

ISLAND OF FELINES

Dealers Make Rich Profit on 15 Acres of Cats.

Every Evening Tabblee and Toms Are Treated to Big Fish Dinner—Supply Demand for Inexpensive Fur for Medium-Priced Muffs.

Seattle, Wash.—There is an island in Puget sound of about 15 acres, the center of which is a dense forest of fir, hemlock and cedar.

The island has been used as a cat farm. It is so thick with cats that the rocks appear from the decks of passing steamers to be literally covered with the feline quadrupeds.

There are thousands of cats on this cat island and they are the source of great profit to their owners, who sell their fur that women may have muffs.

Every evening a boatload of men land on the south shore of the island. About dusk they unload a quarter of a mile long. They fasten one end to the rocky shore and take the other end in their boat, making a great semicircle, the radius of which is the extreme length of the sail.

There is a growing demand for inexpensive fur to supply the medium-priced muffs and furs and the fish-dealers have proven a source of extraordinary profit to their owners.

Every year there is a great round-up and several thousands of cats lose their lives.

SQUIRREL STOPS STREET CAR

Peaky Little Yarmint Gets in Road and Offily Saved by Kind-Hearted Man at Lever.

Cincinnati, O.—The early car on the Madison road line was bowling along the road the other morning. The passengers, men and women, whose work calls them out in the early morning, were chatting or reading their papers.

"What's the matter, sir?" asked several of the passengers.

"Oh, there is a gray squirrel that for the last three mornings has been running across the track just as I come along. I almost got him this morning, but I slowed up in time. He's a cute little fellow."

Perched in the grass on the Evans lawn was the squirrel, and if there is such a thing as a squirrel laughing, then this one was doing a large laughing stunt.

Teaches Fifty-One Years.

Norfolk, Va.—After fifty-one years as a teacher in the Charlotte street public school, Mrs. Mary E. Hodges has tendered her resignation.

WEEPS FOR BROKEN VIOLIN

Child Prodigy Leaves Audience After Ovation With Breaking Heart Over Accident.

St. Louis.—Although she scored a triumph before the Orpheus club in the East St. Louis at its concert at the Broadway theater, Miss Mary McCausland, the fifteen-year-old St. Louis violin prodigy, left the theater with a broken heart.

Just as she was leaving the stage after her final number, bowing and smiling in response to the enthusiastic applause that greeted her, she stumbled over a platform that had been used by the leader of the chorus and fell headlong.

She sprained her back and her left arm in the fall, but she did not think of that. She recovered composure quickly and smiled to the audience to assure them that she wasn't hurt, and then looked down at her instrument.

Miss McCausland picked it up tenderly and carried it off the stage, with difficulty holding back her tears.

The instrument is a Lupot and is valued at \$1,200. It is 113 years old. She purchased it last winter and still is devoting the money from her concerts to finish paying for it.

NOVEL SUBMARINE WITH FINS

New English Invention Can Raise or Sink When Not Under Way—Electricity Controls.

London.—British naval authorities the other day examined a new submarine, invented by H. Middleton, which will sink or rise in the water at will without forward or backward motion.

The new vessel is provided with two "fins" on each side, as well as a propeller. The propeller shaft can be turned at an angle, directing the boat to port or starboard, thus doing away with the rudder.

The most interesting feature of the boat is its ability to "sink or swim." The model was loaded with weights and sank to the bottom of the shallow pools where it was shown off; then the "fins" were set in correct position for rising, and in a few seconds the submarine had come direct to the surface of the water.

\$600 FOR BUNCH OF ROSES

Nantwich Shoemaker's Kindness 12 Years Ago Unexpectedly Rewarded by Legacy.

London.—A Nantwich shoemaker, George Robinson, has had an unexpected windfall, which is a sequel to an incident that occurred 12 years ago. Robinson, then a journeyman shoemaker, met just outside Nantwich an invalid woman and nurse.

He turned immediately and asked, "Would you like some, madam?" The lady said she would be very grateful, and added that she wanted some roses to put on her mother's grave.

During the week-end a Llandudno solicitor visited Nantwich and told Robinson that Miss Parramore, of Craigy-Don, Llandudno, had died, and by her will left him \$600.

CAT TAKES HEALTH VOYAGE

English \$400 Prize Winner Will Take Small Family Back on Return Trip.

New York.—Among the passengers arriving on the royal mail steam packet Oruba from the West Indies was a pedigree black and white Persian cat called Floesie, owned by Sir Archibald Baker of London.

Floesie appeared to pine for three or four days after leaving port and on the fifth day gave birth to three beautiful kittens, two black and one gray, which are being cared for by the ship's stewards.

Bear Surveys Engine.

Altoona, Pa.—A large black bear was seen by James Krause, employed in the Pennsylvania yards here, and by other railroaders, meandering along the edge of the woods close to the tracks the other day.

BUILDING IN GOTHAM

Skyscrapers Torn Down to Make Room for Lottier Ones.

Notable Example is Willingness of Owners to Wreck Nineteen-Story Gullender Building, Together With Structure Adjoining.

New York.—Fifth avenue displays a notable example of the slowness with which public work proceeds here, as elsewhere. The new public library, which fills the plot from Fortieth to Forty-second street, and which has been building during the last 13 years at a cost of \$3,000,000 or more, is not finished, although huge structures for private owners are erected in New York more rapidly than any where else in the world.

An episode attending the transformation of Fifth avenue from a residence street into a lively business thoroughfare is the tearing down of two four-story houses at the corner of Thirty-seventh street, which had been among the city's best mansions half a century ago.

Often in New York large buildings have been torn down to make way for taller edifices. The most notable example of the willingness of New Yorkers to destroy in order to rebuild is afforded at present in the downtown financial district, where the 19-story Gullender building, at the corner of Nassau and Wall streets, which was erected between 12 and 13 years ago at a cost of \$500,000, is being demolished, together with an eight-story building adjoining it.

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ADDER IN GIRL'S MILK PAIL

Six-Year-Old Tot Says, "See the Big Worm I Caught"—Brazilet Prevents Bite.

Waterbury, Conn.—George C. Demore of Mount Tobe sent the six-year-old daughter of a New York butcher, George Holdes, to the baryard for a milk pail. The child got the pail and running to Demore said: "See the big worm I caught."

Cigarette Price Going Up. New York.—There was bad news for smokers of Turkish cigarettes in the routine reports from the tobacco markets the other day.

SAVED BY A FEATHER DUSTER

Stenographer's Cluck and Dust Dipper Causes Shivering Chicks to Chirp Joyfully.

New York.—A batch of cold, motherless chickens was saved by the genius of Lawyer Edward B. Clark of Jamaica and the ability of a stenographer to cluck like a hen.

Clark's office is at No. 336 Fulton street, Jamaica, and he has an estate on Grand street. But as his hens broke all the eggs he got under them he bought five chicks and took them to the office in a shoe box.

Clark called on Lawyer Robert G. Pattle to consult about the best means to save their lives, when his eye lighted upon a feather duster, owned in fee simple by Stephen H. Voris, a third attorney.

"The very thing," said he. A hole was made in the top of the shoe box, the handle was poked through it, and the feather duster, inverted, was closed down upon the chickens. But they continued to peep.

"Twon't work," quoth Patrie. "Some one's got to cluck to give local color."

First Clark, then Patrie, then Voris clucked in their most persuasive style. The chickens, unlike the juries, declined to be swayed.

TELLS OF MACBETH'S LIFE

Auctioneers Preparing to Sell Rare Shakespearean Item Derived From Old MS.

New York.—A rare item of Shakespeareana to be sold at Merwin-Clayton's is "The Secret History of Macbeth, King of Scotland, With Interesting Memoirs of the Ancient Thanes, Originally From a Very Old Manuscript, by P. Buchan," post, 8vo, original boards, uncut, Peterhead (Scotland), 1828.

This work was privately printed by Buchan at a press which he himself had established in the north of Scotland. It is a curious story of the "Amours and Life of Macbeth," which the editor and publisher obtained from an old man, whose habit it was to preserve every fragment of ancient Scottish literature that he could find.

In the same sale will be three volumes in vellum of the voyages of Ramusio, published in Venice in 1563, 1566 and 1583. Each of these contains new narratives, the most important being the voyages of Verzasca and Parmentier.

CATCH BIG ROYAL STURGEON

Irish Fishermen Have Strange Bit of Success in Fishing—Presented to King.

Dublin.—The capture of a royal sturgeon at St. Tadhall's island, Carigan bay, and its immediate presentation to the king, by whom it was accepted, recalls the right of the sovereign to royal fish, wrecks, treasure trove, waifs and strays.

A distinction is made between the whale and the sturgeon, the whale being divided between the king and the queen, the head only being the king's property and the tail the queen's.

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FROGS FOR PROFIT

Marine Hospital Offers Market for Large Number of Croakers.

Fish Commissioner Meehan Enthusiastic Over Industry Gives Explicit Directions for Success in This Venture—Requires Much Care.

Lansdowne, Pa.—Frog farming has been carried on to some extent on many Pennsylvania estates in a small way for several years past. In some instances the presence of an inherited frog pond of goodly dimensions, where the croakers have heralded each spring for numberless years (and increased in numbers in their congenial quarters in marshy or swampy farm ponds), it has not been difficult to establish a profitable industry by simply catching quantities of the old frogs each year and allowing the others to increase.

Now there is a new incentive to frog-raising. Old Br'er Bullfrog, sonorous musician of our ponds, is found to be of special use for government experiments and he will now be in greater demand than ever.

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FINDS AUNT IN HUNTING ROOM

Former Columbus, O., Man Unexpectedly Reunited With Relative at Spokane, Wash.

Spokane, Wash.—W. Bennett, recently of Salt Lake, Utah, and before that a resident of Columbus, O., found his aunt, Mrs. Mary Grump, living at 325 Riverside avenue, in an unexpected way on his arrival in Spokane a few days ago.

When Bennett arrived in Spokane he left his trunk and suit case at the Union Rescue mission in charge of F. O. Despairer, who directed him to the home of Mrs. Grump for a room.

Bennett replied that Columbus formerly was his home, then Mrs. Grump threw her arms about the neck of the new arrival and asked:

SNAKE SWALLOWS TOY FROG

Child's Natural-Looking Plaything Proves Too Much for the Hungry Serpent.

Youngstown, O.—Several days ago a Park avenue child was playing with a rubber frog in Wick park. The toy disappeared mysteriously, and search as she might for the frog, the nurse was unable to find it.

The post-mortem disclosed the snake had swallowed the rubber frog.

Bunton Kills Man.

Altoona, Pa.—As a result of having a sore bunyon on his right foot treated five weeks ago, Peter Morgue, aged 60, foreman of the machine shop at the Pennsylvania South Altoona foundries died here.

PAYS HIS FARE WITH POETRY

Stowaway's Verse-Making Gift Saves Him From Service in Gallies on Pacific Liner.

Seattle, Wash.—George Parrott, poet and stowaway of Des Moines, Iowa, who has wandered over the earth, arrived here on the steamship Minnesota from Japan. Of all the queer human flotam that have been landed here as stowaways on Pacific liners, Parrott is the first live poet to steal a ride.

Parrott immediately made an appeal in blank verse for mercy which induced the water tender to take him up to the galley for a meal. He was locked up but managed to send an appeal in verse to the captain who came down to see the poet.

RISKS LIFE TO RESCUE BIRD

Traveler in British Guiana Plunges Into Water to Save Specimen for London Zoo.

London.—An interesting addition to the birds on exhibition at the London zoological gardens is about to be made by Sir William Ingram from Georgetown, British Guiana.

His representative, Wilfrid Frost, has returned from an expedition into the interior of British Guiana with living specimens of the extremely rare bird, cock of the rock.

The birds, with only stuffed specimens of which the public is familiar, are about the size of pigeons.

At one time their canoe collided with a submerged log and the man at the bow was precipitated into the river.

Before starting on this expedition Mr. Frost took a number of birds of paradise from New Guinea to Tobago for Sir William Ingram, who is experimenting with the breeding of these birds in the West Indies.

FOOD FAKING CAUSES STIR

Hydrogen and Fluoric Acid in Milk, and Sawdust and Potatoes in the Jam.

London.—So much has been printed of food faking in America that it is interesting to note a whole exhibition of doctored products over here.

England has a food and drugs adulteration act, but that it has failed to stop the evil is clear from the profits at this show of alms, sulphate of lime, potatoes and fuller's earth in bread, peroxide of hydrogen and fluoric acid in milk, jams made of sawdust, turpentine and various seeds, afterward labeled "strawberry" and "raspberry," coffee mixed with powdered chestnuts, burned figs, acorns and horse beans and sweetmeats containing ochre, sulphate of lime, red lead, shellac and a host of vile coloring matter.

Also, there is a big outcry about the beds the British masses sleep on. All the poorer beds are stuffed with what is called flock, or "mill-puff," which is simply vile rags tipped up just as they come from the scavenger's dust heap.

Stricter legislation is being called for both as regards food and flock.

Healthy Teachers in Texas.

San Antonio, Texas.—A movement rapidly spreading over this state will have as its result that all school teachers before they can be employed must submit a physician's certificate attesting to their good health.

Many cities and counties are already enforcing this rule and it is expected now that the state school authorities will take steps leading to the general adoption of this measure.

Gander Attacks Girl.

Gardiner, Me.—Attacked by an enraged gander, Laura, the three-year-old daughter of Clarence Wakefield, was terribly injured while at play in the front yard of her home. The gander knocked the child down with its wings and then began pecking at the infant's eyes and gouging her nose with its bill.