Deer Increasing

San Francisco.—California has a population of 300,000 to 400,000 deer, according to estimates of the California fish and game commission and the United States forest service. In the national forest alone, chiefly in northern and central California, the deer are estimated to number 185,000. The deer are increasing despite the fact that hunters each year kill 20,000 bucks and mountain lions kill at least 30,000.

Amnesia Victim Recovers

Corning, N. Y.—Earl Davis, a victime of amnesia, has found his mother and his full name here after a five-year search that took him throughout the country. His mind was affected by an injury received in Detroit nine years ago. Despite four years of hospital treatment, he was unable to establish his complete identity when he was dismissed.

Keep Hen Contented

Farm land that has been overworked can be fertilized and made productive again, but the poor old hen cannot be rejuvenated and made to produce the necessary number of eggs to make her a payer. She is sentenced to the boiling pot. This being true, why not give her the best there is while she is in active service? She is certainly entitled to all the attention and good treatment it is possible to bestow upon her. Make her lot a contented one.

Game Wardens Face 78 Below on Alaska Trip

Anchorage, Alaska.—Frank Dufresne, fur warden at Nome, and his trail assistant, Fay Delezene, a noted northern dog musher, encountered some of the coldest weather known in the territory during a trip last winter to the north of the Arctic circle.

For ten days at one stretch the mercury registered from 62 to 78 degrees below zero, according to Dufresne.

"An interesting fact," said Dufresne, "is that when the thermometer registers 60 degrees below or colder, animal life ceases to move and burrows into the snow, remaining there until the weather warms up.

Require Different Treatment

It is foolish to meet trouble half way, but success you generally have to.—Boston Transcript.

TWO POEMS

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

I—SERVICE

THINK more of love, and less of laws,
Of what you do, and less of why;
Good is not good if done because
To follow rules is all you try.
I do not think that God above
Obedience as much admires
As deeds arising out of love
That no divine reward desires.

Man needs no law but his own heart.
A longing for the common good;
To walk together, not apart,
Is all there is of brotherhood.
Man needs no precept to be blest,
To serve his God no rule or plan;
For he will serve his God the best.
Who serves the best his fellow man.

II—THE SCORE

The man whose daily task and toil
Are counted but in gold,
Who loves his business for the spoil,
For profit what is sold,
Is like the "fan" who loves the more
The points that he can claim—
The man who only keeps the score
And never sees the game.

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Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By HELEN ROWLAND

IMITATORS are the "trained seals" of literature.

The Queen of Gamblers is a woman who has had two poor deals in the game of matrimony, and still calls for a third, with the luck running against her.

It takes a bride quite a while to learn the folly of being so cold, one moment, that she chokes all the enthusiasm out of her husband, and so clinging the next that she chokes the life out of him.

Girls are human flowers—but a confirmed bachelor often regards them as a beautiful species of poison ivy.

A critical or disapproving attitude on either side of marriage is a spiritual divorce which never can be patched up.

What a man calls his "judgment" is composed of one part reason and ninety-nine parts digestion.

Every man thinks that "woman's place is in the home," but that she is awfully lucky to have some man offer her one.

To "say it with flowers" at this profiteering season, a man must need awfully to get it out of his system.

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Has Anyone Laughed At You Because—

By ETHEL R. PEYSER

You use ink other than blue or black?

These folks wish they had the independence probably to depart from the conventional color and use green or violet ink. It is a relief to you to use these inks. And they flow or seem to flow better in the fountain pen. It simply shows you less conventional, delighting in color and achieving it every chance you can get. You have feelings for color—some folks have not. You have to pay always when you depart from convention. Here you must "put up" with laughter at your expense.

SO

Your get-away here is:

That your ink flows well; that you do your duty in correspondence. That your friends know at once from whom your envelope comes.

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MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By E. R. PEYSER

Has a man like this proposed to you?

Symptoms: Looks like nothing at all—sort of drab, but he has a lovely voice; your sister-in-law says he's lovely with children, and his honeyed voice captures them and you. You can see how he makes a grade "A" salesman and how the selling textbooks meet their match in him. He often carries a book on salesmanship about him and tells you that you have the things that would make an ingratiating business woman.

IN FACT

He can even sell himself.

Prescription to bride:

℞ Invest in anchors. He may want to sell your heirlooms. Have a buyer's manual about.

ABSORB THIS:

Staying sold is better than selling once.

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OIL MAGNATES ARE INDICTED

Unlawful Conspiracy in Leases Charged to Sinclair, Doheny and Fall.

Washington, D. C. — Four indictments charging Albert B. Fall, ex-secretary of the interior; Harry F. Sinclair, Edward L. Doheny and E. L. Doheny, Jr., with criminal action in connection with the leasing of naval oil reserves in Wyoming and California, were returned Monday in the District of Columbia supreme court.

A special grand jury which has given weeks to consideration of the evidence levelled formal charges of felony against the four men, whose names have held the spotlight in the prolonged senate oil investigation and the civil litigation which followed.

Fall and the two Dohenys, the first indictment charged, entered into and maintained an unlawful conspiracy from July 1, 1921, to December 11, 1922, to enable the Pan American Petroleum & Transport company and its subsidiary, the Pan-American Petroleum company, to obtain control of naval oil reservation No. 1 in California.

Similarly the second indictment said Fall and Sinclair conspired unlawfully between December 31, 1921, and April 7, 1922, to give the Mammoth Oil company, a Sinclair corporation, control of the Teapot dome reserve in Wyoming. The third indictment charged Fall singly with accepting a bribe of $100,000 from the Dohenys, to influence his action in the California lease, and accompanying negotiations concerning storage and exchange of naval oil, while the fourth, reversing the same charge, held the Dohenys up for prosecution.

Much of the evidence and many of the implications dragged to light during the long senate inquisition into the naval reserve leasing were repeated Monday in formal legal language in which the court presentments of the grand jury were couched. There was also indication that other accusatory matter had gone before the grand jury, and the conspiracy indictments also recited that "persons unknown" had conserted with the four principals in the activities brought under ban.

Fall, in both the conspiracy charges, was accused of having sought to prevent the government from obtaining competitive bids for exploiting the naval reserves, and of having made false representations and statements to prevent the appearance of competitors against the Sinclair and Doheny companies. This resulted in great loss to the government, the two indictments said, and unjust profits to the successful lessors.

As an overt act in furtherance of the conspiracy charged, the indictment said, Fall on July 8, 1921, sent to Doheny a letter declaring the interior department was now in control of the naval reserves to the exclusion of the navy department. The letter, which was never before made public, recited for Doheny's benefit a letter which the then secretary said he had just sent to President Harding.

"There will be no possibility of any further conflict with navy officials and this department," Fall said to Doheny, "as I have notified Secretary Denby that I should conduct the matter of the naval leases under direction of the president, without calling any of his force in consultation. . . . He understands the situation and that I shall handle matters exactly as I think best and will not consult with any officials of any bureau in his department, but only with himself, and such consultation will be confined strictly and entirely to matters of general policy."

Wheat Receipts Break Record.

Portland, Or.—The amount of wheat received at Portland during the cereal year 1923-24, ending June 30, broke all previous records. During the 12 months 26,075 cars of wheat were received as against 17,180 for the previous year. Cars of wheat received during the year, if placed end to end, would make a solid train 197½ miles long, reaching from Portland almost to Pendleton. These cars contained approximately 35,201,250 bushels of wheat.

For June, 1924, wheat receipts at Portland amounted to 1003 cars, nearly twice the number received in June last year, 514.

No Americans Insulted.

Tokio.—The American association of Tokio and the American association of Kobe Monday sent the following joint cablegram to Secretary of State Hughes: "To correct misapprehensions which may exist in the United States, the American association of Tokio and Kobe state that as far as they are aware there has been no personal mistreatment of Americans by Japanese in connection with the passage of the immigration bill."

Old Glory Is Cut Down.

Tokio. — An unidentified Japanese Tuesday cut down the American flag flying in the American embassy grounds.

Address Bright Sayings.

Our son, three, was watching his grandpa skinning squirrels. He said: "Grandpa, let's plant their tails in the garden, then there will be more squirrels and you can shoot them again next year."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Would Make Their Eyes Pop

Movie Director (before Niagara Falls, to his first lieutenant) — Now, Jim, if we could arrange so that Miss Florabelle could be carried half-way over the falls and still be saved by our hero, would that be a stunner?

Bee Flies Thirty Miles an Hour.

An experiment was once made to see how fast a bee can fly. The hive was attached to the roof of a train, which attained a speed of thirty miles an hour before the bee was left behind.

Best to Face Danger.

It is better to meet danger than to wait for it. He that is on a lee shore, and foresees a hurricane, stands out to sea and encounters a storm to avoid a shipwreck.—Colton.

Spitz Dog Not Useless.

The Pomerarian sheep dog, better known as the Spitz dog, is bred in most countries as a house pet, small and useless. But in its own home on the shores of the Baltic this dog is the local sheep tender.

Maoris Prize Blue Lips.

Among the Maoris, or natives of New Zealand, the women do not tattoo any part of their face except the lips, which thus become blue, for it is considered a disgrace for a woman to have red lips.

Immortal Songster.

Who is known as "The Father of English Song"? Cacedmon, an Anglo-Saxon poet who flourished about the middle of the Seventh century, is known as the "Father of English Song."

Without Precedent.

On being told the story of Cain and Abel a little girl of six said: "But if nobody had ever been dead yet how did he know he had killed him?"—Boston Evening Transcript.

Ton of Gold.

Allowing 2,000 pounds to the ton, and 16 ounces to the pound, a ton of gold would be worth only about $640,000, for its assay weight is $20 plus to the ounce.

We Know One Who Can—and Will.

Tailors estimate that a man cannot dress in good taste on less than $4,662 a year.—Cleveland Plain-Dealer.