

WAYS OF THE BEAVER

Show He Manages to Stay Under Water So Long in Winter.

Particularities of the Interesting Little Animal Described by One Who Has Made a Study of His Habits.

A late number of Rod and Gun in Canada has an article on the habits of the beaver, in which the writer, Frank H. Risteen, tells some interesting things about the most interesting of North American animals.

One of the queerest facts about the beaver is the rapidity with which his long, chisel-shaped teeth will recover from an injury.

As compared with the otter or muskrat the beaver is a very slow swimmer. His front legs hang by his sides, and he uses only his webbed hind feet for the purpose of swimming.

That it is difficult to hold most of the shy fur-bearing animals in captivity is known to those who have made the experiment, but the beaver evidently takes the lead in this respect.

It almost takes a burglar-proof safe to hold a newly-captured beaver. I once caught an old one and two kittens up the north branch of the Southwest, put them in a barrel and brought them down to Miramichi lake.

I picked him up by the tail, brought him back, put him in the pen, supplied him with plenty of fresh apples, and he seemed as tame as possible and never gave me any more trouble.

Washed Eggs with Anchovy Toss. Use bread which is at least two days old, cut a thin slice for each person and trim off all crust, cutting the slices into circles or squares.

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NOTES FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

A Few Items of Useful Information Pertaining to Things in General.

One of the very best liniments to use in case of sprains, bruises, soreness of the throat or chest is this old-fashioned remedy that is deservedly popular at many of the western army posts.

Chemists are sounding a note of warning against the use of dyed hosiery in cases where there are abrasions of any kind upon the limbs.

Most physiologists regard fish as a particularly desirable food for persons of sedentary habits, as it usually contains less fat than is found in meat.

A dish drainer in the kitchen is one of the necessities which every woman should possess who cares to save her strength and steps.

THE CHARM OF CORDIALITY.

Those Who Possess It Help to Make Life Bright and Others Happy.

It is not enough to have gone through the world merely greeting people and recognizing their existence simply because we could not well avoid doing so.

There is something so charming about the manner of the cordial woman when you first meet her, and this charm grows upon one as one's acquaintance with her continues.

There is a certain reserve that is always necessary, and this the dignified woman instinctively preserves, but there is such a thing, you know, as carrying a reserve a degree too far.

Crushed Currants. Wash thoroughly and stem them, then mash every currant. Weigh and add an equal weight of sugar.

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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. Kurem—"Did the other physician take your temperature?" Patient—"Worse 'n that. He tuk me las' dollar."

A Cool Reception—"Did you notice? I have a new electric fan in my office."

The Joys of Touring.—Traveler—"I say, your razor's pulling most comfoundedly!"

Our Remarkable Language.—Mrs. Snags—"They must have some big pistols out west."

Combative.—Uncle Jabez halted before a booth in a mammoth department store and thoughtfully read the sign over the window.

One of Boston's Benevolent Societies That Has Over a Thousand Members.

A beautiful charity which is conducted by a Boston organization is described by the Beacon.

The members of the society either rescue the suffering creatures themselves or report the cases promptly.

CHINESE EDITOR'S IRONY.

Harassed Journalist's Caustic Reply to Captious Critics Who Depreciated Progress.

In China as well as in other more favored countries the editor finds his pathway strewn with thorns.

"In future nothing which may be described as new will appear in these columns, and thereby prevent people's understandings from being enlightened.

MAY BREAK OLD CUSTOMS.

It is Thought King Edward Will Set Aside Restrictions Upon Royal Privileges.

Gossips are busy discussing whether or not King Edward, after his coronation, will seek to abolish certain restrictions with which custom has hedged the sovereign of the realm.

To give an example, Queen Alexandra has never formed part of a racing horse party save as the guest of such members of the "great world" as the duke and duchess of Richmond.

Electricity in Westminster Abbey. Electric lamps are to be substituted in the place of gas jets in England's famous abbey.

Japan is certainly in earnest in demanding admission for her people to Australia. Britain, on the other hand, isn't in the least degree in earnest about facilitating the exclusion of the brown man who is rising in the east.

JAPANESE ART PRINTING.

How Marvellous Results Are Obtained in the Simplest and Easiest Manner.

Mr. C. E. Dawson, in his series of articles on "Japanese Prints and Things," in the London Art Record, remarks that the method of printing adopted by the Japanese artists seems to be the only possible and appropriate way of rendering the subtly exquisite tone and gradations which they affected.

The ingenuity of the Japanese woodcutters and printers who worked under the immediate supervision of the artist is immediately wonderful.

Chinese Editor's Irony. Harassed Journalist's Caustic Reply to Captious Critics Who Depreciated Progress.

SUPPORTED BY CRIME

Honest People Who Live on Crimes They Do Not Commit.

Magistrates, Police and Others by the Thousands in This Country Maintained to Protect Public Property.

Not less than 100,000 of the good citizens of this broad land live by crimes which they do not commit.

If it be true that there is honesty among thieves this time cannot be as far distant as might be supposed, for by the national census it appears that the country is rapidly approaching a time when all the inhabitants shall be malefactors, and therefore, according to the proverb, being honest among themselves, will no longer require supervision.

To look after these evildoers the United States maintains a police force estimated at 75,000 men, costing annually more than \$50,000,000 for their support.

Red Spark Explodes Dynamite. "You've got to have a red spark," said a workman, "to set off dynamite. I've handled it long enough to know. Here's an experiment that's been tried: They took an old fat car and loaded it with rocks; then they fastened a box of dynamite to the bumper and let the car run down a steep grade, bang! into another car anchored at the bottom.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

It is reported from Paris that Maj. Krebs has invented and will shortly bring out an extra light motor weighing hardly ten pounds, intended specially for aerial navigation.

A public automobile service has been inaugurated between two towns in the neighborhood of Vienna, Payerbach and Reichenau.

The eggs of a blue-bottle fly, if placed in the sun, will hatch in two or three hours.

The new Italian submarine vessel "Delfino" has proved very satisfactory. It is provided with an instrument which permits a submarine vessel navigating below the surface to have a view of the whole horizon while it is under water.

A new product prepared from the coccoanut, and known as "vegetaline," is being manufactured by a Marcellines firm.

THE ABANDONED FARMS.

New England Farmhouses That Have Become Summer Cottages and Boarding-houses.

The evolution of the abandoned farms into something better and more profitable than they ever were before has become a noticeable feature in the rural sections of New England.

Boston Transcript calls attention to the change in Berkshire county, Mass., where abandoned farms a few years ago were so numerous that it was feared the western part of the state in some sections would soon be depopulated.

All this, says the Chicago Tribune, is but the natural outcome of the movements of social summer life. Originally the season lasted only from June until September and the seashore was the favorite resort.

Thus what was at one time a serious problem has been most happily solved, and those who have been lucky enough, after moving away to the cities or elsewhere, to hold on to their land will make handsome profits.

New Kind of Rat.

The immense number of bananas which have been sent into this country during recent years have been the means of introducing several different new kinds of flies, spiders and beetles, which have been inadvertently packed with them.

Big Tree for St. Louis Exposition. An effort is to be made to remove a large red oak tree from the wildest section of Arkansas to Forest park, St. Louis, for the Louisiana Purchase exposition.