

Getting the Fur Coat Out of the Moth Balls Should Be a Reminder That Your Automobile Battery Needs a Little Extra Attention

"The average motorist," said Judd Low, manager of the local "Exide" Service Station, the other morning, "is a queer combination of sound American common sense and unsound American easy goingness. And what parts of his car he never sees or hears a complaint from he is prone to neglect. And that, of course, is mainly why the battery suffers—it never complains."

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BISHOP FEARS FOR SANCTITY OF SACRAMENT

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 20, By Mail—"Everything points to the near approach of a general, deliberate and sustained attack on the Christian conception of marriage," declared the Bishop of Hereford in an address at Manchester Cathedral on "New Ideas of Marriage."

"The war has lowered the prestige of marriage in the thought of many people and visibly endangered its character," said the Bishop. "This has been accomplished partly by allowing women and girls with unprecedented independence and forcing them into a public prominence for which nothing in their previous careers had prepared them; most of all by shaking the whole fabric of civilized society and bringing into open question the accepted principle of social order, discrediting churches, breaking down authority and forcing under ruthless criticism the most intimate and fundamental assumptions of human conduct."

"The divorce court shows us the picture of a society government by 'mouse rather than by principle, swept along by the currents of self-indulgent fashion rather than pursuing a determined course by the direction of settled convictions of personal duty."

ESTRAY

Came to my place at Round Lake about Oct. 15 the following cattle: one yearling steer and one red white-headed heifer, both branded D2 on right hip, crop off right ear, under slope on left ear.

One red yearling heifer, branded quarter circle box on right hip, heart on right shoulder, crop and under-bit right and left ear and upper crop on right ear also.

One red yearling blotched brand on left hip, Swallow fork on right ear, crop and swallow fork on left ear; also split on left ear. And a grey on bracket, wattle on left leg. 12-14 WILLIAM LAMBERT

Dean Moore, of Howard University, Washington, a leading negro educator, says that many negroes in the South are suffering from over prosperity. He tells of laborers having two automobiles and two pianos.

WHERE MOLE BEATS MONKEY

Simian is Comparatively Helpless in the Water, as Are Many of the Land Birds.

Have you ever noticed a gull dropping on the sea—how it spreads its wings high so that the feathers shall not be wetted? If a gull's wing feathers get wet it cannot rise until they dry, says a writer in London Tit-Bits. Throw a mouse into the water. It can swim a little, but as soon as its fur is soaked down it goes, and drowns. So, too, in the case of a rabbit. As soon as its fur is wet it is done for.

A mole can swim like anything, but a monkey is very helpless in the water. Almost all land birds drown very rapidly if unlucky enough to fall into the water. They strike out with their legs, move round and round in a circle, but cannot get off the water.

Lions and tigers are very good swimmers, and do not share the common cats' hatred for the water. But of all the cat tribe, the South American jaguar is the finest performer in the water. It seems often to plunge in for mere joy of a swim.

A rabbit, as we have said, drowns as soon as its fur is soaked through, yet curiously enough its near relative, the hare, swims quite well, and will often cross a river when hunted.

Bears are good swimmers, even those that usually live far from large sheets of water, and the common rat is no mean performer.

One of the best of animal swimmers is the horse. Horses have been known to swim a river nearly a mile wide simply to get back to their old stables.

Deer, too, can all swim well. There are cases of caribou having swum across lakes ten miles wide when escaping from forest fires.

ALCOHOL GROWS ON TREES

Liquid Declared to Be Plentiful in Blooms Which Flourish in Profusion in India.

Alcohol in these days has attention from governments in diverse ways. England has had a committee studying the possibilities of increasing the production of alcohol to be used in generating power.

The opportunities discussed by the committee are interesting. Of course, potatoes, artichokes and cereals came in for attention. But it seems there are less known sources of alcohol. For example, there is the flower of the maba tree, which flourishes in Hyderabad and the central part of India. This flower, when sun-dried, contains 6 per cent of its weight in fermentable sugar, and apparently is to be gathered by the tree. Then there are the fertile gases of the coke ovens. They are so rich in hydrogen that the everyday man that it is not worth starting to learn they contain methane, which by synthetic processes somewhat developed under the stress of war may be converted into ethyl alcohol.

With the coal beds about to produce alcohol, and the trees of India fairly blossoming with it, the man with a motor car may quiet the fears aroused by the scientific gurus which show that we are in sight of the end of petroleum and gasoline. There is nothing like being early in one's wind. —The Nation's Bulletin.

American Buys Franklin's Portrait.

A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, painted in Paris in 1778 by Joseph Breda Duplessis, and showing him as the American ambassador whom Parisians of that period knew, has arrived in this country, the property of Michael Friedsam, the New York Evening Post states. Franklin presented the portrait to the French Perier, engineers and owners of the Chaillet fire engine, when he left France, and it was from the Perier family that Mr. Friedsam purchased it this year.

The portrait, whose gorgeous frame of the period is carved in the form of a serpent, is said to be typical of the best work of Duplessis, who was made a member of the academy in 1774, and was later appointed conservator of the museum of Versailles. In Versailles is a street called Duplessis, and a statue of him stands in a public square of the city.

Only Live Okapi in Captivity.

The only live okapi in captivity has been brought to Antwerp from the Congo. The okapi is the survivor of a distant ancestor of the giraffe. An adult stands about five feet high, and although it has the general shape of the giraffe, its neck is relatively shorter and its forelegs are not so high in proportion to the hindquarters.

The sides of the animal's head are light fawn color and the general coloration of the body is a dark purple. The most striking characteristic is that the rump, and the upper part of the legs are transversely striped with black and white. It was first known in 1901, having been found in the Semliki forest, haunting low undergrowth and swamps.

Getting On.

"How did that actress ever secure an engagement, I wonder?" "Why, didn't you read about it? She applied to a manager who refused to listen to her and she shot him. Then she had several offers."

She Refuses to Go Dry.

"I'll say this for the wife." "What?" "Nowadays she's the only thing left in the house that still has the same old kick."

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AMERICANS STILL BUY MEXICAN MINES

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—(By Mail)—American capitalists are reported to have invested heavily in mining property in the northern part of the republic, the largest single deal having been made by an American smelting and refining company for controlling interest in the Rosita coal mines in Coahuila, for which a million and one-half pesos were paid. The Rosita fields in the past have furnished the greater part of the coal supply of the country and the new owners are said to contemplate enlarging the field and placing Coahuila coal on the United States market.

DOLLAR MARK MEANING.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(By Mail)—The American dollar sign had its origin in a blending of the Pillars of Hercules and a Spanish scroll, according to a British writer who has made a study of the "folklore of commerce."

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