range in price from $7.50 to $1,500. They are used not only for the floor, but also for divan and table covers and for hangings. Very fine and rare specimens are now placed in handsome fret-work frames and hung the same as pictures.

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"Only long experience in handling rugs enables a person to judge of their value and decide where they are made. There is no other method to guard against imposition and deception in the rug trade than the use of judgment. Unlike carpet manufacturers, oriental rug makers are unknown and oftentimes unreliable. The workers of the East manufacture the rugs in their own homes, either contracting with agents for their sale or disposing of them haphazard as any chance buyer may come along. Newly made and inferior rugs are often sold to the inexperienced purchaser as old and of great value.

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"Those who are replacing carpets by fine rugs are storing up a legacy for their grandchildren of the fourth and fifth generations, and far beyond that. There are rugs in existence that were woven in the far East a thousand years ago. The modern rug manufactured in the same localities is identical with them in texture, pattern and coloring, with the exception that the hues of these ancient specimens have been toned to wonderful softness of tint as the centuries passed them by. A thousand or 1,500, or even 2,000, years from now the fine rugs that adorn so many elegant mansions in the United States may have place in the museums of the land or be held in possession by descendants of their present owners who will proudly reckon a long line of free-born American ancestry."

LEARNED TO WALK.

A Fish Becomes Used to Living on Land and Finally Is Drowned.

Henrik Dahl, of Aalesund, Noway, was a reader and follower of Darwin.

Wishing to apply his theory of the limit of adaptability of a species to its environment, he procured a herring from a neighboring fjord and carried it home in a tub of sea water. He renewed the water daily for some time, and gradually reduced the quantity, with so little inconvenience to the herring that he concluded that the fish might, in time, learn to breathe air undiluted with water, like the cat and the man.

It turned out as he expected, and the water was finally turned out of the tub of the herring, never to be replaced even for bathing. Henrik next removed the fish from its tub and placed it on the ground, where it flopped about very awkwardly at first, but soon learned to move freely and rapidly.

In a little while the herring was able to follow its master without difficulty, and then it became his constant companion about the streets of the city. On a certain unfortunate day Henrik had occasion to cross a dilapidated bridge which spanned an arm of the harbor.

The herring coming gracefully along, heedless of danger, now and again springing at the ephemera, for which it had acquired an especial fondness, missed his footing, slipped through a crack into the water beneath and was drowned, says Forest and Stream.

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A LIVING TARGET.

A Strange Manner in Which a Negro Earns His Living.

There are all sorts of ways of earning one's living, but I doubt, says a writer in Kate Field's Washington, if one could find an occupation hedged about with more danger or calculated to keep the nerves strung at a higher pitch than that affording support to a son of Ham at Bethesda park. The courageous negro utilizes his good-natured face to form the disc of a sunflower, at which a certain number of shots can be fired with the hardest kind of a ball for a stipulated sum. Drawn by the sign, "Hit the Nigger," crowds are attracted to the place, and people impatiently wait in line their turn to try their skill, while the darky—apparently unmoved by the discomfort of the sport—keeps up a counter fire of mirth-provoking banter at the poor success of the patrons. The flower is painted on a large canvas representing a garden scene, behind which the man stands at a distance of about forty feet from the ball throwers. Some degree of protection is afforded the fellow by a wire netting which he is allowed to pull over his face as soon as he sees the ball direct from a person's hand. The slightest hesitation on his part, however, would result in a general smash-up.

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A HUMAN TIGER.

The Monster Who Ruled the Delta of the Nile.

Inhuman Treatment of His Subjects the Chiefest Enjoyment of His Life—His Innumerable Barbarities and Crimes.

Of the cruelty of the Turkish grandee, Defterdar Bey, who married a daughter of Mohammed Ali, numerous anecdotes are related in Egypt, says the New York Ledger. He had, it is said, a tame lion, usually lying at the foot of his divan, which, although mild toward its master, was sufficiently ferocious to terrify his visitors. Sometimes he allowed it to worry his slaves, calling it off, perhaps, just as it was about to kill the wretches.

This savage, when governor of the delta, prided himself on the simplicity and primitiveness of his manners and his entire freedom from European habits and notions. During the period of his command in the upper country a soldier robbed a poor woman of a little milk. The woman, not foreseeing the result, laid her complaint before the Bey, who demanded her to point out the culprit. This being done, the soldier was ordered to be laid upon the ground and his body ripped open. The milk being found in his stomach, the Bey paid the complainant, and, dismissing her, observed:

"The robber has been punished; but had he been discovered to be innocent the same punishment would have awaited you."

It was the custom of this barbarian, who always moved surrounded by the terror of arms, to ride abroad accompanied by a number of mamelukes (or domestic slaves), each of whom carried a thousand sequins in his girdle, that, should he be compelled to fly, which, considering his decided hostility to the pasha, was by no means improbable, he might still be provided with money for his immediate use. During the Syrian campaign six of these young men, dreading the effects of his ferocity, examples of which they daily beheld, made their escape, and took refuge in Ibraham's camp. Being discovered, however, they were immediately apprehended and conveyed back to Cairo. Here they were commanded to appear before their inexorable lord in the great hall of the palace, where they found him encircled by a number of blacks, armed with drawn swords. They were not long in learning their fate. He commanded them to take every man a saber and attack each other in his presence, until five of their number should fall, promising life and a thousand sequins to the victor. The mamelukes obeyed; ranged themselves three and three, and, having been trained to the use of arms and uniting skill with courage, fought desperately, shedding their blood like water, while the Defterdai sat calmly on his divan enjoying the spectacle. At length, after a long and sanguinary struggle, only one remained the victor over unhappy companions. Exhausted and bleeding in every limb, he raised his eyes toward his master to receive the promised pardon, but at this moment the Bey gave the nod to one of the black slaves who stood behind the victim and the head of the mameluke immediately rolled along the floor.

On another occasion two of his military slaves quarreling drew their swords in his presence; at which, his anger being kindled, he commanded their heads to be struck off. The mamelukes, however, mindful of the fate of their companions, resolved to sell their lives dearly, drew their pistols, and, aiming at the head of the tyrant, were about to rid the world of such a monster, when the interposition of other of his slaves enabled him to escape into the harem. Reckless and desperate, knowing escape impossible, the mamelukes, now joined by several others, who all had wrongs and insults to revenge, pursued and besieged him in his private apartments, where, but for the speedy arrival of a party of soldiers from the citadel, he would have paid the forfeit of his innumerable barbarities and crimes. With this assistance he succeeded in repelling the assailants, who, in their turn, were shut up and besieged in one of the turrets of the palace forming the powder magazine. Here they held out during several days, fighting desperately, but at length, finding their numbers decreased, and being entirely destitute of provisions, they set fire to the powder and blew themselves up with the tower in which they had taken refuge.

IMAGINATION KILLED HER.

A Dream of Death Accurately Carried Out to the Peaceful End.

A remarkable instance of the hold superstition has upon the mind of even the educated and religious, says the Cincinnati Enquirer, was recently exhibited in the case of Mrs. Rebecca Byrnes, of Helena, Ark., a lady noted for her intellectual attainments and pious life. One morning, arising in what seemed her usual health and spirits, she summoned her children to come to her.

One son was residing in Topeka, Kan., one in New Orleans, two daughters were married and living in Sedalia, Mo., but, obedient to their mother's call, they came at once, though ignorant of the reason of their summons. When all were about her the lady informed them that she had had a dream, in which her husband, who had been dead for nearly fifteen years, had warned her that she had only ten days more of life. She sent for her children to bid them good-bye, which she proceeded to do with much calmness, but with the air of one who had not the slightest doubt that she was already dying.

Her friends attempted to reason with her and to point out the folly of placing such perfect confidence in a dream, but all to no purpose, for the lady persisted in asserting that she would depart from earth on such a day and exactly at a certain hour.

Her pastor remonstrated with her, and even brought the severest censure to bear on her superstitious credulity, and at last Mrs. Byrnes ceased to speak of the matter, so that her family had begun to think that she had conquered her fancy. She continued in excellent health and pursued her usual daily life, but just before the hour she had predicted would be that of her death she sought her children and bade them good-bye, then, seating herself quietly in an arm-chair, expired just as the hour was struck. The physicians declare that her death was due solely to her imagination.

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Brown, J. C., Heppner, Or.—Horses, circle C with dot in center on left hip; cattle, same.

Brown, W. J., Lena, Oregon. Horses W bar over it, on the left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip.

Boyer, W. G., Heppner, Or.—Horses, box brand on right hip cattle, same, with split in each ear.

Borg, P. O., Heppner, Or.—Horses, P B on left shoulder; cattle, same on left hip.

Brownlee, W. J., Fox, Or—Cattle, JB connected on left side; crop on left ear and two splits and middle piece cut out on right ear; on horses same brand on the left thigh: Range in Fox valley, Grant county.

Carsner, Warren, Wagner, Or.—Horses branded O on right stifle; cattle ☰ (three bars) on right ribs, crop and split in each ear. Range in Grant and Morrow counties.

Cain, E., Caleb, Or.—Y D on horses on left stifle U with quarter circle over it, on left shoulder and on left stifle on all colts under 5 years; on left shoulder only on all horses over 5 years. All range in Grant county.

Clark, Wm. H., Lena, Or.—Horses WHC connected, on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Cate, Chas. R., Vinson or Lena, Or. Horses H C on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Cecil, Wm., Douglas, Or.; horses J D on lef shoulder; cattle same on left hip, waddles on each jaw and two bits in the right ear.

Curl, T. H., John Day, Or.—Double cross on each hip on cattle, swallow fork and under bit in right ear, split in left ear. Range in Grant county. On sheep, inverted A and spear point on shoulder. Ear marks: ewes, crop on left ear punched upper bit in right. Wethers, crop in right and under half crop in left ear. All range in Grant county.

Cook, A. J., Lena, Or.—Horses, 90 on right shoulder. Cattle, same on right hip; ear mark square crop off left and split in right.

Curen, R. Y., Carrinville, Or. -Horses, ∞ on left stifle.

Cox Ed. S., Hardman, Or.—Cattle, C with ε in center; horses, CE on left hip.

Cochran, R. E., Monument, Grant Co., Or.—Horses branded circle with bar beneath, on left shoulder; cattle same brand on both hips, mark under slope both ears and dewlap.

Chapin, H., Hardman, Or.—Horses branded ⁊ on right hip. Cattle branded the same. Also brands CI on horses right thigh; ⁊ the same brand on right shoulder, and cut off end of right ear.

Dickens, Ebb—Horses branded with three tined fork on left stifle. Cattle same on left side.

Douglass, W. M., Galloway, Or.—Cattle, R P on right side, swallow-fork in each ear; horses, R D on left hip.

Douglas, O. T., Douglas, Or—Horses TD on the right stifle; cattle same on right hip.

Ely, J. L. & Sons, Douglas, Or.—Horses branded ELY on left shoulder, cattle same on left hip, hole in right ear.

Elliott, Wash., Heppner, Or. Diamond on right shoulder.

Emery, C. S., Hardman, Or.—Horses branded)([reversed U with tail] on left shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Range in Morrow county.

Fleek, Jackson, Heppner, Or.—Horses, JF connected on right shoulder; cattle same on right hip. Ear mark, hole in right and crop off left.

Florence, L. A., Heppner, Or.—Cattle, LF on right hip; horses F with bar under on right shoulder.

Florence, S. P. Heppner, Or.—Horses, F on right shoulder; cattle, F on right hip or thigh.

French, George, Heppner, Or.—Cattle branded WF, with bar over it, on left side; crop off left ear. Horses, same brand on left hip.

Gay, Henry, Heppner, Or.—GAY on left shoulder.

Gilman-French, Land and Live Stock Co., Fossil, Or.—Horses, anchor S on left shoulder; vent, same on left stifle. Cattle, same on both hips ear marks, crop off right ear and underbit in left. Range in Gilliam, Grant, Crook and Morrow counties.

Gentry, Elmer, Echo, Or.—Horses branded B. S. with a quarter circle over it, on left stifle. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hayes, Geo., Lena, Or, Brand JH connected with quarter circle over it, on left shoulder.

Hiatt A. B., Ridge, Or.—Cattle, round-top A with quarter circle under it, on the right hip. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hinton & Jenks, Hamilton, Or.—Cattle, two bars on either hip; crop in right ear and split in left. Horses, J on right thigh. Range in Grant county.

Hughes, Samuel, Wagner, Or.—⅃ (T F L connected) on right shoulder on horses; on cattle, on right hip and on left side, swallow fork in right ear and slit in left. Range in Haystack district, Morrow county.

Hale, Milton, Wagner, Or.—Horses branded -O- (circle with parallel rails) on left shoulder. Cattle same on left hip also large circle on left side.

Hall, Edwin, John Day, Or.—Cattle E H on right hip; horses same on right shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Howard, J. L., Galloway, Or.—Horses, ⊢ (cross with bar above it) on right shoulder; cattle same on left side. Range in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Hughes, Mat, Heppner, Or.—Horses, shaded heart on the left shoulder. Range Morrow Co.

Hunsaker, H J., Wagner, Or.—Horses, 9 on left shoulder; cattle, 9 on left hip.

Hardisty, Albert, Nye, Oregon—Horses, A H connected, on left shoulder; Cattle on the left hip, crop off left ear.

Humphreys, J. M. Hardman, Or.—Horses, H on left flank.

Hayes, J. M., Heppner, Or.—Horses, wineglass on left shoulder cattle, same on right hip.

Huston, Luther, Eight Mile, Or.—Horse H on the left shoulder and heart on the left stifle. Cattle same on left hip. Range in Morrow county.

Ivy, Alfred, Long Creek, Or—Cattle I D on right hip, crop off left ear and bit in right. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Jones, Harry, Heppner, Or—Horses branded H J on the left shoulder; cattle branded J on right hip, also underbit in left ear. Range in Morrow county.

Junkin, S. M., Heppner, Or—Horses, shoe J on left shoulder. Cattle, the same. Range on Eight Mile.

Johnson, Felix Lena, Or.—Horses, circle T on left stifle; cattle, same on right hip, under half crop in right and split in left ear.

Jenkins, D W., St. Vernon, Or.—J on horses on left shoulder; on cattle, J on left hip and two smooth crops on both ears. Range in Fox and Bear valleys.

Kemp, Mike, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded KNT on left hip cattle same and crop off left ear; under slope on the right.

Kirk, J. T., Heppner, Or.—Horses 69 on left shoulder; cattle, 69 on left hip.

Kirk, J C, Heppner, Or.—Horses, 17 on either flank; cattle 17 on right side.

Kirk, Jesse, Heppner, Or.; horse 11 on left shoulder; cattle same on right side, underbit on right ear.

Lumberland, W. G., Mount Vernon, Or.—I L on cattle on right and left sides, swallow fork in left ear and under crop in right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range in Grant county.

Loftus, Stephen, Fox, Or.—S L on left hip on cattle crop and split on right ear. Horses same brand on left shoulder. Range Grant county.

Lienallen, John W., Lexington, Or.—Horses branded half-circle J L connected on left shoulder. Cattle, same on left hip. Range, near Lexington.

Lemley, J. W Heppner Or.—Horses branded L and A O left shoulder; cattle same on left hip, waddle over right eye, three slits in right ear.

Lord, George, Heppner, Or.—Horses branded double H connected. Sometimes called a swing H, on left shoulder.

Markham, A. M., Heppner, Or.—Cattle large M on left side both ears cropped, and split in both. Horses M on left hip. Range, Clark's canyon.

Minor, Oscar, Heppner, Or.—Cattle, M D on right hip; horse, M on left shoulder.

Morgan, S. N., Heppner, Or.—Horses, M) on left shoulder; cattle same on left hip.

McCumber, Jas A, Echo, Or.—Horses, M with bar over on right shoulder.

Morgan, Thos., Heppner, Or.—Horses, circle T on left shoulder and left thigh; cattle, Z on right thigh.

Mitchell, Oscar, Ione, Or.—Horses, 77 on right hip; cattle, 77 on right side.

McClaren, D. G., Brownsville, Or.—Horses, Figure 8 on each shoulder, cattle, M on hip.

McCarty, David H., Echo Or. Horses branded D H connected, on the left shoulder; cattle same on hip and side.

McGee, Frank, Fox Valley, Or.—Mule shoe with toe-calk on cattle on ribs and under in each ear; horses same brand on left stifle.

McFadyen, [illegible], Or.—On Horses, S with half circle under on left shoulder; on cattle, four bars connected on top on the right side. Range in Grant County.

Neal, Andrew, Lone Rock, Or.—Horses A N connected on left shoulder; cattle same on both hips.

Nordyke, L., Silverton, Or.—Horses, circle 7 on left thigh; cattle, same on left hip.

Oliver, Joseph, Canyon City, Or.—A S on cattle on left hip; on horses, same on left thigh. Range