

THE INDUSTRY EXPANDS

Belgian Hare Fanciers Are Increasing and the Business is Prospering.

Many New Hutches in Oregon Filled With Choice Stock--A Comprehensive Treatise on Caring for Hares--In the Local Hutches.

(So much interest is now being taken in the raising of the Belgian hare that "The Statesman" will publish every information regarding these very valuable little animals and news of what is happening in the various rabbitries of the state. Belgian hare fanciers who have information of interest can secure its publication by writing to "The Statesman.")

The Belgian hare industry is still growing quite rapidly in Oregon. There is no town of any consequence in the state that has not already some fanciers who have made a start in the business, and many farmers are also taking it up in a large or small way. Eugene started in some time ago, and so did Albany by securing some high-priced and high-scoring specimens from California. Now Cottage Grove is in the swim and Southern Oregon is coming to the front. At Medford, Dr. J. G. Govel has some fine hares, filled with some of the finest strains. There are other breeders at Medford and throughout Southern Oregon. Lately, letters have been coming to the leading Salem breeders from Eastern Oregon and Washington, and inquiries have been made by several parties still further east.

HOUSING THE HARES.

A current writer, in giving directions regarding the manner of treating and housing the Belgian hares gives the following comprehensive directions: "Before buying your Belgians, you must prepare some kind of a home for them, and this may be very simple and inexpensive, or quite luxurious, according to the length of your purse and object in raising hares."

After all, the principal thing is, not the beauty of the hutches, but of the excellent points of their occupants. They should be like putting a beautiful Italian molding round a tub--one often sees this done--but when the frame or the hutch attracts more attention than the picture of the hare, be sure something is wrong; the one should be there only as a useful and necessary offset to the other, and entirely subservient to it.

If your means are limited and you want to expend as little as possible at the start, buy a few wire-sided dry-goods boxes, at least six feet, take off the boards on one side and make a wire door of one-inch mesh. Then fix the top, either part or the whole of it. This is not absolutely necessary, but you will find it a great convenience in taking care of the hares. If you have to keep them out of doors, raise one side of the top, before hanging the lid, so that rain water will run off.

A MORE EXPENSIVE PLAN.

An ideal rabbitry should be a large and lofty building, light, free from draughts, but with plenty of sunlight and ventilation, and unless people are able to put up a building especially adapted to their purpose, a large California country barn is as good as can be found. Have the door and window face the south, and keep the door open all day, but protect your entrance with a wire door. Build the breeding pens all round the walls of the barn. Use one, three, five, or six feet high. Three feet deep and four feet long is a good size. Make your frame of 1 1/2 dressed lumber; stretch 2-inch mesh wire on the ground to prevent burrowing, otherwise use 1-inch mesh, as the youngsters can easily creep through the larger size. Make double doors in front, of wire, two feet in length each, and put wire at the back of the pens, if the hares in the night do not bear it up. Make boards for the partition between the pens, as the hares do better when kept quiet. Then board the top which forms the floor of the second floor, and so on. On the roof of the top tier you can put 2-inch wire mesh, if preferred, if the hares is not cobb.

The tiers should be at least two feet high. Furnish these pens with a wire basket to contain hay and prevent any waste, and two heavy glass rocks, one for fresh water and the other for grain.

Keep the hutches very clean, and disinfect sometimes with a weak solution of eric carbonic acid and water. Have a large lump of rock salt in each hutch. "I have built my hutches in this way and find them very convenient. I have them quite separate from the barn, so six feet high, and this, when divided removed. "Each piece is eight feet long and six feet high, and this, when divided off, forms six good hutches. "In front of these hutches leave a convenient passage and arrange the entire center of the barn in wire runs, fifteen feet long by two and one-half wide. These may be divided in the middle by removable doors, in case you cannot spare so long a space. Use these runs for your bucks and young stock when weaned, keeping the hutches for the breeding does. Cover the ground with 2-inch mesh wire, and use 1-inch mesh for at least a foot and a half up, then 2-inch mesh will suffice. It is very convenient to have them six feet high and not necessary to cover them. If you are sure no cats can get into the barn, a rabbitry arranged in this manner will be found very practical and not extravagant. "If there are rats about your place, I would advise using the small mesh more entirely, even on the ground, as these animals will destroy the young even when they are two months old and still with a mother."

OUTDOOR HUTCHES.

"These are preferred by many, and if built in a manner to prevent draught

and have plenty of protection from heat and sun, and also rain--for damp is the special enemy of the Belgian--are very practical. "Have both in and outdoor hutches if possible. When your hares seem a little out of sorts, nothing will revive them like a run in the fresh air and sunshine, if not too hot. It is also well to have an outside place to banish all stock that show the least symptom of smilges--fresh air, too, is an excellent remedy for the same."

AMONG LOCAL HUTCHES.

Mr. J. B. Early, manager of the Oregon branch of the Meadow Brook Belgian Hare Company, of Los Angeles, is raising a large number of young animals from his pedigree stock, at his farm east of this city. He has 150 or so of Belgian hares, young and old. Mr. Early is an adherent of the park system for hares. He thinks they should have more room than they are usually given in the hutches in which they are generally confined. Mr. Early has been a Belgian fancier for several years, and he is more convinced than ever of the value of the little animals as prolific and cheap meat producers. He predicts that there will be a large demand for this fall for breeding stock, after the farmers shall have earned a little more leisure from their duties in taking care of their crops.

The Marion Square Rabbitry has improved the stock on hand by adding another high-grade buck, "Prince Cayenne," which scores nearly 95, being one of the best bucks ever imported into this section, and an all-around specimen far above the average. Lord Cayenne is the reddest imported buck in Los Angeles, and his son has the best characteristics of his noble sire. This hare is from the importation of Lord Cayenne and Beat Beauty, specimens which only need mention to those versed in haredom, being sufficiently descriptive to warrant them in buying no other progeny. This rabbitry has added to its number about thirty youngsters, all from pedigree does of note, and from the number of visitors, who call to purchase and inspect the stock with intention of purchase, it will be necessary, very soon, to import another lot. The object of this breeder is "quality, not quantity." During the session of the A. O. U. W. Grand Lodge, many of the out-of-town visitors called at this rabbitry and inspected the stock, many taking descriptive matter, to friends who intend purchasing, and quite a few leaving orders for young stock. The little animals are interesting to all lovers of pet animals, and all are invited to call and see them at the rabbitry, and study them in their hutches. All visitors are welcome, whether intending to purchase or not, and a large amount of correspondence is daily received and answered.

J. T. Burcham, on the Garden Road, in the suburbs of this city, has recently come into the Belgian hare business, and he has a fine lot of the interesting little animals. He has among others, some of the Chesire King strain (the famous Cheshire King has a score of 95) and he is raising the little animals with a view to perfecting them still more. He has a fine lot of them and is making a business of supplying prospective raisers of the hares with finely graded stock. Mr. Burcham calls his hutches the Garden Road Rabbitry.

One of the most important of the Salem breeders of Belgian hares, Mr. C. H. Moulton, says that the industry is capable of a more satisfactory future. The visitors who now come to the rabbitries are largely of the class that purchase or intend to purchase in a short time. The enthusiast is giving way to the shrewd business men and women that see money in the venture in a very short time. Many sales, recently made, convince him of this fact. As to the breeding of these beautiful animals, he finds it one of the most pleasant and profitable side-lines for meat hares, that one could wish. To see them clamoring for their food when entering the rabbitry at feeding time, to see them munching their food with a self-satisfied air, after being given it, the petting and caressing which they all enjoy, gives an added delight that is seldom found in any other vocation.

He has recently received another shipment from California of very fine hares, among them being Princess Nokota, a beautiful Yukon doe that scored 92 1/2 at the immature age of five months. This doe is a very beautiful animal and has developed many fine points with her maturity and would doubtless score higher if scored at the present time. She is bred to Lord Peerless, a direct son of Lord Britain, being one of the finest progeny of this great buck. He has now about fifty head of hares on hand and will soon have several youngsters. He has two excellent bucks--Logan, an eighteen months old "Richard" buck, and Bozart, a seven months old Lord Berlin buck.

He has removed his rabbitry from Englewood to No. 471 North Commercial street, two doors north of the mill race. He is very proud of the fine specimens which he has on exhibition, and is always glad to welcome all visitors whether contemplating purchase or merely to see his stock.

Many inquiries have been received as to methods of preparing the Belgian hare for the table. From the time it is six months old the Belgian is good for eating. One recipe is here given: Rabbit Pot Pie--For a large pie two rabbits, which have been cleaned, dressed and jointed as directed for rabbit fricassee. Rub the pieces of

rabbit well with lemon juice, salt and pepper, and where the meat is thick make several gashes or punctures, that the seasoning may penetrate. Put them in a kettle, add boiling water to cover, then put in a bit of bay leaf, eight pepper coras, four cloves, a bit of mace and two sliced onions. Cook slowly till the meat is tender. Remove the meat to a baking dish, discard some of the larger bones, and fill the interior with slices of hard-boiled eggs and canned sweet corn, using four eggs and one-half a can of corn. Thicken the water in which the rabbit was stewed and add more salt if needed. Strain it over the meat, using enough to make it quite moist. Cover the dish with a rich pastry or baking powder crust, make a wide cut in the center and bake till the crust is brown. This dish may be varied by removing the meat when nearly tender, straining the gravy, then returning both to the kettle and adding potato sliced and scalded; then, when boiling, drop in some baking powder dumplings and cook closely covered ten minutes. This makes a rabbit pot pie.

A DOOMED BOY.

This is a genuine letter from a lad at school to his mother. After complaining generally of the school, the young gentleman says: "I hope Matilda's cold is better. I am glad she is not at school. I think I have got consumption, the boys at this place are not gentlemanly, but of course you did not no this when you sent me here, I will try not to get bad habits. The pants have worn out at the knees, I think the tailor must have cheated you, the buttons have come off and they are loose behind. I don't think the food is good, but I shd not mind if I was only stronger. "The piece of meat I send you is off the beef we had on Sunday, but on other days it is more stringy. There are black beetles in the kitchen, and sometimes they even fly in the dinner, which can't be wholesome when you are not strong, I have a tame beetle as a pet. "Do not mind my being so uncomforable, as I do not think I shall last long. Please send me some more money, as I do 25 cents. If you can't spare it I think I can borrow it of a boy who is going to leave at the half quarter, but perhaps you would not like to be under an obligation to his parents.--Yr loving but retched son.--Collier's Weekly.

IS IT RIGHT

For An Editor to Recommend Patent Medicines?

From Sylvan Valley News, Brevard, N. C.

It may be a question whether the editor of a newspaper has the right to publicly recommend any of the proprietary medicines which flood the market, yet as a preventive of suffering we feel it a duty to say a good word for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. We have known and used this medicine in our family for twenty years and have always found it reliable. In many cases a dose of this remedy would save hours of suffering to a physician is awarded. We do not believe in depending implicitly on any medicine for a cure, but we do believe that if a bottle of Chamberlain's Diarrhoea Remedy were kept on hand and administered at the inception of an attack much suffering might be avoided and in very many cases the presence of a physician is avoided. We do not believe in depending implicitly on any medicine for a cure, but we do believe that if a bottle of Chamberlain's Diarrhoea Remedy were kept on hand and administered at the inception of an attack much suffering might be avoided and in very many cases the presence of a physician is avoided. We do not believe in depending implicitly on any medicine for a cure, but we do believe that if a bottle of Chamberlain's Diarrhoea Remedy were kept on hand and administered at the inception of an attack much suffering might be avoided and in very many cases the presence of a physician is avoided.

Lorimer's Last Night Ashore.

The transport was to sail on Sunday morning, and Lorimer, who had all of his traps aboard, thought that he would get permission to run down to Southsea on Saturday, listen to the band upon the pier and return by the evening steamer. He wanted nightly to be alone for a while; the fervor and excitement of the past three weeks, ever since Stella had lusted those bitter words at him, had brought on a reaction. It seemed now as if the intervening time had been spent in a haze. He took the train at the west station--third-class, for congruity--for though the breast-pocket of his imperial Yeomanry tunic rusted with bank notes, it was only the tunic of an ordinary trooper. This raring existence the incessant clatter of the barrack-yard, had been the best antidote for his sensed afflictions; but once alone, separated from the comrades who seemed to jar on his present mood, sentimental imaginings began to assail him, and the self-imposed hair-shirt of an anchorite, each earnest, each look of word of love he had ever had from Stella, revolved back on his quivering consciousness in torturing significance. He visualized each recollection of his passion's drama with an intensity of yearning and regret, and wondered sadly how a woman who had kissed him with such tenderness could ever have been false enough to cease to love him. Tomorrow he would sail, an unimpeded unit among the hosts of his country's army, for a vast and threatening continent--a grain of sand amidst its khaki comrades. The scarlet and gold of his enthusiasm was now a monotonous drab, like the uniform whose cut he secretly disliked. Once again the unsavory image of himself, Stella thrilled him with an aching tenderness. After dinner he went into the vocational room on the pier and listened, indifferently, wrapped in his own somber musings, but as if Fate had also conspired to lacerate his heart, the next selection was the overture to "Tannhauser."

EMPEROR'S FIRST AND LAST PIPE.

Emperor Menelik has entirely forbidden tobacco, which has raised a great clamor as to give pause even to an absolute ruler. It is whispered that the emperor is a heavy smoker, and rises from the fact that one day, seeing some Englishmen with their pipes and general air of well-being, he decided to try tobacco for himself. He borrowed a pipe and some very strong tobacco--if must have been Italian--and began. Since then even the odor of the weed recalls those moments of terrible suffering. Hence the prohibition.--Fall Mail Gazette.

YOUTHFUL BRIDE.

A curious ceremony took place recently in the Hooghly district of India, when a baby 8 months old was married to a man 28 years of age. The father of the bride gave the bridegroom a sum of money for marrying his daughter.

AN EPIDEMIC OF DIARRHOEA.

Mr. A. Sanders, writing from Cocoyatz Grove, Fla., says there has been quite an epidemic of diarrhoea there. He had a severe attack and was cured by four doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He says he also recommended it to others and they say it is the best medicine they ever used. For sale by F. G. Haas, Salem, Oregon.

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LIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS.

"Hot weather doesn't seem to make any difference to some people." "In what way?" "About keeping wrapped up in themselves."--Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

First Chief--That's a dandy new war club you have. Second Chief--Isn't it a beauty? If I could soak some white man with that his burden wouldn't bother him.--Puck.

Young Wife--When I asked Harry if he couldn't take me to the Paris exposition this year he talked dreadfully. He almost swore. Elderly Aunt--What did he say? Young Wife--He said he'd see me in St. Louis first.--Chicago Tribune.

Uncle Jedediah--I just got another letter from some fellers in New York tellin' me that if I would come to the city they'd give me \$500 of good paper money for only \$500 of my old cash. Uncle Hezekiah--I'mp! Bents the dickens how hard they're workin' for make New York the financial center of the world!--Brooklyn Life.

NAVAL BATTLE OF THE FUTURE.

The Stranger--Excuse me, I am a stranger here. Will you kindly inform me why all these gayly dressed people are loitering on the shores of this bay? The Native--Eh? Don't you know? Why, a great naval battle is being fought here, and the people for miles around have come to enjoy the event. The Stranger--I'm new in this part of the country, but I'm not as fresh, perhaps, as I look. You tell me that a great naval battle is being fought here. And yet as far as the eye can reach I can discern no boat--no, not even a ruybe on those placid waters. The Native--That's all right. It's a sub-marine battle fought by sub-marine boats. They are now at it tooth and nail somewhere about the middle of the bay. The Stranger--You astonish me. These people do not look as if they were attending a battle. The women wear summer frocks, and the men are in afternoon clothes, with top hats. And, see, there is a band over there! The Native--Oh, yes; it's quite a function. That's the marine band, and those women and men about it are the special guests of the secretary of the navy. You wait around a little while and we'll have some news. There, see! At that moment, says the Cleveland Plain Dealer, a black object like a mammoth strong elephant leaped upward from the waters and lay quivering on the surface. Every open glass was leveled at it, and the stranger held his hand above his eyes so he could see better. A grimy man crawled from the midst of the thing and raised a huge megaphone to his lips. The Native--Hooraay! That's old Commodore Pol Evans' grandson! The man with the megaphone shouted in a stentorian voice: "We've licked the blankety-blank-blank socks off of 'em!" Whereat there arose a great cheer and a flutter of handkerchiefs, and the marine band played, and the secretary of the navy held an impromptu reception, and then everybody went home to dinner.

FAMIE'S PATHWAY.

The Academy of Moral Sciences in Paris has awarded the Audiffred prize of 15,000 francs to Dr. Yersin for his discovery of the anti-plague serum.

Dr. Joaquin Nabuco of Pernambuco has been appointed navy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Brazil in Lisbon, to succeed the late Dr. Sousa Correa.

The Prince de Joinville was the standing critic of the French imperial navy for the Revue des Deux Mondes. He wrote above the signature of "Saint-Mars," and with marked ability. It was he who first brought forward the renowned Deputy de Lome as a naval constructor.

PECULIAR AND PERTINENT.

New Zealand's flax industry has revived and flourished exceedingly, owing to the war in the Philippines having shortened the output of Manila fiber.

In India mounted officers traveling by rail on temporary duty may, if they prefer it, take a bicycle with them at government expense in lieu of a charger.

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Professor Hans Meyer has ascertained that the glaciers of Kilimanjaro are receding, like those on the Swiss mountains. The snowfall on the African mountain takes place chiefly from March to July.

Chinese consulates pay, with two exceptions, \$3500 with fees. Shanghai is a \$5000 place, while Chefoo pays only \$2000. Hong Kong pays \$5000. The normal fees are, as a rule, only a few hundred dollars.

Volcanic Eruptions.

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Buckler's Arnica Salve cures them; also, Old Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Fevers, Cords, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Dr. STONE, druggist.

FOUGHT IN FANCY UNIFORMS.

The present war in South Africa is showing the nearest approach the British army has ever made to rational dress in the field, says the London Times today. As easy and serviceable khaki, for instance, that the Life Guards fought at Waterloo in scarlet coats, light blue overalls with gold stripes down the sides, and heavy brazen helmets of old Roman pattern with a black bearskin crest and a red, yellow and blue "hackle feather."

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