

**THE KILLING LUST IN HUMANS**

Man is Easily the Most Bloodthirsty of All the Animals of the World.

In New Liskeard recently an owl perched itself on the peak of a business block as the crimson streaks of the dawn appeared, and wrapped in its muff of feathers, settled itself in comfort to enjoy the drowsy hours of daylight. It was the picture of comfort and pretty as a picture, cozy, warm in the winter's cold, inoffensive and harmless.

But the owl was in a fool's paradise. It had lain down with the tiger. It was in the midst of the wolves. The bushy little ball of feathers had fallen unawares into the haunts of the fiercest and most bloodthirsty of the world's animals.

The sleeping bird was no sooner descried than the human wolves set up a yelp. Men hurried off for their killing machines, and in a few minutes a battery of riflemen were at work pumping death into the spark of life in the bundle of feathers. After a while one of them hit it, and then the heroes were satisfied. They went home with their guns, and the boys exhibited the carcass.

Poor dead little bit of useless carrion! The boys' eyes sparkled with excitement.

There is a deal of the savage left in the human.—Cobalt Citizen.

**WAS NOT A GOOD SUBSTITUTE**

Whisky Drinker's Experiment with Odorous Vegetable Brought "Call" from Employer.

Elihu Root, at the annual dinner of the International Young Men's Christian association in New York last month, said that evil courses were more difficult to conceal than men generally believed.

"Take the case," said Mr. Root, with a smile, "of old John Bodewin. John was a lawyer's confidential clerk, and he had the pernicious habit of going to a neighboring saloon every morning at 11 and taking a small glass of whisky. He was not proud of this habit; hence, after the whisky, he always took a clove.

"But one morning it happened that there were no cloves on the bar, and John, having considered the matter, swallowed a small raw onion from the free lunch tray. That would destroy the tell-tale whisky odor, no doubt, as well as the clove had always done, and, so thinking, he returned to his desk.

"It was a double desk. At it he and his employer sat face to face. John, on his return, was soon aware that his employer noticed something. The man's nostrils quivered and he shifted and finally, with a grimace of disgust, he broke out:

"Look here, John, I've stood whisky and clove for 19 years, but I draw the line at whisky and onion."

**A Soldier Yarn.**

Sir William Arbuckle is a capital speaker, a quality which has made him exceedingly popular at society dinners. He once told an amusing story, at an annual South African dinner, about Sir Harry Smith, who, in days gone by, was commandant and governor at the Cape. The supply from home, and necessaries of all kinds for the soldiers, was generally sadly deficient, and the men were often in a pitiable plight in the way of clothing. There was, consequently, much discontent. So Sir Harry had them on parade, said some pleasant things to them, complimented them on their soldierly appearance, told them what splendid fellows they were, talked of the service they had seen together, and so forth. When he had finished, an old sergeant stepped forward, saluted, and remarked: "Thank you Sir 'Arry, beg pardon, Sir 'Arry, but we don't want no gammon, we want boots."

**Festival at Crystal Palace.**

For three months next year the Crystal Palace at London, England, will regain much of its old popularity, for it is to be the scene of a great "Festival of Empire." A great feature will be a pageant of the history of London, in which 15,000 performers will take part. The life of the colonies will be presented in a series of exhibitions, lectures, spectacular views and pictures, and each colony is being asked to select 200 persons to take part in the first series of pageant scenes, and while they are in London they will be the guests of the National Patriotic society, which will make all provisions for their entertainment.

**Will Settle Controversy.**

Lake Chad, in the desert of Sahara, will be investigated by an expedition which is soon to set out. Recent explorers have signally failed to agree as to the shape and size of this sheet of water. Apparently the lake is divided into two by a belt of islands and ready swamp land, but, whereas the maps of the French explorers show an open channel across this belt, a late expedition has declared it impassable.

**Above Her Business.**

The tall man came into her little blue kitchen and looked over the shelves which were just beneath the level of his head, but above hers. He ran his finger over one shelf, then showed it to her. It was pretty black. "You are a nice housekeeper," he said. "This kitchen wasn't made for tall people," she explained falteringly. "It was made for little ones."

**PROFIT FROM PATENT OFFICE**

It is the Only Government Department That Does Not Cause Loss to Uncle Sam.

The patent office is the one department of the government which actually yields a profit—something over \$89,000 for the last fiscal year, during which the fees amounted to \$1,887,000. The records show 62,000 applications for mechanical appliances, on which 35,000 patents were issued.

Inasmuch as the past year shows an increase of 4,000 applications, it is evident that invention, instead of growing less, is on the contrary, steadily increasing, and while many patents are secured on which the inventors realize little or nothing, yet fortunes are now and will continue to be made from new and practical ideas.

In most cases the cause of failure to realize expectations will be found, says Popular Mechanics, in the natural tendency of an inventor to magnify the possibilities and minimize the difficulties of selling his invention. While an occasional "find" is made by some one working along a line in which he is poorly informed, hundreds waste time and money developing some device which when finished proves to be either old or without demand.

If the inventor would have his attorney make a search of the records before instead of after completing his invention he would save money and be able to work out his ideas along different lines from those already protected by patents.

**CHICKENS CAUSE RACE WAR**

Sensational Issue Raised on Account of Crowing Proclivities of Southern Fowls.

A sectional issue has arisen in our town," said the New Jersey commuter. "Before it is settled I am afraid the civil war will be fought all over again. Anyhow our southern friends are sure to indulge in some fire-eating language.

"A resident of our village, who undertook to raise chickens, received a crate of fowls from a South Carolina farm. When the neighbors learned where the chickens came from they raised a row. 'If you must keep chickens,' they said, 'get northern chickens. They don't grow nearly so much as southern chickens. There is something about the climate down there that makes a chicken crow four times as often as a chicken brought up in any other part of the country.

"That peculiarity of southern chickens was news to the amateur poultryman. He noticed, however, that his chickens really did crow more persistently and more vigorously than any other chickens he ever knew, and when an experienced pouter assured him that they always would, because southern chickens always do, he sold them and bought New Jersey chickens instead. Now he is in hot water with the southern families in our town, and heaven only knows how the squabble will terminate."

**Expressing Political Convictions.**

Some old time politicians were not content with wearing ribbons as an outward and visible sign of their convictions. "In those days," writes a follower of Pitt who bore the soothing name of James Bland Burges, "men had the courage of their convictions, and would have made motley their garb to distinguish themselves from their opponents. To belong to the Constitutional club was a very simple affair—no balloting or fees beyond cost of costume.

"A gentleman desirous of becoming a member wrote his name in the club book and hurried to the tailor to be measured for a dark blue frock with a broad orange velvet cape and large yellow buttons, round each of which was inscribed 'Constitutional Club.' The waistcoat was of blue kerseymer with yellow buttons, bordered all round with orange colored silk, and the breeches of white kerseymer with yellow buttons. In point of taste we certainly beat the blue and buff of our opponents."—London Chronicle.

**"Raining Cats and Dogs."**

In reply to a query by a correspondent in "Symons' Meteorological Magazine," as to the origin of the above term, B. T. Rowswell writes the following explanation of it as given in Dr. Brewer's "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable": "A perversion of the word catadupe (a waterfall). It is raining catadupes or cataracts." Mr. Ford ingeniously, though not with much probability, suggests the Greek cata doxas (contrary to experience), i. e., in an unusual manner. Dean Swift, describing a fall of rain, says the kennels were overflowed and that "Dead puppies, stinking sprats, all drenched in mud; Drowned cats and turpin tops come tumbling down the flood."

**Tender-Hearted Policemen.**

Policemen are not, as a rule, sentimental, nor are they generally looked upon as tender hearted, but Denver seems to have a force made up of men who combine both qualities. On Christmas day, following a long established custom, they provided, out of their own pockets, turkey dinners for all the widows and orphans of members of the department.

**A Valid Reason.**

The Count—Vat! Economize? The Countess—Yes. Father says we are living beyond his means.—Lippincott's Magazine.

**Christian Church Notes.**

The revival meetings at the Christian church that have been in progress for the past three weeks came to a close last Sunday evening. The services were well attended from the beginning and at the Sunday services many were turned away, although every bit of the floor space was seated with extra chairs.

The chorus and orchestra, led by Prof. Jones, furnished splendid music for the entire meeting and fitting resolutions were passed Sunday morning in appreciation of Brother Jones and the local minister's work in church during the special meeting. The meeting was a success in deepening the spiritual life of the church and over twenty new members were added to the church by conversion and letter.

At the board meeting Monday evening all bills were allowed and all expenses of the meeting provided for. We wish to thank all our friends for their help in making the meeting a success, also the city papers for their splendid courtesy in giving space for the meeting in their papers.

Notice—To the members, there will be special meeting at the church next Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m., and the board has sent a notice to all members to be present as we will take up the matter of new church as to location, building and finance. Let me urge every member and friend of

**Grace Cameron in New Play.**


On Saturday evening at the Gelling Grace Cameron and a company direct from New York City, will appear in C. H. Kerr's newest comedy entitled "Nancy." Miss Cameron's role in "Nancy" is by far the strongest she has ever been cast for, and is a revelation in the way of comedy and pathos combined. The production is carried by the company in its entirety and many great electrical effects will be chosen.

**Dissolution Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that Thomas Winterbottom has sold his interest in the firm of Wirth & Winterbottom to L. P. Wirth, and the business will hereafter be conducted by Mr. Wirth. All accounts payable to L. P. Wirth, and all liabilities will be paid by L. P. Wirth.

L. P. WIRTH, THOMAS WINTERBOTTOM.

**FATHER 80-MOTHER 76**



The aged father and mother of a prominent Boston lawyer safely carried through the last two winters by

**Vinol**

The son says: "My father and mother owe their present strength and good health to Vinol. During the last two trying winters neither of them had a cold, and were able to walk farther and do more than for years. I think Vinol is perfectly wonderful. It certainly is the greatest blood-making, strengthening tonic for old people I ever heard of."

We want every feeble old person in this town to try Vinol. We will return their money without question if it does not accomplish all we claim for it.

A. G. WANNER, Druggist, Falls City.

Lame back comes on suddenly and is extremely painful. It is caused by rheumatism of the muscles. Quick relief is afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Sold by all druggists.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by all druggists.

**PUBLIC SALE**

Having decided to move to South Dakota, I will sell at my farm, 11 miles north and 3-4 miles east of Falls City; 1-4 mile west of Barada; 5 miles east and one mile south of Shubert, on

**Tuesday, FEB. 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp, the following described property:

**44 Head Horses and Mules**

ALL NATIVE STOCK

17 Head Horses 17/27 Head Mules 27



- 1 Span Bay Mares, 8 years old, weighing 2,650.
- 1 Black Mare, 12 years old, weighing 1,400 pounds.
- 1 Gray Mare, 14 years old, weighing 1,300 pounds.
- 1 Three-year-old Mare, weighing about 1,050.

- 1 Span Bay Horses, four and five years old, weighing 2,400.
- 1 Standard Bred Mare, three years old, weighing 1,150.
- 1 Bay Driving Horse, three years old, weighing 1,150.
- 1 black Percheron mare, three years old, weighing 1,250.
- 2 Two-year-old mare colts.
- 1 Spotted Shetland Pony, three-years old, broke and perfectly gentle.
- 3 Spring Colts—extra good.

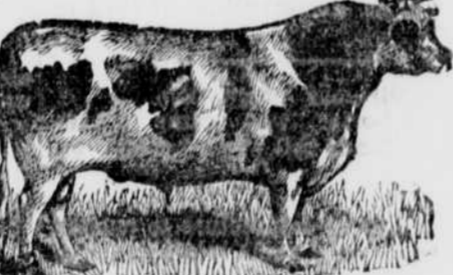


- 1 Span Bay Mare Mules, weighing 2,600; 17 hands high, three years old.
- 12 Head of coming three-year-old mules, most of which are broke. These Mules are 16-hand Mules.

- 1 Span of Black Mules, three and four years old, weighing 2,400.
- 10 head of coming two-year-old mules. All are matched and will make large mules.
- 1 Suckling Mule Colt.

**17 Head of Cattle 17**

**Milch Cows, Heifers and Yearlings**



- 4 Milk Cows, two with calf by sides.
- 2 Heifers, will be fresh soon.
- 1 Yearling Heifer.
- 3 Yearling Steers.
- 3 Heifer Calves.
- 3 Steer Calves.
- 1 Shorthorn Bull, 20 months old.

**Implements**

- 1 Corn dump and elevator.
- 3 lumber wagons.
- 1 two-seated carriage.
- 1 Spring wagon.
- 1 rubber-tired buggy, almost new.
- 1 steel-tired buggy.
- 1 Deering Mower.
- 2 riding sulky plows.
- 1 John Deere riding lister.

- 1 John Deere two-row disc.
- 1 Flying Swede two-row disc.
- 2 walking cultivators.
- 1 harrow.
- 1 feed grinder.
- 1 hay loader.
- 1 corn planter.
- 4 sets work harness.
- 1 set double buggy harness.
- 1 set single buggy harness.

**Household Goods AND KITCHEN UTENSILS**

- 1 Wallworth piano, almost new.
- 1 sewing machine.
- 5 bedsteads with springs.
- 2 extension tables, extra leaves.
- 1 kitchen table.
- 2 stand tables.
- 1 bureau.
- 1 commode.
- Some good building stone. About

- 2 rocking chairs.
- 6 dining room chairs.
- 4 kitchen chairs.
- 1 kitchen sink.
- 1 washing machine.
- 1 Home Comfort range.
- 1 heating stove.
- 1 Sharpless cream separator.
- 1 large iron kettle.
- 325 bushels of good oats.

**Terms of Sale** All sums of \$10 and under, cash; on all sums over \$10 a credit of three, six or nine months will be given on a bankable note, drawing 6 per cent interest, 3 per cent off for cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

COL. C. H. MARION, Auct.  
J. M. EVANS, Clerk.

**J. S. SPICKLER**