Fortune for a Cat Squelcher

"A fortune," said Mr. Criptongs, "awaits the man who can invent some simple, inexpensive and efficacious way of keeping cats from howling at night some effective anticat that any man could bring into use, in any neighborhood, on occasion.

"In this advanced age throwing bottles and bootjacks and old shoes at the offending cats seems a crude and unscientific method and then it is ineffectual. Why, I have known a cat to be hit square in the midriff and actually knocked off a fence by a large and heavy and fairly thrown Hessian -or it might have been a Wellington -boot and not only to escape being annihilated or even silenced by the same, but even to emit at the instant of the boot's impinging upon it shricks louder than any to which it had given vent before. Recovering itself from the ground and scrambling up on the fence again, it gave forth long, waving, ear-plercing, blood-curdling, hair-raising screams, to which all previous screams seemed but as the gentle murmuring of a lute.

"No. You see, the cats have got so used to boots and bottles and bootjacks and bricks-singular, sort of, isn't it, that all the things we throw at cats begin with the same letter, the letter 'b?' Ever think of that?-have got so used to them that they pay no attention to them whatever unless they are actually hit, and how often does that happen?

"I forget how many tons of lead it takes actually to kill a soldier in battle, and the proportion of misses to hits is about the same-larger probably, really-in throwing things at Think of the frightful waste of ammunition in this warfare and then consider that in this war on cats when we do hit the mark it only makes the cat scream the louder!

"Oh, my, no! Bottles, bootjacks, boots and bricks are more than mediaeval, they are positively ancient and worse than useless as a means of warfare on howling cats. True, we derive a certain satisfaction from hurling these missiles, but that is the only result; they do no good, and what we really want now is something effective.

'There is the cat guard, composed of strips of wood with long, sharp spikes sticking up through, which we nail on the tops of fences to keep cats away, a good thing as far as it goes, but there's the rub; it doesn't go far enough. We live for a year in one neighborhood where everybody around puts cat guards on his fences and where we hear no cats, but then we may move to some other neighborhood where nobody puts up cat guards and the cats reign supreme.

"I won't attempt to describe to you their wild wailings and sweeping screams. I couldn't, for that matter, if I tried. And why should I anyway, when we-that is to say, the people living in the block around this range of back yards-are here to suffer? When that midnight-or it may be 1 or 1:30 a. m.-concert begins, the whole block wakes and shudders and then gets mad and some dwellers there are around that try to stop it.

"I hear a window go up somewhere and I know that somebody is sticking his head out, and then I hear him saying to the cats as fiercely as he can between his clinched teeth: 'Ssst! sssst! sssst!' but even in my anguish this always makes me laugh, for you might as well try to stop a comet by sissing at it, and, in fact, I think it makes the cats laugh, too.

"Then pretty soon, the cats keeping on howling, we hear something slam against the fence with an oldtime, familiar clatter-it sounds like a boot or a brush or a bottle, thrown probably by some old man sticking to old-time ways, but as far as producing results is concerned, it might as well have been thrown up in the air. And then-

"'Gerzoom!'

"That sounded as if it might have been a chair or a table or even a refrigerator or something like that, for it struck the fence with a mighty crash and shook every cat off to the ground, and then for a brief space there was silence, but a minute later ther were all up again, screaming their weird, wailing, waving scream louder than ever.

"And then somewhere down the block-bless you, my brother, I'd like to know you and shake you by the hand-there is a man who fires a gun -it may be only a pistol, but it sounds like a gun-to frighten the

"It's singular about the effect of that gun-sometimes the cats only howl the louder when they hear it, but sometimes at the report they stop. And that has suggested to my next door neighbor, a somewhat sanguinary man, that we might rig up a gatling gun in the yard or a mitrailleuse or something of that sort, where it would sweep the fence tops and so actually rid these yards of cats forever, but when we came to think this over seriously, reflecting that maybe the maker of the cannon could give no guaranty about where the bullets would stop, we reluctantly gave this

"So now we are practically right where we were, with the cats still howling. And is there no inventor who can rise to this occasion, and not for our benefit alone, but for the benefit of all and to his own great profit as well devise something that will stop cats howling nights?"-Chicago Chronicle.

HE MADE THE OPPORTUNITY Educator Succeeded In Desire to Address Students.

A distinguished educator of Boston, who once visited a western college during examination week, was, for some reason or other, not asked to address the students, as he had ex-

er, which he did in this wise: "Be pleased, rather in Heaven, to guide the steps of the president of was a clasmate of Thy servant, a with favor upon the happy choice that resulted in his appointment, with the to look upon him as a friend as well the high grandards of scholarship here prevailing and with the righteousness and loyalty of the stu-

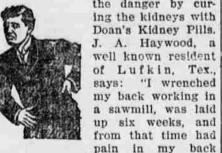
Finally, to the intense delight of the students, the visitor concluded his prayer as follows:

"And I thank Thee for this opportunity to address the students of this college."

BACKACHE IS KIDNEYACHE.

Get at the Cause-Cure the Kidneys.

Don't neglect backache. It warns you of trouble in the kidneys. Avert the danger by cur-



of Lufkin, Tex., my back working in a sawmill, was laid up six weeks, and from that time had pain in my back whenever I stooped or lifted. The

arine was badly disordered and for a long time I had attacks of gravel. After I began using Doan's Kidney Pills the gravel passed out, and my back got we.l. I haven't had backache or bladder trouble since."

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Strange Story-But True.

F. L. Vandegrift has a new story. It is illustrative of the marvelous fecundity of the English sparrow.

"I was pending Sunday with the Dumont Smiths, at Kinsley," said Van, in recounting his experience. 'We had been up late the night before and I was a trifle drowsy. I sat illimitable space that lies between a shortgrass town and the horizon leisure and inclination for sport. beyond.

"Presently I dropped my hat into a bed of virginia creeper and dozed off to sleep. I could not have slept more than an hour, for the children were passing the house on the way from Sunday school when I awoke. rubbed my eyes and glanced over at my hat. In it sat an English sparrow brooding a setting of eggs. While I slept the sparows had built a nest in my hat, the mother bird had laid a full complement of eggs and had begun the work of hatching them."-Kansas City Journal.

Wireless Telegraph in Canada.

A De Forest wireless telegraph station is being constructed at Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. It will have a capacity of sending and receiving 600 miles over land and 2,000 miles over water in daytime. This system is be- all accidentally. ing extended all through Canada and to the Pacific.

Another Triumph for X-Rays.

So successful has the application of the X-rays been in the tratment of children suffring from ringworm, that the Metropolitan Asylums Board, London, has been enabled to discontinue the use of one of the two institutions reserved for such cases.

DUBIOUS

About What Her Husband Would Say.

A Mich. woman tried Postum Food Coffee because ordinary coffee disagred with her and her husband. She writes:

"Hy husband was sick for three years with catarrh of the bladder, and palpitation of the heart, caused by coffee. Was unable to work at all and in bed part of the time.

"I had stomach trouble, was weak and fretful so I could not attend to my housework-both of us using coffee all the time, and realizing it was harmful.

"One morning the grocer's wife said she believed coffee was the cause of our trouble and advised Postum. I took it home rather dubious about what my husband would say-he was fond of coffee.

"But I took coffee right off the change in us, and now my husband never complains of heart palpitation any more. My stomach trouble went away in two weeks after I began Postum. My children love it and it does them good, which can't be said of

"A lady visited us who was always half sick. I told her I'd make her a ed encouraging results, says the Tribcup of Postum. She said it was taste- une Congolaise. less stuff, but she watched me make it, boiling it thoroughly for 15 minutes, and when done she said it was splendid. Long boiling brings out the flavor and food quality." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason." THE WHITE RIVER COUNTRY.

In the opinion of one who has traveled much and observed closely, the most truly and rightfully contented people in the United States to-day are | would not say positively that it was in the small landowners in what is known as the Upper White River Coun- House which contained several mistry, anywhere from Newport, Ark., to statements. Carthage, Mo. They are contented bepected he would be. In chapel he cause their surroundings are ideal and, White House was first occupied in was merely requested to lead in pray- until recently, the great, uneasy, disquieting world, with its artificial needs | President Madison. The fact is, its and inadequate compensations, has first occupant was President Adams, been to them but little more tangible who took up his residence there in this college. Thou knowest that he than a dream. Here, still existent, 1800. and by reason of their very rarity at graduate of the class of '84, taking this day and time more delectable 1792. In 1814 it was burned by the high honors. Thine eye hath looked than in the past, are the conditions British and rebuilt in 1818. which have ever appealed with irresistible force to the independent-spirconsent of the trustees, as the head ited Anglo-Saxon. Every man is the ready-prepared paint is used on the of this institution. Thou knowest supreme ruler of his own little printhat the students of this college ought | cipality; acknowledging no master | white. save the law-and possibly his femas their president. Thou knowest inine helpmeet; cringing to no emthat thy servant is well pleased with ployer; asking no favors from the and wondered that "canned" paint world, save those that his neighbors freely extend and expect as freely in building when all painters know that return. He lives in a latitude where pure white lead and linseed oil make the extremes of heat or cold are never known, and at an altitude that insures perfect health. The richest bounty of Nature has been showered upon mixed paint-were used on the White him with unsparing hand, but it is a House, because I had just read a bookquestion whether he more than dimly let published by a firm of ready-mixed realizes the fact. He accepts as a matter of course the fertile soil which facture pure white lead. In that book produces in abundance every cultive the manufacturers admitted that for able growth common to the north the White House nothing but "the temperate zone, the surrounding forests of valuable woods and the underlying stratas of precious minerals, the lead had been selected. springs and streams of translucent purity on every hand, the wealth of to write on historical subjects should ing the kidneys with fish and game at his very door, such as give us facts, even if it is only a date less favored mortals annually travel or a statement about wood, or brick, hundreds of miles to find. He is con- or paint, or other building material. tented, but small credit is his for that, for how could he well be otherwise says: "I wrenched than content? It is sad that such idealistic conditions may not continue, but it is written that the present possessors of this favored land must soon give place to others more appreciative of its incomparable features. A railroad has recently cut its way through the best of this region, and the unaccustomed rustle of bank notes and chink of coin will eventually tempt the hill-dweller to part with his birthright. So it has always been in the world's history-the good things that are ours without price invariably pass from our hands before we come to understand their value. The White River country will shortly be discovered anew by a class of immigrants better capable of judging its possibilities—the men who seek modest homes where the "lay of the land" will effectually prevent crowding by too close neighbors, where their cattle can fatten on free range, where the wealth of forest and mine awaits out on the front porch listening to the development by intelligent workers. church bells and gazing off into the and where the game and fish offer enjoyable recreation to all who have

DIAMONDS IN UNITED STATES Stones to the Value of \$300 Found in

Single Year.

Never in the history of the United States has there been such a demand for diamonds as there was in 1965. Large quantities were imported, but the country produced none.

In 1903 it produced diamonds to the value of \$50, in 1901 it had an output worth \$100, in 1900 its production was valued at \$150, and in 1899 the country boasted native diamonds to the value of \$300.

Diamonds have been discovered in the United States in four different regions, but their actual place of origin is unknown. All have been found in loose and superficial deposits, and

It is not at all improbable, however, that some day the original sources of this queen of gems may be discovered. The high price of diamonds has made the recent search for these precious stones in the United States and Canada keener than ever before.—Scientific American.

Alum Baking Powder Is Wholesome. Dr. Herman Reinbold, the expert German chemist, in a recent official report concerning Baking Powders, declares that a pure alum baking powder is better and less injurious than the so-called cream of tartar powders. He says that if the quantity of alum contained in a sufficient quantity of baking powder for a batch of bread or cakes for an ordinary family, be concentrated to one mouthful of food. and taken into the stomach of any one person, no matter how delicate, it could do no harm. On the contrary, alum is wholesome in proper quantities. This is undoubtedly the reason the State of Missouri quickly repealed a law that prohibited the manufacture of the most wholesome of all baking powders. So much for Alum Baking Powders.

California's New Idea.

A California ostrich farmer is about to open a branch office in London, where he will have a collection of ostriches, and incredulous customers will be treated to feathers cut direct table, and we haven't used a cup of from the backs of the ostriches, manit since. You should have seen the ufactured under the customers' eyes, and sold to them across the counter 'at a price they never heard of."

> Training School for Elephants. There is a training school for elephants at Api, in the Congo State,

> where 28 elephants are taking lessons. The training operations have produc-

> Beginning of Great Industry. The first woolen cloth made in England was manufactured about 1330, though it was not dyed and dressed by the English until 1667.

> Cupid occasionally hands out some cold storage love.

ERRORS ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE.

To the Editor:

I noticed somewhere recently-I your columns-an article on the White

In the first place it was stated the 1809 and that its first occupant was

The original mansion was begun in

Another of the errors in the article White House to make it beautifully

I noticed this especially because I have used considerable paint myself should be used on such an important the best paint.

It so happened also that I knew white lead and linseed oil-not readypaint manufacturers who also manubest and purest of paint could be used," and said that their pure white

Above all people, those who attempt Yours for truth,

Charity by Machinery. Poor Man-W'u'd ye be so kind, sir, as to stop a moment! It was you, sir, that saved my wife's life last year by givin' me a dollar fer some medicine. Please, sir, she's sick

ag'in, an' the same way. Mr. Highmind-I have recently been convinced of the folly of indiscriminate giving, and I now distribute by donations through the Business Men's Charlty trust, organized for the purpose of investigating each case. I left a dollar with the secretary not five minutes ago. Go and tell him your story.

Mr. Highmind (an hour later)-Ah! Did you go to the secretary, as I directed?

"I did, sir, an' he gave me a fivecent piece wid a hole in it." "Eh Is that all?"

"Yes, sir. I told him about your dollar, but he said the other 95 cents was kept for salaries an' expenses.' -N. Y. Weekly.

BABY COVERED WITH SORES.

Would Scratch and Tear the Flesh Unless Hands Were Tied-"Would Have Died But for Cuticura."

"My little son, when about a year and a half old, began to have sores come out on his face. I had a physician treat him, but the sores grew worse. Then they began to come on his arms, then on other parts of his body, and then one came on his chest, worse than the others. Then I called another physician. Still he grew worse. At the end of about a year and a half of suffering he grew so bad had to tie his hands in cloths at night to keep him from scratching the sores and tearing the flesh. He got to be a mere skeleton, and was hardly able to walk My aunt advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I sent to the drug store and got a cake of the Soap and a box of the Ointment, and at the end of about two months the sores were all well. He has never had any sores of any kind since. He is now strong and healthy, and I can sincerely say that only for your most wonderful remedies my precious child would have died from those terrible sores. Mrs. Egbert Sheldon, R. F. D. No. 1, Woodville,

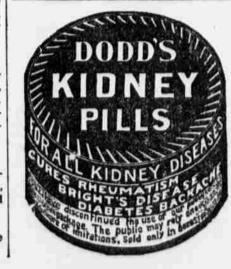
French State Monopolies.

Conn., April 22, 1905."

State monopolies are more than ever in favor in France as a means of raising revenue to the prejudice of private enterprise. A committee of the chamber of deputies has been appointed, with a foreign minister of finance as chairman, to collect information on the possible working of monopolies on sugar and petroleum refining, the rectification of alcohol, and insurance.

England Mourns Dairy Butter.

The London Times asserts that genuine dairy butter is a thing past praying for. Four-fifths of the population of London, the Times asserts, have never seen it in their lives. Those who know what it is have great difficulty in procuring it, and cannot obtain it in many cases at any price. What is called genuine butter in London, the Times says, is blended and reworked butter.



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Seamen Given Privileges.

A marriage bill introduced in the British parliament allows the marriage of a seaman to take place by license in the diocese of the port where his ship is lying, if he has been a resident for 15 days on the ship or partly on the ship and partly on shore within the diocese.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Deflance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

Beware of Servian Bank Notes. There is dismay in the Servian ministry of finance. In the strong room in this department, in a specific safe, were stored the engraved plates from which Servian bank notes were struck. These plates were engraved in Paris and cost a sum of £1,600. All these plates have within the past few days been found to be stolen from the safe, without any visible sign of the safe having been tampered with.

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