The Mammoth and the Mosquito

What has come to pass in thousands of years seems hardly credible. Primitive man a weakling in comparison to modern man was able to conquer the huge monsters of thousands of years ago, such as the *Mammoth*, and to-day they are dead forever; yet the mosquito and fly have never been conquered. It is now time for the scientist to devise methods for killing the mosquito and fly, so that they will go to join the mammoth and the monster lizards. The mosquitoes and flies are dangerous enemies of man because they spread contagion. The mosquito often carries the germ of malaria with his bite. The house-fly spreads germs of disease over our food. These bacterial germs, ever hunting for the weak spot, find a place in our blood, and then we suffer from grip, catarrh, consumption, or malaria.

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The people of Gresham, Or., are going to install a water system for the purpose of protecting the town from forest fires.

A 15-months' old child was fatally burned at San Francisco by breaking a bottle of carbolic acid with which it was playing.

Lieutenant J. M. Riggs, U. S. N., who married one of the celebrated Ntong girls of Honolulu, has been fined $200 because his wife came across the Pacific in a vessel not allowed to carry passengers.

A street car was wrecked in San Francisco by the falling of a portion of a maltese cross, which was being raised into place for the purpose of decorating a building in honor of the Knights Templar.

The body of Fred Dee, a Condon sheepman, has been disinterred for examination. Dee was heavily insured and it is rumored that his death was due to poison administered by some one interested in the estate.

Oct 3, 4 and 5 are the remaining dates upon which tickets will be sold at reduced rates to the St. Louis fair. These rates apply over the Denver and Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific. For the patrons of these roads special excursion cars will be run through from Portland and St. Louis without charge. See the many points of interest about the Mormon capital and take a ride through Nature's picture gallery. During the closing period of the fair travel will be very heavy. Write W. C. McBride, Portland, for particulars about excursion rates.

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PURSUIT OF PELTS.

RECKLESS HUNTERS DO GREAT HARM IN LOUISIANA.

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The demand for furs has caused an invasion of southern Louisiana by hunters in search of minks, raccoons, 'possums and even rabbits which threaten to exterminate these animals as effectually as the millinery hunters have exterminated the water fowl of the gulf coast, says the New York Sun.

The ravages of the bird hunters were so great as completely to annihilate, in two seasons, four varieties of terns peculiar to Louisiana. One of these varieties was killed entirely for its tail feathers, which furnished a very handsome aigrette.

The Audubon society finally interfered and secured from the legislature protection for non-game birds which they did not previously enjoy; and this has stopped the slaughter, but not until several species had been completely exterminated.

The energy of the fur hunters is likely to lead to similar hostile legislation, if not by the legislature at any rate by the police juries or governing bodies of the several parishes. The hunters have been far more active than usual this year, and for the first time are hunting possums for their skins.

There is no particular objection to their killing the animals, except from the negroes, who regard them as great delicacies; but the manner in which the hunters have carried on the work has been such as to arouse a great deal of indignation and to invite prohibitive laws.

The coon is particularly fond of fish and shrimps, and as a consequence the swamps, marshes and prairies on the gulf coast are filled with them, and make a splendid field for the hunters. The population of this region is composed mainly of fishermen, who do not hunt, and when the fur hunters started in this year they found a big business awaiting them.

Unfortunately, they have tried to do it on too large a scale. The Louisiana coast is covered with a coarse grass, frequently five and six feet high, and when this is set on fire the coons are driven out and can be shot like pheasants in a preserve.

The prairies have been fired in all directions by the hunters. The result has been to cause heavy losses to the stockmen who feed their cattle in these prairies and to the lumbermen and the fishermen.

In Vermillion parish, which has over a million acres of this prairie, the fires started by the fur hunters have destroyed nearly all the winter pasturage of the cattle, and the injury to the stockmen will mount up to the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The police jury has prohibited coon hunting in the parish as a consequence.

The police juries of all the coast parishes are likely to take action similar to that of Vermillion, not in order to protect coons and rabbits, but to protect the inhabitants against the recklessness of the fur hunters. But for this action these animals, now probably more abundant in southern Louisiana than in any other part of the country, would be wiped out this year.

The recent raid on the coon, 'possums and mink is due to the great demand for furs and the destruction of fur-bearing animals in the northwest. The price paid for pelts is so good that the hunting of coons and 'possums is highly profitable, and a good hunter makes from $5 to $25 a day.

It is more profitable than shooting ducks or other game. The carcasses are thrown away after being skinned, or else they are converted into oil. They furnish lubricating oil worth 60 cents a gallon, and a good sized coon will yield nearly half a gallon of oil.

Coon skins have been selling for several years, bringing from 20 to 90 cents. 'Possum skins have never been sold in this region before the present year, but are now in demand at from 10 to 20 cents, and even rabbit skins bring 2 cents apiece.

Squirrels have heretofore been without value, but in the last few months there has been a demand for squirrels' tails. The minks have always been in demand, but they have been few until recently.

Dr. Parr had the largest notion of his own skill at whist and the smallest tolerance for a poor opponent. A lady once asked him at a card party how he fared. "Pretty well, madame," was the pleasing reply, which he made loud enough for his partner to hear, "considering that I have three adversaries." On another occasion he was playing with Dr. Warner, the rector of Bath, who hazarded a finesse which did not come off. In a moment Parr flashed upon him: "Dick," said he, "you have all the cunning of a Bath sharper without his skill." The next hand which Warner held was a fine one, and Parr's features assumed their natural placidity. In a tone of condescension he drawled out, with his usual lisp: "I acquit you of [illegible], Richard; would that I could [illegible]."

[illegible] News and [illegible] Oregonian

MENELEK AGAINST SLAVERY

Abyssinian King Forbids His People to Make Slaves of the Galla Natives.

A few weeks ago King Menelek of Abyssinia issued a decree against the slave trade. It is couched in the language of potentates who have unlimited power to enforce laws of their own making. The king says:

"By a letter forwarded some time ago to all the provinces, I forbade traffic in men of the Galla tribe. I also intimated that those guilty of this offense would be excommunicated from the Christian Church of Abyssinia, but you refuse to cease making slaves of the Galla men.

"Now beware. You who are taken in the act of enslaving the Gallas will no longer, as heretofore, be fined or turned out of the church; but you will be punished in your own persons, by which I mean you will be subjected to the penalty of mutilation."

This, remarks the New York Sun, is certainly one of the most drastic measures yet taken against slave trading in Africa. The Gallas are a fine tribe, widely spread over the country south of Abyssinia. A large part of their territory, by agreement between Menelek and Great Britain, now lies within the king's domain.

The Abyssinians, with their guns and superior military skill, have regarded Gallaland as their poaching ground and have inflicted great hardships upon the natives, whom they robbed frequently, not only of their produce, but also of their liberty.

The evil has been increasing. Abyssinians have seemed to think that the easiest way to acquire wealth was to make a raid in Gallaland and carry home a few scores of natives to sell as slaves. The crimes committed against this superior tribe have been the scandal of Menelek's reign. The Gallas have been powerless to make effective defense, though they have lost no opportunity of spearing individual Abyssinians or very small parties and speedily decamping to avoid detection.

Years ago the Arabs were wont to invade the Galla country and take hundreds of the natives into slavery. In recent years, however, the Abyssinians have been the only oppressors.

The injustice done them has been the more pitiful because as agriculturists and herdsmen and in the industrial arts they are more advanced than any other pagan people in that part of Africa. They are famous for fidelity and frankness and are distinguished by intense love of freedom and self-government. Such is their horror of captivity that they no longer regard as Gallas those of their fellows who are dragged away into bondage.

In setting his face against the Galla slave trade Menelek has honored himself; and the sympathy and interest with which the world has been watching his effort to consolidate and develop his country will be intensified.

W. Hallock, a government expert geologist, has taken the temperature at various depths in the famous "deep wells" at Wheeling, W. Va. Several of these are over 4,000 feet in depth. In one of them (one in which the depth, as given by the foreman of the drilling company which put the well down, is 4,558 feet), it was found that the temperature at a depth of 1,300 feet was 20.4 degrees centigrade. When the instrument was lowered to a depth of 2,000 feet and given time to do its registering, it was found that the mark had been set at 32.2, while at a point only eight feet from the bottom and 4,550 feet from the surface of the earth it registered as high as 43.4 degrees.

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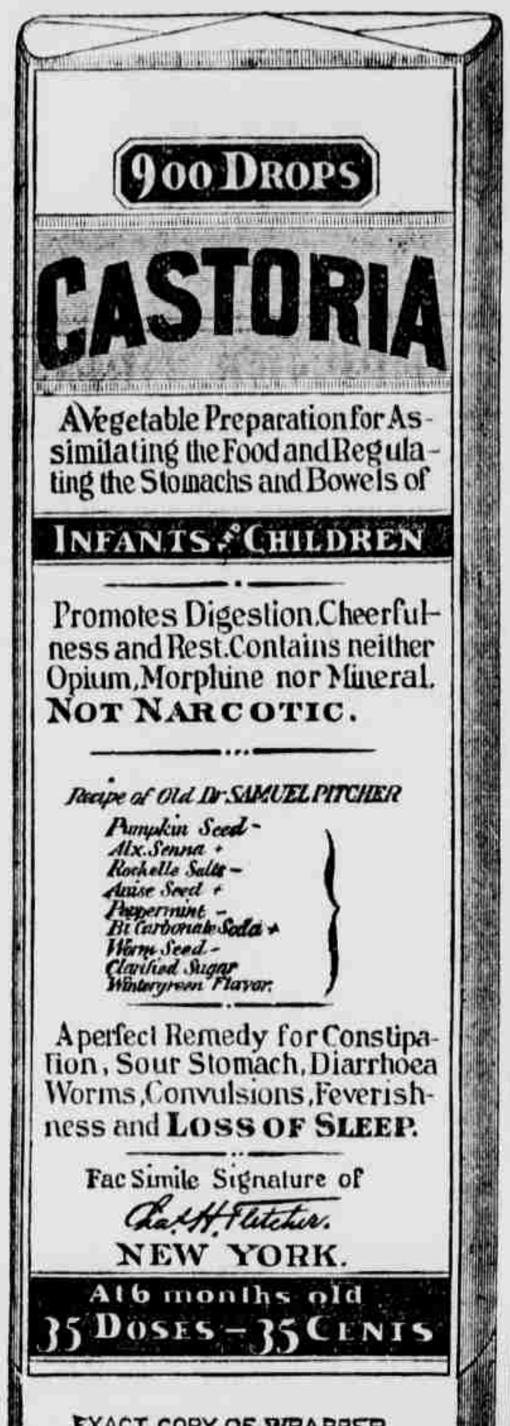

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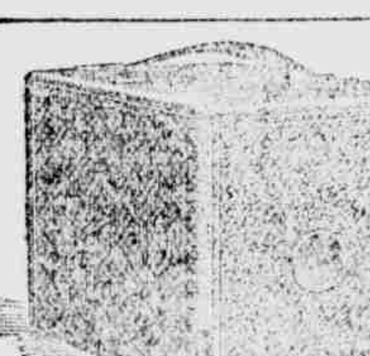

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