

FACTS ABOUT THE OSTRICH

Because of Resemblance to Camel, Said to Be Connecting Link Between Beasts and Birds.

The ostrich, because of its resemblance to the camel, has been said to be the connecting link between beasts and birds, says a writer on the denizens of the bird kingdom. There is a horny excrescence on the breast of both the dromedary and the ostrich, on which they lean while resting; they have similarly formed feet; the same muscular neck; their food is much the same, and both can go an incredibly long time without water.

Moreover an ostrich never flies, nor is it possible for it to lift itself from the ground in the slightest degree by the use of its wings; but like the camel it is very swift-footed. In its native country the shells of the eggs afford almost the only household utensils used. An egg will weigh from three to four pounds and is equal to two dozen hen's eggs. It requires 35 minutes to boil one, and longer if required hard. A fresh egg is worth \$25.

The keeper of an ostrich farm says the birds are the only thing he ever tried that he has not succeeded in taming. They are known to live to be seventy-five years old, and some think they will reach a hundred. They are about eight feet in height. Their hearing and sight are very acute, and these seem to be about all the sense they are blessed with. Their legs are very powerful, and are the only weapon of defense; when they attack an enemy they do so by kicking, but always strike forward and never backward.

The choice "ostrich feathers" are found only in the wings; the undressed feathers vary in price, having been as low as \$25 per pound and as high as \$200, and there are from 70 to 90 feathers in a pound. A single bird rarely furnishes more than a dozen fine feathers, and the birds themselves, if fine ones, are valued at \$1,000 per pair.

Naval Gun Power.

There is a tendency to judge the power of a ship by the amount of metal which can be thrown if all the guns were fired simultaneously and without regard to whether they could be brought to bear upon an enemy or could be fired as fast in war as they can be fired in theory—on paper. This method of judging a ship of war is somewhat analogous to the cannibal's idea of effective music. To an untutored savage the most effective piano would be one in which the loud pedal was always on, and the player in order to produce the greatest volume of sound struck all the notes at once. To the practised ear the result would not be music. In the same way to the expert gunnery officer the idea of mounting as many guns as possible in a ship—it may be crowding them together so closely as to become a danger to the crew rather than the enemy—and firing them all at once is not effective gunnery. Naval shooting is no longer a matter of discharging a number of shells haphazard in the hope that a proportion of them will hit the enemy. It has become a very exact science.—Cassier's Magazine.

The Lost Plug Hat.

"The old proverb, 'Findin's is keepin's,' usually holds good in the case of a silk hat," said the man. "Persons who lose silk hats are always reluctant to claim them. I have found excellent silk hats, and I know other people who have found hats just as good, but nobody ever tried to get them back. They were well worth advertising for, too. Who can explain this disregard for stray silk hats? Is it due to modesty? Were they lost under conditions so incriminating that the loser would rather buy another hat than reveal his whereabouts and the circumstances that caused him to lose his hat? That hypothesis hardly seems tenable, because most silk hats are picked up in very reputable places. Still the fact remains that any person finding a silk hat is pretty sure to be allowed to rejoice in its possession unmolested by the owner."—New York Sun.

Inference Easily Drawn.

A man who sells vacuum cleaners with a planola attachment relates the following bit of a yarn every time he gets a chance:

"I guess that that near-sighted fellow that calls on sister is getting worse," said a small boy, aged twelve, possibly called Jimmie.

"That is enough from you," said the indignant sister.

"What makes you think he is getting worse?" inquired the father of the son, possibly called Jimmie.

"Because I heard sister ask him last night if he thought she was the blarney stone," replied the boy, possibly called Jimmie.

Law Would Have Barred Author.

Dean Stanley's handwriting was atrocious. The late Lord Lytton handed in an amendment to the tory reform bill of Lord Derby. The clerk at the table could not read it, nor could any one else. At last, Lord Lytton—a rare scholar and an accomplished man of letters—was asked to read it himself. He explained that, though he could not pretend to read the text, its purpose was to enact that no man should be admitted to the poll unless he could sign his own name in legible handwriting.

COMMANDING FIGURE IN ABYSSINIA



RAS TESSAMA

Perhaps the most powerful man in Abyssinia, during the crisis through which that country is passing, is Ras Tessama, 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. He and his colleague, Ras Giorgis, put in her place as third regent Ras Mikael, son-in-law of Menelik and father of Lidj Jeassu, heir to the throne. It was Ras Tessama who, in 1898, at the instance of the French mission under Bonchamps, was sent to the White Nile to co-operate with Marchand in his advance on Fashoda, which nearly brought France and England to war.

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. The force numbers only one at present, and he, the dog, is attached to the Berks constabulary. It is a good many years since Major Richardson of Harrow became a dog trainer, his pack of bloodhounds being a famed lot. It was Major Richardson who trained the dogs which did such good work by picking up wounded soldiers on the battlefields of Manchuria and which helped the Spaniards at Melilla.

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. A story just reached here from Moscow about a dog known as Tref, which is becoming a perfect terror to evil-doers. A number of bank notes and other valuables had been stolen from a Moscow gentleman named Pokrofsky, and Tref's services were requisitioned.

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

Dares Death Among Snakes

New York Zoo Employee Enters Cages of Diamond Rattlers to Clean, and Has Close Call.

New York.—Housecleaning day in the dens of the poisonous reptiles at the New York Zoological park, is fraught with danger to the keepers.

A large number of persons watched the cleaning of the rattlesnakes' cages recently. Slowly the cage of the diamond-backed rattler was opened from the rear. With a forked stick the snakes were gently urged into a corner. One went over willingly, as if trained. Another started, but half-way across the floor stopped and flung himself into a coil and raised his wicked head, and the humming of his rattles was distinctly heard by the watchers.

The keeper backed away till he was

stabbed, but have acquired some of their own from Major Richardson, with very satisfactory results.

"It is no use having a dog that won't bite," says Major Richardson. "And these dogs, if they catch hold of a man, will worry him just like a rabbit. The dog is held on a chain and wears a specially contrived muzzle, which prevents him picking up poison. They can hear a sound 400 yards further than a policeman, and if a man is hiding in a garden they can scent him out when a policeman might pass him by. Their senses are even more acute at night than by day."

World Champion Milk Producer.

Columbia, Mo.—Chief Josephine, the Holstein at the state farm, gave 98 pounds of milk the other day, and has been averaging 90 pounds a day since her tests began. It is claimed she will prove the champion milk producer of the world.

Pie the Key to Longevity

Hale Man of Ninety-Seven Names Best Kind of Food to Eat to Be Centenarian.

Bellefonte, Ill.—The most remarkable man in Bellefonte, Benjamin West, who is ninety-seven years old, straight as a soldier and spry, has given the world the secret of longevity. Here it is: "P-i-e."

Any kind of pie will do as a steady diet, from Washington pie to lemon meringue, says Mr. West. All kinds are equally stimulating and helpful.

Mr. West was formerly a merchant in Bellefonte, but he retired in 1884, and has since lived in Minneapolis. Twice each year he comes to Bellefonte to visit his son, Robert.

"I'm going to have a centennial in three years," he said while here last.

Raised Buns.

To one pint of raised bread dough add one cupful of granulated sugar, one-half cupful of soft butter, one beaten egg, one-half cupful of milk and one-half level teaspoonful of soda. When well mixed add enough sifted bread flour to make of the consistency of bread dough and so that it can be kneaded well. Cover and let rise in a warm place until light. Then work in three-quarters of a cupful of currants and a half teaspoonful of lemon flavoring. Make small buns, not larger than an egg, and set closely in a buttered pan. Let rise light and bake. Brush the tops with sugar and water when taken from the oven.

Flower Cake Decorations.

If you desire a beautiful decoration for a white cake, secure fresh violets from your garden or the florist, says the Woman's Home Companion. Make a sirup of sugar and water. Dip the violets carefully into this and put aside on a platter to harden. If you are careful to let the sirup harden before dipping the flowers, they will in a few moments be ready to adorn the cake. Any small flowers may be treated in this way. Arrange in a wreath or garland.

Baking-Powder Biscuits.

Mix and sift twice two cupfuls of flour, four teaspoonfuls of baking powder and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Work in two tablespoonfuls of butter with tips of fingers and add gradually three-fourths of a cupful of milk, mixing quickly with a caseknife. Cut out and bake in a quick oven.—Woman's Home Companion.

TASTY LIMA BEAN SALAD

Recipe for Making One That Will Be Found Exceptionally Good.

One tinned vegetable that yields a delicious salad for use while the fresh green things are still scarce is lima beans.

Use for this the contents of a half or a whole can, according to the number to be served. Simmer in boiling water until tender, then drain and chill thoroughly. Serve on lettuce leaves dressed with either mayonnaise or French dressing, according to taste, or French dressing made with thick cream instead of oil would be tasty. A sprinkling of parsley, chives and celery all finely minced and combined, or of any one of the three used singly, is considered an improvement by some salad epicures.

In the way of a company dessert when the early strawberries first begin to be available, crush slightly enough of the berries to half fill a ring mold. Fill the mold up afterward with lemon jelly. The prepared jelly will serve for this. Just before it is to be eaten turn out upon a platter and fill the hollow center of the ring with stiffly whipped cream. Pass with it lady fingers or angel food.

FOR PACKING AWAY CLOTHES

Physician Says Ounce Bottle of Chloroform is Better Than Camphor.

Better than camphor, according to a physician, in packing away clothes, is an ounce bottle of chloroform, with a split cork, so that the fumes may gradually evaporate. Put the bottle in the bottom of the trunk. These fumes will not only kill moths, but many disease germs. Care must be taken not to inhale the fumes when opening the trunk.

All clothing should be put away as clean as possible. If there are pockets, turn inside out and brush thoroughly. Take soiled rufing from the necks of dresses and shields from under the arms. A few bits of charcoal wrapped in tissue paper and laid among the clothing will prevent the unpleasant odor that is often noticed when the air has been excluded for some time.

TO SERVE WITH MEAT.

With roast veal, tomato sauce, cranberry sauce, horseradish and lemons are good.

With roast mutton, currant jelly, caper sauce.

With broiled mutton, onion sauce and caper sauce.

With broiled fowl, bread sauce, onion sauce, lemon sauce, cranberry sauce, jellies, also cream sauce.

With roast lamb, mint sauce.

With roast turkey, cranberry sauce and currant jelly.

With boiled turkey, oyster sauce.

With venison or wild ducks, cranberry sauce, currant jelly.

With roast goose, apple sauce, cranberry sauce, grape or currant jelly.

With boiled fresh mackerel, stewed gooseberries.

With boiled bluefish, cream sauce, lemon sauce.

Carving Meat.

To successfully carve meat one must know how to control the knife. When carving a slice of meat, after the first incision has been made the angle at which the knife is held must never be altered or a jagged slice will be the result.

The cut should be direct, sharp and incisive. The sawlike motion should not enter into the operation.

As a rule the knife should be held firmly but lightly, so that too much juice will not be squeezed out from the meat. By using the point of the knife lightly as a wedge and the fork as a lever, even a big fowl may be easily jointed, provided the carver is aware exactly how the joint is situated and held together.

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FEED CHILDREN

On Properly Selected Food. It Pays Big Dividends.

If parents will give just a little intelligent thought to the feeding of their children the difference in the health of the little folks will pay, many times over, for the small trouble.

A mother writes saying: "Our children are all so much better and stronger than they ever were before we made a change in the character of the food. We have quit using potatoes three times a day with coffee and so much meat.

"Now we give the little folks some fruit, either fresh stewed, or canned, some Grape-Nuts with cream, occasionally some soft boiled eggs, and some Postum for breakfast and supper. Then for dinner they have some meat and vegetables.

"It would be hard to realize the change in the children, they have grown so sturdy and strong, and we attribute this change to the food elements that, I understand, exist in Grape-Nuts and Postum.

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ON THE COLLEGE NINE.



"Tain't no use talkin', Cyrus, the coy of ourn certainly do love th' country. He writ me er letter yesterday an' sez he was overjoyed 'cause ther going ter put him in th' right field next summer."

16 YEARS OF SKIN DISEASE

"For sixteen long years I have been suffering with a bad case of skin disease. While a child there broke out a red sore on the legs just in back of my knees. It waxed from bad to worse, and at last I saw I had a bad skin disease. I tried many widely known doctors in different cities but to no satisfactory result. The plague bothered me more in warm weather than in winter and being on my leg joints it made it impossible for me to walk, and I was forced to stay indoors in the warmest weather. My hopes of recovery were by this time spent. Sleepless nights and restless days made life an unbearable burden. At last I was advised to try the Cuticura remedies [Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Pills] and I did not need more than a trial to convince me that I was on the road of success this time. I bought two sets of the Cuticura Remedies and after these were gone I was a different man entirely. I am now the happiest man that there is at least one true care for skin diseases. Leonard A. Hawtof, 11 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., July 30 and Aug. 8, '09."

The Bald-Headed Man.

"The wife's clothes must match the husband's hair this year."

"That's all right; my wife's dresses are always decollete."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

A Motor Boat.

Anybody that likes can have a motor boat of his own. Just make a thin piece of wood, or a calling card into the shape of a boat and put a notch in the stern. Put a piece of common camphor gum into the notch so that it reaches below the bottom of the boat. Then put the boat into a pan of clean water. It will move steadily forward as the camphor dissolves. The water must be perfectly clean and there should be no grease of any kind on the inside of the pan or on your fingers or the experiment may be spoiled.

Harvard College.

This celebrated institution is pleasantly situated in the barroom of Parker's, in School street, and has pupils from all over the country. It has a letter yes'd'y, by the way, from our mootal son, Artemus, Jr., who is at Bowdoin college, in Maine. He writes me that he is a Bowdoin Arab. & is it cum to this? Is this boy as I nurtured with a parent's care into his childhood's hour—is he gone to be a grate American humorist? Alars, I fear it is too true. Why didn't I bind him out to the Patent "ravelin Vegetable Pill Man, as was struck with his appearance at our last county fair, & wanted him to go with him and be a Pillist? Ar, these boys—they little know how the old folks worrit about 'em—From Life's Reprint From Artemus Ward.

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