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Hard to Eradicate Myths About Snakes

Fear of snakes has led to a belief in various myths about the habits of different species. Children pass along the legend that the hoop snake possesses the power to form itself into a hoop and roll in pursuit of its victim. Tradition holds that the so-called glass or jointed snake has the ability to break into pieces, and many resemble itself later—if its head has not been captured or destroyed. Then there is the myth of the stinging snake. Although this snake has a somewhat formidable tail shaped like a horn or spike, it is incapable of piercing or stinging anything with it. Perhaps the most popular of these myths concerns the belief that if one throw a hair from a horse's tail into a river or lake the hair will promptly turn into a water snake and swim.

Modern Snap Judgment

It is a vice of the present day to air our judgments founded on a minimum of knowledge or no knowledge at all. We go about with cut and dried opinions of our fellow men and women and are very hearty in our judgments of their lives and conduct. Our public men are easy marks for our critical shafts, the classic writers, artists, poets, statesmen, be they who they may, are treated to a summary condemnation with a gusto worthy of a better cause. And our tone implies that we haven't much use for them. In this there lies a bit of truth. We dismiss them with a phrase because we don't understand them. If we once stopped to try to understand them we would find much in them to appreciate and sympathize with, if not openly to adore.—Exchange.

Far More Serious

Sandy had been courting the fair Jean for two years. One evening, after Sandy had been silent for some 20 minutes, Jean murmured: "A penny for your thoughts, Sandy." "Well," replied Sandy, with sudden boldness, "I was thinkin' I'd like to kiss ya, lassie." Jean blushed happily as this operation took place, but Sandy once again fell silent. "An' what are ye thinkin' about now?" asked the girl hopefully. "Another?" "Na, lassie; it's ma' serious this time. I was just wonderin' when ye were goin' to pay me that penny for ma' thoughts."—London Answers.

Snake vs. Crocodile

The anaconda, a true water-snake living on the banks of South American rivers, often attacks crocodiles, which fall victim to it notwithstanding their tenacity of life and their armor-like hides. A fight between these reptiles resembles the mighty struggles of prehistoric animals, according to Dr. Otto Wetstein, custodian of the Vienna Museum of Natural History. One such contest, witnessed by a scientist, lasted for two whole days. The crocodile struggled desperately with its jaws, legs and tail in a vain effort to free itself, but in the end the snake won.

Bird of Many Colors

The California condor is a spectacular bird. His head and neck are quite devoid of feathers, says Nature Magazine, but the skin is colored a dozen different hues, as though nature had experimented with all her cosmetics in order to give the bird's complexion the hues of a rainbow. The head itself is a brilliant orange, with a subtle play of lighter yellow and darker fire color. The throat changes from orange to a beautiful lavender, which in turn becomes jade green on the sides and nape of the neck.

History of Wheat

Wheat from the farms of today is not much different from that grown in ancient Egypt when slaves were building the pyramids. Specimens harvested at least 5,000 years ago and recently found in Mesopotamia indicate, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The grains were discovered by Prof. Stephen Langdon and were in an excellent state of preservation. The find supports the claims of those who believe that wheat raising had its origin in that section of the world.

The Last Part

In Washington they tell the story of a getting clergyman who had been beaten badly on the links by a pariah thirty years his senior, and had returned to the clubhouse rather disgruntled. "Cheer up," his opponent said. "Remember you win at the finish. You'll probably be burying me some day." "Even then," said the preacher, "I will be your hole."—Christian Advocate.

Recipe for Long Life

Anyone who will cultivate the habit of eschewing things that do not agree with him, and of partaking sparingly of things that do agree with him, is booked for a century.—Chaucer's Deceit.

Children Save \$1,000,000

The Kansas City Safety Council estimates the inspection of homes and premises by school children has saved Kansas City nearly \$1,000,000 in the last five years. These inspections are made twice a year, the last one having been made in October, when 30,000 homes were inspected. One hundred and thirteen schools made perfect reports; that is, every home in that number of districts had been inspected. This saving is a tangible evidence of the importance of ordinary fire prevention. School children are trained to note fire hazards and to report them. Thus the city benefits not only from these city-wide inspections, but is training its youth in fire precaution to be taken in their own homes throughout the year. There were 2,217 fires in Kansas City, Mo., in 1922 and only 1,480 last year. The average fire loss is \$377. The city not only owes its gratitude to the school children for the reduction in fire loss, but for a corresponding saving in personal injuries and loss of life through fires, says the Kansas City Times. That this service is appreciated is perhaps best manifested in the almost unvarying co-operation the children receive in the homes they undertake to inspect.

Oldtime Beds Rigidly Excluded Fresh Air

A study of the evolution of the bed from the time of the Norman conquest of England to the present proves interesting. The old bed of northern Europe, from which our own evolved, was a large wooden affair entirely inclosed in panels. It had a roof and was like a small room within a room. When the occupants, several in number, crawled into it and closed the sliding panels, they were completely protected from the night air. The panels later were replaced with curtains, but the beds and the top were kept. These were carved beds of Queen Elizabeth's time. Then in 1700 the back and the roof went, leaving the four posts which supported a wooden cornice from which curtains hung. These beds were still ponderous and were wide enough so that the children as well as the parents could share the warmth of the curtains and pillow feather bedding. The fireplace and the bed were the only warm spots in the house, and the best of the four posts were cut down shorter and shorter until at last they disappeared and the headboards and footboards came back.—Kansas City Star.

Plant Sex

Only the higher forms of plant life, including the trees and flowering plants, have male and female differentiation. Many of the flowers are bisexual; that is, they carry both the female element or pistil and the male element or stamens. These are fertilized by insects that convey pollen from the stamens of one flower to the pistil of another. In growing corn, the tassels at the top of the plant is the male flower, while the young ears are the female flowers.

First Use of Gas

The first use of gas as an illuminant was in the dwelling house of a Mr. Murdoch in Redruth, Cornwall, England, 130 years ago. Murdoch carried on his investigations privately for several years and in 1798 he fitted up an apparatus for lighting part of the manufacturing establishments of Boulton and Watt, near Birmingham. In 1806 Murdoch built a large plant for lighting a Manchester factory, which was very successful and stimulated other efforts in that line.

United States has a virtual world monopoly on helium, which it has been recovering for several years in the oil belt of Texas. Now comes word from the helium plant at Fort Worth—the only one in the world—that a new source of helium has been discovered. This is news of the highest importance. With the world's supply of noninflammable gas in its hands, the United States possesses a great advantage over all other nations in the field of aerial navigation by buoyant aircraft. Any increase in the supply of helium, or any assurance of the perpetuity or prolongation of the supply, is of supreme interest.

Another hunter killed by the discharge of his gun as he crawled through a fence illustrates the incapable human factor in accidents. It can hardly be true that any hunter is unaware of the frequency of that particular form of misadventure.

A church committee on evangelism has called this an age without discipline, failing to note that a large proportion of the population seems to be in command of heroic measures for keeping warm and fashionable at the same time.

A good business man never thinks business is as good as it ought to be. At the same time he never admits that business is actually bad. A delicate adjustment between optimism and pessimism is essential in successful traffic.

Researches in ancient Egyptian have so far disclosed little beyond the ancient effort to make jewelry compensate for the lack of telephones, electric stoves and various other genuine comforts of home.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is given that an execution and order of sale has been issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, to me directed and dated July 27, 1927, in a suit therein pending wherein Isaac L. Patterson, Governor of the State of Oregon; Sam A. Koser, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and Thomas B. Kay, Treasurer of the State of Oregon, constituting the State Land Board of the State of Oregon, was plaintiff, and Ruby B. Pettys, and Frank C. Braxwell, Superintendents of Banks of the State of Oregon, in charge of French & Company, insolvent, were defendants, and in which proceeding a judgment was rendered in favor of the State of Oregon; Sam A. Koser, Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, and Thomas B. Kay, Treasurer of the State of Oregon, constituting the State Land Board of the State of Oregon, was plaintiff, and Ruby B. Pettys, defendant, in the sum of \$800.00 with interest thereon from the 13th day of June, 1924, at the rate of six per cent per annum; for the further sum of \$100.00 attorney fees; and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the sum of \$21.40, and which said writ of execution commands me to make sale of all and singular the following described real property situated in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit: Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 24, in Township 8 South, of Range 14 East of W. M. Also, Southeast Quarter of Section 25, in Township 8 South, of Range 14 East of W. M. Now therefore, by virtue of said execution and order of sale, and in compliance with the demand of said writ, and for the purpose of satisfying the judgment aforesaid and accruing costs, I will, on Saturday, the 27th day of August, 1927, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, in Sherman County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and estate in and to the said real property, which the said named defendant, Ruby B. Pettys, had on the 22nd day of May, 1923, being the date on which the mortgage mentioned in said decree was recorded, or since had in or to the above described real property, or any part thereof, to satisfy said execution, order and decree, with interest, costs and all accruing costs. Dated this 27th day of July, 1927. RICHARD J. BRACKETT, Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon. 44-129 a 19

Sound Advice

Judging from the pictures of fossil footprints, there would have been good reason in mastodonic days for the injunction, "Watch your step!"

W. C. Bryant, Attorney for administrator.

Human Nature

Our natures aren't simple and straightforward. They're many-sided; all edges and facets. It depends on what light catches them whether they show light or dark. Even then it's only the parts that catch the light that show at all.—From "Whipped Cream," by Geoffrey Moss.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, in the matter of the estate of Sarah McClelland, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court her final report and account of her administration of said estate and that Monday, the 15th day of August, A. D. 1927, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the county court room in the court house at Moro, Oregon as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate. Dated at Moro, Oregon this 14th day of July, A. D. 1927. ESSIIE MCKEAN, Administratrix of said estate. W. C. Bryant, attorney for administratrix. First publication July 15, 1927. Last publication August 12, 1927.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, in the matter of the estate of E. H. Bruckert, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court his final report and account of his administration of said estate and that Monday, the 1st day of August, A. D. 1927, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the county court room in the court house at Moro, Oregon as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate. Dated at Moro, Oregon this 27th day of June, A. D. 1927. Richard J. Brackett, Administrator of said estate. W. C. Bryant, attorney for administrator. First publication July 1st, 1927. Last publication July 29th, 1927.

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