

King, Queen and Prince to Visit Fair



THAT, instead of interfering with participation in the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, the Balkan wars have aroused unexpected interest on the part of the southern European nations, is the news brought by Colvin B. Brown, Walter P. Andrews and Thomas Rees, Panama-Pacific commissioners to the Mediterranean, who have just returned from an official visit to Greece, Turkey, Roumania, Bulgaria, Serbia, Portugal and Spain, where they were royally entertained.

All want the friendship of America, and are awake to the advantages of the Exposition as well as of the Panama canal. Greece, inspired by new ambitions, has a liberal appropriation before the parliament, which has the indorsement of the king and cabinet. Turkey has already sent her commission.

Bulgaria will not only appropriate for a part in the Exposition, but Queen Eleonora and Crown Prince Boris will soon visit the Exposition grounds, and King Ferdinand will visit San Francisco in 1915. Roumania is interested, and the parliament, which meets April 15, will receive a request from the king and queen that Roumania appropriate money for participation.

In Serbia King Peter and the cabinet are behind the bill to permit that country's participation. Portugal is taking similar action, and King Alphonso of Spain said he was assured that his country should participate.

Sudden Feed Change Causes Bloat

WITH the coming of spring, when cattle are changed from dry feed to pasture, to avoid serious loss it is necessary for the farmer to watch carefully for bloat.

Bloat is a form of indigestion due to the excessive formation and accumulation of various gases in the paunch or rumen. The attack is especially apt to occur when cattle are suddenly changed from a dry diet to green clover or alfalfa. It is often seen during warm, wet weather, or when heavy dew or rain moistens the foliage.

The chief symptom of bloating is a sudden distension in the left flank, which swells up and appears as tight as a drum head when thumped with the finger. Relief must be immediate if suffocation is to be avoided, and consists in providing an artificial outlet for the gas by "tapping" the animal. This is best accomplished by inserting a trocar and canula into the most prominent portion of the swelling. To prevent further gas formation, administer a drachm of two ounces of turpentine in a pint of raw linseed oil or a quart of new milk.

As a prevention, avoid turning the cattle out until the dew or rain has dried off. In addition, giving a full feed of dry roughage, such as the animals are accustomed to, just before turning them out, will be found helpful in preventing this trouble.

Laughs From Far and Near

THE barber was very busy and the shop was full of men waiting for him to practice his tonsorial art upon their heads and faces.

One man, Mr. Blank, became tired of waiting for his turn to come and started to leave. Although his beard had come out pretty heavy, he thought no one would notice it and that he could come back the next morning when Hughes, the barber, was not so very busy. The barber, not wishing a customer to go away unattended to accosted him by saying: "You're not leavin' us is you Mr. Blank?"

Mr. Blank felt of his face and replied: "Why, I don't need a shave, do I Hughes?"

Hughes thereupon looked his customer over critically and answered him assuredly: "No, youse don't need a shave, all youse needs is a hair cut on de face."

BBROWN insisted on returning the \$20 parrot he had bought a few days ago.

"What is the matter with it?" the dealer asked.

"W-w-why," replied Brown, "the d-d-darned c-c-critter st-stutters."—In Nation Monthly.

AND you want to Marry my daughter. Have you any steady occupation?"

"Sure."

"What is it?"

"Waiting for a job at Ford's."

MARK TWAIN had finished his speech at a dinner-party when a lawyer rose, shoved his hands deep into his trousers pockets, as was his habit, and laughingly inquired of those present:

"Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a professional humorist should be funny?"

When the laughter that greeted this sally had subsided, Mark Twain drawled out:

"Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a lawyer should have his hands in his own pockets?"

May Even Up.

"Did your daughters marry well?"

"Not exactly. One married a farmer and another married an ultimate consumer, but the third may make up for all that."

"How' so?"

"She's engaged to a middleman."

"Yes, I lost my friend."

"How was that?"

"We agreed to be perfectly frank with each other."

"Yes?"

"Well, I got in my criticism first."



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