



Small Worlds Around Us

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Human 'Entertainment' To Watch Creatures Fight
Generally, a male mocking bird, quail, partridge or nearly any other species of either bird or mammal respects the other's rights to a certain territory and avoids trespassing on it.

Should one invade what the other considers his rightful domain, a fight ensues.

This natural male pugnaciousness to defend what he considers his own has, on many occasions and in many lands, been taken advantage of by men who would entertain themselves by watching one animal battle another.

Two male crickets, placed head to head in a small enclosure and prodded by human hands, will do battle. The men who watch the contest bet on the outcome.

All-Time Low

This morbidity of man reaches an all time low in some instances when two normally docile and gentle creatures are forced to fight one another. Poets and people of culture have waxed eloquent over the melodious singing of the nightingale, a bird so named because it sings at night when the male pours forth his beautiful song.

These sweet singers have been placed in a small arena and irritated until they engage one another in mortal combat. Each, of course, believes his sovereign rights are being violated, so each rushes to the defense of what he thinks is his.

The battle lasts until one or the other of the birds is reduced to a bloody pulp, and creatures in human form lean over the enclosure to collect bets on the winner.

The old Romans pitted jungle animals against one another, and against even wilder men, and applauded the outcome. In many European countries wild badgers were captured and placed in enclosures with dogs. Dogs were bred purposely to engage other dogs in the ring.

Cockfighting Practiced

Mail quails, partridges and any other animal which would try to protect itself were likewise used, and all for the entertainment of the blood-thirsty human.

Cockfighting, which originated in Asia a great many years ago, still is practiced in many localities. Gamecocks, a tough variety of chicken, were raised for the express purpose of cockfighting. Man equipped them with steel spurs.

Even today, when we are so proud of our culture, there are men who sneak away to some isolated area with a trained gamecock, where he meets others of his kind. Bets are made on which bird can cripple and kill the other—a sad commentary on human intelligence.

Hebrew Institute Established By NYU

New York (UPI)—New York university has established the first Institute of Hebrew Studies at a non-sectarian university in the United States.

The NYU institute will coordinate existing Hebrew study programs on the graduate and undergraduate level and will undertake an expanded research program in ancient manuscripts, a professional exchange with Israeli universities and a program for training professors of Biblical and modern Hebrew.

Electronic Reports Given To Students

Glen Ridge, N.J. (UPI)—High school and junior high school are getting automated report cards.

Instead of writing out report cards in long hand—the time-honored system—Glen Ridge teachers keep students' grades on a roster listing. The data supplied by the teachers is transcribed on a key-punch-verifier machine at the Automatic Data Processing plant in East Paterson, N. J.

Health Achievement Award Won By Kodak

Rochester, N.Y. (UPI)—Eastman Kodak Co. has been awarded the 1962 health achievement in industry award by the Industrial Medical Association.

The award is presented annually to the management of industrial concerns for development of outstanding occupational health programs.

HIDDEN ILLNESS

New York (UPI)—An estimated 100,000 children and 500,000 adults in the United States have an unrecognized and undiagnosed infection of the kidneys, the National Kidney Disease foundation reports.



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