

# ALL TOPSY-TURVY

Man's life is full of trouble and temptation. He comes into the world without his consent and goes out of it against his will. His journey through life is full of strange and contradictory happenings.

When he is little the big girls kiss him, and when he is big the little girls kiss him.

When he is little he wants candy but can't have it, and when he is a man he can get it but doesn't want it.

When he is a boy he wishes he were a man, and when he is a man he wishes he were a boy again.

If he raises a large family he is a chump, if he raises a check he is a thief.

If he is a poor man he is a bad manager, and if he is rich he is dishonest.

If he puts forth an effort to collect what is justly due him he is a sausage and ought to get beat.

If he is in politics it is for graft, and if out of politics, you can't place him and he is no good to his country.

If he gives to charity it is for show, and if he does not, he is a stingy old cuss.

If he dies young there was a great future before him and if he lives to an old age he has missed his calling.

If he is affectionate he is a softy, if he isn't he's a cold-blooded proposition.

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### TEARS OF CHRIST

AT THE southern end of the Sangre de Cristo range, not far from Taos, N. M., stands a peculiar peak, peculiar in that certain stones, found at its summit, bear the shape of a cross, some of them so perfect that one would imagine they had been carved from the living rock by the fingers of a skilled sculptor. But more peculiar still is the fact that these stones, no matter how many times they may be broken or crushed, even though they be broken into a dozen fragments, will still retain their shape, every fragment a perfect cross in itself.

About these stones is woven a legend, not of any particular Indian tribe or family, probably started by the early Indian Christians or possibly by the Spanish who settled the country. At any rate it is a beautiful little story, and so characteristic that it is worth relating here. The legend in itself is well known to the Indian and Mexican settlers of the region, and is frequently related, while bits of the rock are to be found in virtually every household. The legend is as follows.

Long years ago, when the country was new, the land was unknown to the white man, but Indian tribes found here a prosperous, well watered country, where they could live in ease, without hard work and without great effort. So the land became populated and each tribe had its own religion and each its own gods, which were worshiped faithfully.

But when the Spanish settlers came into Mexico small parties of them were constantly making journeys northward, where they expected to find gold and silver. In their number were many priests, who were strong in their religious conviction and who hoped to convert the Indian tribes to their belief. And it so happened that two of these Indian priests came into the mountain country, where dwelt countless tribes.

These two priests were well received by the tribesmen, who lived with them for long, and they made every effort to convert them to the Catholic faith. But the tribesmen were stubborn and demanded some sign of the strength of the white man's god before they would cease the worship of the stone images which they had set up.

The priests, seeing this, were very sad, and went to the mountain top and prayed for three days and three nights that there might be some sign from heaven, that the tribesmen would be convinced. Finally in answer to their prayer, the Christ appeared on the mountain top and spoke to them and then pleaded with the tribesmen that they would follow the advice of the priests and worship the white man's God. But the tribesmen were obdurate, and so the Christ knelt there on the mountain top and prayed that these Indians might be made to see the right. And as He prayed He wept, and the tears fell from His eyes to the ground, and there they were turned into rocks as fast as they fell.

And every rock was in the shape of a cross, and there were thousands of these rocks on the summit of the mountain. Tribesmen who saw them were amazed, and when they took the rocks in their hands they marvelled. And some there were who broke the rocks, but no matter how many times they were broken, each small fragment still retained its shape and the priests pointed to the rock and said it was the sign from heaven. And the tribesmen heard and were convinced, and therefore they worshiped the white man's God as their own.

### Ultra Microbes.

The ultra microbe is the latest scientific discovery. It is even later than relativity.

As man has his microbes—of typhoid fever or of consumption, say—which slay him with consumption or typhoid, so these microbes are in turn slain by microbes of their own—infectiously small things called ultra microbes.

Its uses will be numberless. Suppose, for instance, a water supply is contaminated with typhoid germs. A regiment of typhoid ultra microbes will be put in the water, and in a short time the supply will be pure again.

## FARM TOPICS

### 2,400 MOLES AND GOPHERS TRAPPED BY OREGON BOYS

A record of 202 pocket gophers and 99 moles caught in 11 months ending in November, obtained for Roy Hanenkrat, an Oregon boy, a prize of \$25. Another boy, Ferdinand Becker, caught 320 moles and received a second prize of \$15. These boys were taking part in a contest organized in Tillamook County, Ore., to eradicate these pests. The county was divided into three districts, and prizes amounting to \$50 were allotted to each district. Forty boys and girls entered the contest.

Pocket gophers are very unevenly distributed in Tillamook county, and the boys working in certain territories were limited by the mountainous nature of the country, so that it required fully as much effort to get the 145 moles which won the first prize in the south side of the county, or the 111 moles turned in by the winner at the north end, as it took for the big catches in the open Tillamook Valley.

The only condition of the contest was that prize winners should turn in at least 100 skins. A total of 3,308 moleskins and 594 pocket gopher skins, or 2,492 skins altogether, were turned in to the county agent's office, according to the report received by the representative of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, who assisted in organizing the campaign. In addition to the prizes, the 3,800 moleskins will be sold and the money returned to the young trappers.

### WHEN AND WHERE SNOW FALLS DEEPEST OR FOR MOST DAYS

The greatest snowfall known in the United States occurs in the Sierra Nevada and Cascade Mountain ranges in the Pacific Coast States, where at some places from 50 to more than 40 feet of snow falls during the winter season, says the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. At Summit, Calif., which has an elevation of about 7,000 feet, nearly 60 feet of snow have been recorded in a single season, and about 25 feet in a single month.

An appreciable amount of snow usually falls on more than 50 days of the year in northern New York, the upper peninsula of Michigan, northern Minnesota, and northern North Dakota, as well as in the higher elevations of the northern Rocky Mountains. Snow may be expected on as many as 30 days as far south as southeastern Pennsylvania, Central Ohio, southern Wisconsin, and southern South Dakota, and on 10 days in southern Virginia, western North Carolina, the northern portions of Tennessee and Arkansas, central Oklahoma, and northwestern Texas. In extreme southern South Carolina, south-central Georgia, northern Alabama, and south-central Texas, however, snow may be expected only on about one day during the winter.

The relative protection usually afforded winter grains by snow cover in different sections of the country is shown by the number of days that the ground remains covered with snow. East of the Rocky Mountains the number of such days, not necessarily consecutive, decreases with considerable regularity from more than 120 in most of central and northern New England, the mountain districts of northern New York, northwestern Michigan, and the northern portions of Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota, where the first snow is seen early in October, to 20 days in northern New Jersey, western Virginia, the southern portions of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and central Missouri and Kansas, where it does not usually fall until after November 1. South of Augusta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Vicksburg, Miss., and central Texas, the ground is covered with snow usually less than one day during the entire winter season.

### LARGE FLOCK IS NEEDED FOR SUCCESS IN POULTRY

Special Equipment, Green Feed, Balanced Rations, Frequent Marketing Are Essential.

West coast poultrymen must produce eggs cheaper than eastern producers, as they have to sell the surplus in markets further east at the same prices local producers get, says Paul V. Maris, O. A. C. director of extension. This means that the cost of extra shipments has to be shaved off the production cost of eggs to make competition possible.

"To compete in these markets we have to produce eggs for less," says the director. "To succeed it is necessary that a large enough flock be kept to warrant:

1. Frequent trips to markets with eggs so they will be in first-class condition;
2. Mixing or purchase of precisely balanced rations;
3. Growing special crops for green feed;
4. Special equipment such as houses, yards and brooders.

To determine more nearly just what the conditions of success are, the Extension service conducted in Benton county three demonstration and two record poultry farms. Incubation and brooding and culling out weak layers were leading items of investigation. The best means of assisting farm and commercial producers to meet their seasonal problems are being found in these investigations.

Another demonstration farm will be run this year, and complete records will be kept in three other communities to see how the new plans are panning out.

The farm bureau, granges, community clubs, Corvallis chamber of commerce, and farmers cooperated. Otherwise the work could not have been possible, Mr. Maris declared.

### Dumb Dan

He's been in bed for a week. More stupid than ever—He's sure he caught cold from a bank draft (the first one he ever saw) sent in by a delinquent subscriber.

### Yep, It's Fatal!

Jacob Karch, 68, Philippsburg, killed Wednesday, when he picked up a LIVE WIFE, asks in his will that no songs be sung at his funeral.—Akron, O. Journal.

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