

FAN FOR THE HORSE.

Comfort for Quadruped in Design of Thoughtful Inventor.

It is a misnomer to call the heated term of summer the "dog days," because little or no attention is paid to the dogs, while everybody who owns or drives a horse is giving the animal's care considerable thought. If these uncomfortable days must be named for some animal it should be the "horse days." All sorts of devices are arranged to keep the equine as comfortable as possible under the handicap of a loaded wagon and a sizzling sun, and a great deal of ingenuity has been directed in this channel.

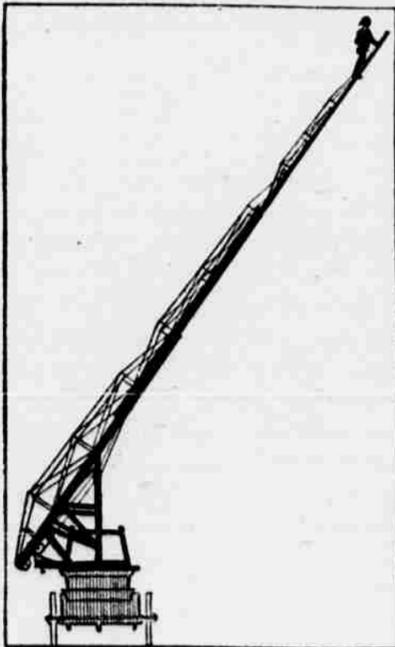
A somewhat belated novelty in this line is a fan that has just been invent-



ed for the horse's use. We have seen pictures of horses making use of fans, and even sucking at the festive mint julep, the imaginative conceit of some humorous artist, but a practical fan has now been invented for the use of the horse, and it has the double advantage of being a fan and a sunshade.

The fan consists of a light fabric, mounted on a suitable framework and fastened to the head strap by a spring wire. This device, extending as it does over the animal's face and head, protects him from the sun, and with every movement of the head cooling currents of air are created. As the horse is tossing his head more or less constantly it is reasonable to suppose that he will have a veritable whirlwind blowing around him on the warmest days.

Self-Balancing Fire-Escape.



This ladder has been used with great success in Manchester, England. It needs no supporting wall, and is very useful for raising firemen with their hose to a point far above a flaming structure.

Paid Freak Election Bet.

One of the Danbury, Conn., letter carriers paid an election bet by which he was compelled to travel over his route with one leg of his trousers turned half-way up to the knee.

CARRY MARMOSET IN MUFF.

Latest Fad Indulged In by Women of Philadelphia.

A new fad among women which will appeal to the class who went in for pet chameleons several years ago is the carrying of pet marmosets in the big muffs that are still the correct thing in furs. The marmoset is a small, squirrel-like monkey hailing from South America.

A woman who appeared on Chestnut street with one of the little animals in her possession created something of a sensation. She was equipped with a huge muff, trimmed with animal heads, and several pedestrians who took a peep at the muff saw two heads on one side and only one on the other. A second later there was only one animal head on each end of the muff.

A couple of men remarked that perhaps the muff bearer had dropped one of the heads, but when the third head again popped into view the expression on their faces indicated that they were wondering if they required sanitarium treatment. They kept the muff in view until the extra head disappeared again and reappeared on the opposite side of the fur. This time they got a better view and saw that the active head belonged to a marmoset.—Philadelphia Record.

Diligent Scholars.

A return showing the attendance of scholars at the Hawick (Eng.) Board schools has just been prepared, and gives some remarkable results. One boy, Fergus Richardson, has never been absent for nine years; while James Gordon and William Hutton have an unbroken record for eight years. There are twelve scholars who have never been absent for seven years. The twenty-two scholars who have six years' complete attendance will each receive a watch—those over six years have already received such a gift—and all the others will receive prizes from the School Board.



Story of Robins That Went Fishing.

An extraordinary incident was witnessed recently by a sportsman at Bicester.

Noting a party of five robins foraging about among the pebbles in the bed of a small stream, from which they constantly flew on to a neighboring wall carrying some live object in their beaks, he followed a bird to its perch. Kicking about on the top of the wall he found a small stickleback.

Retiring a few yards he then kept watch, and found that the birds captured their prey and held it crosswise after the fashion of a kingfisher. But they made no attempt to kill their victims before eating them, as the kingfisher does.

Ancient Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Col. E. J. Copp has discovered among the archives of the office of register of probate at Nashua, N. H., an original copy of the Thanksgiving day proclamation issued by Gov. Hancock of Massachusetts in 1790.

FINE VEHICLE IN ITS DAY.

Boston Man Owns Chaise Nearly One Hundred Years Old.

The old one-horse shay, known as the Thompson chaise, having been in the possession of that well-known Kennebunkport family for almost a century, is now the property of Dr. John S. Mason of Boston.

Dr. Mason, who is an admirer of antiques, would not part with it for any money. It is in perfect condition, and is seen daily on the streets of Saco and Biddeford whenever its owner is at his old home in Saco.

The chaise was bought almost 100 years ago by Capt. Robert Smith of Kennebunkport, and at that time was the finest carriage made. Shortly after it came into the possession of Capt. Benjamin F. Thompson of the



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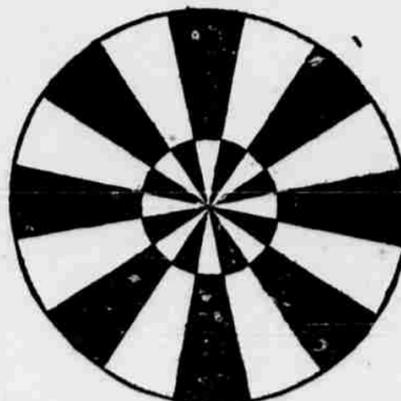
same town. The latter was in the 90's when he died. The vehicle, with wheels as large and heavy as those of a dumpcart, later passed into the possession of Postmaster Stackpole, and then was bought by Dr. Mason.—Boston Globe.

SENDING TIME BY WIRELESS.

Parisian Has Demonstrated Practicality of Scheme.

The distinguished maker of scientific instruments in Paris, Bigourdan, has experimentally demonstrated the practicability of operating a system of clocks by wireless telegraph signals. The method, he claims, would be both simpler and cheaper than the present system, which requires the use of underground wires. The new plan uses a central clock, operating every second an oscillator. The signals are transmitted to the receiving clocks from an elevated mast. With the aid of a chronograph band and recording pen the signals can be read within two one-hundredths of a second. The experiments were made over a distance of one mile and a fifth, which might be increased.—Youth's Companion.

Optical Illusion.



See if you can determine by one swift glance if the central or the outer disk contains the greater number of sections.

Jail Term for Street Kiss.

At Towanda, Pa., Gilbert Johnson was sentenced to fifteen days in jail for kissing his sweetheart on the street. After taking her home he spent so much time bidding her farewell that neighbors complained. He was given his choice of a fine of \$7.50 or fifteen days in jail, and he chose the jail.

OWNS A MAMMOTH MULE.

Pennsylvania Statesman Has One Standing Nineteen Hands High.

State Senator George V. Hare, of Philadelphia, is the proud possessor of one of the biggest mules on earth. In his joy at the possession of this giant animal the senator has been treating Philadelphians to a parade, in which the big mule is seen in company with a horse, the latter looking quite dejected at being seen in such company, and obviously feeling quite small over the comparisons made by the spectators.

The big mule, which took a number of prizes at St. Louis, stands nineteen hands high, which to a horseman means that he measures six feet four inches from his front feet to his withers. When he raises his head the tips of his ears are far out of the reach of an ordinary person, so that to put a bridle upon him without the beast's consent would be considerable of a feat.

The mule weighs 1,900 pounds, is seven years old and eats three buckets of feed every day. He has never yet worked, having always been regarded as a prize animal above such vulgarity as labor. It is the intention of his owner, however, to use him as a draft animal.

Largest Bell.



The famous Moscow bell is the largest bell in the world and weighs 198 tons. It came cracked from the foundry, so was never hung.

Child's Long Journey Alone.

After being separated by thousands of miles from her family, 8-year-old Maria Majunsz met her mother for the first time in four years at Union station yesterday. A tag labeled with the tot's name and the Pittsburg address of her family, 802 Shelby avenue, was her only identification on her long journey by sea and land from the interior of Hungary to the arms of her mother in Pittsburg.

Passengers and employes were affected at the scene between mother and daughter, and, although none could understand their Hungarian exclamations of joy, all knew the English equivalents. Seven years ago the father came to America, and after three years of hard work sent for his wife. Both worked hard to bring the child across the water, and about three months ago the money for her passage was sent her. Officialdom met the child more than half way, and per path was paved with kindness.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Nonsmokers the Best.

Examination made at Phillips academy of 222 men after the gymnasium work last winter showed the following in regard to smokers and nonsmokers. Of these men ninety were smokers and 132 were nonsmokers. Average gain in weight of smokers, 5.4-10 pounds; average gain in weight of nonsmokers, 9.1-10 pounds. Average gain in height of smokers, 6.10 inch; average gain in height of nonsmokers, 11-10 inches.