

The Fruit Package.

A great advance has been made in preparing articles for shipment and for exhibition in attractive ways. The old silphoid methods have largely disappeared, as anyone who uses eyes, ears and memory can testify. There is hardly an article from the notion counter of the department store to the varied array of a modern grocery, or even in the stalls of a market, which is not arrayed in a manner indicating some desire to make a tempting appearance. Still there is much to learn. The packing of fruit and showing off to good advantage is an art that should be cultivated, and the matter is considered of such significance that official notice is taken of it. The Boston Herald says: "There's nothing that adds more to the attractiveness of a box or crate of fruit than a liberal dressing of green leaves of one kind or another. Our consul at Frankfurt contributes some useful information on this subject, telling of the advantages of fern leaves for this purpose, not only for the decoration, but for the preservation of the fruit. The fern leaves, it seems, possess a preservative quality far beyond any other greens, and they are extensively used in the foreign markets, not only to pack fruits, but vegetables and dairy products as well. More green decorations would add much to the attractiveness of our fruit markets and fruit stands, and they would help to preserve the fruit at the same time." Public taste is increasing, and it is the attractive newspaper "ad" and the attractively arranged shop which most surely win customers.

Out-of-Doors Culture.

This is the camp-meeting season. It is also the season for Chautauqua gatherings. It is the season when mountainside and lakeside, seashore and riverside are dotted with culture camps. Even the camp-meeting in its modern form runs as much to culture of the spirit as it does to aggressive attacks upon sin. Thousands of busy persons are availing themselves of recreation and culture in combination. This is a source of agreeable summer employment for college professors who do not want to rust during the summer season, and to whom a little work of a light order and under pleasant conditions is an agreeable change from the set routine of the classroom and the sedentary experiences. How much the summer schools affect the educational standards and cultural quality of the people, says the Baltimore American, may not be gathered. But it is certain that the summer leaven works through a great mass of the population, and its quickening effects must be great.

Suggestions that the United States and Mexico jointly police the Central American countries and so put an end to the disorders constantly developing there are being seriously discussed. Pretty nearly every other plan appears to have failed. Even when the little nations are brought to the point of fixing up an agreement all round to be good there is no guarantee against one or another breaking the contract without the slightest scruple. The United States naturally is much averse to anything looking like interference with the affairs of other countries, but co-operation with Mexico would be an assurance of disinterestedness and would forestall any Latin-American objection. What Central America needs and must have for proper political and material development is continued peace, and Uncle Sam, with Mexico as side partner, would see that peace was maintained.

The Wealth of the Sea.

In representing the wealth contained in the sea, Prof. Huxley has pointed out that an acre of good fishing-ground will yield more food in a week than an acre of the best land will in a year. He also has drawn a vivid picture of a "mountain of cod," 120 to 130 feet in height, which for two months in every year moves westward and southward, past the Norwegian coast. Every square mile of this colossal column contains 120,000,000 of fishes, which, even on short rations, consume no fewer than 840,000,000 of herrings every week. The whole catch of the Norwegian fisheries never exceeds in a year more than half a square mile of this "cod mountain," and one week's supply of the herrings needed to keep that area of cod from starving. The harvest of the sea, remarks the New York Weekly, is truly inexhaustible.

Mrs. Florence Kollock Crooker recently celebrated the thirty-second anniversary of her service as a minister of the Universalist church and the fourth anniversary of her pastorate of St. Paul's church, Jamaica Plain, Boston.

India is buying many more American windmills as the result of wider and more persistent canvassing for orders. An Illinois manufacturer is shipping a carload (40 mills) to Bombay for use on the west coast of India.

In order to have "live spokes" newly sawed timber must be well racked up and laid in the open air one year to the inch to season. The average automobile spoke requires a two-inch piece of timber; that means two years of idle lumber.

The best anti-suicide bureau is an intelligence office that secures work for all applicants. As a rule, busy and industrious people don't have time to think about shuffling off.

Roosevelt In Darkest Africa

By WILLARD W. GARRISON

Jungle Association Decides on Protective Auxiliary for Only Living Ex-President's Visit.

Supreme Strenuousness Test in Search for Wild Bongo as Well as Elephant, Rhino, Hippo, Lion, Tiger, etc.—Erring Aim Means Gravest Peril When Beasts Are Corralled—Cost of Expedition About \$15,000—Over 100 Men Needed for Expedition.

THIS meeting will please come to order," roared King Leo, rapping for order upon Vice-President Jumbo's hard cranium. "This executive committee has summoned the members of the East African Jungle association, post haste, to assemble here for the purpose of organizing the Theodore Roosevelt Protective auxiliary," continued the chairman.



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The giraffe was on his feet in an instant, demanding recognition with both hind feet and his neck.

"What? Protect Roosevelt? You go—" "Sit down!" again roared King Leo. "The gentleman from the tall pinus will please not get so florid." Then turning his back upon the giraffe, he continued: "The object of the auxiliary will be to afford as much security for the members of this society as may be obtained by cautious measures within our commonwealth. The motion having been made, I find that the majority are in favor, therefore I declare it adopted. Following are the officers of the auxiliary: Leo, chairman; Bongo, secretary; and Stripes, chairman of the committee on predatory privilege. The chairman of the auxiliary will report resolutions March 4, 1909. Until that time we stand adjourned."

Dr. Monk, who had been kidding Sergeant-at-Arms Rhino, official bouncer, because the latter had just begun to see a joke which the former told at a previous meeting, had darted into the sheltering branches of a coconut palm but was compelled to return upon feeling the giraffe chewing at his tail. The latter having mistaken Mr. Monk's tail for a coconut leaf, cleverly changed the subject by introducing the Roosevelt question again.

"Say, old man, I don't know whether this auxiliary is just the best thing with election coming on. Supporting the jungle guards should be called out during the primaries. Where would we get off at? You see that auxiliary list of officials is with the opposition and it'll be just like them to call out our voting strength to trail the ex-president. I know how it is in my precinct, and I will, so long, Doc. Don't throw any mushy cocoanuts at Theodore if he sees you first."

The habitues of the jungle disbanded and went their ways, the party in power determined that the only living ex-president, when he became such, should not get the upper hand when he made his visit to Africa in search of game and the opposing minority determined to keep one eye on Roosevelt and the other on King Leo's bunch.

Bear shooting in the canyons of Louisiana or trailing Bruin in the Rockies is tame sport along with that which Theodore Roosevelt will find in East Africa when he goes there after his term of office expires. It will be necessary to take over 100 men on the hunting expedition, if he goes after all the big game to be found, and, judging from what the cartoonists say about him, it will be his purpose to deplete the fastnesses of the dark continent to the greatest possible extent. How will he



LUCKY SHOT AT MR. RHINO. WADING THROUGH THE MUD IN SEARCH OF WATER.



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show up against the lion, elephant, bongo, hippo, rhino, zebra, tigers and smaller animals? From indications, the Democrats declare, there will be no jungles when Theodore leaves.

Five thousand pounds of ammunition will be needed, six months' food is an absolute necessity and an expert declares that the cost from the time he steps onto the continent until he leaves will aggregate about \$15,000. That is a large amount of money to put into six months' hunting, but British and German sportsmen say it is worth the price.

The real heart of the hunting regions of Africa is in Rhodesia. There are cannibals there, also hostile tribes, but Rooseveltian diplomacy may become a splendid asset, and backed up by his fighting experience gained on San Juan hill and in sparring bouts with the senate, there should be no serious danger.

One of the features of the expedition will be shooting lions by night. This has been authoritatively announced by the magazine which is to pay Mr. Roosevelt \$2 a word for his stories of the hunt. In stalking lions by night the president must use an automobile headlight, which African archers say King Leo hates. He dislikes it so much that each season several dozen natives are killed and carried away while carrying jungle torches. The hair of the lion must be baited with a live donkey. One of the hired help holds the light and the president holds the gun, always in readiness to end Leo's career on sight.

When the king of beasts is sighted, the native swings the spotlight full upon him and in the single instant that the lion is dazed by the glare, Mr.

Roosevelt must fire. If his aim for any reason fails, it's time to climb trees. For experts point out that just at that moment when the bullet falls of its mission, the savage male will charge.

Hunting the rhinoceros takes a lot more science than that which is needed for the lion in African jungles. The rhino is more savage when wounded and as cunning as

planned the paper around his neck and began to read the towel. Religion is nothing if it is merely a Sunday dress to be put off with the white shirt and the alpaca gown. It is the practice of the precepts that makes them of service to mankind, cures heartache, helps the wounded, saves the dying. There might be as much Sunday religion on earth as there are tin cans in Mrs. Maloney's alley, but without application it would not even be fit for the goat.

There is about as much consistency in one-day-a-week religion as in the reasoning powers of the man who struck down a fellow man, robbed him and took from him his packages. The court sternly interrogating the murderer asked what he had done with the money. He had spent it in carousing. What had he done with the watch? Pawned it for beer. What with the meat he was carrying? Threw it away—it was Friday! Here was the man with an air-gun whose reasoning was as lame as Pegasus with the stringhalt. His religion was misapplied. Unless your religion is practical it is poor religion!

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the cleverest of beasts. The ones we see with circuses look as if they couldn't run fast or far. Perhaps they can't, but the one who is disturbed in his hair is declared to be the fastest thing afloat. The shot which is meant to kill the big brute must be placed just behind the shoulder. For there the skin is exceptionally soft and the bullet will pierce his heart. Huntsmen say the safest precaution against disaster is to hit rhino there first. The same precaution holds true in the case of the elephant and hippo. Both are tough-skinned animals and terribly ferocious when cornered. His prey having been killed, the aides with the president will set to work to skin the beasts.

But the most sought animal is the bongo, after which every African hunter is keen. It's the rarest animal on the dark continent. According to one wealthy European, the market price for a single specimen is \$6,000. The bongo is wilder and more timid than the American deer.

The great continent of Africa for centuries has held civilized peoples in a hypnotic state. It simply teems with mysteries and to get at the bottom of these, thousands of lives have been snuffed out by wild beasts, natural formations of the country and the novelists as well. Statistics, gathered between the years of 1801 and 1876, have it that over one-third of the works of fiction of those generations were based on the darkest continent.

Arabs, Portuguese, Dutch, French, Teutons and Britons have held sway in that order in the most populated parts of Africa. French, Dutch, Germans and English are still prevalent there and evidences of the subjects of Portugal and the wandering Arabs are still to be found in the style of building, customs and costumes.

The classics of Livingstone, Speke and Stanley tell us what it was once like and now we are to have a present-day rehearsal by Roosevelt himself. Africa confronts the traveler with the grandest, most mysterious, most difficult touring proposition that is to be found the world over.

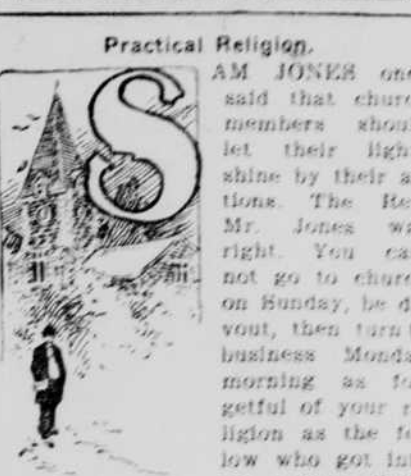
Decorations Not Necessary.

It was Mr. Hobart's first experience with waffles and he liked the taste of them. When he had been served twice he called the waiter to him and spoke confidentially. "I'm from Pokenville," he said, "and we're plain folks there; don't care much for style, but we do know good food when we get it. I want another plateful o' those cakes, but you tell the cook she needn't stop to put that fancy printing on 'em; just send 'em along plain."—Youth's Companion.

Keeping Off Trespassers.

How to warn off trespassers without spring guns has been discovered by a canny peasant in the south of France. His woods were invaded by nut pickers. He asked a botanical friend the Latin name for the hazel nut, and put up the following notice: "Caution—All persons entering this wood do so at their own risk. The Corylus Avelana abounds here, as well as other equally venomous snakes." Not a trespasser has ventured into the wood since.

VISITS WITH UNCLE BY



Practical Religion. AM JONES once said that church members should let their lights shine by their actions. The Rev. Mr. Jones was right! You can't go to church on Sunday, be devout, then turn to business Monday morning as forgetful of your religion as the fellow who got into the barber chair.

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Where the river sings and the ivy clings And the willows dip and sway. In a dinky boat we are both afloat On a stream that glides away. Ah, the quiet bliss of a drift like this In the eventide of day!

There is peace and rest on the river's breast There is love as yet untold. There is Paradise in a woman's eyes That the lashes long unfold. Who would ask for more by the living shore In the land of the harvest gold!

Let me float away from the cares of day In the glint of fading sun, Let me feel the bliss of a time like this With a woman almost won When a whispered thought is the answer sought And the day is almost done!

Chords and Discords. Some young men don't marry, for fear wife will have a crayon portrait of them made by an amateur artist and hung in the parlor.

A marriageable young woman is sometimes a fine antidote for a young woman who thinks she wants to go on the stage.

There's a great difference in men. Some are so tender hearted they hate to put the cat out at night, while others never go near puss without cuffing or kicking her.

The trouble with some people who try to be cheerful is that they expect the optimistic spirit to preserve them from all sickness, ingrown toenails, pip in the chickens, rot in the sheep, mesalliances, the tongue of rancor and remove the tacks from the barefooted way they walk with baby. Cheerfulness will not remove rust, but it will help to make rust bearable!

Not Through Yet. Oh, do not try to kiss the tears From out a woman's eyes. 'Til she has had her cry spell out And used up all her cries!

Bothering the Postmaster. The Corwith postoffice is disposed to be as obliging and accommodating as possible, but it is asking, entirely too much when patron after patron calls up the office by phone during the time the mail is being distributed in order to inquire about personal mail. This delays the distribution of all mail and one person is taking up the time of the office that belongs to the general public. We hope that all may see the justice of this request and govern themselves accordingly.—Corwith (Pa.) Hustler.

Pyron Williams

Favors Woman Suffrage. In Holland where qualified women have long had municipal suffrage, a committee on revision of the constitution has reported in favor of giving women proportional representation and making them eligible to parliament.

Kind Man! "Don't follow me, pup," said the good natured man to the lost dog. "I haven't any more home than you have. I live in a flat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

LOOKED FOR OTHER TWO.

Little One Had But One Idea of Term "Freak-Parade."

Little Catherine has been looking on a farm this summer and much of the rural experience was wholly unfamiliar to her. One day she happened to hear her country cousins talking the good qualities of a certain freak-parade.

"He really won't get much compared to some folks, but his cousin's wife, 'Till' she is a most wonderful well, but is disappointed."

That evening the same thing happened to come in out of the blue. Immediately after the dinner she saw the farmer's wife finally uttering the words: "Well, Katherine, you don't seem to find a good deal to say about Mr. B—, do you?"

"Why?" replied the girl, "I have forebore wrinkled my forehead. I did want to see the man, but I can't. It is a pity."

OF COURSE HE WOULD. You certainly wouldn't have a girl for her money, would you? You'd of course not, neither would I, but the heart to let her become an invalid because she happened to be 'off'."



The Spider and the Fly. In the long warfare between the spider and the fly, the latter has had the housewife for its auxiliary and friend. The flies have been captured, even fed and nurtured, while the spiders and their webs have been ruthlessly destroyed. This unrelenting and unrelenting war against it keeps the spider population down, while the flies increase and multiply by the millions and ten of millions. Almost unchecked, the spider is ugly and his web is unsightly in the estimation of most people, but spiders hurt no human creature. They feed on flies, which are the foes of mankind, and do mankind a service—Philadelphia Press.

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Novel Use for Visiting Cards. In connection with the forthcoming world's drawing congress in London, when it is anticipated that 3,000 people will attend the reception at the Royal College of Art, it is proposed, for the purposes of identification, that members of the British committee should wear their visiting cards upon the lapels of their coats or their dress bodices.

The extraordinary popularity of fine white goods this summer makes the choice of Starch a matter of great importance. Defiance Starch, being free from all injurious chemicals, is the only one which is safe to use on fine fabrics. Its great strength as a stiffener makes half the usual quantity of Starch necessary, with the result of perfect finish, equal to that when the goods were new.

Why He Felt Sad. "Young man," said the stern old broker, "I find that you slipped off yesterday afternoon and went to the ball game. Don't you feel bad about it?"

"Indeed I do, boss," confessed Tommy.

"Ah! That's one consolation." "Yes, I felt bad 'cause the home team lost."

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