

### Dog Days in the Year 12,801.

As most readers well know, dog days include the period from July 3 to Aug. 11, and take their name from Sirius, known as the "Dog Star." Sirius is the most brilliant of the fixed stars, and is at the head of the constellation Canis Major, or Great Dog. This star, during the period which we refer to as dog days, rises with the sun or within the same hour. Owing to this, the astronomers say that the dog star rises "heliocally" from July 3 to Aug. 11.

The Egyptians, who worshiped the dog as a sacred beast, as did several others of the ancients, attributed the extreme heat of summer to the influence of the Canis Major constellation; the present Egyptians, however, knew nothing of this myth, with the exception of the sect known as the Copts. But with other nations it is different. With many the superstition has been perpetuated and handed down to generation after generation until the present time, when the most intelligent people of the realm speak of dog days as a season of baleful glares and breezes.

But in the far future this will all be changed. By a regular shifting of the point where the sun crosses the equator, which is caused by what is termed the "precession of the equinoxes," the time will come, in about 11,000 years, when this evil denigrating Great Dog constellation will only rise with the sun in mid-winter. Wonderful, indeed, is great Dame Nature, which causes the huge planets to swing to and fro like gigantic pendulums strong on invisible wires, bringing the seasons in regular rotation with unerring certainty.—St. Louis Republic.

### Dr. McDaniel's Smoking Tree.

Among the people of Norcross Dr. McDaniel, in his yard, grows an ordinary mulberry tree.

Mrs. McDaniel, while sitting on the veranda, saw a puff of smoke emerge from one of the limbs. She rubbed her eyes to see if it was not an optical delusion, but when she looked again she saw another puff of smoke spring from another limb.

She called to her husband that the tree was on fire. The doctor came out and was no less astonished than his wife, for the whole tree was puffing smoke. It came out in jets from the limbs like a boy smoking a cigarette. The doctor climbed into the tree, but could see nothing unusual about it, not a place in the bark being broken. The smoke was coming from the bark and could be plainly seen as it floated off on the breeze. There was no odor to it whatever, but it was white in color and looked like tobacco smoke.

Dr. McDaniel called in his neighbors, and they too were mystified. Soon the news of the smoking tree spread, and people from all over town flocked to the doctor's home. From 4 o'clock until 6 the tree continued to emit puffs of smoke while a crowd of about 150 people watched it.—Atlanta Journal.

### College Songs as They Really Are.

The Weid Glise club ought to begin to make itself heard now. The nights are getting quite balmy, and all the yard dwellers sit in their open windows longing to howl "More! More!" when the sweet strains of "The Mulligan Musketeers," "Lisette," etc., float through the yard.

New members should be elected to the W. G. C. A few men who can hold the air and don't care about singing tenor would be great acquisitions. There is one man now who persists in singing first tenor in every song, and it would be very painful if he didn't happen to strike the right notes occasionally, entirely by accident. Such things will happen, though.

If somebody would learn the words to something he would confer a favor, because there is a certain queerness in thirty or forty voices all saying, "Pom-pou-pou-pou-pou-pou." These songs without words are very passe; you really ought to learn a few verses for them.—Harvard Lampoon.

### Elsie's Numerous Grandparents.

Elsie Chase, daughter of Charles and Clara Chase, of Yarmouth, has more grandfathers and grandmothers than any child in Massachusetts, all of whom are now living. I give below the names:

Edward and Mary Chase, grandfather and grandmother.

Charles and Emma Ellis, grandfather and grandmother.

Charles and James Ellis, great-grandfather and great-grandmother.

Jerry and Cordelia Chase, great-grandfather and great-grandmother.

Matthew and Ruth B. Gray, great-grandfather and great-grandmother.

Adeline Nickerson, great-great-grandmother.

Jerry Walker, great-great-grandfather.

This is very remarkable, six grandfathers and six grandmothers, and all living, making a collection that has no equal in this country.—Cape Cod Item.

### Booking Passengers.

A railway clerk will "book" 800 passengers an hour. In the days when he had really to book them, to write their names in a book, he would have thought the 800 a good day's work. The saving of labor has been enormous, and, unlike most inventions, the ticket remains much as it was at first. It is still numbered and dated, as it was then, and its only changes have been in color and the words printed on it.—London Tit-Bits.

### My Warblers.

A friend whom I have missed for many months came back to me this morning. I was sure, when first I awakened, something good would come.

The sky was full of promise. The earth seemed ready for what heaven might bestow. And I, forewarned and watchful of each sign, Was standing at my window when I heard A coming, not of footsteps, but of wings, And there he was, my dear red breasted friend!

Oh, how my heart and eyes went out to him! My heart with joy, my eyes to see if he Looked travel worn or weary with his flight; But, with the same old jaunty air I loved, He fluttered weariness from off his wings, And turned and looked inquiringly at me.

It was so sweet to welcome him once more! To know that he was faithful, and that I Might now look forward to the certainty Of seeing all the promises fulfilled!

Each leafless tree a halo wore of green; Already flowery May had come, and June Was waiting with her train o'er yonder hill; I saw it all, while yet the earth was bare, Because my little friend was here and knew It all was coming, and would have me know. Then he became so glad he sang, and I— I bowed my head and shed some happy tears.

—Mary A. Mason in Boston Transcript.

### Chivalrous Devotion.

At the most extensive aquarium in England, the Brighton Zoo, the female lobster recently cast her shell. She screwed herself up together on the toes and tail and suddenly bent her body. Snap went the shell in its center, and the case of the back came away in one piece. The claws were her next care, and she worked away at them for a long time.

It was a proceeding of extreme delicacy, considering that all the flesh of the great claw had to be passed through the small base. During the operation one claw came off altogether, and this must have seemed to the lobster lady a serious misfortune, as it will not grow to its full size again until the second year. The tail and legs gave very little trouble, and to be of a pale blue.

The shell casting over, the lobster sank on the sand, and this action seemed a signal for the attack of every creature in the tank.

The defenseless victim bade fair to succumb to the fury of her enemies, when the male lobster suddenly came to the rescue. Standing over his helpless better half, he fought her assailants relentlessly. Day and night did he watch over her, until her shell was sufficiently hardened to protect her in fighting her own battles.

When this happy moment arrived he deliberately picked up the old claw, broke it in his nippers, and ate the meat. He then dug a hole in the sand, placed in it the broken bits of shell, buried them, and piled a number of small stones above the grave.—Youth's Companion.

### An Interesting Will Case.

An interesting case and one of peculiar complication was disposed of by the court in Allentown recently. When the wife of the late Peter Maury, of West Bethlehem, died two or three years ago, she left a will bequeathing all her property, real or personal, to her husband, and it was stipulated that after his death the estate should revert to "our heirs," to quote the language of the document, Maury married a second wife, and a few weeks after the ceremony he was taken sick with a fever and died.

His widow brought suit against the heirs, Frank and George Maury and Mrs. C. Benner, for a dower right in the property, which was one-third of the estate for life. The main question discussed before the court was whether the interest of Peter Maury in the estate was an absolute one or a life one only. Judge Albright took the latter view of the affair and rendered a decision in favor of the heirs, one of whom lives in Texas. The property is valuable and is situated in West Bethlehem. Before his death Maury gave his wife a check for \$500 or \$600 which he had in bank.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### A New Way of Getting Postage Stamps.

The postal authorities appear to regard the need for additional conveniences in the way of stamp distribution as real, for they have licensed a syndicate to attach to a selected number of pillar boxes, experimentally, an ingenious piece of mechanism working upon the "penny-in-the-slot" principle. By two movements of the hand the delivery is obtained of a small envelope containing a memorandum book full of useful postal information, with blank leaves which might serve for letter paper, and in the cover of the book is securely inserted a penny stamp. The syndicate looks for its profit not to the commission on the sale of the stamps, but to the income from advertisements inserted in the books.—London Telegraph.

### The mad king of Bavaria sometimes smokes as many as 100 cigarettes a day.

For each cigarette he uses an entire box of matches, touching off the others to see them burn after he has used one to secure a light with. He has a new suit of black broadcloth made for him twice every week, but he never uses a handkerchief, towel or napkin. He refuses to go near water and never bathes.

An old apple woman known as "Kitty" has just died in London at the age of one hundred and four. She kept a little stand near St. James' hall, where she often sold candy to Lord Nelson and applied to Pitt and Fox.

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