

\$2,500 TO SEE WHAT A HOME LOOKS LIKE

Trapper Makes Long Trip to View Civilization.

Winnipeg, Man.—When the temperature registers a mean 40 degrees below zero the entire winter and often dips down to 60 and 65, civilization and its warm fires and cozy homes are an inviting prospect and may be worth all of \$2,500 which it cost him to view.

That is the way H. H. Hall from way up around the Arctic circle sees it and Hall ought to be given credit for his viewpoint, for he just parted with that sum for a peep at the modern world.

Well Paid for Hardships.

Hall is a white fox trapper. When it is explained that these valuable animals only inhabit the territory adjacent to the pole it is easily understood why he lives in that desolate region. He admits he is well paid, from a monetary standpoint, for the hardships he endures, but every once in a while he must go out in the world.

The playground of the white fox is in the district around Deception bay, on the Hudson strait, almost farther north than one can imagine. When Hall and his companions, Rob Whelan and Guy Dawson, started for the outside world they had to travel 900 miles through a barren waste, where there were no trees, no animals, no life of any kind except themselves and the dogs which drew their sleighs.

Followed Hudson Bay.

The first half of their journey behind them they entered the timberland, where they hugged the tortuous shore of Hudson bay for another 900 miles into Moose Factory, where they met up with the railroad. They were 45 days behind the dog team and they admitted the trip had cost them \$2,500, a sum sufficient to take them to Europe and back.

The trappers come from that part of Quebec just across the strait from Baffin Land. Obtaining food is the great problem in that land, Hall said, as nothing in the way of vegetables will grow in that country. All food must be shipped in from the south.

Fiji Eats on Train; Swallows Miles Away

Los Angeles, Calif.—Summed up, Ratu Mele Salabogi's impression of life in the United States, as rendered through his friend and interpreter, was this:

"I sat in a chair by a table. A man placed food before me. I ate it in one town and swallowed it in the next." The meal which the strapping bare-foot Fiji chief referred to was eaten aboard a California train a few days ago after he had landed at San Francisco from the ship that had brought him across the ocean.

That meal and the fact that hot water could be obtained by merely turning a faucet interested Chief Salabogi the most. The ease with which hot water can be drawn prompted him to bathe three or four times daily.

Until some six months ago Chief Salabogi had never seen a skyscraper, an automobile, flying machine, radio, bathtub or any of the other wonders of modern civilization.

Dyed Pet Dog Fad Has Short Life in Paris

Paris.—Mildly no longer may dye her pet dog in a color to match her gown as she goes promenading. An olive green Pekinese, led by an Englishwoman, started the fad on the Promenade des Anglais. Soon poodles, Pekingese and other breeds in varied colors were seen on the leashes of their mistresses.

Then the humane society got busy and made an investigation. It was found that the ordinary dyes used on clothes, but very much weakened, were being used to furnish the coats of the pet canines and the practice was ordered stopped.

Germans Hurl Jokes at Gum Advertisers

Berlin.—Chewing-gum jokes are flooding the country on the heels of the advertising campaign of American chewing-gum manufacturers, who are trying hard to introduce what is dubbed the "latest craze from America." Gum is called Kau-Gummi in German.

One popular joke concerns a stern father rebuking his son. "Young man," says the father, "finish chewing before you attempt to talk to me." "But, father, I'll never finish. It's chewing gum."

Founder of Sisters of Charity Is Beatified

Rome.—The beatification of the venerable Jeanne Antida Thouret of Nancy, France, founder of the Sisters of Charity, who died in 1826, was celebrated with traditionally beautiful ceremony at St. Peter's. High French prelates and 600 Sisters of Charity and a number of descendants of the new saint were present. Pope Pius descended to St. Peter's in the afternoon and in the presence of 22 cardinals venerated relics of Jeanne Antida Thouret.

How's Her Eyes?

New York.—Miss Edna Wilbur, teacher, just back from study at the Sorbonne, saw no drinking by students in Paris.

HAWAII PROFITS BY EARTHQUAKES

Usually Cause Jump in Taxi and Hotel Rates.

Honolulu.—There are several sure signs of volcanic activity in Hawaii. One of them is quakes. A second is sulphur fumes. The third is a rise in taxi rates.

Dr. T. A. Jaggar, eminent volcanist, does not regard eruptions in Hawaii as alarming, nor do the citizens. In fact, by and large, this phenomenon "sets people wild with joy." The steamship agencies, the hotels, the taxi drivers and everybody else begin to grin.

The reason is that the quakes, although they often number 150 a day in the vicinity of Kilauea, are so gentle that no one is annoyed. The taxi drivers do a tremendous business taking tourists to view the impending eruption or the one already under way and the hotels and steamship companies get their share of the business.

The sulphur fumes are so light, says Doctor Jaggar, that the direction of the vent from which they come could not be determined by the public without information from the government observers.

Lava flows, although spectacular, do little damage and the dozen or two families forced to flee accept the situation in the spirit of packing up to move to the city, they are so used to moving out of the way of the flows.

OUSTED NUNCIO



Archbishop George J. Caruana, papal nuncio to Mexico, who has been expelled from that country on the charge that he illegally entered, Archbishop Caruana came to Washington to take up with officials of the American government the reasons for his expulsion. He is an American citizen.

Parisians Oust Bobs From 1926 Fashions

Paris.—Parisian women are quick to observe that not one shingled coiffure or short skirt a la 1926 is to be found in this year's exhibition of the Society of French Artists and the Beaux Arts.

A few discreet bobs are the sole recognition of the mannish trend. The only short skirts exhibited are on little girls or at tennis courts. The portraits of women of fashion follow the general rule of art before style.

A canvas called "The Amazons," painted by Robert Pughon, a Frenchman, promises to be the storm center of this salon. It depicts three richly tanned young women against the background of a dapple-gray horse. One of the women wears only a gray glove. Another, nude from the waist up, wears a black derby and riding skirt.

10,000 Bottles to Show Which Way Tides Blow

Washington.—Ten thousand sealed bottles will be turned loose in New York harbor as part of a plan proposed by Arthur S. Tuttle, chief engineer, New York city, for a competitive study of currents and tidal changes in these waters.

Army engineers in the New York district have been instructed to cooperate with the city authorities. The bottles will contain cards requesting finders to advise Tuttle by mail as to time and place of discovery. The bottles will be released in lots of 2,500 at bi-weekly intervals.

Queen Tiy of Old Egypt Revealed as Cinderella

Chicago.—Egypt had a Cinderella for a queen in Tiy, Prof. James H. Breasted, noted Egyptologist of the University of Chicago, recently returned from Egypt, disclosed. Interpreting the inscription on a scarab stone, he reported that Queen Tiy, who, in spite of her lowly birth, was taken to wed by King Amenhotep III, who reigned from 1411 to 1325 B. C., was snubbed by the aristocrat of the court.

The king ordered the snobbish courtiers to wear around their necks stones inscribed with the warning that they should remember that Tiy was his wife.

SWAINS OF MEXICO WOO THROUGH BARS

American Jazz Fails to Cross Rio Grande.

Laredo, Texas.—Mingled here in the borderland where two races dwell and two civilizations meet are customs as old as romance and as new as jazz.

The Twentieth century marches blaringly down to the bewitching Rio Grande del Norte and there it stops, for jazz has not yet leaped the barrier. On the other hand, the Nineteenth century flits up to the same great river of the north, but does not altogether halt. The intriguing Latin tones of violin and guitar steal across to soften the din of brass and drum. The river separates two centuries, but cannot bar the music of the soul. Marriage, death and love give a definite picture of life on the strangely moving border.

Customs Centuries Old.

Love-making for the young Mexican follows a habit centuries old. He may become enamored of a fair senorita, but it is only after his father has explained the situation to her father that they may become formally acquainted. Fain would every Latin hombre pick eloquence as his pater's outstanding virtue.

The wooing must be done through the barred windows of the senorita's home until the engagement is announced. But when the moonlight filters through the leaves, even though the formal announcement is not yet, the young senior may strum his trusted guitar under the beloved one's balcony and his recompense is a rose. Each day during the weeks just before the wedding he passes the home of the girl and places a note beneath her door.

The "gran baile" (grand ball) is the piece de resistance of the marriage, and in its amorous lit there is no room for modern tin-pan music. Even if the home have no flooring or furniture, the parents will manage to obtain lace curtains and they always will have a place for the "gran baile."

Fiestas are numerous, but none rivals the "Jamaica" or Mexican fete of jollity. Decorated booths are erected along the sides of the plaza which is the public square. Each booth is in charge of senoritas, bedecked in colorful "chino pobiano," a long dress of many hues, a mantilla of lace and a rose in the hair. One booth will be a temple of justice, with a senorita presiding as judge; another will have "lawyers" and a third will be the "carcel" or jail.

Then there are a number of young woman "policeman" armed with be-ribboned hoops, and when they catch sight of a young "caballero" they slip the hoop over his head and he is brought captive to the judge, who promptly fines him and then incarcerates him in the "carcel." At each step he pays a fine of 10 cents and must square all accounts before he is released.

Favor Bestowed by Flower.

There is the custom of the grand promenade, where flirtation is done by wholesale. The girls and married couples saunter along in an outer line on the walks of the plaza, while on the inner line, going in the opposite direction, walk the young gallants. Should the eyes of two meet and should the girl cast a flower it means that his acquaintance would be welcome, and he at once sets about to gain an introduction. These meetings frequently lead to marriage.

Plainly, jazz is not the life motif of the Latin. The classical dances of Spain predominate. The "Jarabe-Tapatia" is to be seen in homes and theaters. It is danced by a lady in a long-skirted "chino pobiano" and a senior in velvet "charro," which fits tightly about the legs. "La jota," the dance of the shawl, also is a popular expression of the love for soft rhythm.

These Mexican dances and customs filter across the border to flavor and modify American social life along the international boundary.

Deriding Boss' "Mug" Costs \$23,111 Verdict

New York.—Turning the picture of his boss to the wall because he did not want to look at his "mug" proved an expensive gesture for Marion Spelden of Caldwell, N. J.

The appellate division reversed a judgment for \$23,111 obtained by Spelden in a suit for breach of contract of employment against Innis, Spelden & Co., importers and commission merchants. Spelden is the younger brother of C. C. Spelden, president of the company, and held a \$10,000 a year position in 1918.

"We are satisfied that the discharge was entirely justified by the conduct and actions of the plaintiff," read the opinion of the court in part. "Testimony of unimpeached witnesses shows him to have been a disturbing element."

"In the presence of co-employees he turned the picture of the president of the company to the wall, saying he did not want to look at his 'mug.'"

German Population Again Shows Increase

Berlin.—The population of Germany is again increasing. Experts believe the time is not far distant when Germany, like Italy, must again have colonies to house surplus inhabitants. The death rate of 12 per 1,000 population is about 2 per cent lower than in 1913 and less than half of the high peak in 1918, when 25 out of every 1,000 died.

POULTRY

INFERTILE EGGS IN LATE SPRING

Many commercial chick hatcheries are complaining about the large percentage of infertile eggs, according to the directors of the International Baby Chick association who met with poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Many of the hatches, they report, show that less than 75 or 80 per cent of the eggs available are fertile, whereas in normal years fertility runs as high as 90 per cent or more.

"Fertility is largely a management problem," says Dr. M. A. Jull, in charge of poultry investigations, United States Department of Agriculture, "and infertility is due largely to the cold and wet weather, which causes a deviation from normal handling of the average flock. The only way that hatcheries can be certain of securing a high percentage of fertile eggs from farmers or others is to buy only from flocks that are properly managed. There is no practical or scientific method known by which infertile eggs can be detected before incubation."

Backward weather has resulted in many flocks being confined to a greater extent than usual and a consequent lack of sufficient exercise to insure fertile eggs. Then, too, under confinement, too many males may be a cause of low fertility. They spend too much time in fighting each other. Under normal range or yard conditions one male to fifteen or twenty hens of the more active breeds, such as Leghorns, is about right. In the heavier breeds, one male to ten or twelve hens will be required. Fewer males than this would be better in each case when the birds are in close confinement.

Breeding stock should have a variety of feed, consisting of grains, meat, and green feed. The green feed is especially essential if the birds are confined. Free range or exercise helps materially in the production of hatchable eggs.

Feed for Young Turkeys Is of Great Importance

Young turkeys should not be fed for 36 to 48 hours after they are hatched. As soon as they are active, however, on their feet, they may be given water and allowed to pick at sand or gravel. It does no harm and perhaps it is a good idea to give them young, tender greens, the best of which is perhaps short grass on the sod.

The first feeds usually given are stale dry bread crumbs moistened with sweet milk. They are fed very little of this about every two or three hours. It is not a bad idea to scatter a little sand in this, too. Just a little. Other feeds are hard-boiled eggs, boiled to the crumbly stage, mashed and sometimes mixed with bread crumbs, rolled oats that have been rubbed in the hands to make them a little finer, etc.

Pinhead oatmeal and chick feed, usually called chick starter, are also good feeds to give in limited quantities. But with these they must have some animal food to provide the animal protein, such as milk, high-grade beef scraps, etc. Milk is the product usually used. Some use it sweet and some use it sour. Those that use it sour generally pour off the whey and feed the thick part only.

Poultry Notes

Overheating is bad for hen eggs, but for duck eggs it is fatal.

Only strong, sturdy chicks develop into profitable, mature birds.

While chickens can't live on sunlight, they can neither live without it.

The wise poultryman will cull the lying members from the laying flock.

Geese should be mated several months in advance of the breeding season.

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Rigid culling throughout the growing season cuts the cost of raising chicks and lowers the mortality among them.

Avoid filling the poultry house with chickens beyond its capacity. Each bird ought to have at least 8 inches of space on the roost.

To secure the highest winter egg production, the birds must be well fed, mature and healthy and the housing conditions must be good.

Limberneck may be caused by worms or by botulism poisoning or it may be a symptom of such diseases as fowl typhoid, cholera, etc.

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Hunt Meteorites by Mail.

This may seem a novel method of searching for rare meteoric finds, but it has proved to be efficacious. The curator of geology of the United States national museum corresponds with the nearest postmaster to a reported find, and the latter is usually able to put him in touch with persons who can give reliable facts.

To Clean Billiard Balls.

Ivory billiard balls can be cleaned with a soft cloth, moistened with tepid water. Where the balls are so dirty that this is not effective, a small quantity of alcohol can be used satisfactorily by applying same to a cloth and rubbing the balls until they are clean.

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Council Ruled Colonies.

The Spanish king was represented in all affairs relating to America and the East Indies by the council of the Indies, a body created by King Ferdinand in 1511. The council's seat was in Madrid.

The Modern Milkmaid.

No longer is the milkmaid permitted to be the pretty but dumb individual described in romantic verse. She must be at least a graduate in bacteriology.

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Goes Further Than That.

Wigway — "A married woman is never able to keep anything to herself. She tells her husband everything she hears." Henpeckke—"Gee! If she would only limit herself to that!"

First Nautical Author.

The first known book on seamanship and nautical terms was published exactly 300 years ago, in 1626, by Capt. John Smith, historian of Virginia and hero of the famous Pocahontas story.

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