

PESTIFEROUS BUFFALO GNATS.

A North Carolina Man Tells of Interesting Experiences with Them.

John W. Rusk, of Belpert, N. C., writes to the New York Sun regarding the buffalo gnat:

"I think that, as a native of North Carolina would say, the entomologists have not 'met up' with the gnat in question; possibly it is not distributed over a large area of the country. I met the gnats several years ago in Arkansas, on the bottom lands of the St. Francis river, and think they were the greatest I ever saw. In shape they resemble the buffalo somewhat; hence the name. They do not bite or sting their victims. They have a disagreeable habit of flying from the ground and striking one in the face. But the chief trouble is that they crawl into the mouth, nostrils and the ears and deposit their eggs, which hatch in a very short time. The larvae eat away the membranes, causing death to large numbers of stock of all kinds, and of many game animals.

"The planters on the St. Francis set old logs afire in the woods for smoke to protect stock, which will eagerly rush to the smudge and stand in it to get rid of the pest.

"On one occasion I was kindling a fire to keep off gnats, when a large buck deer came rushing to the smoke and wood in it, not heeding my presence. In a few minutes a flock of wild turkeys and also four or five wild hogs came for protection. It is not an uncommon sight to see a mule before the plow, trudging along with a bucket containing a smudge, hanging from its nose over the smoke as much as possible. The goat cannot stand smoke."

WHERE LAND IS CHEAP.

Two Hundred Acres Were Forced Upon a Man.

A large weather map hangs in the senate chamber in Washington, and senators gather before it in the morning studying the conditions for the day. Many a good story is there told regarding the climate of different localities. To Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, the New York Sun accredits such a story.

Dakota weather is so bad, Senator Kyle is reported as saying, that farmers are often very glad to get rid of their land. One of my neighbors saw a stranger leading a cow along one day. The two men began to talk, and soon a trade was made, the farmer offering the stranger 200 acres of land for the cow.

When the stranger, who could not read, took the deed to Aberdeen to be recorded, he found it to call for 400 acres instead of 200. He went back to the farmer, expostulated, and tried to get the deed changed. But the farmer held out. Nothing the stranger could say or do would move the farmer, and the stranger was forced to take the 400 acres.

Vienna Organ Grinders.

Organ grinders in Vienna are not allowed to play in the morning or evening—only between midday and sunset.

A Sure Sign of Croup.

Hoarseness in a child that is subject to croup is a sure indication of the approach of the disease. If Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. Many mothers who have croupy children always keep this remedy at hand and find that it saves them much trouble and worry. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. For sale by Keeling.

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MAKING READY FOR A RUN.

A Locomotive Is Almost as Carefully Groomed as a Race Horse.

"Running the Fast Express" is the title of an article by George Ethelbert Walsh in St. Nicholas. Mr. Walsh says:

The engineer comes down to his post of duty nearly an hour before his train is scheduled to leave. All night long in the round-house the engine has been carefully watched; a wiper has spent the whole night rubbing down the panting, snorting iron horse, until every rod and cylinder shines like gold or silver; the banked fire has been kept going, so that a little steam has been always in the boxes; and before he left at night the fireman put everything in perfect order inside the cab. The fireman appears first in the morning and inspects the work of the round-house men; and if any part is not satisfactory, he makes it so. The engineer makes his inspection after the fireman, and thoroughly and carefully examines every part. All the bearings are then oiled, and the oil-cups are filled with oil. Next, the engine is run out of the round-house and tested. Fifteen minutes before the time to start, the engine is coupled to the train, and the steam and air-brakes are tested.

No race-horse was ever brought to his post better fitted for running the course than is the locomotive of the fast express. In addition to the tests already made, a mechanic goes from wheel to wheel, and upon every one strikes a sharp, resounding blow, to ascertain if the wheel and axle are sound. Nuts and bolts are examined. The engineer and fireman are held responsible for the perfect condition of the engine and cars before the start is made.

Nature's Balloons.

The island of fire, known by the natives as "The Home of the Hot Devils," is a recent discovery in Java. In the center of a huge lake of boiling mud and slime exists a phenomenon absolutely unique, and so wonderful that tourists brave the difficulties of the long journey inland simply to see it. Scores of enormous bubbles are formed in the sticky slime by the gases which arise from the lower depths, and these grow and increase to an enormous size, looking like nothing so much as the large model balloons sent up sometimes to ascertain the direction of the wind. These bubbles, some of them, attain a diameter of five or six feet before they burst, which they do with a loud explosion. The sounds are described as resembling a constant series of heavy platoon firing.

French Cycling Custom.

The practice of carrying light cases on bicycles has now become almost a custom with the young men of France. The idea is to enable the riders to bring their wheels to a standstill by leaning a little to one side and supporting themselves with the cane while they engage in a chat with some acquaintance on the road.

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The Kharas Method of Magnetic Healing.

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