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BEE'S KNOWLEDGE OF TIME

Experiments seem to prove them endowed with intelligence almost beyond belief.

Bees, said to be the most intelligent of insects, have a remarkable knowledge of time, says the Philadelphia Record. Professor Conklin of the University of Pennsylvania is of the opinion that bees also have a powerful memory, which is the reason, he asserts, that a bee flying half a mile away from its hive returns safely to its shelter. It observes closely the landmarks passed on the outward journey.

An owner of several hives of bees, noting the diligence they observed in their work, was induced to investigate if time could be accurately gauged by his swarms. For several weeks he had his meals on the terrace of his house, breakfast being served promptly at seven o'clock, when preserves were used as a light repast.

Most of the contents of the table were allowed to remain until luncheon, at 10 a. m. At noon the mid-day meal was served, but without sweets. At 4 p. m. there was a light lunch, with sweets, which remained on the table for half an hour or so.

As a further inducement a dish of stewed cherries was put to cool on a window nearby, and in a few hours the whole swarm of bees were sucking the sweet juice. This incited the bees to visit the window regularly. The dish was afterward moved to the table, and was discovered by one of their number. On the morrow several companies were at the feast, and every day the number increased. At first the bees arrived at all hours but soon they realized that there was "nothing doing" between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., so the visits ceased except at the meal hours.

ASCRIBED TO FALLING STAR

Mystery Crater in Plain of Arizona is Thus Explained by Geologists of Prominence.

About forty miles from Flagstaff, Ariz., in the midst of a great plain, there is a saucer-shaped hollow or crater about three-quarters of a mile across and 600 feet deep. The rim of the crater rises between 150 and 200 feet above the surrounding plain. Rocky fragments are scattered about for several miles around the crater. Among these rocks many fragments of meteoric iron, some containing black diamonds, have been found. The inner walls show that the crust of the earth was broken when the crater was formed, yet no volcanic rocks exist there.

Geologists have offered theories to account for this phenomenon. One is that an immense meteorite made the hole, and that the meteoric fragments mentioned are remnants of the falling star. Another theory ascribes the origin of the crater to a tremendous explosion of steam in the rocks beneath, and a third combines the first two by suggesting that the blow of a falling meteor, striking the earth's crust at a point where subterranean water had accumulated in the neighborhood of heated rocks was the cause of the explosion.

Traced by Laundry Mark.

Perhaps the most striking instance on record in England of how laundry marks assist the police was that of the Yarmouth beach mystery, when the mutilated body of a woman was discovered on the western shore of that, previous to the war, popular seaside resort. Over 400 laundries were visited by the police to discover the ownership of the linen found on the body. It was traced at last to a small hand laundry at Woolwich, whither it had been sent by a Mrs. Bennett. Twelve hours later the dead woman had been identified, and her husband, Herbert John Bennett, was in custody charged with her murder.

He had, as he thought, obliterated every clew. He had persuaded the woman to stay at Yarmouth under an assumed name. He had also, by suspicious pretenses, got her to hide her identity in every possible way; and he had decoyed her to the beach at dead of night and there strangled her—silently, swiftly, secretly—while pretending to caress her. But he overlooked the existence of that one little telltale laundry mark—which brought him to the scaffold.

Mysterious Lake Tchad.

The natives of the surrounding country reverence the Lake Tchad, in Africa, and its island inhabitants. They believe that a great snake lives below the lake's surface, and commands the worship of the race of island dwellers. Some even think that these snake worshippers live within the lake. The island folk are doubtless glad of a legend which protects them from attack so effectively. Unfortunately for them, foreigners are not so gullible and adventurous travelers are the more eager to push on to the lake after hearing the warnings of the fear-struck natives.

Little Men and Big Jobs.

Among the chiefest enemies of mankind is the individual who seizes a job for which he is too little. If he is a tailor, his costs make other human beings fear the light of day. If he builds buildings they tumble down and mangle those who occupy them. If he is an oculist he puts out his patients' eyes, or if a surgeon he is prone to cut off the wrong leg. In all of life's situations the little man in the big job causes misery, but most of all he meets disaster when he meddles with the affairs of nations.—Detroit Free Press.

HAD KNOWLEDGE OF GERMS

Abundant Proof That Ancients Were Aware of the Existence of Little Demons of Disease.

That the ancients knew the microbes of diseases is impossible to imagine, yet it is certain that many of them understood that there were such things. Dr. Jonathan Wright of Pleasantville, N. Y., quoted in the Scientific Monthly from many Roman, Arabian and other writers extracts that prove this.

Varro and Columella, in the first century after Christ, ascribed the diseases of Rome to little animals which live in the swamps.

And the Egyptian and Assyrian censors, thousands of years before Christ, burned resinous drugs and let loose the smoke of ethereal oils to exercise the little demons of disease precisely as our board of health doctors until very recently fumigated our houses to kill the germs of contagion. How efficacious either method may be is not here nor there, the essential fact being that the ancients, without microscopes, had discovered the great truth upon which modern medicine is based.

Steel is Easy to Cast.

The English have just invented a high-speed steel which is so strong that engines and guns and tools made of it can be worked more rapidly than those made of any of the other steels. The Popular Science Monthly magazine says that tools of this steel can be cast into shape, and casting is the quickest known way of making any tool.

There are few steels, however, which, by casting them, do not become brittle. "Cobaltum steel," as it is called, nevertheless can be made in this manner instead of having to be forged and rolled, two very much lengthier and more expensive processes.

Only Type of Eagle Known.

A Russian grand duke, one of the czar's predecessors, was once the guest of a German prince. It was early in the century. In Russia the imperial double-headed eagle is to be seen everywhere and on everything throughout the empire stamped, painted, embroidered, or sculptured. At that period the education of grand dukes was somewhat limited. This grand duke went out shooting in Germany, and, among other things, shot a large bird. He asked an experienced huntsman who accompanied him what the bird was. "An eagle, your highness," was the answer. The grand duke turned on him in an irritated way. "How can it be an eagle," he asked, "when it has only one head?"

The One Achievement.

"I do not feel that I have really seen 'Hamlet' played," mused Mr. Stornington Barnes. "But you have played the part yourself."

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PET SAVED SOLDIER'S LIFE

Effective "First Aid" Rendered by Cat When Its Owner Was Wounded During Crimean War.

During the Crimean war a French soldier was leaving his native village with his corps, when a little cat came running after him. It would not go back, so he put it on his knapsack and carried it along. Day by day, writes Arthur Broadley in the Evangelical Messenger, she was perched up thus, and every night slept by his side.

One day a great battle was to be fought, so the soldier left pussy behind with a sick comrade. After he had gone about a mile on the way the cat came running up to him, so he took it on his back again. Musket and cannon balls were now flying around. The soldier fell twice, but at last a dreadful wound laid him bleeding on the field.

The cat, instead of running away, jumped to the place where the blood was flowing, and began to lick the wound. The army doctor came, and the lad was carried to the hospital tent.

When he recovered consciousness he asked whether he would live or not, and the doctor said: "Yes, thanks to your pussy; she has used her tongue well and has stopped the flow of blood, otherwise you would have died."

Sponge is a Germ Carrier.

Along with many other unsanitary toilet articles, the sponge is going out of fashion. But people may be still found who consider it indispensable. They have overlooked the fact that the sponge is porous and that every pore becomes a hiding place for untold colonies of germs. You cannot boil a sponge for any length of time, therefore you cannot insure its absolute hygienic cleanliness. As the germs multiply, a peculiar musty odor becomes noticeable.

When one bathes, many particles of dead skin are thrown from the body. If a sponge is used quantities of these dead particles collect in the pores of the sponge and will remain there even after considerable rinsing. If a sponge were examined under a microscope one would be horrified at the picture it would present.—Marianna Wheeler in the People's Home Journal.

Grasshoppers Fly to Sea.

The grasshopper would seem to have nothing in common with the seagull, yet grasshoppers have been picked up in swarms at sea, 1,200 miles from the nearest land. The African grasshopper has been known to cross the Red and Mediterranean seas in destructive numbers, and even to fly to the Canary Islands. For the most part these grasshoppers are of a migratory species (Schistocerca gregaria) noted for its great flights. The bodies are about four inches long and are equipped with large air sacs in addition to the usual breathing tubes. These sacs buoy up the insect so that it is able to stay in the air for days at a time, exerting practically no effort at all. During flight its speed varies from three to twenty miles an hour. When it is tired it rests on the water and is borne along on the waves.—Popular Science Monthly.

LITTLE SOUNDS THAT DISTURB

Strange How Ordinary Noises of the Night Affect One Who is Alone in the House.

When you are alone at home and the night comes on, and the noises begin—say, it is a lonesome feeling, isn't it? Uncanny like; ghostly; uncomfortable.

You had not thought much about the family, one way or another, when the family was present. Accepted the family as a matter of course, and went about your way. Sat down after the evening meal and read the newspaper; paid no attention to the swishing of a curtain, nor to the whispering of the wind, nor to the creaking that forever takes place about a house. Nothing disturbed you, when the family was at home, but now, with the family away, everything disturbs you—and startles you.

There is nothing to fear, of course. You are not afraid; it is not that. But as you sit there alone, reading, and a shutter rattles a little, how it startles you, says a writer in the Columbus Dispatch. The furnace clicks, as furnaces will, and you wonder what it is in the basement. A vine scrapes the lattice at the back door, and it sounds for all the world like a burglar trying to unlock the door. You know it is not a burglar; you are not afraid, understand. But, some way, every little noise about the house startles and astounds you.

And then you get up to go to bed. You had never before noticed that it made any sound whatever as you walked across the floor when the family was at home; but now, it's different, to say the least, when the family is away.

Drawings by Mentally Defective.

The drawings of some patients suffering from a moderate form of insanity—"a mild psychosis"—show a curious resemblance to the works of the "primitives" or early "old masters," who worked before the art of draughtsmanship had reached its modern stage of perfection. Both classes of work show the same partial disregard of perspective, the same unnatural but often touching attitudes of the persons, the same air of mystery, romance and solemn sincerity.

In such cases the insane person must be in a childlike mental condition, while possessing some artistic training and genuine artistic talent.

We have often quoted that old verse, "Gather your roses while ye may," and we can well now change it to "gather your vegetables," for by so doing we can accomplish great good.

"We stand behind our boys in France and we will not call it a sacrifice but a privilege to do our bit toward feeding them Over There."—Emma V. Milliken.

Conserve, reserve and preserve all of these fine fruits and vegetables that are now within your reach; you will need them the coming winter.

By eating more perishables here at home we may save others from perishing "Over There."

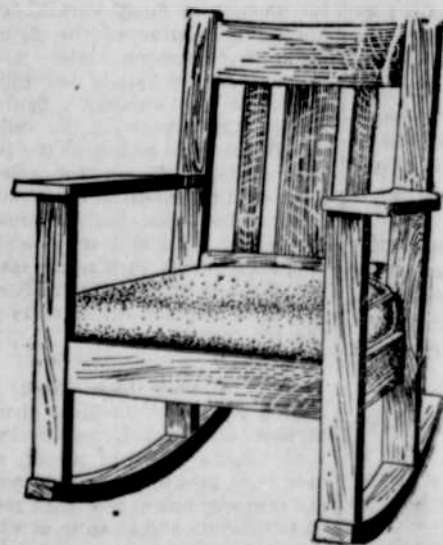
TWO BIG SPECIALS

That make the magic wheels turn faster

That wonderful moving circle called business, which is like a magic wheel changing potatoes into money, clothes and food, or corn into ammunition, has not only got to be kept going, but must be speeded up.

You know your Uncle Sam will not be the least bit backward about saying so, if your business interferes with his, so until he says so, do your duty by increasing business and make the magic wheel turn faster. It's more of a duty now than ever to keep the home bright, fresh and clean; a prettier, brighter home may help the occupants to bear the burden of present responsibilities.

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