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Opossum That Killed Zoo Birds Is Caught

New York.—A big opossum which had wandered down the Hudson valley to the Bronx was trapped at the Bronx zoo, but not until it had killed two or three wild turkeys, two peacocks and several pheasants.
 The heaviest slaughter of fine fowl in the history of the zoo has occurred recently and nearly all employees had been at work attempting to track the killer.

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Weighting milk creates interest among the milkers and encourages clean milking and careful treatment of the cows.

The greatest source of loss to the dairy industry is the unprofitable cow. A certain cheese factory paid one of its patrons \$877 for the product of eight cows while it gave another patron \$688 for the milk from 22 cows. It pays to keep records.

Springfield.—By resolution of the town council a special election was held here Monday on an amendment to the city charter to clear the way for an issue of \$50,000 refunding bonds to redeem and retire an issue known as "Springfield improvement bonds" of like amount, bearing date of April 1, 1914, and maturing April 1, 1924.

Ropiness in Milk Caused by Growth of Bacteria

Aropy or slimy condition of milk, sometimes noticeable after the milk has stood several hours, is caused by the growth of a certain class of bacteria which gain entrance after the milk is drawn.

Though probably not more injurious than ordinary sour milk, this condition is especially troublesome, as the bacteria are passed along through vessels and otherwise to other milk and even to the dairies of an entire community.

The remedy is thorough washing and sterilizing of everything that in any way comes in contact with the milk. Chlorinated lime, or bleaching powder, at the rate of 12 or 16 ounces to the 100 gallons of water is recommended by the dairy department of the Ohio experiment station as a safe and effective disinfectant.

Find Crushed Corn Best at New Jersey Station

At the New Jersey station ear corn was compared to corn and cob meal for feeding cows. The corn was broken on the cob and compared to corn crushed in the ear; 6 pounds wheat bran, 10 pounds corn stover and 9.4 pounds of hay produced 20.2 pounds milk with .89 pounds of fat for each cow, while 6 pounds corn and cob meal, 6 pounds wheat bran with same amount of hay and stover produced 22.1 pounds milk, 93 pounds fat. Thus corn-and-cob meal exceeded corn from the ear by 0.4 per cent for milk and 4.3 per cent in yield of fat.

At Ninety He Takes Bride.

Lodi, O.—Jacob Switzer, who modestly admitted that he was ninety years old, has obtained a license to wed Mrs. Laura Bunda, also of Lodi, who blushing confessed that she was thirty-seven years his junior.

Hadn't Noticed Anything.

Student in Astronomy—"Has anything ever been discovered on Venus?" Professor (whose mind has wandered)—"No, not if the pictures of her are true."

Rescues Man Then Shoots Him.

Chicago.—Oscar Hanson, patrolman, saved Rogers Compereto from being "slugged" by three men, but shot him in the neck while making the rescue. Hanson fired two shots at the attackers, hit one, missed the next, accidentally striking Compereto in the neck. Compereto may die.

The Begum of Bhopal, the only recognized woman ruler in Asia, commands the allegiance of nearly two millions of people.

Apt Expression.

In a recent story occurs the phrase: "The living room fairly leaped through the door to greet you." Living seems to be the correct word, in the circumstances.

Salt From Palestine.

Preparations are being made to obtain salt from the sea on a large scale at Athlith, about ten miles south of Haifa, in Palestine.—Scientific American.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Pendleton.—Trappers and hunters are applying to the county agent for strychnine and information about the best methods of hunting, trapping and poisoning coyotes as they never have in previous years.

Salem.—The Marion County School Principals' association at a meeting here Saturday went on record endorsing Governor Pierce's move to obtain legislation prohibiting the advertising of cigarettes in the newspapers or on billboards in this state.

Astoria.—According to unofficial reports here, deals are in progress for the purchase by the Crown-Willamette Paper company of a tract of several thousand acres of fine fir and spruce timber in Pacific and Wahkiakum counties, Washington, near Cathlamet.

Salem.—Salem police have attempted to identify a man who entered the city hall Saturday afternoon, apparently in quest of information. The man cannot talk or write, and all efforts to elicit his name or address proved futile. He is about 50 years old and fairly well dressed.

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Hood River.—Basket traps will be utilized by the game commission of Skamania county, Washington, in taking beaver in lakes and streams in the vicinity of Stevenson. The animals have become so numerous as to form a nuisance in felling trees and damming up lakes and streams. They will be caught and shipped to other parts of the state, it is said.

Grants Pass.—The Cavemen, booster organization of Josephine county, will undertake the exploration of the newly discovered caverns in the Oregon Caves. These caverns, which extend for an unknown distance into the mountain, were found on the last day the resort was opened and the guides were taken out before the full extent of the find could be explored.

Dallas.—E. G. Erickson, 80, and a pioneer of this vicinity, died here Saturday night as a result of injuries suffered in the afternoon when a stick of dynamite exploded in his hand while he was working on his farm three miles northwest of this city. Mr. Erickson was sitting on a box full of dynamite when the explosion occurred, but the explosive in the box did not go off.

Salem.—Activities of the state prohibition department, created by an act of the 1923 legislature, have resulted in fines amounting to \$87,684.94, according to a report prepared by George L. Cleaver, state prohibition director. The report covers the period March 15 to December 10, and will be submitted to the governor, who was instrumental in having the department created.

Grants Pass.—The Josephine county budget was cut \$19,258.35 by the tax supervising and conservation commission at its meeting here. This is a reduction of approximately 4 mills over last year, taking into consideration the reduction in the state tax of \$12,460. The greatest cut was made in the appropriation for roads and bridges in the county, this item amounting to \$16,300.

Albany.—The annual war on rodents in the Ash Swale district netted a total of 3653 pests and settled a controversy of three years' standing as to the most efficient hunter of rodents in the community. A gold medal was presented to Charles Bowers, captain of one of the hunting teams, for three winning the honors in the annual shoot. His brother, E. S. Bowers, captained the opposing team and turned in the next high score.

Salem.—There were six fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 13, according to a report prepared here by the state industrial accident commission. The victims included M. R. Westbrook, Lynder, Wash., head rigger; Harry Andrews, Astoria, grain sampler; J. A. McLean, Vernonia, head rigger; John Pilger, Portland, locomotive fireman; C. V. Sims, Rainier, carpenter, and D. B. Emerick, Hillsboro, groundman.

Salem.—A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, and M. L. Ryckman of Portland have filed application in the offices of the state engineer covering the construction of a reservoir for the storage of 100 acre-feet of water from Boulder creek and the springs and for the appropriation of stored water for domestic fish culture and development of five theoretical horsepower in Clackamas county. The cost of the proposed development is estimated at \$12,000.

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

LANGUAGE

THE scenes and the sounds of a great city speak in a vernacular which is readily understood by him whose eyes and ears are attuned to the splendor and the din.

And what is true concerning the seasoned citizen, is proportionately true of the verdant visitor who, at a glance interprets the meaning of the smile of a sturdy beggar grinding a hand-organ while his picturesque frocked companion rattles a tambourine, and passes it solicitously among the gaping group of music lovers to catch the stray pennies.

The chimes in the church steeples, the tinkling bells of the itinerant peddler of many wares, speak to all in a familiar tongue.

The Russian or the Greek who cannot frame a word of English knows well the lingo of the clattering milk cans in the early morning and answers their call with alacrity.

Who is so untutored that he cannot read the joy of the sound of the babbling brooks, or the love in the song of the happy bird that is singing among the green hills to his mate.

And the cumulus clouds with their ever-changing forms, their happy tints of purple and gold and silver, go sailing by in the evening sky telling their tales of magnificence which cannot be put in words, but which are easily comprehended by the lovers of the sublime and the worshippers of Him who changes in a second the colors of the worlds.

The sigh and the songs of the winds!
 Who does not delight in their whisperings among the forest trees and the flowers, their moaning roars over the waters of the deep, their lullabies in the night when the earth is still, and sleep, half dreaming, closes weary eyes to refresh and give them new luster for a day unborn.

Their language is universal, understood by creeping things, by beasts, by men and the angels.
 This is no dead classic whose message is obscure.

Every word is a liquid gem, requiring no scholarship, no knowledge beyond that which nature bestows to make its meaning comprehensible and inspiring, like the master stroke of a painter's brush or the magic note of a nightingale alone with the listening stars of night, straining his little throat in praising his Maker.

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THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"CANNON"

SOMETIMES a slightly different method of spelling disguises the fact that two apparently dissimilar words rest on the same common foundation and are really so closely related that they may be said to be one and the same. A notable example of this is the "canon" or law—as used in Scripture and church writings—and "cannon" or heavy artillery.

The word "canon" first meant the measuring rule or line of the carpenter. Then, figuratively, any measure or rule by which we gauge other things. But the carpenter's rule was properly a reed or "canna," this being selected on account of its straightness, and mention of this measuring reed is made in the twenty-first chapter of Revelation. A reed, however, in addition to being straight, is also hollow.

Therefore, when the hollow engines of war—artillery—were invented, it was considered appropriate that they, too, be called by a word derived directly from the Greek "canna," the additional "n" being supplied to distinguish the military instrument from the ecclesiastical. Much the same process appears in the German, where "rohr," at first signifying a cane or reed, has in like manner been applied to the barrel of a gun.

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Irresistible Allurement.

"You have only two or three buildings in this new town of yours."
 "I know," responded the enthusiastic realtor, "but look at the parking space!"

A Suggestion.

"My daughter can do anything with the piano!" "Could she lock it up and drop the key in the river?"—Sondags Nisse (Stockholm).

A GREAT PRIZE.

He—But, darling why were you so sure that I had never proposed to any other girl.
 She—Because, you wonderful boy, you were not married.

POULTRY

Rat Trap and Dry Mash Feeder in Combination

A combination rat trap and dry-mash feeder is a rather novel addition to the poultry house. The feeder is a long box, 1 foot high and 1 foot wide, with a sloped and slatted top, through which the hens put their heads to eat during the day. To convert this into a rat trap, a 4-inch hole was bored in the end of the hopper, a short length of 4-inch stovepipe fastened in the hole, and a bag tied over the other end of the pipe and spread out on the ground. A heavy board cover was hinged to the feed box; this was kept open by means of a hook during the day, but the hook was released, and

a small prop with a string attached to it used at night. The string led away to a distant window so that the poultryman could pull it without entering the poultry house and disturbing the rats. A yank at the string let the cover drop and trapped the rats inside. Then, by beating on the cover with a stick, the rats were made to run through the hole, down the pipe, and into the bag, where a few blows killed them. As long as the hens ate from the feeder the rats never seemed suspicious.—L. Harris Hiscock, Skaneateles, N. Y., in Popular Mechanics Monthly.

Pay More Attention to Feeding Poultry Flock

With the coming of cold weather and higher prices for eggs, careful poultrymen pay more attention than ever to the feeding of their flocks, so egg production may start early and be maintained as long as possible. To help meet the demand for information on feeding, the college of agriculture at Ithaca has published a bulletin containing the rations it has found by experiment to be the most efficient. Directions for the use of these feeds and for the management of flocks are also discussed, two things which, in the words of the bulletin, are "as important as the mixtures themselves."

The amount of feed depends upon the appetites of the birds, and no definite rule for feeding will apply to all conditions. Scant feeding in the morning and at noon, followed by a heavy feeding of grain in the litter of the hen house early enough so the birds will find it before dark, has given best results. Green feed, oyster shell, and clean, fresh, pure water are also essential.

Equal parts by weight of mash and grain are fed; the former is made as follows for laying hens: 100 pounds each of wheat bran, wheat middlings, cornmeal, ground oats or ground barley, and meat scrap, and three pounds of salt. The grain mixture consists of 500 pounds of cracked corn, 200 pounds each of barley and wheat, and 100 pounds of heavy oats.

A copy of the bulletin will be sent to those who write to the college at Ithaca for \$45.

Important to Note Size and Shape of All Eggs

For those who are shipping eggs to special markets, it is important to watch the size and shape of the eggs, as well as to see how many the hens are laying and what color they are. Too long an egg crushes from the top in shipping, and cuts down the receipts over a period of months; too wide an egg crushes from the side. Customers demand a fair amount of uniformity in size and shape, because it makes more attractive selling. They are willing to pay more for such quality.

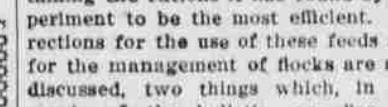
"The new breeder of today can make more money by breeding for egg quality than for more eggs," says an eastern authority. "Many who go in for producing more eggs overlook so many things. I recently saw a poultryman who had a number of hens with records up to 300 eggs per year each, and he had a flock of 200 average, but of nearly 100 eggs I saw, from 25 many different hens, not over 20 would pass for fancy eggs on the market and bring top prices. Some would simply have gone as miscellaneous eggs; they were too small and tinted."

Day of Definite Methods.

The day for haphazard methods in breeding poultry has passed into the pages of history. This is the day of definite, accurate methods. The modern poultryman must know definitely the sire and dam of the birds he raises if he is to have their exact pedigree.

Pullets Lay in Winter.

Young stock that begins to lay in the fall of the year will usually lay throughout the winter, the period when eggs are highest in price.



Poultry Feeder and Rat Trap.