

Dogs as Policemen.

A writer in the Century magazine gives an interesting account of the use of dogs as assistants to the police in Belgium cities and in Paris. In the latter city they have proved efficient in rescuing from the Seine many victims of accident and would-be suicides, while in other lines of work connected with the police department their services are valuable. But it is in the Belgian cities that the employment of dog policemen seems to have been brought to its highest efficiency. In the city of Ghent the training and maintenance of dogs for police duty has proved to be a profitable investment. A dog costs the city of Ghent a little over five cents per day for maintenance, and 30 dog police cost \$2,285 francs per year. It is claimed that 30 dogs "do more than four times the work that would be accomplished by 12 men, who would cost the municipality 12,000 francs." The idea of dog policemen seems to be a good one, all right. One distinct and obvious advantage of the system, not mentioned by the Century writer, would be that they could go on the "dog watch" without difficulty or friction. And in this connection the thought occurs that it would be a good idea for San Francisco to investigate the dog police question. If that city needs one thing more than another, it is an efficient police force. The question of reorganizing the force is now under active discussion, and the time for the experiment is opportune. There can be no reasonable doubt that the addition of a few good dogs to the San Francisco police force would add greatly to its efficiency. Some persons may think that the force would be a dog-gone sight better if it were composed entirely of dogs, but we do not go so far as that.

Still a Socialist.

M. Viviani, the new French minister of labor, appointed by M. Clemenceau, has declared in a newspaper interview that in accepting office he repudiated nothing of his political past. "I am a socialist," he said, "and I mean to remain faithful to my ideas and to my socialist friends. Like Millerand in the Waldeck-Rousseau ministry, and like Briand in the Sarraute cabinet, I preserve my freedom of action and of propaganda. As minister of labor I shall endeavor to secure reforms which I defended as deputy at the tribune of the chamber. I want to make the ministry of labor a workingman's ministry." M. Viviani then proceeded to speak of the nature of the work immediately cut out for the new minister. He hopes, he said, with the aid of the minister of finance, to create an organization for the settlement of the long-standing question of old-age pensions "that can immediately set to work." Another matter which will claim his immediate attention is arbitration in labor disputes, as well as the liberty of trade unions. He is said not to be blind to the fact that his task will be a difficult one, and that, in view of the influences now at work in the French democracy and parliament, his ministry will not be the least important of the Clemenceau cabinet. It is to be established in the premises just vacated by the department of public worship, a highly significant arrangement.

Smart society, disporting itself in country houses this season, is mixing bridge with childish games, such as hunt the slipper, leap frog, puss in the corner and blind man's buff, and getting a lot of fun out of the pastime. Gambling is all very well for dowagers, but the younger set would find vary the excitement of cards with a little "rough house," even to tearing up and down stairs, secreting slippers or rushing madly from corner to corner pursued by some "cat." It is an artless ruse, and if no bones nor bric-a-brac are shattered, one to be approved.

Somewhat, said a woman cashier at the late bankers' convention, when the Lord made woman he gave her a peculiar insight that always enables her to discern whether a man or a proposition is good or bad. This was her point in maintaining the proposition that her sex is better equipped by nature for the responsible duties that bankers are called upon to perform than the masculine. And yet how often we hear and read about her being taken in and done for by gay deceivers!

Matrimonial tickets are supplied by the Canadian Pacific railway to settlers in the northwest territory who wish to make a journey in order to secure a wife. On presenting the return coupons and the marriage certificate the settler is entitled to free transportation for his bride.

You cannot hope to accomplish much in the world without that compelling enthusiasm which stirs your whole being into action.—Success Magazine.

When Arthur J. Balfour was secretary for Ireland he once asked the celebrated Father Healy: "Do the Irish really hate me as much as the newspapers say?" The grim old wit replied: "My dear sir, if they only hated the devil as much as they hate you my occupation would be gone."

Chinese pirates have looted a British ship, but times have changed in the far east, and Great Britain will not demand a whole province by way of compensation.

Family Newspaper and Wife.



Recent Portrait of Man Who May Again Lead Democratic Hosts.

TO INCREASE OUTPUT.

COSTLY MINE IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED FOR KLONDIKE.

Indications Are That Dawson Will Be Center of World's Largest Gold Dredging Fields—Value of This Year's Product.

Dawson, Yukon.—The gold output of the Klondike for the season of 1913 reaches the total of \$5,697,942. This figure is based on the average valuation of \$16 to the ounce. By the Klondike is meant that area of placer producing streams within a radius of 50 miles of the city of Dawson.

Fuller of Michigan are fully equipped with dredges, hydraulic and other means for working of low grade as well as high grade grounds at a profit.

MURDERER HAS PRIVATE JAIL. His Precautions Will Cost Him Double Term of Imprisonment.

Rome.—A wealthy land owner, Raimondo Pace, was in 1896 condemned by the criminal courts of Reggio, Italy, to ten years imprisonment for having murdered a servant of his. Judgment was passed in default, and it was surmised at the time that the man had escaped to some distant land under an assumed name. Quite recently the police heard that he was in Foggia, and raided his house. They were very much amused in finding him safely locked up in a cell which he had built for himself in the basement of his house. One of his servants was paid by him to act as jailer, and by order of his master supplied him once a day with bread and a jug of water. During eight years Pace never stirred from his cell, and he told the police that after completing the full term of ten years to which he was condemned he intended petitioning the king for a royal pardon. As it is, the unfortunate man has to start his punishment afresh, and in the end will have served almost twice his time.

GOLD LEFT BY EMIGRANTS.

Attacked by Indians in Early Days, They Buried the Treasure.

Topeka, Kan.—We have heard of buried treasures, but did you ever know of a case in which one was found? Well, Joe Prentice, of Hebron, Neb., formerly of Sabetha, some time ago found a buried treasure.

PLAN WORLD'S HORSE SHOW. International Exhibition at London Projected for 1907.

New York.—A meeting of prominent horsemen called together by James T. Hyde, assistant secretary of the National Horse Show Association of America, to discuss the question of the proposed international horse show to be held in London June 7 to 13, inclusive, next year, took place here the other day.

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The prince of Schwarzburg-Sonderhausen has had a severe hunting adventure. While out in the forest of Sonderhausen he and his party shot at and brought down a fine wild boar.

Soldier Loves His Rifle.

eye was enough to melt anyone. I feel sorry for them from the bottom of my heart. I know they are innocent of any wrongdoing, and it looks hard to them."

Negro Sheds Tears as He Gives Up Gun Carried Twenty-Two Years.

At Reno, Okla.—"All right, sir; all right, sir. Least Higgins, hold it in." Charles Dade, an old negro soldier of company D of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, made this remark as he turned in his rifle at Fort Reno after the general order to disarm the three disarmed companies of negro soldiers had been read by Maj. Charles W. Penrose. Dade handled the rifle carefully, and as he passed it over to the officer he turned his face to hide his tears which fell upon the shining barrel of the gun.

Emotion of Chinese Pirates.

When Chinese pirates are caught and convicted they speedily pay the penalty of their crimes. A newspaper of the far east publishes this bit of news: "Seven of the pirates who took part in the attack on the river steamer Siam were beheaded in Canton at noon, September 16. The prisoners were brought on to the ground in baskets, from which they were immediately released. They were then made to kneel in a row. Promptly on the stroke of 12 the executioners took up their positions in front of the doomed men and cut off their heads in very quick succession, to the accompaniment of loud shouts from the Chinese spectators."

Men who stop to consider whether it is worth while seldom do anything.

WILL BREED ZEBROIDS

NEW YORKER TO EXPERIMENT ON A LARGE SCALE.

Financier Claims Cross Between Horse and Zebra Greatly Superior to Animal Now in Domestic Use—His Purpose Explained.

New York.—From zebra which he has imported at great expense Warner M. Van Norden, president of the Van Norden Trust company of this city, entertains great hopes that the zebroid (as the better offspring of the horse and zebra is called), will come to be generally and favorably known in this country.

"The zebroid," explained Mr. Van Norden the other day, "makes an excellent all around animal for domestic use and I hope to introduce it in this country. It is already used in South Africa, where it has given satisfaction. I cannot say just how speedy the zebroid will be but those I shall raise will be from the finest stock, especially suited for driving purposes. These animals are much more strong and vigorous than the horse and live about twice as long. They will rank with any of the horses in general use to-day and in value will range from \$500 to \$1,000. They will be very tough and able to endure twice the hardship the average horse can stand."

The parents, perhaps, of generations of American zebroids yet unborn are now contentedly munching hay in the barn at Mr. Van Norden's country place at Rye, N. Y.

In temporary quarters in one barn are three zebras, said to be among the finest of their species ever brought to this country. One of them is declared to be a genuine Grey's zebra from Abyssinia and this animal alone valued by Mr. Van Norden at \$5,000.

The other two zebras belong to what is known as the Bohimbi class. Two more, equally as valuable as those now in Rye, have been captured for Mr. Van Norden and will be shipped to this country early next spring. These animals are about six years old and, inasmuch as the life of the average zebra is about 50 years, they are as yet mere babies and are full of more life and tricks than young colts.

So much for the zebra parents of the zebroids. Their parents on the other side will range down to little burro jennets, through a list of horses including piebald, hackney and mustang.

The zebroids will owe their appearance in this country, however, not so much to Mr. Van Norden's desire to raise them for themselves alone as to his determination to solve the problem of telegony.

He is determined to demonstrate whether it is real, as breeders of blood stock assert, or whether it is a vagary of the breeder's mind, as scientists declare. Explaining the object of his undertaking, Mr. Van Norden said:

"All breeders believe in telegony. It has always been their claim that if a female animal is bred to one of a different species but of the same family and is afterward bred to one of her own species the second offspring will show resemblance to the first sire. Opposed to the claim of the breeders is that of the scientists, who say there is no such thing as telegony and that the breeders are mistaken in their diagnosis.

"A man who stands near the head of the scientists in their contention that there is nothing in the breeders' fear of telegony is Prof. W. Ewart, of Edinburgh university, and for years he has conducted experiments to support the correctness of his theories. Prof. Ewart is now experimenting with pigeons and rabbits. He asserts that no one has ever gone into the subject of telegony in such a manner as clearly to demonstrate the truth or falsity of the many claims made concerning it. The experiments of Prof. Ewart and others have thrown some light on the subject, but there is still much to be learned."

STORK DRIVES FATHER MAD.

Leaves Home and Acts Strangely Whenever Child is Born to Wife.

Portland, Me.—A case that puzzles not only his family and townsmen, but the physician, is that of William D. Trescarten, of Limestone, Aroostook county, who acts strangely and then disappears from his home either just before or every time his wife gives birth to a child.

The Portland police were asked to look for Trescarten, who left his home a few days ago just previous to the birth of his fourth child.

Grand Chancellor Willis B. Hall, of the Knights of Pythias, of which organization Trescarten is a prominent member, has notified the members all over New England to be on the lookout for their brother. Although under ordinary circumstances a clear-headed, well-balanced business man, Trescarten seems to change his personality entirely as soon as or just before the stork comes.

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Thinking it dead, the prince incautiously approached too near, when the beast suddenly sprang to its feet and made a lunge with its tusks, seriously wounding him in the leg and again in the body after he had fallen from the effect of the first lunge. There was a ten-minute struggle before the beast was finally disposed of—with shotguns and hunting knives.

Age of Five Aggregates 435.

Chester, Pa.—The age of five members of the Bush family aggregates 435 years. Their names and ages are as follows: Margaret Bush, 109 years old; Jacob Bush, 83 years old; George Bush, 82 years, and Samuel Bush, 50 years. Margaret and Henry reside in Philadelphia. The others reside in Delaware county. All are in the best of health. The eldest daughter, who is dead, lived to be more than 161 years. For longevity the family holds the record in this country.

NOTES FROM MEADOWBROOK FARM

By William Pitt

Sour milk helps all the egg baskets. Dampness is a sure loser in the chicken business.

Try the dairy thermometer. Don't cost much and it is a labor saver. Ugly tempers in colts are developed by careless and harsh currying.

The automatic chicken farm is only a dream. You must work if you would get eggs and healthy chickens. Fall apples are good for the eggs. Put up and mixed with the grain ration increases the value of both.

Secretary Wilson says give the boys better training in agriculture and they won't be so apt to leave the farm. Dry corn cobs make a good starter for fies. Try them. Don't forget, too, that charred corn cobs are a good condition feed for the hogs.

The title of P. F. (Practical Farmer) is one which can be earned only by thought, time, study, hard work and expenditure of some money. Montana sheep growers have organized the Montana Wool Growers' association, which includes a wool-selling company with a capital of \$500,000.

The abandoned farm is bad enough, but how about the abandoned orchards and the abandoned gardens on the farms that are not abandoned. A windmill and a system of underground pipes will lessen the work of distributing water for the stock. Don't do by manual labor what you can do by machinery. It doesn't pay.

Lots of good seed corn, you say, but it is still in the shock! Remember, that one good, selected seed corn, hanging by the husks in a cool, airy place is worth nine in the shock. Verily, one egg differeth from another in accordance with the difference of the food out of which the hen has manufactured the egg. Quality of egg depends upon quality of food.

When you let frefang in the manure, caused by drying out and burning from the heat caused by fermentation, you are losing part of the nitrogen; a very valuable element. The two essentials to the successful wintering of bees are plenty of naturally arranged stores and plenty of young bees. Some protection to the outside of the hive is desirable.

An English gardener writes that his plot of ground measures about 30 feet by 9 feet, and at a cost of 15 cents has produced two pecks of peas, 50 round beans, 33 pounds of beans, and 30 pounds of tomatoes (302 in number). If your horse is troubled with heaves do not feed too much hay. Give more oats and water before feeding. Do not work hard for an hour after feeding, and do not expect too much from such a horse. Wet food is best—and keep the bowels open.

Lumber even at the present high prices is cheaper than food. Lumber put into sheds for cattle protection is a permanent improvement, but if you depend on feed to keep them warm you will have to keep giving it and will have nothing to show for it in the end. Experiments in dry land farming in the arid district near Caldwell, Idaho, will be made by Prof. H. T. French, of the Idaho agricultural college at Moscow. He has a tract of 329 acres in the sage brush country, 80 acres of which is being plowed for dry farming; the rest will be irrigated this winter. The experiment will be in grains, vegetables and ornamental and forest trees.

The Farmers' Cooperative Business congress, an organization in the south and southwest better prices for the farmers' products, recently held its first session at Topeka, Kan. Just how effectively this organization will be able to realize its hopes is a question, but it shows the tendency of the times and that the farmer is more and more coming to be a factor in the commercial world. He raises the goods, why should he not have some voice and control in the disposition of the same?

A new method of killing tree borers is mentioned by the American Agriculturist and may prove of interest and value to readers of Meadowbrook Farm Notes: "Bismulphide of carbon may be injected into holes where the insects are at work. The best injector is a metal or small cheap glass syringe, or a small machine-oid can. About a teaspoonful of bismulphide of carbon is sufficient for each hole, if injected with some force. After injection, the holes should be plugged with grafting wax. It would be difficult to treat an entire tree by this method, but the trunks and lower branches can be reached."

Next year's weather accurately foretold presents an attractive idea to the farmer, and if the aim of the government is realized we may find the agriculturist of the future consulting his weather time table to know just what the work can best be done. In an article in the Technical World Magazine, John Elfreth Watkins tells of the latest advances in weather forecasting and of the new United States Astrophysical laboratory in Washington. Variations of the heat radiation of the sun are the basis for the new science of long-distance weather predicting, and special instruments have been devised to meet the requirements of this special work. One of the most interesting of these instruments is the bolometer, which will detect variations in temperature of the millionth part of a degree. Through the work of this branch of the weather bureau, the government hopes to be able to tell the farmer whether or not he will have a wet, dry, warm or cold season, so that he may regulate his crops accordingly.

A New Sleeping Car Story.

Among the railroad visitors in town yesterday was F. A. Miller, general manager of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. He visited all of the general offices in town and at the Holloman Hotel yesterday told a story of one of the sleeping car porters who was recently found asleep while on duty. This is contrary to the rules of the St. Paul Road, and the negro man was in trouble when found by the inspector in the Pioneer Limited. He had his "fif" about him, however, and in response to the inspector's inquiry as to what he was doing asleep, he said: "I'll tell you how it was, boss. I have only been with the company a short time and before coming here I was working on such and such a railroad. The line was so rough that I could not get any sleep. Since I have been working for the St. Paul Road the road has been so smooth that I just could not keep awake."

Mr. Miller says that while the negro had violated the rules, he was permitted to keep his job on account of his wit.—Cleveland Leader.

A woman's idea of a perfect gentleman is any man who agrees with her.

Levi's Single Binder straight is cigar. Made of extra quality tobacco. Your dealer or Levi's Factory, Ferris, Ill.

Rich Prize for Scientist. The person who discovers a method of communication between planets will receive \$20,000 from the French Academy of Science.

Young Man Extensive Traveler. Lord Ronaldshay, though only thirty years of age, probably has done more traveling for his age than any man living. Few people know more than he about the Himalayas and Persia. He has also found time to explore Kashmir, Bhuchistan, Ladak, Tibet and the Persian gulf, to say nothing of Ceylon.

Rifle Shooting in Schools. Rifle shooting will hereafter be included in the curriculum of the elementary schools of Great Britain. Mr. Birrell, the president of the board of education, who made the announcement in the House of Commons, said that the educational authorities had been given permission under certain restrictions, to allow children of certain ages to be taught to shoot at miniature ranges, the instruction to be paid out of the public funds.

Museum Gets Fine Pulpit. King Frederick August of Saxony has given to the Germanic museum at Harvard a full-size reproduction of the handsome pulpit of the Church of Weichenburg, near Leipzig. This gift is regarded as the most important made to the museum since the fine collection of casts was sent by the German emperor. The pulpit belongs to the beginning of the thirteenth century, and is a massive structure, 15 feet high, resting on Romanesque columns.

During a recent campaign in England a certain woman called on a laborer's wife and asked if her husband would vote for Lord Blank. "No, he won't," was the reply. "But, remember the blankets and coals you got from the clergyman." "Never mind them. He's been promised a new pair of trousers if he votes for Mr. Dash." "Suspecting that this was a case of bribery that must be outdone, the woman canvasser offered a sovereign if the woman would tell her who had promised the trousers. The money paid over, the woman smiled. "I promised them," she said, "and I'll bet them out of your sovereign."

World at Eight Dollars a Pound. "French walnut is the finest wood we have," said the cabinet-maker. "It comes from Persia, but it is prepared in France. I have seen French walnut worth \$3 a pound, and it is a common thing to pay \$3 a pound for it. Of course it is used principally for veneering. Only milliners could have chairs and tables of solid French walnut."

"Mehogany, wonderful as it is, rarely fetches such high prices. From \$2 to \$3 is a very good price per pound for this wood. "Ehony, if it is in a particularly large piece, so that it will cut well, will often bring \$5 a pound in the wood market."

NO MEDICINE.

Most diseases start in the alimentary canal—stomach and bowels. A great deal of our stomach and bowel troubles come from eating too much starchy and greasy food. The stomach does not digest any of the starchy food we eat—white bread, pastry, potatoes, oats, etc.—these things are digested in the small intestine, and if we eat too much, as most of us do, the organs that should digest this kind of food are overcome by excess of work, so that fermentation, indigestion, and a long train of ills result.

Too much fat also is hard to digest, and this is changed into acids, sour stomach, belching gas, and a bloated, heavy feeling. In these conditions a change from indigestible foods to Grape-Nuts will work wonders in not only relieving the distress but in building up a strong digestion, clear brain and steady nerves. A Wash woman writes: "About five years ago I suffered with bad stomach—dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation—caused, I know now, from eating starchy and greasy food. I doctored for two years without any benefit. The doctor told me there was no cure for me. I could not eat anything without suffering severe pain in my back and sides, and I became discouraged. "A friend recommended Grape-Nuts and I began to use it. In less than two weeks I began to feel better, and inside of two months I was a well woman and have been ever since. "I can eat anything I wish with pleasure. We eat Grape-Nuts and cream for breakfast, and are very fond of it." Name given by Farnam Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in store. "There's a reason."

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