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Mammals That Lay Eggs.
The duck-billed platypus of Australia is the most curious instance of mammals that lay eggs. The nest is underground, has two entrances, and may contain from one to three eggs. The ant-eating porcupine is another egg-laying creature.

Famous Bible Goes to Italian.
London.—The famous Bible of the Borneo d'Este, valued at \$250,000 and belonging at one time to the late Emperor Karl of Austria, has been purchased by a rich Milan manufacturer, who outbid an American banker for it. The Bible is illuminated by artists of the fifteenth century and is regarded by antiquarians as the finest specimen of its kind in existence.

Bananas at 5,000 Marks Each.
Berlin.—Bananas have been so rare in Germany for the last two years that a Berlin fruit shop almost created a panic by exhibiting two complete bunches on Potsdamer street. Crowds gathered about and eagerly asked the price. The bananas sold for 5,000 marks each, which at the current rate of exchange was about 6 cents.

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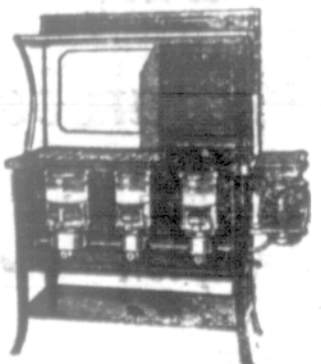
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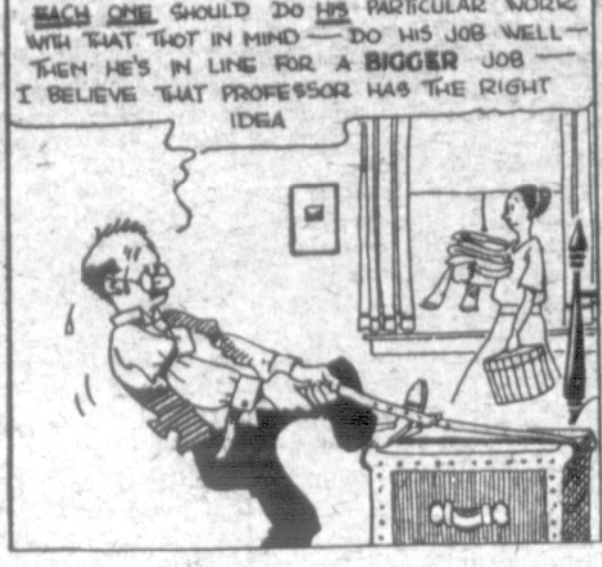
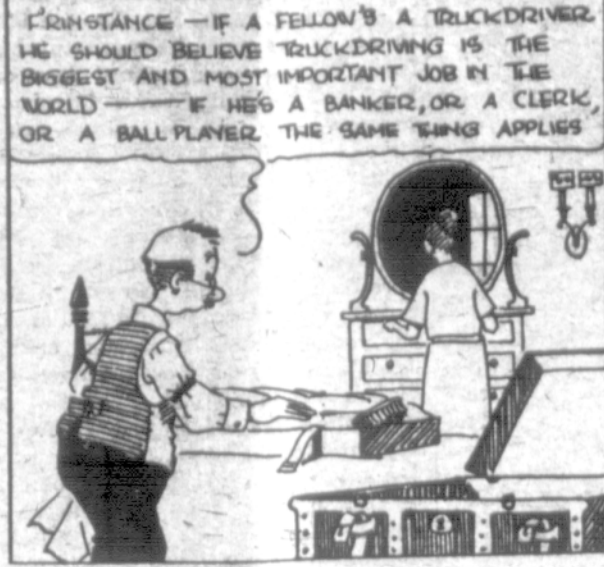
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AW, WHAT'S THE USE



Butcher Really "Killer of Goats."
A butcher was originally a killer of goats. The origin of the word is the old French "bouc" and the modern "bouche," which means a goat, or strictly a he-goat. And our own "back" is of the same origin as "bouc" and "bouche." From "bouc" the French obtained the word "boucheur," a killer of goats. In the Low Latin we find the word "bocherus," from a similar origin. When the range of animals available for the butcher's industry was extended, he retained the designation by which he was originally known in the French, Low Latin and also the Italian languages. He still remains, at least theoretically, a "killer of goats."

Power of Tornadoes.
Tornadoes have been known to carry children a mile.

New Idea for Washing Cars.
"Washbowls" nearly 300 feet in diameter and 17 inches deep in the center are suggested in Australia for washing motor cars. The vehicle runs round in the water and is then sprayed with a hose and dried by electricity. Chicago American.

\$100,000,000 IN 5 YEARS TEXAS OIL STOCK GRAFT

Public Is Swindled Through
Fraudulent Use of the Mails.

Washington.—Oil stock promoters operating in the state of Texas during the last five years have stashed more than \$100,000,000 from the public. Postmaster General New was advised by John H. Edwards, solicitor of the Post Office department, and Chief Postal Inspector Simmons, who are in Fort Worth, co-operating with the Department of Justice in the prosecution of mail fraud cases involving oil promoters.

In making public the report the postmaster general also declared to Post Office department intended to move in the most vigorous and persistent manner possible for the enforcement of both the criminal law and the fraud order statutes against the fraudulent use of the mails.

"More than \$100,000,000 is the estimate placed by post office inspectors upon the amount of money fled from the public during the last five years by oil stock promoters operating in the state of Texas," the report to Mr. New says. "This statement challenges the attention of the country and demands speedy and certain action. Post office inspectors also report that companies and syndicates have been organized, run their course, and passed away by hundreds during these five years, leaving approximately a half million stockholders scattered throughout the United States."

"No doubt some of these companies were started by men who hoped to strike oil and make money from production, but in practically every case the promoters laid their plans to profit from the stock selling regardless of the result of field operations. Seldom was it that a promoter invested any money of his own."

"Almost all the promoters' concerns operate as common law trusts. Over such organizations the Texas state statutes provide no supervision whatever."

Starts With "Sixpence"; Is Worth Half Million



Charles Salom, who landed in Australia 24 years ago as a Lithuanian immigrant with only a "sixpence" in his pocket, ran it up to a half-million through real estate and racing ventures, and is now en route to Poland to rescue his aged parents from the revolutionary terrors of that country.

Hospital Hunts Heirs of Baby Born in 1823

New York.—Boy, page the Martin family! The New York Nursery and Child's hospital, 101 West Sixty-first street, desires to communicate with the descendants, if any, of the first child born at its ancestor institution, the New York Asylum for Lying-in Women. Hospital officials do not know the name, sex or age of the infant, the records merely showing it was born to Mrs. Catherine Martin, wife of John O. Martin, a weaver, on or about November 21, 1823.

The progeny sought in an "Information Wanted" advertisement are wanted to take part in the hospital's centennial celebration April 29. The oldest living person born at the lying-in asylum is wanted to speak then.

Orders 14-Year-Old Boy to Pay Alimony

James A. Chadwick, fourteen years old, of Detroit, Mich., has been ordered to pay \$5 a week alimony to his wife, Mary E. Chadwick, nineteen years old, in order to support her and their three-week-old daughter. Chadwick is the youngest husband in Michigan to pay alimony. He is a student at a Detroit high school, and recently obtained afternoon employment at \$5 a week.

NAVAJOS' SAND PICTURES SAVED

Famous Pictures Made by Indian
Artists Are Preserved for
Posterity.

Gallup, N. M.—The famous sand paintings of the Navajos have been preserved for posterity, and the old Indian prophecy of "The Holy Ones," that when all the sand paintings are forgotten and all religious chants die out, the end of the world will come, can be laid aside in the minds of those who believe in it, for the time being, at least.

For the sand paintings have been transferred by artists to the walls of the Hotel El Navajo, recently dedicated here. In placing the paintings on the walls the artists were particularly not to depart in the slightest degree from the original paintings made by "White Singer" and other eminent chiefs.

In the art of the Navajos, painting, music, the dance, poetry and the drama are indivisible and all are the expression of religion. The medicine man is high priest, physician, singer, dancer and sets the stage for no mean drama. He depends upon his memory for every detail and teaches the cult in turn to his followers.

The legend reads that when "The Holy Ones" gave the ceremonies to man, the priests were enjoined to memorize them and destroy the originals. This was done, not only to avoid their falling into sacrilegious hands, but principally to write them on the hearts of living men.

Made in Colored Sand.

They were therefore made in colored sand and destroyed the same day they were made. Thus both paintings and chants passed on from generation to generation, changing gradually and many of them fading from the memory of even the oldest priests.

Thus many old medicine men were called upon to assist in furnishing the true paintings that remained in their memories, and these were checked by Sam Day, Jr., of St. Michaels, an authority on Navajo customs, who contributed the originals of the paintings and superintended the work, so that no detail was overlooked. These paintings, all of the sacred rituals of the Navajo, are not intended to be pictorial, but every figure, every line and every dot is a symbol. By the use of symbols only their painter priests appealed to the imagination and the heart.

One of the most prized paintings adorning the walls of El Navajo is that of "Nayenezgani, the Man Who Killed Fear." It is a sand painting of peculiar sacredness to the Navajo and has been made but rarely. Second in religious importance is the picture of the "Ascension of Dinah-e-digini" or "Young Holy One."

Among the other sand pictures now painted on the walls of the hotel are those symbolizing "The Clouds," "The Arrow Ceremony," "The Eagle Ceremony," "The Sky Man," "The Earth Mother," "The Bear," "The Pollen Boy" and "The Harvest Beetle."

Dedicated by Navajos.

When the Navajo tribe heard that the sand pictures were to be transferred and perpetuated they insisted on dedicating the hotel with the ritual of their race and performed the ritual of "The Blessing of the House."

In a previous ceremony the evil spirits had been thrown out and the ritual contained no words of any evil or unlucky thing or spirit. Instead all that is good and beautiful was invited to take possession of the dwelling and its occupants and leave no room for evil spirits to return. The initial chant, sung during the procession of the medicine men, was an invocation to the "Unnamed God." He was petitioned to bless not only the house but all its occupants and all that pertained to it as far as the mountains on the four sides of it.

The paintings were blessed with a special ceremony, the procession going from picture to picture, stopping for the leaders to sprinkle each picture with the sacred corn pollen.

After these particular blessings were invoked a number of other chants were sung and the medicine men sprinkled the meal from the sand pictures over the building and the spectators and to "the four corners of the earth." The remainder of the sand was placed in buckskin bags and carriers rode forth to places remote from the gatherings of men, where they could hear "The Echo" and there buried the bags.

Power of the Mind.
A mind is its own place, and in itself can make a heaven of hell, a hell of heaven.—Milton.

Held Unclaimed Estates.
Helena, Mont.—The Montana state treasurer holds more than \$68,000 of unclaimed estates awaiting the call of heirs of between 400 and 500 persons who have died in Montana in the last twenty years, according to figures compiled here.

By L. F. Van Zelm

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It's Good Philosophy, But—



MOTHER AND SON REUNITED AFTER 32 YEARS' SEARCH

Girlhood Tragedy Becomes Romance in Old Age.

A mother and a son, destined to hide the shame of a false birth, were clasped in the arms of each other at Nashville, Tenn., reclaimed to each other, and reunited, after 32 years.

The son is Albert Westley Henderson of Greenville, S. C. The mother's name was withheld. Their story was told after a picture of the son, published in a Nashville newspaper, had effected a meeting of mother and son for an attempt at identification.

Thirty-two years ago here, Henderson's mother, then a mere girl, was in love. With a promise of marriage, she left Nashville in company with a man, for Memphis, Tenn. The marriage was deferred; the man was later killed in a train wreck.

Then came the birth of the son. Destitute and sick, the mother wrote back home for forgiveness and help. She was promised help, provided the child was deserted.

Forced by circumstances, the son was left in a Memphis orphanage, and the mother returned to her home at Nashville, and was taken in, not as a member of the family, but as a servant to do penance.

Years passed. Recently a man came to the office of the newspaper and asked for aid in searching for his mother, who had deserted him. A picture published with the son's name brought response. In a city park the two met, with photographs and papers leading to identification. After a two-hour conference, mother and son were reunited in positive identity.

Recently the mother of Henderson's mother died, denying forgiveness for what she had termed an unbearable stain on family honor.

Russ Import Camels to Replace Horses

New York.—Peasants in the Samara district of Russia are importing camels to take the place of horses in the regular farm work, according to a recent report received at the headquarters of the American Relief administration from R. H. Allen, district supervisor in Samara.

"The camels," says Mr. Allen, "are desired by the peasants because they will eat anything and thrive on it. The Samara peasant uses his cow also for draft purposes, but by incorrect handling ruins her for milking and breeding purposes."

In discussing the harvesting prospects for the summer, Mr. Allen says: "A factor of even more immediate importance than the draft problem, in connection with the harvest, is the locust."

"At the present time the vast surfaces of uncultivated grass-land allow locusts an excellent breeding place. They do not touch rice, which is sown in the early fall and nearly mature when they incubate, but they attack the tender grass shoots of the wheat. A return to a larger cultivated area will gradually eliminate this pest, which is wingless and less active than the American grasshopper."

Clerks to Sort Mail in Speeding Airplane

London.—A "flying mail train" is the latest type of airplane to be developed in England.

In the plane's mail chamber, says the Daily Chronicle's aeronautical expert, sorters will be able to carry on their work just as they might in a railway mail train. It will have a radius of 2,000 miles and will be able to stay in the air 24 hours without alighting. The crew in charge will be provided with regular sleeping quarters on board. They will work in shifts while in the air, some of them sleeping while others are on duty in the control chamber.

If necessary, when flying at night or immersed in fog or cloud, the crew will be able to bring into play mechanisms which will endow the craft with the power of automatic self-balancing. The machine will virtually fly itself, and all the helmsman will have to do will be to keep it on a compass course by means of the rudder.

Bury Army Mule With Full Military Honors

San Antonio, Tex.—A full military funeral was held at Ft. Sam Houston for a burro, Raggedy Ann, mascot of Battery F, Twelfth field artillery. Members of the battery and the other burros and ponies at the post corral joined the procession, and "taps" were sounded at Pershing field, the burial grounds.

SQUABBLE OVER THRONE OF CZAR

Russian Exiles United in Hate
for Lenin, Split as to Candidate for Crown.

Paris.—M. Paul Erlo, "Le Journal" well informed writer on Near East topics, contributed to that newspaper the other day an article on the anti-Soviet activities of the various exiled Russian groups. These groups, as every one knows, are united only in their detestation of Lenin and the Moscow dictatorship. Among other things M. Erlo said:

"The exiles are divided in the main into two camps—the Democrats and the monarchists. But in each of these camps political subdivisions exist and factions and subfactions have been created, whose work is often embarrassed by personal ambition and special interests. While most of the exiles hold that the empire of the Czar will be liberated from the Bolsheviks only by the Russians who have stayed at home, others are of the opinion that only action from the outside can overthrow the Soviets."

Monarchists the More Active.
At present the monarchists seem to be the more aggressive. At least, they are making more stir. They have in the principal cities of Europe numerous committees which meet frequently. But the same ideas are not expressed in all these gatherings. Two aspirants, with about equal followings, the Grand Duke Cyril and the Grand Duke Dimitri, both dream of occupying the throne so tragically abandoned by Nicholas II. Cyril, the eldest son of the Grand Duke Vladimir, brother of Alexander II, is the first in line in the succession. In case Russia should be disposed to return to czarism. But many legitimists oppose his candidacy on the pretext that his mother was a Protestant and that in marrying her the Grand Duke Vladimir had, in accordance with dynastic exigencies, renounced his right to the throne.

"Cyril denies the existence of such a written renunciation, which, for that matter, nobody can claim ever to have seen. His adversaries reproach him with having compromised himself with the Socialists by making a visit to the revolutionaries at the Tauride palace the day after the abdication of Nicholas II. For these two reasons monarchists prefer the son of the Grand Duke Paul, the Grand Duke Dimitri, who, as is well known, took part in the assassination of Rasputin."

Need for a Strong Man.
"But not all the monarchists believe in the possibility of a return, pure and simple, to the former regime. Many of them, convinced that the Red army will soon rise against the Moscow government, think that at that moment Russia will have need of a strong man, capable of maintaining order in the country until elections can be held. These monarchists are persuaded that the Grand Duke Nicholas, whose liberal sentiments are unbecoming, would be able to take the reins during this critical period. It is asserted that the former generalissimo is receptive to such suggestions."

"Finally, General Wrangel, who remains in the Balkans, is not altogether inactive. The officers who served under him in the south of Russia have not deserted him, and it is said that they are ready to answer a second call from him."

"The Democrats and Socialists form a number of groups more or less isolated. The revolutionary Socialists stand altogether apart. The moderate Socialists, whose leader is M. Aksentiev, are inclined to make political concessions. They would have little trouble in reaching an agreement with the moderate Republican groups. The revolutionary Socialists of the Left, led by M. Tchernov, remain faithful to their extremist principles, and if they were permitted later to exercise any power in Russia they would pursue again the policy which they followed in 1917 and thereby prepared the way for Bolshevism. Between these two tendencies Kerensky still hesitates, as if he were waiting for events to dictate his line of conduct."

Germany Dips Into Its War Chest to Pay Bills

Washington.—Among the 60,000,000 gold marks which recently arrived here in payment of certain German obligations were many French 20-franc pieces dated prior to 1871.

This is evidence of the fact that the money is part of Germany's celebrated "war chest" of gold established by Bismarck after the Franco-Prussian war.

The Germans got \$200,000,000 in gold from the French and Bismarck earmarked \$200,000,000 of this for a so-called "mobilization fund," which was trebled by the Reichstag in 1913.

Bald Eagle's Favorite Nesting Site.
The bald eagle, emblem of the republic, chooses a tall pine tree, near water, for his favorite nesting place.

MOTHERS LEAVE BABIES AT DOOR OF INSTITUTION

Revolving Panel in Wall Makes Parting Irrevocable.

Rio de Janeiro.—One of the most curious institutions in this city is "Casa dos Expostos," a founding asylum that receives its small inmates through a sort of revolving door which is so built in a wall that the person operating it from the outside cannot see inside the building nor be seen by persons within.

The purpose of this mysterious door is to enable unfortunate mothers to place their offspring in safe keeping without revealing their identity or whatever secrets may have been connected with their existence.

Most of the foundlings, the asylum officials say, are put within the revolving door at night when there is little or no traffic on the street outside. With the turning of the door a bell rings, which announces to the attendants that a new guest has arrived.

If a note giving the child's name or other information is pinned to its clothes, it is baptised with that name, but once a baby is placed within the door by the despairing mother, it is never returned, no matter what change in fortune may come to the mother or what claims she may advance to support her repentance.

The inmates of the "Casa dos Expostos" are raised like orphans and prepared for life with the best care within the ability of the gentle nuns who manage the institution. Many of the children are adopted by childless couples. Founded in 1738, the institution in the two centuries of its existence has furnished more than 45,000 citizens to this city, some of whom achieved renown and high position—and their introduction to the world was a revolving door.

"Sets Soul at Peace" Before Taking Life

Olive Hill, Ky.—John Milton Flanery, wealthy business man, is dead here, but not without having set his soul at peace. Fearing he was losing his mind Flanery paid all his debts then held a prayer meeting at his home, which ended when he said his soul was at peace. Then he hanged himself.

Finda Seal on Giant Codfish.

Washington.—The United States bureau of fisheries some time ago targeted a quantity of fish with small metal seals, which were numbered, for the purpose of studying their migratory habits. James M. McDonald of Portland, Me., found a seal numbered 11,037 on the fin of a steak codfish weighing 17½ pounds. Investigation showed that this number was put on the fish at Nantucket shoals.

Appropriately Named.
"Tow did you friend get the nickname Louis the Fourteenth?" "From Miss Bright, after he had been invited to a dinner so that there wouldn't be 15 at table."—Boston Transcript.

Pours Gasoline on Fire; Village Burns

Because a tailor poured a bucketful of gasoline on a burning pressing machine, the whole town of Orangefield, Tex., is in ashes. Thirteen buildings were consumed.

The tailor believed that the bucket contained water, he said.

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