

ORIGIN OF THE CAMEL

Claws Supplied by Fossils Found in Arctic and Tropical.

Animals That Could Endure the Greatest Extremes of Cold as Well as Heat—Small Species of the Gobi Desert.

Many people think of the camel as practically a tropical animal, perhaps because some of its most striking characteristics fit it for crossing the Desert of Sahara.

However, in a recent number of "Globe" Dr. Nehring, of Berlin, lays stress on the fact that the Bactrian camel is sometimes found in Siberia, and can endure the greatest known extremes of cold as well as those of heat, if the air is only dry.

There has been much speculation concerning the origin of the old world camel, Bactria, the little kingdom which gives its name to the two-humped animal, lies only a little north of Afghanistan.

Only at a comparatively recent date was a satisfactory clue found to the Bactrian camel's ancestry.

No mention is made of the extinct camels of America by the contributor to the pages of "Globe."

FOUND FORTUNE AND LOVE. Poor Young School Teacher in Texas Finds a Rich Uncle and a Husband.

One of the most interesting romances of the great southwest has recently come to light, and Miss Maxine Doubleday, a young school-teacher at the little town of Laurel Valley, Tex., is the heroine.

She has since her father's death supported herself and mother by her school-teaching in the little Texas town.

And it is a curious fact, the young man added, "that his name is the same as yours—Doubleday, Maximilian Doubleday."

"Why, I wonder if it can be my lost uncle?" The girl exclaimed. Further inquiry proved that such was the fact.

A reconciliation followed. The wealthy Doubleday found his boyhood sweetheart, who is now his wife. He has made his niece his heiress and she is soon to wed Payson, the young man instrumental in bringing about all this good fortune.

SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

The New Zealand government is raising the wages of its railway employees to the extent of \$100,000.

What is said to be the first factory for the manufacture of oxalic acid is being built near Cheboygan, Mich.

The nest of the wasp shows a degree of engineering skill and adaptation of means to end which rival the same talents of the bee.

The broom must go! A French hygienic journal states that in Tunis the mortality from tuberculosis is 11.3 per 1,000 among the Arabs, and only 0.75 per 1,000 among the Jews.

The skunk first appears in history in the year 1636, when he was described in Theodot's History of Canada.

PRAYERS FOR A STIPEND.

French Abbe Who Has Made a Town Prosperous by a Novel Trade.

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Today he has many thousands of subscribers who live in all parts of the world, and Montligeon, which was once little more than a collection of hovels, is a prosperous town.

Lawyer (examining accused pick-pocket, testifying in his own behalf)—You deny this special charge, and yet admit that you have committed similar offenses.

Lawyer—Two or three months, eh? How do you expect the court to believe that statement in view of the fact that it has had police testimony to the effect that you are an expert?

Building in Stockholm, Sweden. Only two-thirds of the area of the lot can be covered in Stockholm, Sweden, except on street corners, where three-fourths is allowed.

Woman-like. Test. She says she can't understand why people call him a flatterer. Jew.—She does, eh?

He (rather diffident)—Er—now that we are engaged, I suppose you—er—won't object to my kissing you.

NAVIGATES THE AIR.

Feats of M. Santos-Dumont in His Hazardous Pursuit.

Early Training and Education of the Most Daring and Successful Aeronaut of Modern Times.

An authorized article on the Brazilian aeronaut, M. Santos-Dumont, appears in the Century from the pen of Sterling Hellig.

This young Brazilian inventor works for the love of the thing, not for lucre. He has never felt moved to apply for a single patent.

Arriving in Europe in 1891, he made a tourist trip, and ascended Mont Blanc. A part of 1891 and 1892 he spent between London and Brighton, perfecting his English, which he now speaks as well as his own French.

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GREAT BRITAIN'S SNAKES.

But Three Species Are to Be Found Among the British Isles, Says This Authority.

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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Unconscious.—"But he doesn't realize that he boasts." "Oh, no! I've heard him boasting that he doesn't boast."—Puck.

There doesn't seem to be so many bicycles as formerly. "No; it's riding, instead of riders, that is falling off now."—Indianapolis News.

Doctor—"Above all things, you must diaphragm every source of trouble and anxiety." Patient—"But, doctor, that's impossible. I've just got a new automobile."—Town Topics.

The man who praises what he intends to purchase and enumerates the faults of what he means to sell is honest enough to feel lonesome in this dizzy old world.—Chicago Daily News.

"Yes," said the superstitious man, "I believe it's lucky to pick up a pin, don't you?" "Not if you pick it up by sitting down upon it," promptly replied the schoolmaster.—Philadelphia Record.

The Purchasing Limit.—Mr. Stein (our latest millionaire, after his third fruitless stalk)—"Now, look here, you rascal! If you can't have the brutes tamer, I'm hanged if I don't sack you!"—Punch.

The Animus.—Mrs. Gossippe—"How does it come Mrs. Swagger invited you to her party? I thought you were enemies." Mrs. Snapp—"We are; but she thought I had nothing fit to wear, and wanted to make me feel bad."—Columbus State Journal.

WHEAT IT COSTS TO MARRY.

Only a Five Dollar Bill is Necessary to Defray the Expenses in Most Places.

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PAKIRS AT COUNTRY FAIRS.

Gentry Fatten Their Fatten with Catch-Penny Schemes to Trick the Unwary.

The country fair is the harvest time for the genial fakir. And now dealers in crooked apparatus for feeding the farmers are sending out catalogues of their wares.

The fakir is not a husbandman, and he sows not, and neither does he gather up and bind into bundles, and yet, when the harvest season is over the fakir has more money than the honest farmer who has tilled man golden acres, says the Chicago Tribune.

The fakir gets up early in the morning and goes to bed late at night, and he makes money all the live-long day.

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