



NEW ZOO GNU—The new gnu at the Griffith Park Zoo in Los Angeles tries his best to hide behind a tree after his arrival from Africa. The gnu is either afraid of the photographer or is worried about the three prospective brides anxiously awaiting him. After the new gnu spends approximately 15 days in quarantine he will be released into the zoo community and have the opportunity to greet his three new gnu brides. (UPI)



Small Worlds Around Us

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'Codfish Gravy' Was Change Of Pace In Long Winter Diet
The almanac, in which he had explicit confidence, assured him the time was propitious; the signs of the Zodiac were all in harmony and it was that time of year to do the butchering. The beef and pork, after the butchering, had hung sufficiently long in the shed until the "animal heat" had gone and the farmwife had prepared the hams and side meat for smoking, had rendered the lard and had made the sausage.

There was no refrigeration in those days except the "deep freeze" of a northern winter, so only the meat desired to be eaten fresh was hung in a cold building; the rest was smoked, generously pickled in brine or placed in crocks with melted lard poured over

the top to seal it against contamination.
Steaks, chops, roasts, ham, bacon and sausage became the main entrée on the breakfast, dinner and supper table as the winter progressed. As a change an occasional chicken, duck or turkey graced the farm table. Some farm families killed a guinea hen, enjoyed the mild, gamey flavor—then went back to pork and beef again.

However, the housewife, then as now, sought occasionally a change, something that would tend to whet jaded appetites. So on her next trip to the general store she bought a flat, wooden box containing solid chunks of salted codfish.

That farmwife of just a few decades ago didn't know, or care, where the cod came from, what manner of creature it was or how it was caught or processed. It came from the sea, and she bought it always in a small wooden box with a sliding cover, a box that was usually completely impregnated with fish oil, salt and maybe the tang of the sea. Even the soft wood of the box was discolored, all attended to the richness of the contained, cold-water fish.

Had she the slightest idea that a female codfish might lay as many as several million eggs in a single year she would have wondered why the salted product in the wooden box she bought should have cost her half as much as she paid. But, enough to know that the white chunks, swimmingly delicious in rich, milk gravy, would afford a welcome change in the family diet.

Tasty Gravy
Usually she made a gravy with milk, flour and some animal fat, and called it "milk gravy," but when the chunks of codfish were added it became "codfish gravy." That was gravy with body; chewy, tasty and with a salty tang.

The farmer or outdoorsman about to enter the woods or fields when the mercury was snuggled down at the bottom of the thermometer, thought a generous meal of boiled potatoes, over which copious amounts of codfish gravy were poured, would "stick to the ribs" and allay the appetite until it was time for the next meal.

There were many that claimed that codfish gravy was far and above any other kind; it had the fish flavor, edible chunks of tasty fish and it helped potatoes to become very delicious.

It was an unusual person indeed that didn't welcome the change from beef, pork and chicken to an occasional and generous helping of codfish gravy. Folks who had never seen the sea, or knew little or nothing of the myriad creatures that lived there, did however enjoy the very white, exceedingly salty chunks of fish flesh that came in a little flat box with a sliding top—the fish flesh that gave strength and character to milk gravy.

Computer Discloses Material Necessary To Shield Building

New York—Over most of the nation today, citizens are adding some extra covers at night and clothing in the day time against winter's cold.

Some find themselves working in buildings which, as the deep of winter approaches, develop chilly areas or run up sizable heat bills to ensure the comfort of those within the walls.

This can be true even for those new buildings which have year-round air conditioning. An article in the December issue of Progressive

Architecture notes that equipping a building with this facility often represents from a fifth to over half the cost of the structure.

An 'Overcoat'

While this is the job of the mechanical engineer, it also must be the concern of the architect. He must help decide what kind of glass and materials go into walls and roofs to keep out cold in winter and heat in summer; whether insulation is needed, to provide the "overcoat" for the building in winter and a shield against the heat of summer.

One of the big producers of

insulating materials, Owens-Corning Fibreglass Corporation, has for nearly two years had in operation a system, called Dividend Engineering, to help show architects and engineers the proper insulation needed for walls and roofs under all kinds of conditions.

The system, as might be expected in this day of rapid technological development, uses computers to make an analysis of what will be a new building's "thermal performance." This means how it will act under conditions of heat and cold; how much

shielding from the sun will be needed in summer for the best operation of building cooling systems, how much protection in the winter to hold in heat and prevent its escape through walls and roofs.

A Quick Answer

To do this manually consumes hundreds of man-hours. To prepare all the necessary data for the computer and program it also takes time, but when all the data is assembled the computer can slap out a detailed report including figures on how much heating and cooling money could be saved.

Owens-Corning people say that the computer system they use can spell out a complete building analysis in only 12 seconds. Into the computer go statistics on such things as which way the building faces in relation to the sun; what materials are used in its walls and roofs; the average temperature outside the year round; estimated cost of equipment, fuel and utilities; operation of the heating and cooling system.

Then wall and roof design modifications can be tested for maximum savings. A New York engineering

firm using this method recently found that by increasing the thickness of insulation on a building at Syosset,

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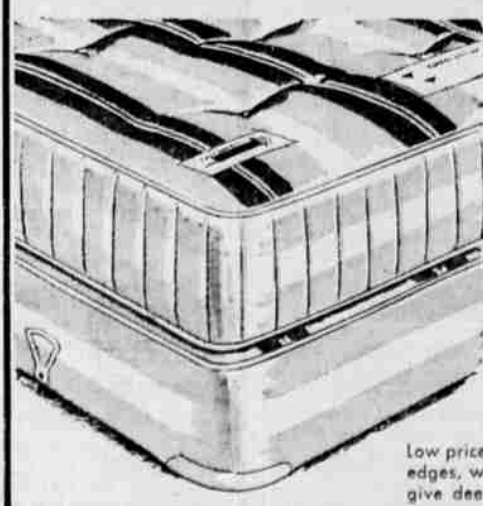
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