

CHINCHBUGS ROUTED

Fire as Pest Destroyer Advocated in Agricultural Fable.

Firebug in the Person of a Scientific Farmer Wrought Havoc With Pestiferous Family Who Had Moved Into Winter Home.

Atchison, Kan.—Gen. Pestiferous Chinch Bug, Jr., and family of Kansas have gone to their winter home in the bunch grass and blue stem. The Kansas Industrialist a few weeks ago said the news of their departure was brought to the agricultural college by J. W. McCulloch, a special field agent for the entomology department of the Kansas Agricultural college. So it's official and authoritative. McCulloch also gave out the information here that there is considerable uneasiness in the C. B. household on account of the many incendiary fires that destroyed blue stem and bunch grass winter homes. In fact, it was only after several days of arguing and promising that Mrs. C. Bug and the girls consented to leave the family's summer place on the old cornstalk. And they wouldn't have gone at all had not the general agreed, finally, to crawl to the top of the winter home twice a day and look for firebugs. It also was told here by a neighbor of the Chinch Bugs that Mrs. C. B. ordered fire extinguishers for the winter home before she left.

Trouble for the Chinch Bug family began when a firebug, thought to be Scientific Farmer, came to the blue stem and bunch grass home and burned it nearly to the ground. Young Pestiferous, his bride and his brother were the only ones of a family of sixty-five that escaped. And that was the mortality among most of the other families, Mrs. Pestiferous said. And then that cold winter in only a makeshift for a home. It was too much for brother. He died. But the general and Mrs. Pestiferous survived somehow and reared a large family in the cornstalk. "I think we made a good move when we came to this side of the road," General Pestiferous told his wife. "I understand that there have been no firebugs in this community for years. This is the place we should have lighted in instead of that farm

WAR'S TERRIBLE DEVASTATION



This photograph of one of the streets of Kirk Killiseh was taken just after the capture of that city by the Bulgarians, and shows the awful devastation wrought by the bombardment.

across the divide. Over there it seemed as if all the yeggs on that section combined forces against us. Every grove of blue stem and bunch grass in sight went up in smoke. And you know as well as I that if our grove had been burned a little closer to the ground we'd have perished with the rest of them.

"Yes, I know that only too well. Pest, but I'm worried about this smell of smoke in the air this morning. I wish you'd forget the past long enough to go on the roof and

squirt around a little. You haven't been up this morning. And you know what you promised."

The special field agent believes the fears of the Chinch Bugs are well grounded. The success with which the family of Gen. Pestiferous, Sr., was routed has convinced Scientific Farmer that the winter house warning plan is the best yet for fighting his old enemy. His torch is ready and he's only waiting now till the last of the Chinch Bugs are in their winter homes.

of his wedding journey. Cunningham took the joke good naturedly, but has sworn to get even with his tormentors later.

LAYS FAILURE TO "MOVIES"
California Bandit Makes Strange Court Plea for Clemency—Autos His Specialty.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Moving picture shows caused his downfall, according to Cornelius Hadsacker, who pleaded guilty to highway robbery, after which he made a pathetic appeal for probation.

The "movies," according to the prisoner, showed him "how easy it was done," and he deserted the ranch for the highway shore. He made a specialty of holding up automobiles.

LIONS ARE GIVEN TURKEY
Kings of New York Zoo Get First Taste of Our "National Bird," and Like It.

New York—The lions in the New York zoo has a taste of turkey recently for the first time in their lives. They have been brought up on dressed beef ever since they left a milk diet. Keeper Snyder bought a turkey for each of the ten. The animals were suspicious of the new food at first, but a few sniffs convinced them that it was all right, and when they were through not even a wishbone was left.

"BROADWAY BOB" IS HELD

Fashion-Plate Crook Picked Up in New York as He is About to Dine in Restaurant.

New York—Following complaints from Broadway restaurants and hotels that the pockets of patrons had been picked, Detective McGee came to the conclusion that clever enough for such work was Walter Henry, a crook of international reputation, a fashion plate and as agreeable a companion as one could find.

Henry also is known as Bob Hart, Walter Hogan, Big Bob, "the Doctor," "Big English Bob" and "Broadway Bob."

McGee was in Rector's when Henry straggled in.

"Where have you been?" asked McGee, as Henry tossed his coat and hat to a boy.

"I've had great trouble," replied Henry. "My father has just died in Brooklyn. That accounts for the mourning band on my hat."

"Well, come to the station house with me," said McGee. "You are wanted for that little trick pulled off on Nov. 9th in the Kaiserkeller."

The affair referred to by the detective was the robbery of Albert M. Markler of 555 West 155th street, who is connected with a Wall street bank. On Saturday Markler got from Marsello Pitt & Co., 170 Broadway, a diamond cluster valued at \$800; a diamond ring set with rubies, \$500; a diamond bar ring, \$300; a la valliere,

\$500; a small diamond ring, \$40, and a gold cigarette case, \$100, making a total of \$2,040.

On his way home Markler stopped at the Kaiserkeller to have dinner. There he was joined by two more agreeable strangers, who insisted that he dine with them. He consented, and on starting for home noticed that the larger of the men brushed against him. Then suddenly he discovered his jewelry was gone, but the man was gone, too.

Markler identified Henry through his rogues' gallery picture.

COURT DEFIED BY A CONVICT
California Prisoner, in Contempt Dares Judge to Punish Him—Sent Back to Jail.

Sacramento, Cal.—"You are in contempt of court," Superior Judge Hughes exclaimed to a witness named Jordan. "Suppose I am, what are you going to do about it?" coolly replied the witness, who was a convict brought from Folsom prison to testify regarding a stabbing affair within the prison.

"If you can add any to my twenty years, go to it," he added.

Although Jordan refused to testify against the prisoner on trial, even withholding his own given name and sneering at his examiners, the court was helpless, and in the end Jordan was allowed to go back to prison.

HE KNEW WHAT TO AVOID

If Knowing Human Nature Would Do It, This Man Would Have Made Good Preacher.

"Dr. John Haynes Holmes, who preached a Bull Moose sermon to President Taft the Sunday before election day, isn't like Washington White," said a member of Dr. Holmes' Church of the Messiah in New York. Washington White was an aged hod carrier. Laying down his paper one evening he said to his wife over his spectacles:

"Martha, I believe I'd make a preacher. Listen, now, and I'll give you a sermon."

"The old man then stood up to the table and belted out a vigorous discourse on the wickedness of the idolaters of the Orient.

"His wife said at the end: 'A good enough sermon, Washington, but you've told us all about the sins of the foreigners, and never a word about the sins of the folks at home here.'

"'Ha, ha, ha, I understand preachin' too well for that,' laughed the wily old man."

Epigram.

"That wasn't a bad epigram on the magistrate's part," said the somewhat educated tramp, who had been convicted for vagrancy.

"What did he say?" asked the tramp's pal.

"Seven day," came the reply.

"That ain't no epigram, is it?" "I'm sure it is. I asked a parson once what an epigram was, and he says, 'It's a short sentence that sounds light, but gives you plenty to think about.'"

Scarce as Hen's Teeth.

Mr. Crimmonbeak—That bachelor friend of mine is looking for a partner for his joys and sorrows.

Mrs. Crimmonbeak—Well, it seems to me he's a long time about it.

"Yes; you see he's looking for a silent partner."

Dangerous Remedy.

"Give the patient a little liquor, why don't you?"

"Can't; it would set him crazy. He has water on the brain."

Banquets.

"Pa, why do people have banquets?"

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Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.—Bovee.

Cruel, Cruel Answer.
"See, darling!" and Mrs. Justwed held up for her husband's gaze three mirrors arranged so as to give as many reflections. "I can get a triple view of myself." "Humph!" gurgled her brute of a man, struggling with his collar. "You seem to be quite popular with yourself!"—Judge.

The Way.
"Come, my dear, let's travel into slumberland."
"Well, mamma, can we travel on the sleepers?"

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MONTENEGRINS LONG VICTORS

They Are Reckless at Play and at Arms, but Honorable, Says a London Letter.

London.—It was Mr. Gladstone who once described Montenegro—the black mountain—as the shore where, after bloody Kosovo, the wreckage of old Serbia was washed by the oncoming Turkish tide, says a London letter. They who escaped into these fastnesses were families of caste, chieftains and nobles, who for five centuries and more have remained unconquered.

Their very vices show breeding, a recklessness at play and an extravagance in dress. Yet gamblers though they are and dandies, they are honest as to cash, and if a purse of gold be dropped by accident upon the highway it will be discovered by its rightful possessor.

Prison life itself is ruled by honor, for convicts who may have pulled a trigger wander abroad, meet their friends, join in festivals, and are known only by the dull music of a clanking chain.

The Montenegrin is not devoid of education. He has his school in every hamlet, and there is an amazing story of the great Ivan, the prince who burned his capital Zabljak to save it from the Turk, setting up a printing press in Obod just twenty years after Caxton had begun his enterprise at Westminster. The machine vanished amid the chaos, but it revealed an instinct.

It is an armed man that the Montenegrins now interest us. When they go marketing to the Austrian coast town of Cattaro they are required by the authorities to rob their belts of the mighty pistol, but at the frontier they resume it, and it is the symbol of their liberty.

Humble homage to the queen is rigidly exacted by King Nicholas, and in the palace of Cetina, princesses, so far from being disinclined, are described, paternally, as "my country's most valuable export."

To head one's enemy is the final joy of the Montenegrins, who, therefore, dislike long range artillery and the modern rifles which are received from Russia as Christmas presents for the reigning houses.

WILL SELL CHINESE ART

Imperial Family of New Republic Has Plan to Dispose of Palace Treasures.

New York—Art connoisseurs from all parts of the world are looking forward to an auction sale which probably will be held in London next year, and which should prove the most wonderful disposal of art treasures in history. The articles to be offered to bidders are nothing less than the treasures of the imperial palaces of China.

The collection, which includes the finest specimens of every form of Chinese porcelains and ceramics, is unique and its value is enormous. It is said that the disposal of the treasures practically has been decided upon by the imperial family.