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Alsatian Wolf-Dog Is Terror to Evildoers

The dog most prominent in public interest at the present time is the Alsatian wolf-dog. The Alsatian is pure bred, being the offspring of the Wurttemberg sheepdog and the sheepdog of central Germany. These two breeds have a particular way of sheepfolding, and experimenters wondered if they could blend the best strains of each. This they did with remarkable success, and thus appeared the German wolf-dog, which the police of that country were quick to use as a criminal hunter, says Tit-Bits.

During the war these dogs rendered valuable service, and after the armistice, when the dog club was formed by British officers, the name was changed to Alsatian-wolf-dog, a description which has now been adopted by nearly all countries.

Insanity Statistics

The national committee on mental hygiene says there is no foundation for the popular belief that farmers' wives are more subject to insanity than other women. A recent study of the first admissions to 32 state hospitals in this country shows that not only were fewer women admitted from rural districts than from urban, but that the rate based upon the population of the same environment for urban women was almost twice that for rural. The rate of first admissions in rural districts was found to be much higher among males than among females.

Dog as Teacher

A Portland (Maine) woman says that she has been trying for nearly twenty years to teach her husband to hang up his hat, but she thinks the new puppy the family has recently acquired will do it in the space of a very few weeks.

Early to Rise

It is noted that among those who go delirious over a beautiful sunrise there is a marked scarcity of farm hands.—Detroit News.

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Out Our Way



TODAY

BY ARTHUR BRISBANE
Henry Ford says churches should teach dancing to counteract some vicious modern tendencies. He wants the old dances brought back to replace new wiggling.

There might be a compromise between old and new dances—especially as Mr. Ford thinks old people should dance.

The modern dance, the walking kind, is easier for old people than the old polka, in which you were supposed to hop, and the waltz, in which 95 per cent did hop, although they weren't supposed to.

Dancing and religion have long been united. Samuel tells you "David danced before the Lord," he well might, for his rise was rapid from lightweight champion, conqueror of Goliath, to ruler over Israel.

Dancing has its proper place. See Ecclesiastes, Third chapter, Fourth verse, "time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

The next verse says there is also "a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing." That should be remembered in these wild dancing days.

If you saw one sleek muskrat, climb out of the water and look at you with beady eyes, you would say, "interesting, but it doesn't amount to much."

The muskrat knows better. He can amount to a great deal, for good or evil, just as with human thought.

A nobleman in central Europe, interested in muskrats started breeding them on his estate. They ruined farms for miles around him.

On the other hand, last winter, in the Louisiana marshes, they caught more than 1,000,000 muskrats, worth more than \$6,000,000—about half the entire crop of North America.

Insignificant muskrats give great value to marches hitherto worthless. And our extremely well managed agricultural department has requested Mr. Vernon Bailey, able naturalist, specializing in small mammals, and knowing more about the muskrats than they know about themselves, to see what can be done about making the Louisiana muskrat crop permanent.

A crop of 6,000,000 muskrats a year represents 6 per cent on \$1,000,000. And you don't have to plant the muskrat or raise the young ones. They do that themselves. The people of Louisiana say there is more wealth in their state five times over than has ever been taken out of any state in the union, and very likely they are right about it.

If the hot weather recently has annoyed you, be glad to know that all kinds of weather may be useful and welcome. Up on the Mojave desert, near Barstow 60 miles back of Los Angeles, the Hodge brothers in the recent heat grew a crop of alfalfa in 22 days. That is to say 22 days after one crop had been mowed, dried and stacked, they mowed another crop and they cut their alfalfa seven times every season, on the same land. Can anybody beat that?

Count Cippico, Italian senator in Mussolini's regime, says Italy must have colonies to absorb excess population.

If this country were wise, no other Italian colonies would be needed. The United States ought to welcome every Italian. Florida today could be made richer by millions of dollars if she could get even a quarter of a million good Italian immigrants.

California and other western states

A cent dated 1883 was found fastened at the very top of the 185-foot spire on the First Universalist church in Shrewsbury, Mass., by Walter C. Hale, a steeplejack, when he went to work dismantling the tower after being struck by lightning. The coin had been placed there 43 years ago by Herbert Putnam, now 73.

For some time Robert W. Reed, of Bellefonte, Pa., has been juzzled by the disappearance of milk from cans in his springhouse. The house was always kept securely locked so no person could get into it. However, the discovery of a seven-foot blacksnake lying beside an empty can a quarter of a mile gorged to move, solved the mystery. It had evidently swum in through the small stream that flows into the springhouse.

Real Competition

William Feather
Complete with your possibilities; not with your neighbors. This is the advice which an old manufacturer gave to a merchant who asked him what chance a man in a small town has of getting ahead.

The manufacturer said he had noticed that most merchants in small towns were satisfied to do a volume of business that measured up with that of their neighbors.

He recommended to this merchant that he forget all about his neighbors, and begin to compete with himself, and with his possibilities. He said there was no reason why his store should not have the bulk of the trade of all persons within a 30-mile radius. Because his neighbors had not tried to expand was no reason why he should not.

need and would welcome many millions of them.

One cheerful goose thinks Italy's problem could be solved by "Birth Control."

This poor creature says if the Italians would have fewer and better children, we would welcome them.

Why better, if fewer? Caruso was the nineteenth child in his family. Would it have been a good idea to cut off that family, say at 10 or 15, and miss Caruso?

In the slums, amid disease and ignorance, families should be kept down if it can be done.

But under decent conditions, the more children a mother has, the better they are—at least among humbler people.

It isn't so with kings, because they get tired of their wives after the first child is born, or sooner, and the others are inferior.

Oscar Chambers, aged 50, with not enough talent to make him happy, just enough to work. Great successes have been begun after 50.

Lack of faith is serious, but Frank and Jefferson had very little of it. Still they were useful.

"Deaf," some of the world's best work has been done by men hard of hearing. They were not bothered by useless talk.

"No money, no money—Broke." All that can be overcome. The real trouble that the man left out, the two words that really mean desperation are "no courage."

You remember Goethe's lines:
"Muth verloren, alles verloren,
Besser du waerest nie geboren."
"Courage lost, everything lost, better thou were never born."

The American federation of labor resolves officially to keep away from all third parties hereafter. That is good news for the old democratic and republican parties and for important gentlemen that pull strings in both parties, using the republican party as the working machine and the democratic as sort of "spare tire" to be used, if it has to be used, if something goes wrong.

Younger Generation
From the American Lumberman
A bulldog at Macon, Ga., has been given two baby tigers to raise, and some day that bulldog is going to feel just as most American parents do now.

Finishing the Job.
From Todd Red and White.
"How's this?" asked the lawyer. "You've named six bankers in your will to be pull bearers. Of course, it's all right, but wouldn't you rather choose some friends with whom you are on better terms?"

"No, judge, that's all right. Those fellows have carried me along; they might as well finish the job."

Inconsistent.
From Buen Humor, Madrid.
"I shan't go to school any more, father. The teacher is mad."
"What makes you say that?"
"Yesterday she told us that four and one make five, but today she told us that it was three and two!"

Watson Almost Right

Amid all the ambiguous statements at Washington about prohibition and patronage, it is refreshing to hear one clear voice in bold and direct utterance. Senator Watson of Indiana felt his righteous soul vexed by all the chatter about getting efficient men to enforce the Volstead act. "Prohibition is in politics," he roundly declared, "and can't be got out."

Perhaps a little discount should be made for the enthusiasm of a senator to whom politics has so long been the vital air and life blood that of he ceased to have a politician's thoughts about everything he would cease to exist. Friends of his who have followed his varied and picturesque public career in Indiana, where they take their politics very hard are convinced that if the Hon. "Jim" were to hear the Angel Gabriel blowing the last trump he would only inquire anxiously, "Well, how do you think this will affect the vote in Marion county?"

Allowing for every exaggeration due to personal bent, there is no doubt that Senator Watson got off his chest a chunk of cold truth. From the beginning prohibition has been in politics and is still there. That fact helps explain some of the most unpleasant aspects of the movement. It accounts for a lot of the insincerity and hypocrisy displayed by members of the legislatures and members of congress in discussing and voting upon the question of prohibition.

When they have seen political ferment to be won by going against their convictions and also their practice, they have not hesitated to do so. The scramble for offices under the agencies of prohibition enforcement has been only a small part of the political demoralization caused by the thing being "in politics." Public men have allowed themselves to be terrorized. The promise of votes, or the fear of losing votes, has been a fruitful cause of hasty legislation on the subject of prohibition, which has none the less been harmful and deplorable for not being openly corrupt. The bribes offered have not been in money, but they have been effective.

"Breakdowns"
From the Waterbury Democrat.
"Nervous breakdowns," as increased greatly in England. Thirty years ago, he says, there was no such thing recognized by the medical profession or the public. Now the number of cases is astonishing.

There is the same situation in this country. If anything, it is worse here. One hears talks nowadays of friends and acquaintances suffering from "nervous breakdowns," just as commonly as one heard of appendicitis cases when that disease was in its heyday. The term used is sometimes a euphemism to cover a downright attack of insanity. Usually it signifies a case of combined physical weakness and disordered nerves, making the victim unable to work effectively and a burden to himself and others.

What is the cause? Apparently the high speed of living. Too much activity of body and mind. Covering too much ground. Not necessarily too much work or too much play, but too much exertion—too much exhausting of energy. And no doubt physical causes play a big part, particularly diet. Possibly half the breakdown cases could be traced to digestive disorders.

If there is one remedy, it is simpler living. This does not mean necessarily retiring from the world or ceasing to do what the world does. It is not so much a question of less action as a question of more poise. The top is most steady when whirling most rapidly. That is a good example of poise.

His Mistake
Two business friends who lived in the country met one day, and one invited the other to dine with him that evening.

At the appointed time the guest set forth in the direction of his friend's house, and as the roads in the village were somewhat dimly lighted he took with him his old fashioned stableman's lantern.

The dinner was good, the wine excellent, and all went merrily. The next morning, however, he received the following note from his host of the night before:

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Sinclair Once Band Player

Harry F. Sinclair, the oil magnate, once played in the Midcontinent band at Independence, Kan. This was in 1891 and there is only one present member who was in the band at that time. He is Frank De Vore and he has been playing in the band regularly for 34 years.

Feminine Philosophy

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Smith were talking over their plans for the summer. "So you think you will go back to the same summer resort you have been going to all these years?" asked Mrs. Brown. Her friend hitched her chair closer. "Oh yes," said she. "As I often tell my husband, it's like this. When all is said and done, I really think that old friends and new scandals give one the most satisfaction."

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Few Roads Carry Traffic

A very large portion of the highway traffic of the country is carried by a rather small percentage of the roads. A detailed traffic survey made in Maine by the bureau of public roads shows that the primary system of the state, consisting of only 7 per cent of the total mileage, carries 53 per cent of the traffic in the state.

Busy Days on the Farm

These are busy times on the farm. An Atehison county farmer tells the Globe: "I'm cutting wheat with one hand, plowing corn with the other and putting up hay with my feet."—Kansas City Star.

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