

PICTURES FOR THE DOGS.

A Cinematograph Show Only Interested the Animals in Spots.

A moving picture show was recently given in London to determine what effect a cinematograph picture had on the intelligence of animals. A series of motion pictures was reeled off in a darkened room before an audience of prize dogs. First some pictures of a dog show were run through. The dogs walked up and had a look at it and turned away, obviously bored and uninterested. Evidently the subject was too familiar.

They woke up, however, when an elephant came splashing into a pool of water and appeared to be walking into the room. A massive bulldog made a dash for the screen. With his head up and ears pricked, he got ready to attack, and the whole audience barked and bayed in blood curdling discord. Pictures of birds also irritated them, but when other animals were shown they quickly recognized that they were not looking at the real thing and in a few seconds quieted down completely.

The general result of the experiment seemed to be that dogs do not understand still pictures, but that they appreciate motion, though it very largely depends upon the nature of the thing moving.—Pearson's Weekly.

SALT A-PLenty IN PERU.

A Natural Factory That is Operated on an Automatic Plan.

About a hundred miles north of Lima, near the town of Huacho, is one of the great curiosities of nature, a salt factory on an automatic plan.

When the tide comes in it fills a lot of shallow basins, and the water is prevented from flowing back into the sea by closing the gates. The atmosphere is so dry that the water evaporates rapidly and leaves a sediment of salt in an almost pure state, which is scraped up, packed into sacks and shipped to market.

Within the coast a little farther the percolation of sea water through the porous rocks into pits and hollows has caused immense deposits of salt to accumulate. The salt is taken out in blocks six or eight inches square and sold in that form. As soon as the salt is excavated the water comes in again and in a year or two has solidified and is ready for the market.

Wells driven into the sand disclose strongly impregnated water at a depth of twenty-five feet, which seems to be a great deal heavier than the sea water, and is drawn off into vats for evaporation.

Did She Keep Her Temper?

Mr. Biles is a very hasty tempered man, but he is also one who keeps his promises to the very letter. Therefore Mrs. B. extracted from him a promise always to count twenty before he speaks if he feels rage coming upon him. Last Sunday he rushed into the back drawing room spluttering with fury and red in the face. Mrs. Biles rose and laid a gentle hand on his stammering lips.

"M-Mary, 1-1-1!"

"Hush, dear," said the sweet woman. "Count twenty and conquer yourself, and I shall be more proud of you than if you had conquered the world."

"Eighteen, nineteen, twenty"—

"Now tell me, dear."

"It's that new hat of yours that you paid 6 guineas for, and the new servant's gone out in, and it's raining hard—that's all."—London Express.

Too Much Sex in Literature.

Literature is oversexed. If we were to believe the fictionists and the playwrights, sex is the one morbid, absorbing and exclusive topic of thought and conversation. It is a misrepresentation of fact. When God created man he made him to the likeness of God. Male and female, he created them. The revolt against the order of being and the blurring of natural and inevitable distinctions by a would be new species of women-men and men-women is surely a melancholy sign of decadence both intellectual and moral.—From the Universe.

Interested.

"How one wishes for a return to the good old times when all books were bound in full morocco or russet!" said a visitor at a famous library.

"You're a collector, I can see," said the librarian, who was displaying his treasures.

"No, sir," replied the enthusiast. "I'm a leather merchant!"—London Telegraph.

Well Described.

"Those Chinese characters are peculiar," said the man who was standing in front of a laundry.

"Yes," replied his friend, "Chinese is the only language I know of that looks exactly like it sounds."—Washington Star.

Its Route.

"Why don't you get some labels on your suit case to show where it's been?"

"The paybrokers don't furnish labels!"—Kansas City Journal.

England's Big Mine Road.

The longest underground thoroughfare in Great Britain is in central Derbyshire, where you can walk seven miles upon a road connecting several coal mines.

Business of a Jury.

Willie—Paw, what is a jury? Paw—A body of men organized to find out who has the best lawyer, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

TRUNKS OF ELEPHANTS.

They Serve Many Purposes and Take the Place of Hands.

Elephants are interesting because they have such varied feelings, such a wide range of intelligent appreciation. Doubtless this is in part due to the possession in the trunk of an organ the development of which has itself permitted development of brain power. Very great brain power could not have been developed as an accompaniment merely of hoofs; hands, however imperfect, were necessary or something else that would serve as a partial substitute for hands.

By watching a herd of elephants any one can speedily see the large range of uses to which the trunk is put and the large range of needs and emotions which it develops and satisfies. During courtship the bull and cow caress one another with their trunks. Elephants are very curious, and the trunks are used to test every object which arouses their curiosity. The cow is constantly fondling and guiding the calf with her trunk. The trunk is used to gather every species of food and to draw water. It is used to spurt dust or water over the body. It is used to tread rotten and dangerous ground. It is in constant use to try the wind so as to guard against the approach of any foe.

As one watches the great beasts the trunks continually appear in the air above them, uncurling, twisting, feeling each breath of air. Now and then a great ear is flapped. Now and then the weight of the body is slightly shifted from one colossal leg to another. The huge beasts are rarely entirely motionless for any length of time. Nor are they long silent, for aside from subdued squeaks or growls and occasional shrill calls there are queer internal rumblings. Their eyes are very bad. Like the rhino, they can only see as a very nearsighted man sees. At a distance of eighty yards or so, when in my dull colored hunting clothes, I could walk slowly toward them or shift my position without fear of discovery.—Theodore Roosevelt in Scribner's Magazine.

PILGRIMS IN INDIA.

They Travel Packed in Trains Like Sardines in a Box.

Of course pilgrims in India usually travel third class, and the best of such accommodations makes no provision for comfort. Most of the carriages are divided into small cubicles, with long, narrow wooden benches running along the two sides. There is no convenience of any kind, and the travelers are packed into the compartment like so many sardines in a tin.

On festive occasions, when Hindus journey by the hundred thousand to the sacred spots, it is a sight worth traveling many miles to see a pilgrim train bound for some shrine on the Ganges. When it stops at a wayside station scores of intending passengers try to force their way into the already closely packed third class carriages by battering down the locked doors or even endeavoring to crawl through the windows over the heads and shoulders of the occupants. The police use their batons freely to drive the invaders away, but usually a few manage to evade the constables and secure a foothold on the train.

Sometimes the authorities are compelled to carry passengers in open trucks. They plant themselves in the bottom of these cars and remain there, exposed to the inclemencies of the weather, for ten, twenty, thirty, forty hours at a stretch, one treading on the toes of the other—fretful babies crying, men and women grumbling—until the end of the journey is reached.—Wide World Magazine.

Education and Suicide.

The American Practitioner declares that suicide increases with education and civilization and adds: "It has been said that the spread of the alphabet is coincident with that of self murder. The savage rarely takes his own life. In Italy, Russia and Spain, where the standard of education is low, the fewest suicides on the continent of Europe occur, while in France and Germany, where the people are more sensitive and refined and where the standard of education is higher, the percentage is much increased."

How the End Will Come.

The professor of natural phenomena had acquired a gasoline car.

"The day is coming," he said to his class a few weeks later, "when the tire will sag and punctures pierce the inner tube and the casing blister—and then this old earth of ours will have a blowout that may shake the dog star from its kennel and hurt the dipper to kingdom come!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Impossible.

Exc—What ridiculous, impossible things these fashion plates are! Mrs. Exc—I know they used to be, but today many of them are engraved from photographs. Exc—Well, this one can't be. Here are two women going in opposite directions, both with brand new gowns on and neither looking back at the other.—Boston Transcript.

Parental Effort.

"What are you working so hard for?"

"I want to provide for my boy's future," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "I want to lay by enough wealth so that I can leave Josh this farm for a golf course."—Washington Star.

Education is all paint. It does not alter the nature of the wood that is under it. It only improves its appearance a little.—Stanhope.

Weekly Industrial Review.

Oregon development news in line of industries, payrolls and products of labor and enterprise.

(Prepared by the State Bureau of Industries and Statistics.)

Salem, Ore., Feb. 21st.—During the past week the Supreme court has, decided against Labor Commissioner Hoff in his contention that the eight hour law for public works applied to all public employment, such as police, firemen, state employes, etc.

The case of Frank Stettler, paper box manufacturer at Portland, against the Public Welfare Commission was argued before the highest court here, and in either case, will be appealed to the Supreme court of the United States.

A representative of Going and Harvey of Marshfield has been spending two weeks at Portland buying merchandise direct from the manufacturers, to eliminate middlemen's profits and reduce the high cost of living.

The Oregon Wodenware Manufacturing Co. has an order for sixty carloads of buttertubs from the Swift Packing Co.

The Made-in-Oregon movement received substantial encouragement when 1,500,000 brick were used in the Northwestern Bank Building at Portland, 500,000 being the cream pressed face brick.

Prairie City has a new flouring mill operated by electricity grinding thirty barrels a day besides feed.

Amity people voted down a city waterworks proposition recently but the matter is to be brought up in a more practical way.

Central Point is considering a water system with a pump system forcing 400 gallons per minute through the mains.

W. L. Chappell of Oakville will establish an up-to-date creamery at Medford.

The Board of education are planning to add a first-class gymnasium and swimming tank to the Marshfield high school.

The Farmers Manufacturing and Supply Co., of Bandon, are taking steps to establish a cheese factory.

A fifty room annex to the St. Francis hotel at Albany is being completed.

The Eugene Fruit Growers Association is extending contracts for larger acreage of vegetables for the cannery.

The Springfield planning mills are enlarging the box manufacturing department to employ about twenty more hands.

The Pythian lodge of Aurora is to erect a two-story brick block 150 by 100, to cost \$15,000.

The Tidewater mill at Florence has been reconstructed and is preparing to saw \$100,000 worth of logs this spring.

The St. Helens Creosoting Co. is filling large orders of treated piling and ties for Manila and India.

A \$20,000 central heating plant has been installed by the First National Bank of Dallas.

Plans for a \$30,000 high school for the Fulton Park district Portland, are to be ready by the middle of March.

The German Turnverein of Portland is completing a big club house and gymnasium at a cost of about \$80,000.

Growers in the vicinity of Sherwood received more than \$150,000 for their hops recently.

The new cannery erected at Salem by Hunt Bros., of San Francisco will give employment to 250 persons during the season.

In their big fight for a pure water supply Pendleton people will next vote on a forty thousand dollar bond issue.

Work has begun on the first section of the Pacific Highway from Medford to Central Point—concrete with a granitoid surface.

Marion county is awakening from the sleep of ages and will vote on an \$850,000 good roads bond issue.

John D. Rockefeller predicts an early spring. Mr. Rockefeller is not in the coal business.

The suspicion with which confessions are received upsets the old theory that a man will not lie on himself.

There appears to be something like an admission of a change in Mr. Wilson's Mexican policy in all of the dispatches from Washington covering his conference on Monday with the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. This is so decidedly in the nature of important news that it calls for comment. The dispatches agree in the statement that, having become "convinced that the agitation in England and France for action by those governments for protection of European interests in Mexico must be met by the United States with some action that will force a conclusion of the present situation in Mexico, Mr. Wilson has decided that lifting of the embargo on arms and ammunition is the one step that can hasten the downfall of Huerta."

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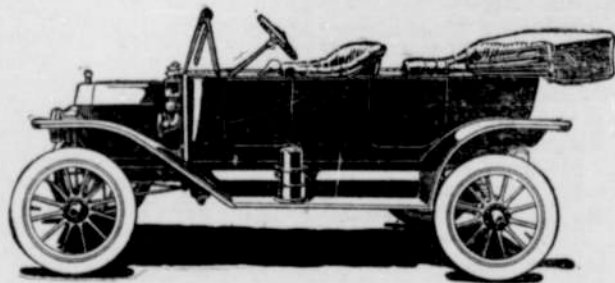
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Soldiers wounded in Mexican battles have quite a choice of possible happenings. They may be left to die, may be tackled by coyotes or may be bayoneted by the enemy. This adds somewhat to the hazards of war as conducted in modern times.



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It is difficult to read all the Mexican dispatches without concluding that somebody is mistaken as to what Judge Speer would call the "true" facts.

A summary of official returns of the November, 1913, elections, made by the New York Tribune, shows the Democrats lost 100,000 votes over November, 1912, the Republicans gained 200,000, and the Progressives lost 450,000

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