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How "Dairyman Annance," of Moosehead, Managed to Secure Something for His Sportsmen to Drink Besides the Cold, Murky Water of the Lake.

"Here's a pretty mess! The milk is all gone."

The speaker was one of a party of four New York sportsmen who, with an equal number of guides, had been cruising about on the west branch of the Penobscot, but were now camping on the shores of Chamberlain lake, preparatory to returning to North East Carry. They had been out longer than they had planned, and some of the supplies had become exhausted.

Then turning to the guides, who were lying at full length on the ground quietly enjoying the young blood's discomfiture, he asks, "Isn't there a farmhouse or hotel near where we could buy some?"

"Depends on what you call near," replied a woodsman. "If you don't reckon forty miles far, then we are near a house, but that's about the distance—maybe a trifle more. You want milk powerful bad, don't you? Well, you fill up on water tonight and maybe in the morning I can accommodate you, though, mind you. I don't promise!"

"You'll have to get a move on you," said one of the other guides, "if you are going to try to make the Carry 'tween this and tomorrow"—well knowing that the journey in that time was impossible—"for blast me, Annance, if I know where you're going to find the color of milk nearer than that."

Annance made no response, but puffed silently at his favorite pipe. He had an idea, though, that he could get some milk, but did not mean to tell how.

That night, unnoticed, he left the camp about sunset, walked slowly through the woods for about a mile, and again came out on the shore of the lake at a point where a small stream formed an outlet.

This was near the place where he had seen the cow moose, and here he took up his position beside a trail leading to the water's edge, and along which he could see, if his knowledge of woodcraft did not deceive him, that the moose was in the habit of passing.

In this he was correct, for the guide had not been there more than an hour when he heard the sound of some animal approaching, and peering cautiously through the bushes he saw a cow moose making for the pool.

The animal sniffed the air a few times as she passed within a dozen paces of the hunter, but otherwise she did not show signs of alarm. She was soon in the water ridding herself of the flies and quenching her thirst.

While the moose was disporting herself Annance left his position behind the bush and walked a few steps toward her, and whenever she turned he would stand perfectly motionless.

By repeating this operation several times, he managed to reach the edge of the lake without alarming the moose. As soon as the animal showed any signs of leaving the water, the guide retreated a few steps. Once or twice did the moose raise her head and look at him, only, however, to resume her clumsy frolics.

Presently the moose made toward the shore, and Annance concealed himself behind the brush again. At the edge of the lake the animal turned to take a last look and shake the spray from her nose. Then she advanced slowly up th sloping bank. When opposite the guide she sniffed something, stopped and looked around.

That was the guide's chance, and he knew it.

The critical moment had arrived, and with one quick but silent movement he was by the animal's side. She did not move except to turn her head and look at him. Annance kept near her hind quarters, well knowing that if he got in front of the moose he would not stand much chance should she become ugly.

Cautiously bending forward the hunter stroked her sides and allowed her to turn and smell of him. After a few seconds, seeing the moose did not appear frightened, Annance, with little more difficulty than is experienced with many domestic animals, proceeded to fill a small pail he had brought along with rich, yellow milk.

Returning to camp, he produced the milk when breakfast was ready in the morning, having kept the pail in the water over night, much to the astonishment of the guides and sportsmen.

People who visit Moosehead often hear Charles Annance spoken of as the "dairyman," and the foregoing story is what gives him the nickname.—Lewiston Journal.

Almost Like Jonah.

"I've had some experience myself," said an old sailor, "but two years ago I came the nearest taking after Jonah that a man ever did. We had made a strike all right and the whale went down, not very far, but when he came up he had his mouth open, and somehow or other he came up with one jaw on the port and the other on the lee side of our boat. Surprised? Well, that whale looked very much as if he was ready to receive company, but I wasn't invited, so I made a streak for another boat."—San Francisco Examiner.

Too Literal.

Mrs. Fangle—Have you secured a lodger for your second floor yet, Mr. Goslin?

Goslin (horrified)—I haven't been looking for a lodger, madam.

Mrs. Fangle—Why, I'm certain my husband told me you had rooms to let in your upper story.—Exchange.

Not So Much Spare Money.

The reason why there is less speculation in mining stocks in Wall street than there was formerly is not because there is less gold and silver mined west of the Mississippi, but because there is less unemployed cash east of that river.—New York Sun.

A Strange Accident.

"The strangest accident that ever fell within my observation," said Harold Chapman to a friend in the Lindell, "occurred at my home in Medicine Lodge, Kan One day in May, 1889, I was driven into the house by a thunder shower. The rain moderated in a few minutes, however, and I took a chair and sat out on the porch. My youngest boy was playing with a tin cup, catching water from the rain pipe and pouring it along a rut in the floor. The water ran along this rut out onto the cistern platform. While he was stooping to fill the cup from the rain pipe a flash of lightning came, seemingly attracted by the iron cistern pump. The current leaped from the pump to the current of water that ran along the porch and flashed along its course to the end.

"As providence, accident, ill luck or something else would have it our Thomas cat had come out from the kitchen and was standing close to the wet gutter made by pouring of the water. The cat received the full benefit of the flash, and lay scorched and dead in an instant. Now I saw that flash distinctly, and saw it travel from the iron pump along that gutter to the cat. If my boy had been there the result would have been the same. If he had not, why I suppose it would have been attracted toward one of us and serious results might have followed. I slightly imagine that I owe my life to that cat's ill fate. I am much obliged to the cat."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The Endowment of Daughters.

The propriety of endowing daughters appears to be now seriously discussed in different parts of the country. This arises partly out of a growing sense of justice, which, the philosophers say, is the last sentiment to be developed in the case of women, and partly out of the commercial exigencies which in the last twenty years have left stranded so many women with no means of livelihood. The endowment of daughters would accomplish several ends. It would enable them to marry the men of their choice, it would support them if they do not marry, and in case of commercial disaster would furnish at least temporary provision for the family The matter has progressed until the methods of endowments in different countries are under advisement.

According to Sir Henry Maine it was the passing of the Roman dowry into France after the conquest of Gaul that has made of France the richest and most prosperous of nations. It is unlikely, however, desirable as it might be, that the frugality and self denial the humblest Frenchman practices to lay aside his daughter's dowry will appeal to a nation accustomed to easy living and a impatient for swift results as this.—New York Evening Sun.

A Japanese Editor.

Editors may find some consolation in the fact that they have inspired feelings of envy in the breasts of a young Japanese boy. A recent issue of an East Indian paper contained the following note: "A schoolboy in Loerabaya was asked to describe an editor of a paper. He did so in this way: 'An editor is the luckiest man in the world. He can go to a circus every afternoon and every evening without paying a cent. He can go also to the court houses, the places of execution and the races.

"He has free tickets to all theaters, receives presents at his office, and gets his ears boxed too. He goes also to Prigen, Malang or Lawang (places of amusement). He does not do this often, however. In one paper he can deny everything that was said in the previous one, and he does so, as a rule. When other people are already in bed, the editor is still up. He stays up late to see what happens. When I grow big I shall become an editor. Then I can stay up too."

A Sermon Exchange.

The latest enterprise which we hear announced in the young and enterprising west is the "Sermon exchange," of Chicago. According to popular belief the practice of clergymen has been to write sermons until they had filled a barrel. Then the barrel would be turned upside down and the sermons all preached over again. Where a minister remained in a church a great many years the congregation would after awhile begin to know when the barrel was turned.

Some sermons were looked forward to with much interest and others with more or less dismay. The Sermon exchange is to do away with all of this. It is no longer necessary to preach a sermon over a second time. The preacher can take an old sermon and tie twenty-five cents to it. This he sends to the exchange and receives one written by some one else by return mail, or if he has no sermon to send he can get one for fifty cents.—Baltimore Sun.

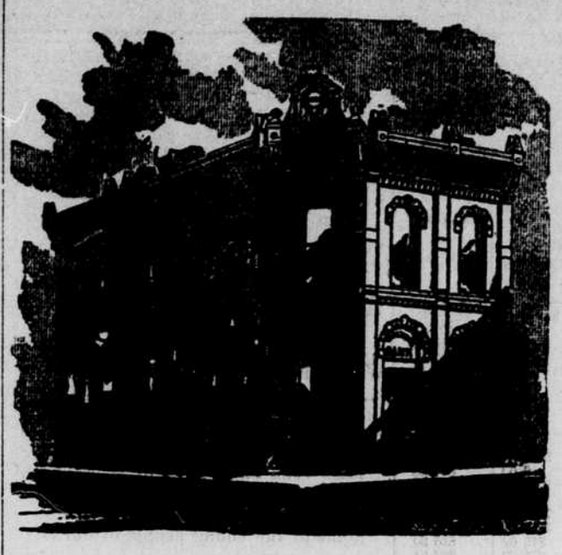
Long Island Indians.

There was a time when many of the Shinnecocks shared in the occupations of the white people and acquitted themselves with great credit. I allude to the whaling period in Southampton history, The Shinnecock at sea, whether pure blood or half breed, made an exact sailor. The discipline of the forecastle was good for him, at least so long as he was afloat. Many of them got to be mates, and one became a captain. This distinguished sailor man was not a pure bred Indian, but was part negro, and probably had a small though potential quantity of white blood. This was Captain Lee, and any one down toward Southampton or Sag Harbor can tell of his giant stature and immense strength. This Captain Lee was the son of a still more famous man, Parson Lee.—John G. Speed in Harper's Weekly.

Just Cause.

"Wodjer black Joey's heye fur arter he'd denied as he'd said them things about yer?" "Denied it? Not 'im! Why, I ses to 'im, 'Joerge ses you've bin corling me a blackleg.' And he up and ses, 'I re-pudiate the statement.' And then I blacks 'is eye. I might ha' stood the cove's sayin of it once—but w'en he goes an re-pudiates it!"——

—London Public Opinion.



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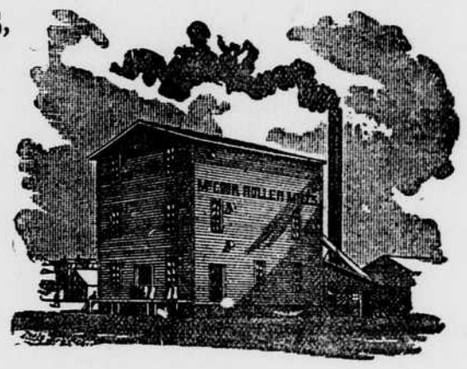

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