

HOW OYSTERS ARE FATTENED

At Lynnhaven, Va., the United States bureau of fisheries has been working for several years on a plan to establish an artificial fattening bed for oysters. The oyster lives chiefly on diatoms and other microscopic marine plants. These plants require for their growth a large supply of inorganic salts in the water. The necessary plant food is supplied by putting commercial fertilizers into the water. The fattening bed must be in shallow water, so as to have a relatively high temperature.

A wall is maintained around the fattening ground, so as to retain the fertilizer and diatoms. Even after the diatoms have multiplied enormously the oysters receive no benefit from them unless a current is maintained in the water to carry the food to the oysters. Salt water is pumped in to prevent the fattening beds from becoming too fresh, and a little lime is added to the water to prevent the growth of algae and other plants which give a disagreeable flavor to the oysters. Too much lime, on the other hand, will destroy the food plants of the oyster. The process seems somewhat complicated, but it has been demonstrated to be feasible and to yield fine results in the number and quality of oysters.—Country Life in America.

ANIMALS THAT WEEP

Travelers through the Syrian desert have seen horses weep from thirst, a mule has been seen to cry from the pain of an injured foot, and camels, it is said, shed tears in streams. A cow sold by its mistress who had tended it from calfhood wept bitterly. A young soko ape used to cry from vexation if Livingstone didn't nurse it in his arms when it asked him to. Wounded apes have died crying, and apes have wept over their young ones slain by hunters. A chimpanzee trained to carry water-jugs broke one, and fell a-crying, which proved sorrow, though it wouldn't mend the jug. Rats, discovering their young drowned, have been moved to tears of grief. A giraffe which a huntsman's rifle had injured began to cry when approached. Sea lions often weep over the loss of their young. Gordon Cumming observed tears trickling down the face of a dying elephant. And even an orang-outang when deprived of its mango was so vexed that it took to weeping. There is little doubt, therefore, that animals do cry from grief or weep from pain or annoyance.—Harper's Weekly.

THE BUFFALO

The total area inhabited by the buffalo was about 3,000,000 square miles. Of this the open plains were one-half. According to figures supplied me by A. F. Potter of the Forest Service, the ranges of the Dakotas, Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma (a total of about 750,000 square miles,

or half of the plains) were, according to the census of 1900, carrying 24,000,000 head of cattle and horses and about 6,000,000 head of sheep. This means that when fully stocked they might sustain a number of buffalo at least equal to the number of cattle and horses. The buffalo had to divide their heritage with numerous herds of mustangs, antelope and wapiti; on the other hand, a buffalo could find a living where a range animal would starve, many of the richest bottom lands are now fenced in, and we have taken no account of the 6,000,000 sheep. Therefore, we are safe in placing at 40,000,000 the buffalo formerly living on the entire plains area.—Scribner's Magazine.

COTTAGE PUDDING

Simeon Ford tells of a woman in a Chicago hotel who was known as the most inveterate "kicker" the hostelry had ever known.

One evening at dessert the lady who was always complaining asked the waiter why the dish served her was called "ice cream pudding."

"If you don't like it, ma'am, I'll bring you something else," suggested the polite negro.

"Oh, it's very nice," responded the lady. "What I object to is that it should be called ice cream pudding. It's wrongly named. There should be ice cream served with it."

"Yes, ma'am," replied the waiter, "but that's just our name for it. Lots o' dishes that way. Dey don't bring you a cottage with a cottage pudding, you know."—Success.

FORCING THE MILLENNIUM

Thomas A. Edison, celebrating his fifty-ninth birthday, prophesied that the world would soon have flying machines, cheap automobiles and a dozen other marvelous things.

"Do you think, sir," said a young lady reporter, "that the world will ever be Christianized?"

Mr. Edison smiled.

"Not only do I think so," he said, "but I think we shall both live to see it. Just look at the way these big improved machine guns are wiping out the heathen."—Baltimore American.

THE BUSY ANGLER

An angler in the River Meuse, in Belgium, while fishing recently, felt a light bite as he was pulling in his line. Then there was a second pull, and just as the fish was appearing on the water an enormous pike made a spring at it, and went off with his prey and 100 feet of line. After much trouble it was wound in, and the astonished angler found that he had caught first a perch of about one-pound weight and well on the hook, then a pike of four pounds, which had half swallowed the perch, then a pike of thirteen pounds weight, who had seized on the smaller pike, in

his endeavor to wrest the perch from him.—London Daily Mail.

AS A LAST EXTREME

Once a number of legal lights in Washington were gathered in the smoking room of a lawyers' club when the talk turned to a discussion of the veracity of lawyers.

"The average man," remarked one

disciple of Blackstone, "seems only too ready to assume we are all liars—a very unjust position, it seems to me. Do we not sometimes tell the truth?" he asked of his neighbor a well known criminal lawyer.

"Certainly," promptly responded the latter. "We will do anything sometimes to win a case."—Washington Post.

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