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**TAILS AND THEIR FUNCTIONS**

Different Reasons for Different Movements, According to Eminent Italian Professor.

Animals' tails have various functions, Prof. Giuseppe Renato tells us in a published study of their uses, the New York Times states. The tail of a dog, says the professor, is, as we all know, an index of his psychological state; he raises and wags it, under the impression of joy, lowers it when afflicted and trails it between his legs when frightened. Why, then, many do not believe that dogs have a caudal language, and that the various movements of the tail form a method of communication between them?

The professor points out that among cattle and beasts of burden the tail is a weapon of defense against insects which, in the undomesticated state of these animals, may often have meant the saving of their lives. He says that in the early struggle for existence in cattledom and horsedom the question of survival of the fittest was purely a matter of which had the strongest tail. This resulted in the development of the muscles of the cow and horse to a remarkable degree.

When a horse is struck on the back with a whip it switches the spot with its tail. The horse knows it is a whip and not an insect, but the reflex muscles of its tail are so highly developed that it instinctively switches before the horse has time to telegraph to his brain and put in a stop order.

A cow finds it less fatiguing to keep up a perpetual side to side motion of its tail than to indulge in the nervous, energetic one which the horse upon occasion employs.

**SHOW GREAT INTEREST IN MAN**

Lower Animals Believed to Look Upon Human Biped as Very Much One of Themselves.

That animals look upon man as one of themselves, and not as an object entirely beyond their horizon, is evidenced by the remarkable interest and curiosity regarding him and his doings shown by wild creatures, and by their desire to make friends with him as long as their confidence has not been met by rough rebuke and persecution, which is, alas! the usual response given by the destroyer of creation to such friendly advances.

It is our own fault only, if birds all the world over are not even now on the same footing of familiarity with us as were the birds of the Monte Alverna when St. Francis of Assisi arrived there; or the birds of the Falklands and the Galapagos islands when Darwin visited them; or as the birds of southern Morocco are at the present day, or were, at least, under Mohammedan rule, a few years ago.

But even birds, which have learned at their cost that to come within reach of man is an infinitely greater risk than to approach a wildcat or a snake, will still, when they believe themselves unobserved, and while taking all necessary precautions, often give way to the feeling of curiosity with which the appearance of the long biped in unexpected localities and on unexpected occasions inspires them.—Hans Coudenhove in the Atlantic Monthly.

**Pastorals.**

Pastoral literature must not be confounded with that which has for its subject the lives, the ideas, and the emotions of simple and unsophisticated mankind, far from the centers of our complex civilization. The two may be in their origin related, and they occasionally, as it were, stretch out feelers towards one another, but the pastoral or tradition lies in its essence as far from the human document of humble life as from . . . a volume of pastoral theology. . . . Thus the shepherds of pastoral are primarily and distinctively shepherds; they are not mere rustics engaged in sheepcraft as one out of many of the employments of mankind. As soon as the natural shepherd-life had found an objective setting in conscious artistic literature, it was felt that there was, after all, a difference between hoeing turnips and pasturing sheep; that the one was capable of a particular literary treatment which the other was not.—W. W. Greg.

**The Proper Thing.**

A man went into a bakery the other day. "I'm getting married next week," he began, "and I want to buy a wedding cake." "I suppose you know, sir," said the shopgirl, "that it's the latest thing to choose wedding cakes which harmonize with one's business or profession. For instance, an athlete would have a cup cake, a musician an oat cake, a man who goeses his friends a sponge cake, a pianist a pound cake, and so on. What may I ask, is your calling?" "I am a doctor," the bridegroom answered. "In that case, then," said the girl, smiling, "we would of course, prescribe an angel cake."

**Make the Children a Scrap-Book.**

Start a historical scrap-book for the children. Put into it pictures and items of unusual interest dealing with important public characters and events. When they grow older allow the children to do their own selecting of articles and their own pasting. If encouraged in this work they will complete the book when they are grown up, and will have not only a book of much interest and information, but will have a liking for history (history which will be real and concrete to them), not developed so easily by any other method.

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**Artistic Ancient Earrings.**

Within the last decade has occurred the return of the earring, so long laid aside. Few seen today, however, surpass in taste and delicate finish the earrings of Bote, the daughter of Aristotle, which were found in Chalcis, where the young woman was buried. These ornaments represented doves swinging in golden hoops. The miniature birds were marvelously wrought, the feathers of granulated gold, the wings and breasts enriched with bands of color supplied by inserted gems. Precious stones gleamed like tiny sparks for the eyes. Daintiest of all, the tail feathers were so finely made and curiously adjusted as to move at the slightest motion of the pendant loop, so that whenever the proud wearer should toss or shake her head two attendant doves would seem to balance themselves upon their perches as live birds do in swinging on a bough.

**Ancient.**

Temple of the Moon, believed to be the oldest building on earth, is uncovered by scientific diggers at Ur on the lower Euphrates river. It was erected about 7,000 years ago, and was used continuously as a church for 4,000 years.

King Tut seems very ancient to us, yet here's a building that was about 40 centuries old when he was born. Discovery of the Temple of the Moon is important. It helps confirm the scientific belief that the first civilization was along the Euphrates. Some where in that vicinity probably was the cradle of the human race—though Chinese claim that their authentic history dates back at least 22,000 years.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Shotwell, Miss Mary Yenny, Mrs. Ruth Lienellan and Irwin Shotwell motored to Walla Walla last Tuesday to attend a recital at Whitman college in which Miss Emily Shotwell took part.

Mrs. George Prindle and Mrs. P. B. Doherty left Monday night for Portland. From there they will go to the Mt. Hood loop headquarters of the Shotwell Construction Company.

Mrs. H. Robinett left Tuesday for Portland where she will make her future home with her sister, Mrs. Ray Symons.

Miss Enid Waterman, who is a teacher in the schools at Echo, has returned to her home in this city where she will spend her summer vacation.

O. H. Warner, of Boardman, was a Hermiston visitor Tuesday.

Charles Barnes, of Boardman, was transacting business in Hermiston last Tuesday.

Miss Lela Harris and mother arrived today from Lewiston, Idaho, to visit at the R. Beasley home.

Edith Coppinger, the local milliner, has moved her establishment from the J. Lee Parker store to the building last occupied by Phelps Cash Grocery.

Clarence Parrish left Tuesday for Weiser, Idaho.

F. B. Swayze left Wednesday for Kansas City. While in this vicinity he will pay a visit to his mother.

Postmaster Herman L. Leeper and wife, of Yakima, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Harr. The four have just made the trip over the Columbia highway. Mrs. Leeper is Mrs. Harr's sister.

Wm. P. Stokes of California, is with his family now on the Spencer ranch.

Mr. Tabor, of Wallace, Idaho, who owns land in this vicinity, is in town looking after his property interests.

A. H. Kirby of Adams, was in Hermiston the first part of the week. Mr. Kirby came to Hermiston looking for a location, it being the intention of the gentleman to settle looking after his property interests, in our midst.

Ross Newport was in town Friday from Portland.

Cyrus Barker, who recently left Hermiston, has secured a position with the Casey Lumber company for the summer.

Three green burlap porch curtains used near the platform during the pageant have been lost. Anyone able to assist in finding these will confer a favor on the club by reporting to Mrs. Brownson at the library or by telephoning an officer of the Community Club.