

HORSES AND DONKEYS.

Early Habits That Domestication Have Not Eradicated.

A curious question in evolution was once put to a scientist prominent in the service of the government. "Why is it," some one asked, "that horses shy and donkeys do not?"

The answer was to the following effect:

The ancestors of the horse were accustomed to roam over the plains, where every tuft of grass or bush might conceal an enemy waiting in ambush. In these circumstances the must have time and again saved their lives by quickly starting back or else suddenly jumping to one side when without warning some strange object appeared to them. The habit must have indeed been a strong one, seeing that so many years of domestication have not eradicated it.

On the other hand, the donkey is descended from animals that lived among the hills, with the usual precipices and dangerous declivities, and from these conditions, it would appear, there resulted its slowness and sure footedness. The donkey's ancestors were not, then, so liable to sudden attacks from wild beasts and snakes. Moreover, sudden and wild starts would have been positively dangerous to the donkey's forbears. Consequently they learned to avoid the characteristic trick of the horse. The habit of eating thistles, peculiar to the donkey, seems also to have been inherited from its ancestors. In the dry, barren localities they inhabited there was often very little food; therefore they learned to eat the hard, dry and even prickly plants and undergrowth when nothing else presented itself.—New York Tribune.

THE MONTEREY CYPRESS.

Found in Its Wild State in Only Two Spots in the World.

One of the most interesting and picturesque trees in the world, as well as one of the most ancient, is the Cupressus macrocarpa, or Monterey cypress. Its native habitat is extremely restricted, for it is found in its wild state in only two spots in the whole wide world—on the edge of a grove of conifers stretching for a few miles between the bay of Monterey and the bay of Carmel (the latter of which bears a striking resemblance in outline and color to its prototype in the Holy Land) and in a similar spot near Pescadero, a little town lying on the coast between Monterey and San Francisco. The Monterey grove consists of only a dozen or two cypresses of large size and most striking appearance. Their trunks are massive and wrinkled with hoary age, while their boughs, gnarled and twisted, grow chiefly on one side away from the stormy winds that have buffeted them for thousands of years. The noble trees are limited to the rocky wind beaten shore, on which some of them have but a precarious hold. Hemmed between the slowly encroaching ocean on one hand and a pine forest on the other, their future is exposed to great hazard. It is therefore gratifying to observe that a fair number of thrifty young cypresses are holding their own against the pines for a short distance inland.—Scientific American.

A Queen's Will.

Queen Adelaide, the wife of William IV., was a woman of great piety and exceptional humility, which was shown in the directions for her funeral.

"I die in all humility," she wrote, "knowing well we are all alike before the throne of God, and I request, therefore, that my mortal remains be conveyed to the grave without any pomp or ceremony. They are to be moved to St. George's chapel, Windsor, where I request to have a quiet funeral.

"I particularly desire not to be laid out in state, and the funeral to take place by daylight; no procession, the coffin to be carried by sailors to the chapel. I die in peace and wish to be carried to the tomb in peace and free from the vanities and pomp of this world."—London Home Notes.

Ancient Egyptian Stones.

Stones were formed into the shapes of beetles by the ancient Egyptians. They regarded the beetle as an emblem of immortality, and hence it was the most popular of all forms of ornament. Counterfeit beetles of common stones were commonly buried with dead persons, and it was customary to engrave upon them the expression of wishes for future repose and happiness, dedications of the soul to God and various hieroglyphs. One of the latter was a hawk with a human head, symbolizing resurrection. Another, the vulture, meant maternity. A goose was the son of a king.

The Proper Instinct.

"Birds seem to have the proper instincts for a married man."

"You mean that he can tell a graceful lie, has developed a keen sense of cunning and has learned to conceal his real income from his wife."

"Yes, and also to know that she really knows just how he is deceiving her."—New York Herald.

Net Sure of It.

She—They say that there is a fool in every family. Do you believe that? He—Er—well, I hardly like to say. I'm the only member of my family.—Chicago News.

Lowered.

Maud—Belle doesn't wear French heels any more. Her husband won't let her. Ethel—I said she would lower herself by marrying.—Boston Transcript.

Consciousness of ignorance is no small part of knowledge.—Jerome.

SPARING HER NERVES.

A Careful, Considerate Visitor and Her Timid Friend.

The mistakes which were plentifully sprinkled along Mrs. Comer's career were never regretted by any one more than by Mrs. Comer herself. "I used the very best judgment I had," she said, referring to one unfortunate occurrence, "but, as usual, everything went wrong."

"You see, I went to Greenville in the morning with Mrs. Hobart, intending to go on to Nashua, but I changed my mind when the weather turned cool and spent the day with Anna Woods, going home at dusk. I'd forgotten my little bag with my key in it, so I went right over to Mrs. Hobart's."

"She'd gone down the road to Mrs. Cole's, but I found her key behind the left hand blind and went right in."

"The house was dark, but I said to myself, 'I won't light a lamp for fear of scaring her, a timid woman, living all alone, as she does.' So I sat in the dark till I heard her coming up the walk."

"When she found the door was unlocked she gave a kind of a gasp, so I stepped forward and then, long as I had a cold so my voice didn't sound natural and I was afraid 'twould scare her, she being so timid, I put out my hand and laid it on her arm."

"And, if you'll believe me," finished Mrs. Comer plaintively, "she fell right over in a faint and cut her forehead on the edge of the rocking chair, and I thought I'd never bring her to!"

"There's no use trying to be careful with a woman like her."—Youth's Companion.

CIRCUS CHILDREN.

The Making of Acrobats Begins at an Early Age.

It is nothing unusual for the larger circuses to carry thirty and forty children, ranging all the way from mere babies to boys and girls of fifteen and sixteen years of age. The majority are traveling with their parents, both the father and mother doing daily duty in the ring, and while often they are trained to follow in the steps of their elders they are seldom allowed to perform in public.

It is a common belief among circus men that the performer whose training is not started until after the age of six will seldom make a distinctive record. Following the afternoon show I often saw groups of boys, some of whom could not have been over four and five years old, practicing rudimentary somersaults and hand springs, while their parents looked on with a gratified smile. These were the families of the circus aristocracy, who treasure the records of their ancestors with the pride of a son in his father's sword and who see no more inspiring calling for their own children than that of the great white canvas.

Not that their education is neglected in other respects. Several of the families often hire an instructor—perhaps one of the performers who has the time and ability for such work—to coach their children in the standard studies. One circus has a traveling school for the youngsters. If they are to be acrobats, they are to be educated acrobats.—Bohemian Magazine.

A Sponge That Works.

"Here is a clever notion—a fog bell," said an old New England fisherman.

On a bleak, gray afternoon they stood at the seashore—the old man and his city cousin from Boston. A great bell hung from a scaffold, and under a metal cover hung a great sponge.

"This here machinery is wound up regular," the fisherman explained, "and this here sponge is kept under cover so as the rain can't get at it. In dry weather, natch'rally, the sponge is dry and light; in foggy, though, it gets heavy with fog satch'rations, just heavy enough for to press down the lever that starts the machinery a-going. Then, ding-dong, ding-dong, sounds the bell in the fog, savin' many a fisherman from wreck on this rock bound coast."—Exchange.

A Persistent Hen.

Ever hear about our little red hen? Well, sir, she was on the set for keeps. Couldn't keep her off. Old doorknobs, soda bottles, lamp chimneys, match safes—anything was good enough for her. Finally I put her on three mud turtles, and I hope to die if she didn't hatch out alligators—yes, sir, three of 'em! One of 'em ate her up, and when we opened him there was the hen settin' on his back teeth, and they'd swelled up so they choked him to death.—Exchange.

Unreasonable.

"My husband is so very unreasonable."

"Most husbands are. What did yours do?"

"He fixed a fishhook in one of his pockets because he pretended to suppose that I robbed him at night, and then he blamed me because he forgot it was there."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Coarsely Defined.

"What is the distinguishing quality of the problem play?"

"It makes you think. The first half keeps you wondering what the question is, and the second half keeps you guessing what's the answer."—Washington Star.

The Mean Thing!

Mrs. Oldham—Why are you so down on that lively Mr. Bachelor? Mrs. Youngling—Oh, he snubbed our precious Alfred! He said he thought baby might some day become vice president.—Exchange.

In order to love mankind we must not expect too much of them.—Helvetius.

At His Own Risk.

Caller (on crutches and with a bandage over one eye)—I have come, sir, to make application for the amount due on my accident insurance policy. I fell down a long flight of stairs the other evening and sustained damages that will disable me for a month to come.

Manager of Company—Young man, I have taken the trouble to investigate your case, and I find you are not entitled to anything. It could not be called an accident. You certainly knew the young lady's father was at home.

An Old Saw Strikes a Nail.

Mr. Scraggington (nuzzling)—As Lincoln said, a man may fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time— Mrs. Scraggington (briskly)—But you can't fool me any of the time!—Puck.

Didn't Take the Bait.

Miss Anciente (insinuatingly)—I dislike my name; it's horrid. Mr. Fly (absently)—I fear it's too late to change it now.

Thick silence.—Pittsburg Press.

Pretty Unpopular.

Wigg—Bjones doesn't seem to be very popular. Wagg—I should say not. Why, that fellow is so unpopular he couldn't even get a job as a bill collector.—Philadelphia Record.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph A. Rainville, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the above entitled estate by the above entitled court, and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers at the office of Lowell and Winter, Despain Block, Pendleton, Oregon within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1909.

Joseph T. Rainville, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of James Rainville, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the above entitled estate by the above entitled court, and has qualified as the law directs; all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers at the office of Lowell and Winter, Despain Block, Pendleton Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1909.

Joseph I. Rainville, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County.

In the matter of the estate of W. H. H. Scott, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that Joseph N. Scott, administrator of the estate of W. H. H. Scott, deceased, has filed his final account and report with the clerk of the above entitled Court and that the County Judge has appointed Saturday, the 6th day of March A. D. 1909, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, as the day and the County Court room of the County Court House of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place where any and all objections and exceptions to the said final account will be heard and the settlement thereof made.

Dated this 5th day of February A. D. 1909.

Joseph N. Scott, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the estate of Adele St. Dennis, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the above entitled estate by the above entitled court, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law at the law office of Peterson & Wilson at Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 5th day of February A. D. 1909.

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Jessie B. Bennett, Plaintiff vs. William A. Bennett defendant. To William A. Bennett, above named Defendant:

You are hereby notified and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled court and suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons which said first publication is made on Friday the 29th day of January A. D. 1909. And you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint or otherwise plead thereto, within said time plaintiff for want thereof will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demand in her said complaint to-wit: for a decree of the court declaring absolutely void the marriage contracted and entered into by plaintiff and defendant at Lewiston, Idaho, on September First A. D. 1908 and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of the Honorable H. J. Bean, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and entered on the 22nd day of January A. D. 1909.

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