

CAMP ON A NEW YORK ROOF

Doctor Built \$400 Retreat on Top of His House for a Sleeping Room.

There is a good deal of talk nowadays about the value of plenty of fresh air in sleeping rooms. Dr. Addison W. Baird tells in the Survey about a roof camp that he has built on the top of his New York dwelling. Here he sleeps, and here he finds rest in the open air is quieter and deeper than indoors.

"One may be sleepy when the alarm sounds in the morning, but rises refreshed and invigorated," he says. "In fact, this urban open-air life has a number of pleasant features. There is a sense of remoteness of being away from the noise and movement of the city.

"Looking out over the roofs the scene is often one of great beauty. The electric light streaming upward on the tall buildings of the neighborhood is very striking, and further on can be seen the Palisades with their brilliant arc lights and the dark river beneath. In winter time moonlight glistening on the surrounding snow-clad roofs forms a very attractive picture.

"This roof house is 12 feet square and consists of a steel framework covered in with fireproof materials to comply with the building code. Across the front extends a series of doors, so that this whole side can be thrown open.

"The walls are double and the interspace has openings top and bottom, thus providing free circulation of air, and the roof also is double, with ventilation through a small cupola. The effect of this cellular construction is to prevent the apartment from becoming overheated when the sun's rays play upon it throughout the long summer days. The whole cost was less than \$400."

FACT HE HAD OVERLOOKED

Lover of Bowling Game Might Have Attained Same Result at Much Less Expense.

"The obvious fact is often the most evasive," remarked the New York man. "This is what I mean: An old boyhood friend of mine who has remained back home in Maine made his first trip to town yesterday. Naturally he sought me out. I took him to the club with me. In the course of the afternoon I went to the bowling alley and joined some men at the game. My friend refused to play, but watched the progress of the game with evident interest. It was an off day with me and I was stuck for nearly every game. After the seventh or eighth frame my friend stepped up to me with some concern in his eyes and asked, 'I suppose you like to play this game?'"

"Certainly," I replied.

"You play it for the exercise, probably?"

"I said that I did.

"It costs a lot of money, doesn't it?" he persisted.

"I admitted that it had already cost me about \$1.40 that afternoon.

"I should think," said my friend, "that it would be just as good exercise and a darned sight cheaper if you set up the pins."

"That never occurred to me before," mused the man, "but ain't it a fact?"

Cheap Books on Religion.

Second-hand religious books are a drug on the New York market. That is apparent to everyone who makes the rounds of bookshops. Ponderous tomes, representing the accumulated thoughts of a lifetime and conscientious writing for years by brainy preachers go begging for buyers at five and ten cents. A man with a hobby for religious books can stock a library with them for \$100 at that rate. Many times Tip has seen push-carts in Grand Canal, Rivington and other east side streets literally groaning beneath their loads of religious books, which found few takers at one cent apiece. Let those who are skeptical on these points pay heed when next they look over the book trays in front of the places in Twenty-third, Fifty-ninth and other streets where second-hand books are sold. Let them also look at the names of the authors of these books and see how cheaply, in this generation the best thoughts of many of the best preachers in by-gone years are being vended.—New York Press.

Origin of Commerce.

Commerce—the international traffic in goods, as distinct from domestic traffic—was undoubtedly originated by the wonderful little people known in history as the Phoenicians. The "Yankees of antiquity," the Phoenicians traded with various peoples long before the other nations had crossed their respective frontiers. All along the shores of the Mediterranean, and up the coast of the Atlantic as far north as the British Isles, their ships were to be found, leaving their manufactures and wonderful dyes, and bringing back to Tyre tin, wood and such other articles as paid them to deal in. Creating the merchant marine so long ago that history gives us no account of it, the Phoenicians and their colonists, the Carthaginians, held it until it passed on to Greece and Rome, and, later, along to the republics of modern Italy.

A Problem.

It is reported that six citizens of Birmingham have recently mortgaged their homes to buy automobiles. The purchase price is a mere starter. How in the dickens do they ever expect to pay for repairs and gasoline?

SPORT ON PRAIRIES

Modern Motor Car Used in Chasing the Fleet Jack Rabbit.

Coyote is Run to His Hole, Then Hunters Pour in Gasoline—When Animal Emerges Wild Race Across Open is Resumed.

Topeka, Kan.—The faithful horse is going into the discard in Kansas as a necessary adjunct of a hunting party or the chase of a horse thief. Motor cars are becoming so plentiful in the state and they have been found so much better in chasing the fleet jack rabbit or driving the common coyote to its lair or catching those who take horses and mules from stables without the owners' permission that the horse is being relegated to the rear.

Rabbit and wolf hunts have long been a common sport in Kansas. Men would go out with horses and dogs and have a rabbit or wolf drive. Now a party of a dozen men in three or four motor cars go out and make more successful drives than 100 men with horses.

A wolf hunt with a motor car is about as exciting sport as any one would care to indulge in. In middle and western Kansas are thousands of acres of wheat and corn lands without a fence. Often one can drive five or ten miles across the country and encounter few fences except those around a small pasture on each farm. Motorists can drive miles and miles across the prairie lands of the western half of the state without running into a fence or creek or gully.

It is not much trouble to stir up a coyote or prairie wolf in western Kansas, and when the motor party sees one the race begins. The coyote runs in a large circle. He does not dodge back and forth, or zig-zag much, so it is a comparatively easy matter for the driver to keep right behind Mr. Coyote. But that motor car must be moving along at a lively gait. The coyote can jump along across the prairie at about 30 miles an hour, and he can also do some tall spurring when necessity demands.

In the days of coyote hunting with horses and dogs, the wolves were never driven to their dens. But about an hour's driving with a motor car gives the coyote about all the running he cares for, and he makes for his den. But his rest is not long, because the hunters pour some gasoline down the hole, and the fumes soon drive the coyote out, and the race begins again. Within the last month not less than eight coyotes have been run down and killed by the wheels of the motor cars or shot by members of the party after the animals had been driven until they could run no longer.

The Kansas jack rabbit is also a "nifty" chap on his legs when it comes to hitting a hot pace across the prairie. The rabbit cannot run so long, but can go faster than the coyote. The rabbit does more or less short dodging, but he also runs in a circle of about a mile in circumference, and the short dodges to one side or the other of the path are simply by-plays. The driver of the motor car keeps far enough behind the rabbit to turn to either side and head the rabbit off when he makes these turns, and still close enough to keep the rabbit going at full speed. About two runs around the circle are enough for the rabbit, and the hunters have no trouble in driving up close enough to shoot. Sometimes the hunters are able to pick up a rabbit alive because he is too tired to run further.

FOX OUTRUN BY A SPRINTER

Finds Six Cubs in Burrow and Then Chases and Captures Mother in Half-Mile Dash.

Amityville, N. Y.—Norman D. Hafl, whose fame as an amateur runner has spread far beyond the confines of this, his native town and county, broke all previous records a day or so ago, when he ran down and captured a fox after first leading six of her cubs in a burrow on a farm north of the village.

Mr. Hafl, who is a son of Street Commissioner Tom O. Hafl, discovered the burrow and dug out the litter of cubs. After sending the young foxes to his home, he hid behind a bush to await the mother fox's return. She came in due time, when Mr. Hafl jumped for her. The old fox started on a run toward the west, evidently hoping to lose her pursuer, but young Hafl kept right on and after a half-mile sprint captured her. He brought her home in triumph, and now has the mother and her six little ones on exhibition.

Potato Antidote for Pin.

Middletown, N. Y.—While laughing heartily at a joke John Williams of Highlands Mills allowed a pin to slip down his throat. He hurried to a physician, but the pin had got into his stomach. In the hope that a ball may be formed around the pin the physician has placed the young man on a diet of mashed potatoes. If the ball is formed it is believed the pin can be removed.

Find Genuine Velasquez.

London.—The famous "Venus With the Mirror," also known as the "Rocke by Venus," which cost \$225,000, has been found to be a genuine Velasquez by the committee of experts named to examine it. It was charged that the painting was a kind unknown in the time of Velasquez.

ERA OF THE STEEL BUILDING

Comparatively Short Time During Which Skyscrapers Have Multiplied in New York.

Men still under thirty since they began their careers as office boys in Wall street could have seen all the steel-frame buildings erected in New York. Something like 85 per cent of them have gone up in the last ten years. There is no comparison between the New York of today, and especially the New York of the financial district, with the city 15 years ago. More remarkable even than the physical change is the growth of office accommodations and the increase of the demand with the supply.

In one of the great buildings of Broad street some five thousand persons are employed daily. The dozen or more three and four-story houses demolished to make place for it probably did not shelter more than one-tenth of that number. And yet the building finds tenants, even although it is eight years old and therefore a trifle out of date. The 19-story Gilleder building, on the northwest corner of Nassau and Broad streets, is very little older, but it is to be taken to pieces like a puzzle model in building five hundred feet high which will quadruple the accommodation on the already well-built lot which it will occupy.—Wall Street Journal.

MADE A PERSONAL APPEAL

Supplanted Laundress Successful in Effort to Retain Patronage of Duke of the Abruzzi.

At Salsomaggiore, says a writer in McClure's, there was a laundress who had always enjoyed the patronage of the Duke of the Abruzzi whenever he came there to take the cure on his return from one of his expeditions. The duke of course knew nothing about this matter, which was attended to by his chauffeur-valet. Now, for some reason, of which I am ignorant, the servant had taken a notion to change laundresses; here a great humiliation on the part of the good little woman, who naturally prized her celebrated patron. What was she to do? She wanted to get an explanation of the matter, at any rate; so one day she placed herself on the road where the duke was to pass. When he came up she said to him: "Your highness is no longer satisfied with your former laundress?" "Who said so?" "Why, your highness no longer sends me his linen and I am very unhappy about it." "My poor child," exclaimed the prince, "I know nothing about it! Come with me and we will settle the matter out of hand." The duke ordered his chauffeur to send his linen to his usual laundress in the future and when she narrated this incident to me (for I was also one of her patrons) she added enthusiastically: "And he isn't a bit proud, is our duke, for he is the first man who ever lifted his hat to me."

Fishing for Fun.

If there be a time for everything this is the time for fishing—not fishing for the market, but fishing for fun. To most men fishing means hard work with a seine or dill work with a hook and line. Fishing for sport is done with a rod and reel. The ice is out of the northern lakes and streams, but their waters are cold and clear. Fish that live in them are firm, quick, pugnacious and, in their way, intelligent. The man who gets a few of them must know where they live, understand their habits, possess an outfit of approved fitness and be expert in its use. Angling in warm waters for lazy and indifferent fish, a weary man can hardly forget business cares, for there is not enough excitement to occupy his mind. Operating in a northern lake or brook in early spring, with the assistance of a good guide, his mind is intent only upon fish. There are no anxieties of trade, no professional perplexities, no social or domestic worries, no troubles of any kind for a man in whose eyes the flashing sunlight is reflected and in whose ears the reel is ringing.

Committed the Bible to Memory.

William Frederick, Jr., a travelling salesman, bears the distinction, so far as he is aware, of being the only person who ever committed the Bible to memory. He is a friend of Alexander M. Rush of this city, who is well acquainted with the Frederick family. The one who committed the Bible to memory, while not being a member of any particular church, has made such a study of the Bible that he can repeat any passage in it from Genesis to Revelations and state where it is found.

He was 18 years committing the Bible to memory. His object in doing so was not for the purpose of arguing Scripture or of making a display of his wonderful knowledge along that line, but simply for his own benefit and his love for the Holy Word.—Fairmouth News.

First Woman Druggist in Germany.

The first lady apothecary in Germany has succeeded in passing her examinations. She is Fraulein von Gussnar, aged twenty-one. She has now proceeded from Berlin to Darmstadt, where she has been engaged as apothecary's help in a pharmacy there.

Considerable interest has been excited over the fact, as although there are many women pharmacists in England, this is the only instance of its kind known in Germany, and it is expected that many women will now follow in Fraulein von Gussnar's footsteps.

DOCTOR SAVES KITTEN'S LIFE

Boston Physician Rebukes Brutal Driver and Takes Injured Cat Into Drug Store.

Boston.—It was one of those lean, yellow cats that cringe in fear at every strange noise, and it slouched across Scollay square, dodging in and out through the traffic. But a honking taxicab crushed it beneath a wheel and sped away, leaving the quivering form lying on the pavement. The driver of a three-horse truck laughed brutally and deliberately veered his horses so as to crush the cat beneath their hoofs.

"You big brute. Stop!" shouted a man on the sidewalk, running out and grabbing the bridle of the off horse. The frightened horses reared on their haunches and the man picked up the cat and stepped back on to the sidewalk before the astonished driver fully comprehended what had happened.

Stepping into the drug store at the corner he went into the rear and laid the apparently dead cat on the floor in a corner. Opening the physician's bag that he carried, he stitched up a deep gash in the animal's side that had been cut by the tire chains of the taxicab. Adroitly examining to see if any bones had been broken, he stood it on its feet to see if it could walk. Unable to do so, the cat finally staggered back into the corner, curled itself up and lay quivering with fright, but having apparently implicit faith in its savior.

When the physician left, after rubbing from his fur coat the mud from the body of the cat, the reporter asked the proprietor what the doctor's name was.

"He wouldn't like to have me give you his name," answered the druggist, "but that man is one of the largest anonymous contributors to animal rescue leagues in New England. His heart is as big as a washtub."

PUPILS DEVOUR OWN COOKING

Numerous Cases of Indigestion Reported Because of New Rule in Jersey School.

Trenton, N. J.—School girls taking up the course of domestic science at the Carrol Robbins school will be compelled to eat what they cook hereafter, because of the belief of the instructors that this will force the scholars to exercise more care and pay more attention to instructions.

Just what the result will be is a question. It is claimed that some scholars who study domestic science make all sorts of uneatable things just to pass the time away. It is feared that the new ruling will provide more work for local physicians and the hospitals.

The course is compulsory at this particular school. Heretofore the pupils were only compelled to taste their own cooking and then make a report of the value. Now, if a scholar makes six biscuits she will have to eat them all or suffer a penalty to be fixed later. Some good-sized school boys have suffered as a result of pranks played on them by the girls in the domestic science department.

"Eat this biscuit, James; I just made it in school," was responsible for a boy scholar, who thought this girl was the "only, only," having to spend a week in a local hospital.

Gastritis of an acute nature was the record made by the attending physicians. Numerous cases of indigestion have been reported among the boys because of some of the "stables" turned out by the girls.

One boy recently admitted to several chums that he almost died while eating a mince pie forced on him by one of the girls, but boasted he was willing to "die for her."

NOVEL USE FOR PHONOGRAPH

Records of Ocean's Storm Sounds Taken for Passion Play at Oberammergau.

South Norwalk, Conn.—The scenes of the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau will be embellished and made more realistic this year with the help of mammoth phonographic records which have been prepared here this winter by Prof. Herman Schultze of Newark. In a shack on the outermost point of Nauvoo island, a bleak spot in Long Island sound, where the waves pound on a rocky beach, the professor has lived during the winter and when the storms were raging has been securing records to be used in the play. The records were taken on the special machine, the largest ever constructed.

Woman 125 Years Old.

Posen.—The oldest woman in the world celebrated the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of her birth the other day. She is Frau Dutkiewicz, and although she is bent and feeble, almost blind and deaf, she is not bedridden.

Frau Dutkiewicz remembers the Napoleonic wars, and the fall of the "Little Corporal."

She was married over 90 years ago, and has been a widow for more than half a century.

Her descendants number 200, and she has two great-great-great-grandchildren.

Sane Fourth Up to Children. New York.—The school children of Montclair, N. J., are to have the opportunity to vote on the question of a "noiseless Fourth." The returns will be considered by the town council later. Fireworks dealers are stocking up in anticipation of the outcome.

18,000 SLUMS KNOCKED OUT

Liverpool City Council Razes Insanitary Dwellings and Spends \$5,000,000 in New Ones.

Liverpool.—The greatest movement in any city in the world for the purification of the slums is in progress in Liverpool. More than 18,000 insanitary dwellings have been demolished and 4,000 remain to be dealt with.

About 6,000 of the dwellings have been destroyed by private enterprise to make room for business premises, while 12,000 have been cleared away by the municipality. There has been no "graft" in it.

The city has put up 2,170 dwellings on the site of a greater portion of the houses which were swept away by the municipality and on the other sites required for like purposes.

More than 260 courts and alleys, mainly insanitary slums, have been cleared out of existence and in their places now stand wholesome dwellings for the occupancy of the poor. About \$5,000,000 has been spent in this work of demolition and reconstruction.

More than 20,000 persons, chiefly former denizens in the destroyed sections, are housed in simple comfort and under sound conditions in these new buildings. The operations are in the hands of a committee of the city council.

The plans now under way provide for 80 houses of four rooms each, 188 of three rooms and 277 of two rooms. No single-room tenements will be constructed. The 558 dwellings will contain 1,480 rooms. There will be a recreation ground.

The net annual tax for the housing reforms is less than one cent on the dollar.

No such work has been attempted in America, owing to the cry "socialism," which has been raised in New York and other large cities. The Trinity church corporation, which is said to have a similar plan in mind in dealing with the future of its dwelling-house tract on the lower West side in New York, has had forwarded to it a full report of the progress of the British enterprise.

Experts from all over Europe say the Liverpool plan for housing the poor is working well.

LETTER TRAVELS MANY MILES

Mislike for John Rockefeller, "Grande Milliardaire," Finally Sent to Right Place.

Spokane, Wash.—A letter found among the "dead" mail here has been forwarded to Cleveland, O. In the belief that there it belongs. It was post-marked from the interior of France, stamped in February and bears this inscription: "Monsieur John Rockefeller, Grande Milliardaire, Washington."

The mislike began its wandering in the United States soon after its arrival at Washington, D. C., the latter part of February, and since March 3 a number of Washingtonians, including those in New Jersey, Virginia, Louisiana, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas, were tried.

"It is evident that 'grande milliardaire' was read by some of the sorters to mean a boulevard or probably a hotel," said a clerk in the postoffice here, "but there is only one Rockefeller in the public eye and he ought to get first-class service."

CUTS THIRD SET OF TEETH

New Jersey Man, Fifty Years Old, is Having Remarkable Experience, Also Painful.

Beverly, N. J.—Albert Patterson, who is 50 years old, is cutting his third complete set of teeth. The experience is a more painful one for him than was the cutting of the first set and he is now under treatment in a local hospital.

Patterson lost his second set of teeth, which were perfectly sound and serviceable, when he underwent an operation a year ago for abscess of the upper jaw. He was considering the suggestion of his dentist to buy a set of store teeth when he observed a swelling along the gums, accompanied by irritation and soreness and frequent nausea. The symptoms looked to him like a return of his old ailment in an aggravated form and for a time he was upheld in that view by his physician. A few days ago, however, a tooth began to show itself, indicating that a new growth had begun. Since then it has been ascertained an entire new set is coming.

In spite of the annoyance it gives him Patterson is rejoicing to think he is to be blessed with real teeth again.

White Frog Reveals Spring.

Vale, Ore.—While workmen were trying to locate trouble in the pump at the plant of the Vale Electric company a white frog hopped out. The frog died soon after getting into the air.

The presence of the frog indicates a subterranean stream or spring of water.

The electric light company may now drill deeper in the hope of reaching a greater supply. It is said this is one of several frogs which have been found in the pump.

Plows Up Silver Coin.

Little Rock, Ark.—While plowing in his field five miles north of Clarksville, in Johnson county the other day, Ben Brey unearthed a tin box which was found to contain \$235 in silver, all coins of the mintage of 1859, except \$12 in Mexican money.

EDUCATE THE GIRLS

Fitting Them for Career of Independence in Colonies.

Lady Ernestine Hunt, Daughter of Marquis of Ailesbury, Establishes School to Teach Rising Generation Useful Arts.

London.—Girls who have left boarding school have a great deal to learn before they are fitted to seek a career of independence in the colonies of the empire.

That is why Lady Ernestine Hunt, daughter of the fifth marquis of Ailesbury, has founded a colonial training school for girls at Cosham Park, near Portsmouth.

She is herself the acting principal of the school, and her aim is to give girls of 18 and upward training in those subjects which will be of most use to them in "fending" for themselves and their homes, whether in the colonies or in England.

These subjects are highly practical, and include housewifery, home nursing, first aid, darning, riding, cooking, bedmaking, stable work and gardening.

Cosham house was found to be a delightfully situated residence, surrounded by seven acres of meadow and orchard, with boy scouts imparting a piece of the adventurous. The girls' term has not yet begun and Lady Ernestine, who takes great interest in boy scouts, has allowed one of the Portsmouth patrols the free run of the school and its grounds for a fortnight.

There were three horses in the stable for girl colonials to ride, and the space where next summer the girls will be able to sleep under canvas was pointed out.

Riding will be taught, both side saddle and astride, and single and pair driving, while girls who desire it may learn stable work.

Lady Ernestine has traveled and resided in Canada, South Africa and Australia, and is a well-known advocate of emigration for properly qualified and educated girls.

When they are weary of single life in the colonies, they will not lack offers of marriage, for there are hundreds of eligible Britons eager for such capable helpmates.

Discipline and industry are insisted upon, and two references are required from each intending pupil, in addition to parental introduction.

Girls who do not wish to go to the colonies will be qualified to become housekeepers in large households or matrons.

No servants will be kept at Cosham park, and the girls will do the menial as well as more ornamental work. "Thorough" is the motto of the school.

Terms last from three to six months, and the fees, including everything but laundry and doctor, are made as moderate as possible, for middle class girls who have had a good school education are specially welcomed.

Every girl must bring a supply of aprons, glass cloths, cooking sleeves, gardening gloves, strong boots and short skirts.

Three hunts meet in the neighborhood, swimming baths are easily reached, there is a tennis court in the grounds, and the long line of the South Downs fills the northern horizon a mile away.

PLUG TOBACCO IS CAT'S FARE

Big Maltese Tomcat Rejects All Other Kinds of Food—Has No Ill Effects on Feline.

Rising Sun, Md.—For some time George Nesbitt of Woodlawn has been missing plugs of tobacco that he kept lying about the house. This remained a mystery until a few days ago, when, beneath the kitchen table, he discovered a big Maltese tomcat that came to his home for shelter recently, chewing away on a five-cent plug with an occasional growl.

Nesbitt caught the animal, which held the plug as if a mouse, and to see what effect the tobacco would have on the animal he confined it in a box and allowed it to finish its odd meal. The cat refused to partake of a saucer of milk placed within the box, but continued to devour the tobacco to the last flake, after which it went to sleep, never even becoming ill.

Nesbitt has tried the cat several times since with the new found daintiness, which it never refuses, spurning all other food so long as it can eat tobacco.

120 Miles a Second.

Providence, R. I.—The new comet, which has been visible in the western heavens recently, is making a speed of more than 120 miles a second, according to calculations made by Prof. Winslow Upton of Brown university. Prof. Upton declared that the comet was speeding away from the earth and sun and that soon it will no longer be visible; it will be about 16,000,000 miles distant.

Irish Potatoes in Cotton Land.

Oxyka, Miss.—The farmers of this locality are making preparations to plant a large acreage in Irish potatoes. A truck farmers' organization has been perfected, and, in conjunction with that of the Diversified Crop Growers' association, it is expected to produce good results. The farmers are preparing to fight the boll weevil by living on products raised on their farms.