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Observe for yourselves. Every spotted dog has the end of his tail white, while every spotted cat has the end of her tail black.

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Oysters live 10 or 12 years when they have the chance. In this country they don't get the chance.

Many horses are fond of beer, and to a tired horse a bottle of beer in his gruel is a great restorative. It acts as a "pick me up" and often makes a horse with no appetite eat freely. Brewers understand this, and that is one reason why their horses always seem to be in good condition.

The large horned beetle can carry 315 times its own weight. One has been known to walk away with a two and a quarter pound weight.

Live bees are sometimes shipped on ice so as to keep them dormant during the journey. This is particularly the case with bumble bees, which have been taken to New Zealand, where they are useful in fertilizing the red clover, that has been introduced into the colony.

The amount of light that can be obtained from fire flies is not generally known. These insects have two bright spots on their thorax, and also brilliant wings on the abdomen, and gives light sufficient to enable one to read at a little distance. Two or three placed in the center of a room will shed a soft light all over it. They are very common in Havana, Brazil, Guiana, Venezuela and Mexico. In those countries at night the natives affix the little creatures to their shoes and thus obtain light to see the road and frighten away the snakes. Mexican women use them as jewels. They tie them in little gauze bags and put them in their hair or on their clothing. They keep them in wire cages and feed them on scraps of sugar cane.

Reynard is a knowing animal. The foxes are much tormented by fleas, but when the infliction becomes too severe they know how to get rid of the insects. They gather from the bark of trees moss, which they carry to a stream that deepens by degrees. Here they enter the water, still carrying the moss in their mouths, and going backwards, beginning from the ends of their tails, they advance by slow degrees till the whole body, with the exception of the mouth, is entirely immersed. The fleas, during this proceeding, have rushed in rapid haste to the dry parts, and finally to the moss, and the fox, when he has, according to his calculation, allowed sufficient time, quietly opens his mouth. The moss floats off down stream with its burden of fleas, and when it is out of jumping distance the fox finds its way to the bank much relieved.—New York Herald.

GEN. MAHON'S COW.

When General Mahone first entered the southern army he was an almost helpless dyspeptic. He had suffered for many years the uncertain and untimely effects of that exasperating malady. He thought he should have fresh milk every day in the field, for it formed a part of daily diet at home, so he took a cow into the army and carried the beast with him all through the war.

Gen. Mahone often related the annoyances the cow caused him. One time Gen. Lee came to him after the cow had been in the way and said: "General, you will have to leave that cow behind."

"I cannot do it, sir," Mahone replied. "If we cannot get along with the cow I will have to resign."

So the cow remained, and she was actually at Gen. Mahone's camp on that memorable April day when Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox. Gen. Mahone took the animal home to Petersburg afterwards.

The General was noted also in the army for the complete household outfit he carried. With cooking utensils he was particularly well supplied, and he afterwards often boasted that he lived just as well in the army as he lived later in Washington. He had supplied his camp wagons with a full outfit of bedding and household contrivances, and, though the war was a perpetual "moving day" for him, he often said that if he had another war to go through he would do the same way.

How to Prevent Croup.

Croup is a terror to young mothers and to post them concerning the cause, first symptoms and treatment is the object of this item. The origin of croup is a common cold. Children who are subject to it take cold very easily and croup is almost sure to follow. The first symptom is hoarseness; this is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough, which is easily recognized and will never be forgotten by one who has heard it. The time to act is when the child first becomes hoarse. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is freely given all tendency to croup will soon disappear. Even after the croupy cough has developed it will prevent the attack. There is no danger in giving this remedy for it contains nothing injurious.

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