

ADVANTAGES OF WINTER.

An old-fashioned winter has its advantages and disadvantages. If these were to be enumerated in parallel columns it is probable that the advantages would lead by a large majority.

At this season of the year householders' thoughts turn naturally to lawns and back yards, and there is a general desire to have clean and ornamental surroundings.

The wisdom of maintaining a general patrol along the Atlantic coast, and of sending a destroyer after wrecks that are reported at sea, is indorsed by the fact that the revenue cutter Gresham has just towed into Provincetown, Mass., that capsized hull of a vessel that has been drifting about the sea for the past two years.

Professor Laughlin proposes to establish a new aristocracy of the simple life. Every man can start an aristocracy of that sort on his own account.

King Albert, the new sovereign of the Belgians, is a progressive monarch. One of the ways in which this is indicated is his approval of the plan for assuring reforms in the Congo region and opening the door for commerce in that direction.

It's a good scheme to make each head of a household his own census taker, because the probabilities are that he can put down an approximate estimate of his wife's age without creating a painful scene.

Music is reported to make the humble hen lay more prolifically. A little investigation into the relative merits of Wagner or ragtime in the entertainment of the fowl might be of value.

Four poor children, the oldest 11 years of age, were arrested in Cleveland for stealing a doll from a store. Its owner must have thought a lot of that doll.

Two New York boys also have succeeded in turning double back somersaults. Surely the uplift of the stage is at hand!

Kaiser Wilhelm's sixth son is to join the navy. Wilhelm ought to have saved one for the airship fleet.

When a woman has to disguise herself as a man in order to get good employment as a cook, it would seem that woman is not invading man's kingdom as much as has been feared.

What an exquisite pleasure it must be to be able to satisfy your artistic soul by purchasing a picture for \$500,000!

Boston reports a phenomenal catch of lobsters. This will make Broadway jealous.

COMMANDING FIGURE IN ABYSSINIA



Perhaps the most powerful man in Abyssinia, during the crisis through which that country is passing, is Ras Tessaema, chief of the regency. He has identified himself with the policy of the sick emperor, and it was he who carried out the recent coup d'etat which deposed Empress Taitu from the regency.

POLICE STUDY DOGS

Successful Use of Canines Attracts Attention of British Officers.

Great Britain Once More Following Up in Rear of Her Continental Rivals and Taking Cue From Their Advancement.

London.—Great Britain is once more following up in the rear of her continental rivals and taking a leaf from their books. At last she is thinking about it. That is, in the adoption of the doggie policeman.

Even before that both France and Germany realized the possibilities of trained dogs as auxiliaries to their gendarmes and police forces. In Russia, too, the dog policeman is known.

He was put on the scent of the thief, and, after taking a circuitous route, entered a night shelter, making straight for an old coat belonging to a house painter, who was known under the name of Alexander.

That London is evidently thinking about following the example of Berks seems likely, as F. S. Bullock, one of the chief constables of the Metropolitan police, has been over in Paris having a look at the kennels of the police dogs at Montrouge.

Rival Routs Elk Herd King

Jerry, Long Leader at St. Louis Zoo, Defeated in Battle—Victor Kills Another.

St. Louis.—Jerry, the royal elk buck in the zoo at Forest park, is monarch of the elk herd no longer. The crown passed to Big Ben, three years his junior, after two sanguinary battles, in which Jerry was completely routed and a year-old buck killed on the field.

MY HATED RIVAL AND A LAME HORSE

By C. C. HAHN

I had left the lady of my heart at her home in a little village in the northern part of the state while I came to the city to make my fortune. In the meantime, however, Marian Phillips was true, and life would have run along very peacefully had it not been for a hated rival. He had money, while I was, as yet, a mere clerk.



"I Started Back Home the Next Day."

face. Thankful that they did not recognize me, and unwilling to reveal myself at that time, I gave my name as James Lacey, of Springfield, when we negotiated for seats with the stage driver.

"All right, Hank," I heard the driver say, and with an involuntary start I stepped back into the shadows. Hank Collins was my hated rival, and this was he!

HORSE PARTLY DEER AND COW

Freak Animal in Canada Is Only One-Third Equine—Backbone Is on One Side.

Ottawa.—At the village of Buckingham, on the Quebec side of the Ottawa river, a few miles from this city, is a horse, if such it can be called, that is only one-third horse, the other two parts being divided equally between cow and deer.

WOMAN ESCAPES OPERATION

Was Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



Why will women take chances with an operation or drag out a sickly, half-hearted existence, missing three-fourths of the joy of living, when they can find health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

Have goodwill to all that lives, let them unkindness die, and greed and wrath; so that your lives be made like soft airs passing by.—R. Arnold

"I tell you," said one man to another who emerged from the dimly lighted corridor of a concert hall, "I envy that fellow who was singing."

An English farmer, taking his little son with him, was going to the polling station to give his vote.

James R. Keene, who is noted no less as a horseman than as a financier, led as a luncheon at his Cedarhurst residence:

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A Taste A Smile

And satisfaction to the last mouthful— Post Toasties

There's pleasure in every package. A trial will show the fascinating flavour. Served right from the package with cream or milk and sometimes fruit—fresh or stewed.