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And now the hopeful New Year dawns,
Fling wide the door and let it in!
And may rich blessings with it come,
A reign of righteousness begin.

—HARVEY FLAKE, in *Christmas Obscure*

Aurora Observer

**Dumb Brutes Capable
of Deepest Affection**

I have spent most of my life among animals, and in a part of the world where you may be a week or two without seeing a white face you become rather pally with dogs and horses and sheep and cattle and birds. You get to know them and their ways and traits as well as you know yourself, and the love and affection in all animals is very beautiful.

Of the love of a dog for man the whole world knows. It is the only animal that really loves man with a great love—the only animal that looks you in the eyes and tells you so. Other animals have affection for one, but never love like this.

On my farm I have a mare four years old and a horse of two years—they are brother and sister. When the mother died the young horse did not leave the spot for days. The sister has mothered it ever since. They are inseparable—eating together, drinking together, sleeping together—and if I take one away to work they are neighing to each other the whole time.

But the finest love in animals is the maternal love. The self-sacrifice and devotion of the female in all animals for their young is one of the most beautiful things in the world.

Timid sheep, with their lambs, will stamp their fore feet and walk boldly up to anything that comes near. A cow will hide its calf in long grass and graze, apparently unconcerned, some way off. But go near that long grass where the calf has been hidden, and the cow, which has been looking at you out of the corner of her eye all the time, will come at you full tilt.—Leonard Fleming, in *London Mail*.

**Fishermen Who Have No
Use for Hook and Line**

The negroes of Jamaica have an odd method of getting fish. They go out on a calm moonlight night and row about until they notice a spot where the water is ruffled. This means that a shoal of red snapper is on the surface.

Rowing to the spot one of the men begins beating on the side of the boat with a wooden club. The fish are terrified and jump high into the air, and some at least are sure to fall into the boat. From a dozen to twenty may be caught out of one shoal, and since they are big fish, weighing from two to five pounds apiece, the take is well worth having.

The writer has seen mullet taken in similar fashion off the Florida coast. The boat, however, went out on a dark night and was provided with a strong flare in the bows. Then the surface of the water was beaten with the oar blades and the mullet jumped in scores, quite a number falling in the boat nets stretched to receive them.

Told of Crime in Sleep

Talking in his sleep, a man in Ceylon furnished the police with a clue which has led to the arrest of several men as murderers. An English planter was killed on his estate by five or six natives. It seemed for some time that the mystery of their identity would never be solved. Just when the police were beginning to despair of finding any clue whatever, they discovered a man sleeping near the scene of the murder, and talking in his sleep. What he said was so astounding that the police stopped to listen. As a result of what they heard, they obtained sufficient evidence to later arrest the man who had so unwittingly furnished the clues and four other men who had taken part in the crime.

Put Ban on Chess

During the Thirteenth and the four following centuries chess was quite commonly played and Jewish literature contains numerous rabbinical opinions for and against it. After a visitation of the plague in 1575, the Three Rabbis of Cremona declared that, with the exception of chess, all games were "primary evils and the cause of all troubles." After the great fire at Frankfurt-on-the-Main in 1711, the Jewish community passed a resolution forbidding for a period of 14 years the playing of chess. When played on the Sabbath, it became customary in Germany to use chessmen made of silver in honor of the day.

Looking Ahead

They had been planning their wedding, and had decided on a magnificent ceremony.

"How about the honeymoon?" she asked, coyly.

"Well, what do you say to a trip to France?" he asked.

"But," she objected, "you know how afraid I am of sea-sickness, dearest. I can't stand the water for even ten minutes."

"Yes," he replied, tenderly, "but you ought to know that love is the best remedy for that."

"Perhaps," she said, slowly and doubtfully. "But—but what about the return trip."—*London Tit-Bits*

Early Army Chaplains

The War department says that an act of the Continental congress, passed July 5, 1776, provided that a chaplain be appointed for each regiment in the Continental army, and that their allowance be increased to \$33 a month. The rank held by chaplain in the American army during the Revolutionary war has not been ascertained, nor has it been ascertained whether the rank was the same for all chaplains in the Continental army at any given time, or whether the rank differed in the militia of the several colonies of states that furnished troops for that war.

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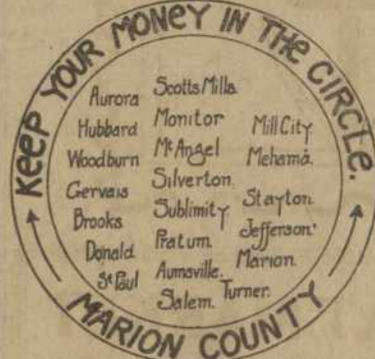
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To Loren Wilson, the defendant above named: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause, and Court within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff's complaint herein, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit: For a decree of divorce forever dissolving the marriage contract existing between you and plaintiff and granting to plaintiff such other relief as may be equitable.

This summons is published for six consecutive weeks in the *Aurora Observer*, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published at Aurora, in Marion County, Oregon the date of the first publication thereof shall be December 25th, 1924, and the date of the last publication thereof shall be February 5th, 1925, all done in accordance with the order of Honorable L. H. McMahan, Judge of the above entitled Court, which order was dated and entered of record in the above entitled cause on December 24th, 1924.

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