The Importance of Rats.

LOUP CITY, - - NEBRASKA

With the exception of the famous Piper, nobody has yet found a successful method of getting rid of rats. Ways and means we have all seen advertised in the street cars and newspapers, and yet other methods we have now and then heard pleasantly carrated in the course of polite conversation. But these deal with the rat as an individual-with our personal rat, so to speak; and invention has yet to find the way of annihilating entire communities. For such a solution of the "rat problem" the department of agriculture has recently stated that it would liberally reward the inventor. The rat, individually, is a nuisance; the rat, collectively, an actual drain upon the legitimate profits of American agriculture. Reduced to probable figures this yearly tax, levied and successfully collected by a countless army of rodents, reaches a surprising total. Board and lodging for one rat for one year is estimated at 50 cents; and it may be fairly enough assumed that the farms of the country support at least one rat for every cow, horse, pig, or other useful kind of live stock. If this is true, even allowing that onehalf of the sustenance of the rats is waste matter, the board bill counts up in cereals to something over \$50,000,-000. In France the loss yearly sustained through their existence is officially placed at \$40,000,000, which indicates pretty clearly that the figures roughly estimated by our own investigators are far below the actual. Whoever can find a way to destroy the pest in large numbers will therefore not only earn the rewards of the department of agriculture, but will confer a blessing upon practically every living agriculturist. Nor, adds the Boston Budget, need he be debarred by sentimental reasons. The rats now living on the country without giving anything in return for it are all descended from stowaways who came over without paying any attention

One of the Yale professors has been making a study of the occupations of Yale graduates by classes. He finds, among other things, that a constantly lessening number are entering the ministry, and a steadily increasing number are studying law. The law now claims more than twice as many as any other profession. Next to it comes finance. Less than one-twelfth of the graduates enter the ministry, in spite of the fact that one of the purposes for which Yale was founded was "to train godly young men for the Christian ministry." But, side by side with these facts, it is also noted that charitable and philanthropic workthe giving both of money and of service—is yearly claiming a larger share of the interest of educated men and women. Perhaps that is where the "godly young men" of to-day are going.

whatever to the immigration laws.

A bill was recently presented in the Italian chamber of deputies providing for a \$200,000 lottery, with the proceeds of which it is proposed to carry out excavations at the site of the Roman amphitheater at Benevento, the town founded, according to tradition, by Diomedes, and possessing Trajan's triumphal arch, which resembles the arch of Titus in Rome, and is the finest and best preserved of all the Roman structures. The amphitheater at Benevento is lying almost intact under a number of old houses occupied by poor people. Benevento is the capital of a province of that name, and is situated 34 miles northeast of Naples. In the Middle Ages it was the seat of a Lombard duchy, and in 1806 it was given by Napoleon I. to Talleyrand, who took the title of prince of

What Is Preaching?

One of the most notable utterances from the Unitarian brethren comes from the Rev. Dr. Thomas Slicer, says Boston Herald, who deplores the habit of some of his brethren of the cloth in treating of economics, politics and civics in their pulpits, instead of preaching the gospel. In Dr. Slicer's opinion, this isn't preaching at all. It 'is lecturing, instead. A great many churchgoers will agree with this view. There may be special occasions when sermons on texts from Holy Writ may appropriately yield to some temporary exigency, but as a rule religion, pure and simple, is the preacher's best theme and most acceptable to his con-

On a trip through Iceland the traveler sees thousands of mountains covered with eternal snow, outrivaling the Alps in grandeur; great geysers and innumerable hot wells; waterfalls. one of which—the Gullfoss—is second only to Niagara in size and beauty; erystal streams and lashing rivers; lava beds of fantastic figures, covered with moss that glistens in the sun like hoar frost, and, as a crowning glory, the atmosphere is so brilliant that objects over 50 miles distant appear close at hand.

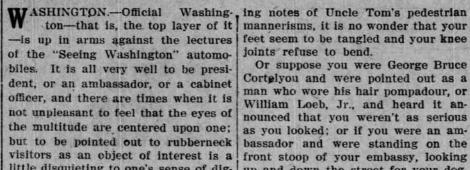
Now that the new heir to the Spanish throne has been regularly enrolled in a Spanish regiment his nurse ought to have an easy time with him. Soldiers don't cry in the night and make sleepy people get up and walk the floor with them.

Kuroki distributed several hundred dollars in "tips" before he left Chicago. He probably did it as a mark of his esteem for the bellboys and porters who were able to call him by name without waiting to be introduced.

At the National Capital

Gossip of People and Events Gathered in Washington

"RUBBER" LECTURES JAR NOTABLES OF CAPITAL



left, ladies and gentlemen," says the you? Since he became famous, even lecturer, "you see the Hon. William Pete, the White House bull terrier, Howard Taft, secretary of war-the has cut and run whenever a sight-seelarge gentleman walking rapidly with ing automobile hove in view. the prifolio under his arm. Mr. Taft always walks. He is accounted one of dents or illustrations. The thing that the handsomest men in Washington has brought the top-notch officials to and one of the biggest in more ways bay is that some of the rubberneck than I care to mention, and he has lecturers have taken to pointing out been chosen by President Roosevelt members of the families of prominent to be his successor.'

This is unpleasant enough to a riages. modest and retiring personality, but on your legs and 40 minds are mak- done to stop it.

mission of money through the mails

recently issued a sweeping order,

WAR ON WOOD BEETLES

STARTED BY GOVERNMENT

who will come to hear on the wis-

cy. Mr. Pinchot, the "G. P." of the

department, to whom all important

questions pertaining to the public do-

main are referred, the intimate per-

sonal friend of the chief executive

and member of the White House ten-

nis board, is one of those rare spirits

in love with his profession who works

for love and glory rather than pub-

lic applause and the coin of the realm.

On accepting his position in the de-

partment at a salary of \$2,000 a year,

he built himself a \$200,000 house on

the most fashionable block of Rhode

Island avenue, where he gives one

arge reception each season, in honor

of the agricultural forestry conven-

tion. The rest of the season his

New York, entertains the smart and

When he built this home Gifford

Pinchot was engaged to be married,

Four Hundred. The death of his

sweetheart under most pathetic cir-

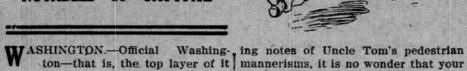
and since then he has turned a deaf but polite ear to society and the al-

luring attention which would naturally be bestowed upon the most eligi-

stances turned young Pinchot to

his flancee, like himself, being young

which said in part:



joints refuse to bend.

Or suppose you were George Bruce Cortelyou and were pointed out as a man who wore his hair pompadour, or William Loeb, Jr., and heard it announced that you weren't as serious little disquieting to one's sense of dig- up and down the street for your dog, and heard a man telling about you For instance: "There upon your through a megaphone, wouldn't it jar

> However, these are but mere incimen when they go abroad in car-

Officials say that the lecturers know when a little girl on the sightseeing the carriages by the coachmen, but wagon calls out in a shrill voice: "Oh, are frequently mistaken as to the mamma, he walks just like Uncle identity of the occupants. It is very Tom," the blow is almost too hard to annoying and embarrassing, they asbear. If 40 pairs of eyes are fastened sert, and something will have to be

POSTOFFICE EXTENDS THE MONEY ORDER SERVICE

OF the 64,000 postoffices in the partment will not brook interference on the part of its officers or employes country at any one of which regwith the policy above outlined, and it istry business may be transacted only is enjoined upon all connected with 38,000 (inclusive of 4,000 stations) are authorized to do a money order busi- the service to use every effort to promote the use of postal money orders ness. While doubting the feasibility for remittances by mail. Failure on of extending money order facilities to the part of any postmaster or post all postoffices, Postmaster General office employe to adhere to the re-Meyer, to meet as far as practicable quirements of this order will endangthe needs of the business public and er the official position of the delinpromote its convenience in the trans- quent."

Postmaster General Meyer will recommend to the next congress that legislation be enacted providing for 000; Wash., \$1,202,000; W. Va., \$5,523, "Recognizing the fact that there is the introduction of postal notes for 000; Wis., \$2,342,000; Wyo., \$3,367,000. a demand on the part of the public sums not exceeding \$2.50, or perhaps for this extension, the department ex- \$5.00, which may be issued without pects to be aided in carrying out its the filing of a written application policy in this respect by the earnest or the sending of an advice, and be cooperation of its employes and of obtainable, not only at all money orpostmasters and all others connected der post offices, but at many of the in any way with the postal service. | smaller post offices, where it may not "It mest be understood that the de- be feasible to issue money orders.

POR centuries, and in -many lan- | and barns and homes of men. They guages, has the "powder post" feast in the polished furniture in the wood beetle been discussed and plan- parlor, and gnaw at the coffins in the ned against. Many government ex- undertakers' warehouses. They eat perts of many countries have studied away the chair that we rest in to-day this pest of seasoned woods, but little and the piano sounding forth the progress has been accomplished to sweetest melodies is in the death wards its destruction. Our own gov- grapple of the "powder post" beetles. ernment is now taking a hand in in- The treatment for the pest, so far as vestigating the "powder post" beetle. studied out, consists in destroying by The beetle attacks seasoned wood fire. A piece of lumber may be affectonly, especially the white or sap por- in one end only. Saw that end off tion, and se alarming has become the and burn it is the cure. The beetle ravages that makers of furniture and has been killed in valuable pieces of vehicles are at great annual loss ow- lumber by putting the material in a ing to the silent and steady boring close room and subjecting the lumand bedding in the dry material. Hick- ber to as hot a steam bath as possiory, oak and ash are the woods gener- ble. Other means of destruction conally most affected. These beetles are sist in kilning the lumber and giving silent fires tearing down the fences, it as much dry heat as possible.

FORESTRY CHIEF TURNS DEAF EAR TO SOCIETY

ONE of the interesting young bache | ble American bachelor in Washing lors of the present day now very ton. The independent fortune makmuch in the public eye is Gifford Pining a \$200,000 house possible on a chot, chief of the bureau of forestry, \$2,000 salary is a part of this young department of agriculture, now on a man's inheritance from his maternal pilgrimage in the west, instructing all grandfather, Eno, the founder and once famous proprietor of the Fifth dom of the administration's land poli- Avenue hotel.

Panama Canal Tolls. It will be some time before the que tion of tolks for passing through the Panama canal will become one of current interest. It is impossible, however, not to see that making the Suez canal free would have a very important bearing upon the management of | fee was the cause of my trouble, I that across Panama. That waterway is meant for the benefit of our commerce and that of the world, and it is quitable that the parties benefited hould contribute to the expense of construction and management. It is not intended as a money-maker for the government, but, on the other hand. it is not intended as a subsidy to international trade. The rates ought mother, Mrs. James W. Pinchot, of to be reasonable, but that is very different from saying that there should the great at a succession of dinners be no charges at all. Nevertheless, if and receptions unsurpassed by any to British trade it would furnish a precedent for making the Panama canal free to American trade, and other governments would then be asked earnest, wealthy and of New York to do the like for their subjects that

> Benevolent Old Party-Well, well, but you are a little fellow to be play The Little Fellow-Naw, but I kin

use the canal.

HERE'S ONE ON THE "ROOKEY." Gets Sentry Call Twisted When Daz-

A drummer sometimes gets his orders twisted, but never quite so badly as the "nookey" I saw down at Chickamauga when the troops were being mustered in for the Spanish-American war, says a traveling man in the St.

zied by Commander.

Louis Post-Dispatch. This, boy, fresh from St. Louis, was on the way to the front and proud of it. He had his first assignment to guard duty and he had been carefully instructed as to calling "Who goes

The officer in command of the division was a dignified martinet. The 'rookey" had never seen him. About midnight the general came home from a reception in town. He was all fixed up in his dress togs and he was the swellest thing the new guard ever saw. As the general passed his post the boy gazed at him open-mouthed. Just in time he remembered he was expected to say something. So he

"There goes who?"

INSURANCE INVESTMENTS.

How One Company's Assets Are Distributed in the South and West.

In connection with its withdrawal from Texas, along with many other companies, rather than to submit to the new law which requires that 75% of the reserves on Texas policies shall be invested in securities of that state. which securities shall be deposited in the state and subjected to heavy taxation, in addition to the large tax now imposed on life insurance premiums. the Equitable Life Assurance Society has made public the distribution of its assets, at the end of the second year of the new management. The Equitable now has \$10,958,000 invested in Texas, which is twice as much as the new law requires, but the management decided that to submit to the additional taxation would be an injustice to its policyholders in other states, which impose no such penalty on the thrift of their citizens.

The Equitable's report shows that more than 37% of its total reserves are now invested in the southern and western states, while only 35% of its total insurance is carried in these states. Its investments are distributed as follows: Ala., \$3,099,000; Ariz., \$974,000; Ark., \$4,038,000; Cal., \$5,-142,000; Col., \$5,222,000; Fla., \$4,924,-000; Ga., \$4,048,000; Idaho, \$5,197,000; Ill., \$12,617,000; Ind. Ter., \$443,000; ind., \$6,836,000; Iowa, \$3,690,000; Kansas, \$11,637,000; Ky., \$2,631,000; La., \$3,054,000; Md., \$2,207,000; Mich., \$6, 009,000; Minn., \$2,065,000; Miss., \$767, 000; Mo., \$8,197,000; Mont., \$1,890,000; Neb., \$7,526,000; Nev., \$640,000; New Mex., \$1,376,000; N. C., \$1,649,000; N. D., \$677,000; Ohio, \$11,634,000; Okla., \$1,006,000; Ore., \$1,158,000; S. C., \$975,000; S. D., \$1,305,000; Tenn., \$1,-909,000; Utah, \$2,134,000; Va., \$6,592,-

BATHING IN THE DEAD SEA.

By No Means a Pleasure, According to One Traveler.

"No sooner has one plunged into the water than one is whipped off one's feet and goes bobbing helplessly about like a wretched cork," says Rev Haskett Smith of bathing in the Dead sea. "In the effort to regain one's footing and to get back to shore, one's feet and shins are barked by the jagged stones and pebbles, and when at length one does emerge from its treacherous bosom, with the lower limbs bleeding and torn, one becomes aware of a horrible tingling and burning sensation in eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth and almost every pore of the skin, from the brine and bitumen

which have penetrated everywhere. "Unless great care is taken the bather in the Dead sea is liable to an eruption, which breaks out all over his body, and which is commonly known as the 'Dead sea rash.' The best antidote to this is to hurry across as quickly as possible to the river Jordan and take a second plunge therein. The soft and muddy waters of that sacred but dirty stream will effectually remove the salt that has incrusted

Riddle. "What is the difference between & chauffeur and a surgeon?" asked the every ready joker.

"Give it up," answered the man who was bored.

"The chauffeur runs people down and the surgeon cuts them up.' Hastily boarding a passing street car, he made a safe getaway.-De troit Free Press.

Many Ladies Have Poor Complexions from Coffee.

"Coffee caused dark colored blotches on my face and body. I had been drinking it for a long while and these blotches gradually appeared, until finally they became permanent and were about as dark as coffee itself. "I formerly had as fine a complex-

ion as one could ask for. "When I became convinced that cofchanged and took to using Postum Food Coffee, and as I made it well, according to directions, I liked it very

much, and have since that time used

it in place of coffee. "I am thankful to say I am not ner vous any more, as I was when I was drinking coffee, and my complexion is now as fair and good as it was years ago. It is very plain that coffee caused

Most bad complexions are caused by some disturbance of the stomach and coffee is the greatest disturber of digestion known. Almost any woman can have a fair complexion if she will eave off coffee and use Postum Food Coffee and nutritious, healthy food in proper quantity. Postum furnishes certain elements from the natural grains from the field that Nature uses to rebuild the nervous system and when that is in good condition, one can depend upon a good complex as well as a good healthy

WON BY A CAMERA

By Catherine S. Long

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"Because, because," said Hepburn

wildly, "I love you, I love you! I

upon her features. "Well, of all in-

"I mean," said Hepburn desperate-

The girl of the double negative

shut lips gathered her skirts in both

For over a week he saw nothing of

Miss Carrington. That young lady re-

Mr. Henburn's former frenzied con

duct when she again appeared in the

a high regard for the conventionali-

It was only towards the close of the

season, and when preparations were

being made by her family to return to

the city that, piqued by his indiffer-

ence, she began to unbend a little

They met often, then oftener, then

walked together. They discovered

that they had many points of interest

in common, although photography was

"You see," explained Miss Carring-

ton, "my brother takes pictures, and

one crank of that kind is enough in a

One warm September evening they

walked upon the almost deserted pi-

azza of the hotel in the moonlight, and

it seemed to Hepburn that the hour

was ripe at last. Ardently, but this

time with dignity and decorum, he

told her again of his love. Memories

of that other proposal must, however,

sne drew herself up haughtily and

"I am surprised and sorry, Mr. Hep-

burn, that you should so have misun-

derstood my sentiments toward you.

I esteem and respect you, but I do

not love you. I cannot marry you, but

I will be a sist-" Miss Carrington

paused and blushed. It was the regu-

lation formula which she had tendered

was too obvious a chestnut to offer to

a man of Mr. Hepburn's character

and experience. To her utter amaze

mens, he seemed to entertain no sen-

sation of chagrin or disappointment.

ing form into his arms, and for the

second time in their short acquaint-

Again she intimated angrily, as she

had once before done: "You are cer-

ance pressed a kiss upon her brow.

me? I said no!"

clusion can I draw?"

ery stamp. It read as follows:

by a young fellow-Billy Carrington-

to be developed, and he is rending the

earth because they can't be found

Hepburn smiled, with some concern

on his features, however. "What a

careless fellow Sanford .is," he said:

I always insisted that he would never

make a business success. Still," he

admitted. without a shadow of reluc-

tance, "he does keep pretty good

To Preserve Hood's Birthplace.

A meeting convened by the Leyton

Ratepayers' association, held at Ley-

onstone, has decided to appeal for

unds with which to secure Lake

House estate. Lake House, in which

the poet Hood was born and lived

till early manhood, stands on the

confines of Wanstead Flats, near Ley-

been acquired for building purposes

but local feeling is strongly agains

the project, it being felt that the

nouse should be preserved for the

sake of its associations, while the

grounds would make charming pleas-

ure gardens.-London Daily News.

Overheard at the Circus.

able to twist him around her fin now."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Oh, are they? I suppo

be married?"

"Did you know that the strong lady

ind the contortionist were going to

plates."

"SANFORD."

Wire if you have them. Yours,

to more than one callow youth, but it

ties, of polite society.

not one of them.

family."

will marry me.

Hepburn lighted his ruby lamp! and sat down before his developing tray. He was an enthusiastic student have loved you ever since I saw your picture last night, but it seems to me

"This settles it," he declared with now as if I had always loved you." emphasis, as he removed the last | The girl arose from the grass with plate from the box. "I sha'n't buy any an expression of profound disgust more supplies of Sanford when I get back to the city. There's a limit to comprehensible things!" she exthe demands that can be made upon claimed. "You are certainly the most friendship. Here I've been buying impudent man I ever saw. How dare plates of him ever since I begin to you say such a thing to me? What do take pictures, and what have I got to you mean?" show for whole dozens of them but just such crazy things as these? I'm ly, "that I don't care what things you afraid Sanford will never be a busi- say to me now, if only some time you ness success."

He shook his head dubiously, as he placed the twelfth plate in the hypo. spoke never a word, but with tight-Photography is a capricious misress, and has a fashion of springing hands and began to walk rapidly surprises upon her devotees. Hepburn away: was soon aware that there was something about this plate quite different from any that he had ever tried to mained in her room nursing a nose. develop. Slowly the image appeared, formerly of classic proportions, and but there was a clearness about it, an eye which resembled a boiled coupled with the evolution of unfa- gooseberry, sunk deep in the brilliant miliar outlines, that puzzled him. and varied hues of a summer sunset. pond, clear, yet soft, a negative such prevent her from inspecting "that hor- cured. as he had often dreamed of making. rid man" from behind her curtains, But back of this picture was another. and secretly commenting upon the It was-oh, strange and entrancing facts that he was certainly very good sight!-that of the most beautiful looking, and that he took sly peeps at woman that he had ever seen. Hep- her window as he passed. burn stared hard. Hepburn almost If she had expected a repetition of trembled as he carefully washed the plate, and set it on the rack to dry.

After breakfast next morning he corridors of the hotel she was disapsauntered out as usual with his pointed. At first he seemed not to camera. He had no appreciation even see her. Then after they were whatever of the scenes through which introduced by a mutual friend, he he wandered, when, turning a bend in treated her with the grave courtesy the path, he came quite unexpectedly which a happy instinct told him would be most pleasing to a young lady with upon a scene of such wild and roman-



Towing the Senseless Woman to the

tic beauty that it at once appealed to his carefully-fostered artistic and photographic sense. The little stream, here running swift and deep, crept into a sheltered cove, over which the folioge drooped in long and graceful festoons, and its slender current was spanned by an old moss-grown log.

"Beautiful!" murmured Hepburn, ooking about him critically. "Why. this is just such an arrangement as I've been looking for ever since I studied 'Pictorial Effect in Photog-

Even as he spoke a woman emerged from the forest and began to cross Instead, he drew her only half-resistthe mossy log. She hesitated before she had taken many steps, and remained standing in what was an unconscious, but what would seem a premeditatedly beautiful pose.

Hepburn could have shouted with delight. "Perfect!" he exclaimed. Now if I can only get it before she moves farther. Absolutely perfect!" While he was preparing to take her

picture a blood-curdling scream smote his ears. Turning quickly, he was horrified to observe that the support for the wedge had disappeared, and instantly he surmised that the girl had fallen into the water.

Hepburn did not hesitate, but sprang forthwith into the stream. The girl once more arose to the surface and promptly wound herself about him, totally incapacitating him as to the use of all his members.

"Let go!" he yelled, "or you'll sink. us both!" But the girl continued to twipe and clutch. Then Hepburn did a cruel and ungallant thing, which only the exigencies of the occasion could excuse. He grappled with the girl. Partially disengaging his left hand, he attempted to thrust her away from him in order to get a hold upon her untrammeled by her grasp, but he only succeeded in dealing her a terrific blow in the face with his elbow. The woman of the double negative, stunned into unconsciousness, re laxed her hold, and with a gasping sigh went down again. After that it was easy. Hepburn was not a practised swimmer, but he had no difficul ty in towing the senseless woman to the shore only a few strokes away. Arrived there, he lifted her carefully up the bank and laid her on the grass. Then he regarded the still white form ruefully. The water streamed from her clinging draperies.

gun to run down her face. Soon the girl opened her eyes. She fixed them meditatively upon him for moment, then she sat up. She looked at her streaming skirts, and put her and to her bruised face, over which a shad of annoyance flitted! "You hit me," she declared resent-

ningled with the blood which had be-

olefully. "I can't tell you how sorry I am. But it seemed to be the only way. You hung on so we would have ooth drowned in four feet of water if I hadn't. You could have stood on your feet there if you had tried. It vas very stupid of you not to. But it is awful to think that I should have struck you. You-you of all per-

"Me, of all persons," cried the girl of the double negative. "Why do you say such a thing as that? I don't

MRS. DE PASSE OF NEW YORK CITY

I Consulted Several Physicians, but they Did Me No Good. Pe-ru-na and Man-a-lin Helped Me."



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dren and they had the same beneficial result. I would never be without these remedies in the house. "I highly recommend Peruna and

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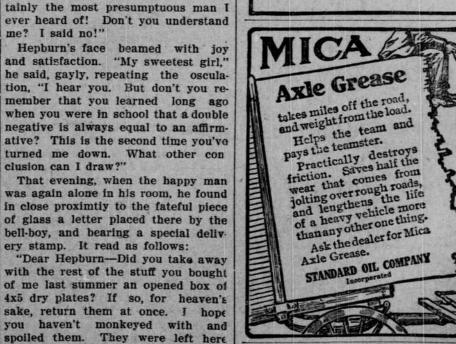


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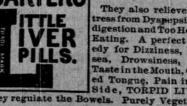
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