

Farmers Confronted with Something Unusual in Forestry Annals.

St. Louis.—How a mule shoe climbed a tree is a mystery which farmers in the neighborhood of Mehlville, Mo., just south of the city limits, are trying to solve.

William Becker, a woodcutter, found the shoe in a tree near the bank of a small stream.

It is merely had been hanging on a limb it wouldn't have caused so much comment. The verdict in that case would have been that the mule kicked his shoe off and it lodged in the branches.

But the shoe was in the very heart of the tree trunk. Two steam saw blades were broken before Becker discovered the nature of the obstruction.

Then the heavy elm trunk, eight inches in diameter, was split with axes and the mule shoe came to light. It was so firmly imbedded that it was impossible to pull it out.

The accepted belief is that a mule lost his shoe while fording the stream and that the shoe fell in the root forks of a young sapling and was carried upward as the tree grew.

It was 16 feet from the ground before the elm was felled by the woodman. Experts who have examined the rings on the trunk say that the tree was at least 70 years old.

A newly organized lodge of the Woodmen of the World has been named "Good Luck Lodge" in honor of the high-roosting mule shoe.

WEDDED IN STREET AT 3 A. M.

Conductor Takes a Bride During Relief Hours.

Louisville, Ky.—Strenuousness in love was exhibited in a striking way in the marriage of Miss Ella Branch of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Edward E. Early of this city, who is a conductor for the Louisville Street Railway Company, and did not get relieved from duty until the other night.

Love was persistent, however, and Magistrate Spahn dressed and came down to the street. There, to the tune of milk-wagon traffic, Early and Miss Branch were married while in the carriage. With the blessings of Magistrate Spahn they drove home.

Miss Branch has been visiting here, and in a few days Early expects to get a leave of absence, when they will visit the bride's relatives in Brooklyn.

WASHTUB AWAITS BAD WOMEN.

Iowa Judge Will Make Fair Prisoners Work, Too.

Des Moines, Ia.—Punishment such as will make most women shudder has been prescribed by Criminal Judge Jesse Miller of Polk county for all women convicted and sentenced by him to the county jail.

No more easy days to read dime novels and dream of romance. Stern reality and punishment is the direction of the court. The jailers, under the judge's instructions, have secured the proper paraphernalia for administration and there will be no retracting from the orders.

The decree has gone forth. Every woman committed to the county jail will be committed to hard labor at the wash tub.

Since this announcement a wave of reform among women offenders has commenced. Judge Miller believes the wash tub work the hardest that can be imposed upon women.

Not only will this punish the women, says the judge, but it will save the county a big laundry bill. Men committed to the jail have the rather prosaic rock pile as their means of occupation. There is to be no discrimination. Women with soft hands and polished nails who fall under the ban of the court will have to plunge into the wash tub just the same as other offenders.

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The Conservation of Children.

In a few days there will meet at the White House, in response to the president's invitation, about a hundred persons who are interested in the care of dependent children. It will be perhaps the most important of all the conferences relating to the conservation of national resources. The chief product of a country is its people. The children of to-day are the human timber of the future.



Count Moltke, new minister from Denmark to the United States, who recently arrived in this country.

THIS ISLAND SOBER

LOCAL OPTION CUTS DOWN NEWFOUNDLAND'S DRINK BILL.

St. Johns the One Wet Spot—That City Now Talks of Closing Its Saloons—In the Wild Days of Heavy Drinking.

St. Johns, N. F.—There is now an interesting experiment taking shape in Newfoundland which promises to be of special importance to temperance workers the world over. It is nothing less than to put the city of St. Johns under the local option or persuasive law, known in Canada as the Scott act, and by this means bring about virtual prohibition, because, while the importation of spirituous liquors will still be possible, their sale will be prohibited except for medicinal or mechanical purposes.

In 1872 the local option law was first enacted in Newfoundland, and the initial move for its enforcement was made by the hamlet of Bregus being started appropriately enough, by a man named Waterhouse. This law provided that any township could by a two-thirds vote decree against the sale of liquor therein, though the importation of liquor from abroad or from other sections, for the personal use of residents was still allowed. The consumption of liquors of all qualities in the colony in 1871 was 212,616 gallons. The population of the colony then was 161,374, so the consumption was 1.32 gallons per capita annually.

The consumption of liquors in 1908 was 152,427 gallons. The population now is estimated at about 243,000, it being 220,582 by the census of 1901, so that the consumption of liquor is only .63 gallons per capita annually, or exactly one-half of what it was 37 years ago.

The drink statistics of Newfoundland, as compared with other countries, show it to be, the soberest country in the world. Practically the whole island, except St. Johns, is under local option, for the temperance sentiment gradually became strong enough to wipe out the two-thirds clause and substitute a simple majority vote, and as the years passed the spread of local option grew general. If local option should be carried in St. Johns, it would mean not alone the closing of the saloons there but a stoppage of the use of liquor in the rest of the island except by importing it from abroad, as it is now obtained almost wholly from St. Johns.

Fifty years ago Newfoundlanders were much addicted to the use of intoxicants. In those days every vessel owner among the coast fishermen laid in a puncheon of rum (100 gallons) for winter consumption, as regularly as he did any article of food. If he was still more prominent he brought home two puncheons. This liquor was used as liberally then as "soft drinks" are now. Every man employed about his vessel or premises took daily his three "horn" of liquor. He started with his "morning" when he began work; had a "leveler" at 11 o'clock, or before noon, and a "sundown" about 5 p. m., while many took a "nightcap" also before going to bed.

Every day at the hours named a servant maid would make the rounds with a jar of rum, a basket of bread cut into chunks and a pewter mug; and each man would help himself to his "nip" and his "grog bit," as the bread was called. Fishermen took jars of rum in their boats when they went out fishing, as they take kettles of tea now; and it was not unusual for them to drink a quart a day without hurt to themselves. Every sailor took his gallon jar of rum to the ice fields in the seal hunt of the early spring, and the ship itself was supplied on an equally generous scale. Shipwrights stipulated to their agreements that

their daily wage was to be so many shillings and a bottle of rum. Blacksmiths and sailmakers made similar contracts.

Yet nobody ever got really drunk, old-timers say, except once a year, on St. Stephen's day, which is the day after Christmas and which was the occasion chosen for sealers to secure their places on board their ships. Then men flocked to the principal sealing ports from all sections of the island. After signing articles with his own skipper each man made the rounds of the town, asking other skippers for places, who knowing the practice, would express themselves as unable to give a berth, but would ask each to take a glass of liquor. By evening they were all usually fighting drunk and a disturbance was not uncommon.

ADDS TO HEARERS BY ADS.

Pastor of Georgia Church Uses Press to Good Advantage.

Gainesville, Ga.—Rev. T. M. Elliott, pastor last year of the Methodist church at Villa Rica and formerly a member of the staff of Constitution news-gatherers, has begun his year of pastorate of St. Paul's church in Gainesville in a unique campaign of advertising. Rev. C. P. Machman and Mr. Elliott exchanged charges for 1909.

Under Mr. Machman the church moved its location from West Myrtle street to the heart of the town, buying the former Presbyterian church site and building. The new First Methodist church has been completed in Green street and the congregation has moved from the old quarters. There was no church of this denomination in the part of the city now served by St. Paul's, which has taken on new life and increased enthusiasm.

Mr. Elliott has covered the town with dodgers advertising the St. Paul's location, services and other data concerning the work of the new year; he has utilized the local press for a quarter page advertisement of St. Paul's and is altogether proving himself such an enterprising, wide-awake worker along up to date but hitherto unexplored lines that St. Paul's is attracting more attention than ever and obtaining larger congregations than have ever been known in the history of the church.

Good Cooking is Club's Aim

Six Brooklyn Men Say They're Proof Against Culinary Lures.

New York.—Sworn to celibacy and the protection of their clubhouse and home from any encroachment by the fair sex, the Six Merry Bachelors are now comfortably installed at 568 Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn.

The Bachelors' Home club is the name that appears upon their stationery and it is an odds-on wager that none of it has been received by any of the girls.

The by-laws of the organization contain this significant clause: "No members of the opposite sex are to be allowed within this club. Any members who wish to see ladies must call upon them elsewhere. This is an organization which is not interested in woman's suffrage, but is vitally interested in making home interesting to men who desire the joys and comforts of true bachelorhood—and good cooking."

The Bachelors' Home club is international in its personnel. There are one Englishman, one Norwegian, one Swede, one German, one Roumanian and one American.

"We have solved the secret of the lonely bachelor," said Manager E. A. Youngmark. "We solved it by having six bachelors in a close brotherhood

and resigning the loneliness of one hall-room to the ash heap. We have all the comforts of home and excellent prepared food.

Moreover, we have six other applicants who would join the organization, and in May we propose to take a house.

We all do our own housework—cooking, washing and general housecleaning—and there is not another bachelor club in Brooklyn like ours. There are thousands of lonely bachelors in the city to-day, living in small furnished rooms, who have no appreciation of the all the home comforts of such a club as ours."

Torch Eats Through Steel.

Cleveland, O.—A torch operated by oxygen and acetylene, radiating a heat of 6,300 degrees, said to be the most terrific known to science, has just been invented here. By means of this torch it is possible, it is declared, to weld aluminum, heretofore regarded as an impossibility. The torch makes a flame that will cut through two inches of solid steel in less than a minute and pierce a 12-inch piece of the hardest steel in less than ten minutes. It would take a saw almost 20 hours to do this work.

Facts For Sick Women

We know of no other medicine which has been so successful in relieving the suffering of women, or secured so many genuine testimonials, as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

In almost every community you will find women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Almost every woman you meet has either been benefited by it, or knows some one who has.

In the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., are files containing over one million one hundred thousand letters from women seeking health, in which many openly state over their own signatures that they have regained their health by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has saved many women from surgical operations.

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"I want this letter made public to show the benefits to be derived from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. John G. Moldan, 2115 Second St. North, Minneapolis, Minn.

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