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ORIGIN OF DOG DAYS.

They Have No Relation to Canines or Their Diseases.

The "dog days" are the hottest of the year, but they have nothing to do with dogs or with any of their diseases or sufferings. The "dog days" are so named because in the latitude of the Mediterranean this period coincided with that in which the dog star rose at the same time as the sun and therefore added its heat to that of our already hot luminary. The dog star, Sirius, is the brightest and in appearance the largest of the fixed stars. It is called the dog star because it is seen in the constellation called Canis Major. According to Ptolemy, this star used to have a fiery color, redder than the planet Mars, but is now altogether white and has certainly been white for many centuries.

The heat of the "dog days" really comes from the gradual heating of the earth's surface, which gathers heat and becomes warmer from groundhog time, Feb. 2, until about Aug. 5, when it begins gradually to lose its heat until groundhog time.

Theoretically Dec. 21 ought to be the coldest of the year, because that is the shortest day of the year and therefore receives the least heat and light from the sun. But experience shows that the coldest days are generally in February. In the same way June 21 ought to be the hottest day of the season, because it is the longest and hence receives the most light and heat. But the earth continues to accumulate more heat than it radiates until after the climax of the "dog day" season, when the cooling effect begins to predominate over the sun's heating effect, and so the net result is the cooler weather, which reaches its climax at groundhog time.—Baltimore American.

Why Men Wear Trousers.

No living man of this age ever deliberately chose to adopt "trousers." He was forced into them and all other eccentricities of dress by women. In the very earliest sartorial experience he is swathed in a queer bundle of incoherent bandages by a woman. Later she puts him in cute dresses so that the neighbors can't tell him from his little sister. Still later she cuts off his curls and puts him in knickerbockers, and he puts on long pants when she gives the word, not before.

That is all that man has to do with wearing trousers. Women forced him into them in the first place, and now he is afraid to wear anything else for fear of making a sensation.—Benton (Mo.) Democrat.

Too Naive.

A New York official said of a politician's excuse: "It was altogether too ingenious and naive. It reminded me of the butler story. A man advertised for a good butler, and the next morning a young man presented himself.

"Have you got references?" the man asked.

"Yes, sir," said the applicant. "I have a number of excellent references."

"And where did you get them?"

"From the reference library, sir," was the reply.—New York Press.

On the Free List.

Some years ago there was a toll-gate on a plank road leading to Elmwood cemetery, Detroit. All funerals were allowed to pass along this road without paying. One day Dr. Pierce, a well known physician, while paying his toll, jokingly remarked to the gatekeeper:

"Considering the benevolent character of our profession, I think you ought to let us pass free of charge."

"No, no, doctor," said the gatekeeper. "We can't afford that. You send too many deadheads through as it is."

Sponge Fishing.

The home of the sponge fishing industry is in Greece, and the industry is centuries old. A large percentage of the Mediterranean sponges come from the island of Hydra. Some, however, come from off the coast of Tripoli. A few sponges come from the faroff land of Madagascar. There are two months in each year when sponge fishing is practically abandoned. This is in August and September, the hurricane months. During the other ten months the industry flourishes.

The Way They Buy.

When a man goes out to buy a collar he comes back with a collar and perhaps a necktie or two. When a woman starts out to buy a collar she returns exhausted with a new silk blouse, a pair of gloves, some skirt binding, a cake of soap, a paper of pins, some window curtains, a sewing machine and a refrigerator.—London Tit-Bits.

ABYSSINIAN FEASTS.

Strange Spectacles That Savor of the Days of Homer.

Europeans who have visited the court of the king of Abyssinia agree in describing life in that realm as peculiarly like what we suppose the life of the nations of antiquity to have been. By some it is spoken of as a reproduction of Europe in the middle ages; others go much further and call it "Homer." What they mean may be inferred from the experience of the French Prince Henry of Orleans, who attended a banquet given to him by the king of kings.

It was the day after the great Abyssinian festival of St. Raguel, and the prince and his suit were invited to dine with Menelik at the palace. The negus sat on a raised platform above his guests, who were served somewhat in the European manner with various kinds of food and with hydromel, a wine of honey, and araki, another Abyssinian beverage.

But this meal was only a prelude to the real Homeric scene. After the king and his European guests had eaten a curtain of rude tapestry was drawn, disclosing the main part of the king's hall. Then the Europeans saw a strange and antique spectacle, all the king's officers, even the subalterns, entering to partake of a feast to be offered in real Abyssinian fashion.

They marched in groups, clad in barbarous military attire, swarthy and most picturesque warriors, who seemed to be issuing from the midst of ancient solemnity. They formed in circles about a great number of hampers containing Abyssinian cakes. This they did without any form of salutation to the negus, whose guests the officers now were.

The king's musicians blew a long blast on their trumpets, and the guests sat down. And now really Homeric viands were brought in, great quarters of beef roasted whole and similar quarters of mutton. The servants who brought them held them aloft with the sticks on which they were impaled, and the guests, drawing long, sharp knives, cut off pieces and proceeded to eat them. At the same time large cups made of the horns of cattle were filled with hydromel and passed around.

The Europeans were able to fancy themselves as being in the days of Homer. They could easily picture the companions of Achilles dismembering an ox under the walls of Troy. Soon, to complete the illusion, two bards appeared bearing great lozenge shaped guitars, and, leaning against the central wooden pillars of the hall, their heads thrown back, they improvised wild songs of war and love to divert the company.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Afghan Idea of Justice.

Some grim stories are told of Afghan justice. A moolah (priest) showed his disapproval of the ameer's prospective journey to India by predicting that he would never return. The priest was summoned to the royal presence and asked whether he had made such a remark. Knowing that there had been several witnesses present at the time, he answered in the affirmative. He was commanded to repeat his remark. As he did so the ameer cried, "Do not say another word!" He instructed a tailor, who had been sent for, to sew up the lips of the moolah, saying, "His mouth shall not be opened should I return safely, but should I fail to return open his mouth and proclaim him a true prophet throughout Afghanistan."—Christian Herald.

Aluminium Powder.

Owing to the property which aluminium possesses of producing a very high temperature when burned with substances that give off oxygen, it has been employed from time to time for making a detonator for firing explosives that do not readily respond to the action of the detonating compositions generally employed.

The aluminium is used in the shape of a powder mixed with the other substances filling the percussion caps or detonators. The sudden high temperature induced by the pulverized aluminium results in a greater mechanical energy than can be produced with compositions not containing aluminium.—Harper's Weekly.

Bullocks and a Bull.

He was an Irish barrister, therefore he must perpetrate a bull. Addressing the jury in tones of deep emotion, he said, "It will be for you to say, gentlemen, if the defendant shall be allowed to come into court with unblushing footsteps, with the cloak of hypocrisy in his mouth, and draw these bullocks out of my client's pockets with impunity."—Liverpool Post.

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