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HAWAIIAN FISHERMEN.

Hands and Teeth Play a Part In Capturing the Octopus.

The native fisherman of Hawaii, while an adept with the hook and line, does not scorn to use his hands to capture his prey when occasion arises. The bonito is the fish most generally caught with hook and line, and as the hook used is of mother of pearl, made from the shell of a mollusk now quite rare, which glistens with an iridescence similar to the shimmer from the scales of the smaller kinds of fish on which the bonito lives, no bait is needed. The barb of these hooks is of bone, and two tufts of hog's bristles attached at right angles to the barbed end keep the inner side up, so that the hook lies flat on the surface of the sea. When a likely fishing ground has been reached, the fisherman, standing up in the canoe, casts out his line violently, so that the hook falls with a slap on the water and attracts the attention of the fish. The line and hook are then drawn rapidly toward the boat, as though it were a spoon, and the bonito, taking the hook to be a small fish, rises to it immediately. It is fortunate for the fisherman that he has to waste no time in baiting his hook, for this method of casting frightens the school, and the fish disappear within ten or fifteen minutes.

An ingenious plan by which very large fish are caught is by planting a long pole on the shore in such a position as to cause it to lean decidedly toward the water. On the top of this a bell is arranged so that it can swing clear of the top of the pole. A block and fall are also attached to the pole close to the top, and a long line, with baited hook at the end, is run through the block and allowed to float out to sea, the land end being tied in a slipknot to the bottom of the pole. As soon as a fish is hooked its struggles cause the bell to ring, whereupon the fisherman runs to the pole, loosens the slipknot and plays the fish until he has drowned it, when it is hauled ashore.

In fishing for octopus the native dives to the bottom and with a stick pokes around in the small holes in which the octopus lives. When he touches one, it seizes the stick and allows him to draw it out of the hole. When he reaches the surface, the native grabs it with his hands and bites into the head, thus killing the animal.

FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Do not let rubbish of any kind lie underneath the trees. It harbors vermin.

A yard or lawn always looks barren without some ornamental trees and shrubs.

As an apple or pear orchard will last a lifetime, particular care must be taken in the selection of varieties.

If currants and gooseberries are pruned in tree form, they will bear larger and finer fruit. Prune every year.

To have a good garden the land must be kept rich by liberal use of manure. During the winter is the best time to apply it.

Nearly all house plants will be benefited by having the blossoms that appear immediately after planting in pots pruned off. Let the plant get well established before flowering.

The rose is a hearty feeder and will therefore bear annual manuring, but only well rotted and thoroughly fined manure should be used, taking care to work it well into the soil early in the winter.

FORT BLUNDER.

How It Was That Uncle Sam Built It on British Soil.

Curious indeed is an American fort which was built on British soil. How many can guess what fort it is and where located? The name is Fort Montgomery, and the location is on an island near the foot of Lake Champlain, about half a mile northeast of Rouse's Point, N. Y.

A short time ago, when traveling in that part of the country, I saw this fort and asked the name of it. "Why, that is Fort Blunder," said my informant. "Did you never hear of it?" I confessed ignorance, and he explained matters.

It seems that after the war of 1812 the government of the United States became convinced that the entrance to Lake Champlain should be guarded by a fort strong enough to engage any British fleet which might attempt to force an entrance to the lake, and so Fort Montgomery was constructed at a cost of nearly $500,000. It was an immense fortification for those days and was arranged for three tiers of guns.

Just about the time it was completed the joint surveyors fixing the line between the United States and Canada came along and, after doing a good bit of figuring, announced that Fort Montgomery was on Canadian soil. The northern boundary of New York state was the forty-fifth parallel, and this fort was several hundred yards over the line. Work on the fort came to an immediate standstill, and the matter was made the subject of a special treaty.

It was decided that in view of the fact that the United States had not intentionally encroached on Canadian soil the forty-fifth parallel should be bent a little out of its course at this point so as to include the fort. That is why the fort is called "Fort Blunder." It was never armed and has never been occupied by more than one or two men.—New York Herald.

C F COOPER

Postoffice address Oasis, Nebr
Brand registered 2095
Cattle branded on left side same as cut Horses branded on left hip.
Also some cattle branded;
Range—South and west of Hackberry and Duck Lake.

ALONZO HEATH

Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska
On left side. Horses left shoulder.
Range north of Cutcomb Lake

U. G. Criger.

Merriman Neb. Brand recorded No. 1087.
Brand as cut on side also left hip
Range—10 miles south of Merriman on the Niobrara.

John Gresh.

Merriman, Neb.
On both sides; some on right side and hip. Horses same without bar, left thigh.
Range, Lake Creek and Little White River.

D. Bray

Rosebud S D
Cattle branded on left thigh or hip same as cut
Horse brand same on the left shoulder

A T DAVIS

Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb
On right side horses on left shoulder
also cattle on right side
Range 16 miles north of Hyannis

J. J. Peck.

Cody, Nebr. On both sides.
Horses CC on left thigh.
Range—Head Pass Creek, S. D

Seth Gary.

Merriman, Nebr.
On both side and hip. Herd mark, dewlap.
Horses same on left shoulder.
Range—Lake Creek and Little White River.

D. A. Hancock

Blackburn, Mo. or Simeon, Nebraska
Cattle branded on left side as on cut; also 16 on left side with — on left hip of some cattle; also S 16 on right side. Horse brand, rake and 16 on left shoulder or hip
Home ranch—on Dewey Lake. Range on Niobrara River, east of Fort Niobrara; all in Cherry County, Nebraska.

A. Benson

Address—Arabia Nebraska.
Range—North of Niobrara river.

Sawyer Bros.

Postoffice address. Oasis, Nebr.
G. K. Sawyer has charge of these cattle. Horses DS on left shoulder. Some stock left side Horses same left thigh. Range on Snake river

MILLS BROS.

Merriman, Nebr.
Cattle and horses branded on left side or shoulder.
Brand registered 1091.
Range—12 miles southwest of Merriman on the Niobrara river.

H A BUCK

Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb
Branded on left side
Range eighteen miles north of Hyannis

Roan Brothers

Woodlake Neb
John Roan's privtae mark, slit in left ear

D N GOURLEY

Postoffice address Rushville, Neb
On left hip; also 500 on left side; Horses shoulder left
Range—Cedar Lake

Sandy Williams.

Merriman, Nebr.
Mostly on left side. Some on right side.
Horses same on left shoulder.
Range—Lake Creek, S. D.

J A SAULTS

Cattle on left hip.
Horses on left shoulder.
Some stock yet bearing my former brand as shown below.
Postoffice address Gregory, Neb
On left side or hip horses same on left shoulder
Range—Arkansas Valley and Snake

Allen & Sons

Ft Niobrara.
Brand registered No 870
Horses branded on left hip
Range, Niobrara river 12 miles east of Valentine

G.H. Seager.

Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska
Cattle branded as on cut on left side, hip and shoulder; horses same
Range, Snake Creek

J. B. Lord

Simeon Neb
Stock branded same as cut back of right shoulder and on right hip
Range on the Niobrara

F. W. Jersig

Valentine, Nebr
brands as follows
69 left side, loin or hip
—— left thigh.
AN Left or either side Also the following brands:
left shoulder or side
left side
Range between the Gordon and Snake south of the Niobrara river

J R Wallingford

Kennedy, Neb.
Cattle branded same as cut; also some branded UI on lefthip.

P S ROUSCHE

Postoffice address Brownlee, Neb
On left side or any part of animal. Earmark—right ear cut off; horses branded same on left hip. Also has stock branded H on side or shoulder, or JK or W or O VL or O or FZ. Also the following, the first one being on side and hip

Wm. F. Schmidt

Rosebud S D
Same as cut or with bar under S; right ear slit and dulapped
Horses branded same on left hip

Garner Brothers.

Cody, Nebr.
Anywhere on cattle.
Horses on left shoulder.
Range—North of Ell.

F. T. Brackett

Riege, Nebr.
Brand Registered No 1490
Brand right side or hip
Horses same on right shoulder
Range, Niobrara 8 miles south of Kilgore

F. M. Walcott.

Valentine, Nebr.
Cattle branded — on left hip.

C. W. Bennett

Simeon Neb
Stock branded with 7 on left hip also same as cut
Range between Gordon and Snake creeks and on the Niobrara river

Frank T. Lee.

Brownlee, Neb.
Cattle on left side; horses same on left shoulder.
Range — Four miles northeast of Brownlee.

Charles Richards.

Merriman, Neb

Robert Emery

Rosebud, S. D.
Cattle branded on both sides.
Horses on left thigh.
Range on Cut Meat creek.

D. M. Sears.

Kennedy, Nebr.
Cattle branded as on cut, left side Some on left hip.
Horses same on left shoulder.
Range—Square Lake.

WILLIAM WILSON

Postoffice address Kilgore Nebr
Two half circles of left hip and left side of neck Horses same on left shoulder Some cattle branded
reaper hook on left hip

H V DOWNING

Postoffice address Gregory, Neb
On left side; also COLE on side
Range—Stevenson Lake

W. E. Haley

Valentine Neb
Brand registered No 200
Range in Sharps Ranch and German precincts 6 miles south of Kilgore

C. H. Little.

Merriman, Nebr.
On either side Horses same on hip. Also BW
Range—Lake Creek S D

WILLIAM BEAMER

Gordon, Nebr.
Cattle branded same as cut on left side.
Horses branded on left shoulder.
Range—6 miles south of Irwin.

JULIUS PETERSON

Postoffice address Gregory, Neb
Branded as on cut
Range two miles north of Gregory

F. C. & M. O. Metzger.

Merriman Nebraska.
Cattle branded on left side as cut.
some have same side
Horses same on left thigh
Some cattle branded XF on left side. Range on Snake 35 miles south of Merriman. Others range 8 miles northwest of Merriman.

James Goodfellow.

Cody, Nebr.
Cattle branded on left side.
Horses JG on left jaw.
Range—Between the Niobrara and Medicine Lake.

N. S. Rowley

Kennedy, - Nebraska.
Same as cut on left side and hip, and on left shoulder of horses. Also on left side and hip.
3 on right hip and F+ on left side.
C on left hip of horses.
F on left jaw and left shoulder of horses.
WC on left hip of horses.

R M Faddis & Co.

Postoffice address—Valentine or Kennedy.
Cattle branded same as cut.
Some brande on left thigh.
Some on left side or hip.

J P GARDINER

Postoffice address Cody, Nebraska
On left side of cattle; horses O right arm
Range, north and south of Niobrara River, 12-miles south west of Cody

Frank Rothleutner

Postoffice address Kilgore Neb.
Cattle branded on side as on cut same on hip.
Some on left side. VA

George Heyne

Cody, Neb
Brand registered No 1027
Horses branded on left shoulder
Range north and south of Cutcomb Lake in Cherry Co

Pat Peiper

Simeon Nebr.

G. W. McFarland

Valentine, Nebr
Range:—four miles east of Fort Niobrara, north and south of Berry bridge the

C. E. Wright.

Valentine Nebr.
Brand registered No. 374.
Brand anywhere on right side.

C. P. Jordan.

Rosebud, SD
Horses and cattle same as cut; also CJ BE JJ on right hip.
Range on Oak and Butte creeks.
A liberal reward for information leading to detection of rustlers of stock bearing any of these brands.

Morey & Hewett.

Gordon, Nebr.
Brand registered 2292. On left hip of cattle. Horses same left shoulder; also 240 left side.
Range—South of Snake 35 miles se of Gordon.

Robert Quisenbery

Postoffice address Simeon, Nebr.
2 left hip on Y cattle.
Horses same on right shoulder.
Range on Snake River.

Jos. Bristol

Valentin, Nebr.
Range on Niobrara river four miles east of Ft. Niobrara.
Horses and cattle branded NB connected on left hip or side as shown in cut

Albert Whipple & Sons

Rosebud, S. D.
Cattle branded SOS on left side OSO on right side Some cattle also have a + on neck Some with A on left shoulder and some branded with two bars across hind quarters.
Horses branded SOS on left hip. Some cattle branded AW bar connected on both sides and left hip of horses.

WILLIAM FERDON.

Postoffice address Brownlee, Neb
Like cut on either left side or hip; also left side.
Horses same as cut on left hip.
$250.00 REWARD for conviction of anyone unlawfully handling cattle in these brands.

Henry Flineaux Simeon Nebr.

Brand Registered No 816. Quarter Circle Club.
Cattle branded on left hip. Some without quarter circle.
Horses branded on left shoulder.

PIKE BROS

Postoffice address Crookston, Neb
Cattle branded PE on either hip or right side.
Horses PE on left shoulder.
Range—On Minnechaduza 5 miles east of Crookston.

J.F. Swain.

Sparks, Nebr.
Cattle branded on left side as shown on cut.
Range—South of Sparks on Niobrara river.

FRANK MOGLE

Postofic address Cody, Nebraska
On either side cattle herdmark—left ear clipped and right ear split; horses branded same on left shoulder
Range on Niobrara and Medicine Canyon

D. Stinard.

Valentine, Nebr.
State Brand registered 1554.
Cattle and horses branded same as cut on left hip.
Range—2 miles east of Ft. Niobrara.

Nebraska Land and Feeding Co.

Bartlett Richards Pres — Will G Comstock, V. P.
Chas G Jamison Sec&Treas
Cattle branded on any part of animal; also the following brands:
horses branded the same
Range between Gordon on the F.E. & M. V., R. R. and Hyannis on B. & M. R. R. in Northwestern Nebraska. Address, BARTLETT RICHARDS, Ellsworth, Nebraska.

Metzger Bros.,

Gregory Neb
Cherry Co
Branded on left side and thigh.
Earmark, square crop right ear
Horses have same brand on left thigh.
Range on Gordon and Snake Creeks.
A Reward of $250 will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and final conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with above brand.

G. W. BEAMER.

Gordon, Nebr.
Cattle branded on left side as on cut, 6-inch box and 2½-inch circle Brand registered 876.
and the same on left shoulder. 3½-inch circle, 1-in box. Registered 876. Range—6 miles south of Irwin on Niobrara river.

J L ROSEBERRY

Postoffice address Pullman, Neb
Branded on left hip; horses same Herdmark—double dew-lap
Range south east of Brush Hill

A J PLUMER

Postoffice address Hyannis, Neb
right side and hip
Also have stock branded on right side and hip
Horses on right hip
Range—Southwestern Cherry county

J. A. YARYAN

Pullman, Nebr
Cattle branded JY on right side
Horses branded JY on right shoulder
Reasonable reward for any information leading to the recovery of cattle strayed from my range.

SWEENEY BROS.

Postoffice address Pullman, Neb
Cattle branded as on cut; horses branded same as cattle except reversed S.
See block
Range—Stevenson and Stephenson Lakes and South

$300 reward will be paid to any person for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons stealing cattle with the above brand.