

WHERE WAS THE CAT?

Admitting the Meat Owner Wanted to Be Shown Feline.

A certain family living in one of the suburbs of New York owned a kitten of which they were very fond.

He found the kitten curled up in a corner asleep and apparently at peace with the world.

"Do you mean to say you have fed that cat a pound of meat during the last week?" he asked.

"I certainly have," responded the butcher.

"Put him on the scales and see how much he weighs."

The butcher did, as requested, and gently deposited the kitten in the balance. The pointer indicated exactly one pound.

"Well, granted the owner of the animal, 'there's the pound of meat all right, but where's the cat?'"

TREES THAT ARE A MYSTERY.

One a Vegetable Freak and the Other a Greedy Monopolist.

California has one tree which is the personification of mystery.

The Mojava yucca is a vegetable freak which has developed into a species.

It is an endogen, yet its bark shows concentric rings such as characterize the exogenous stems.

Another tree in California which has a peculiar personality is the creeping oak of Monterey.

Nowhere in the vegetable kingdom can be found so true a representative of monopoly.

Wherever a branch touches the earth it takes root and becomes, as it were, another trunk.

Nothing is so consoling to a worried man of affairs as to know that he can always find a harbor of refuge in his home.

Hence (advises an observant woman), the wife should seek always to make the home an abode of peace.

Many men fight their way successfully through years of anxious toil only to be broken down at last by the frets and jars of ill-managed households.

Ship's Remarkable Voyage.

A remarkable voyage south to Buenos Ayres was made the last part of last year by the barque Strathella.

Implicit Obedience.

The famous Field family, Cyrus and his brothers and sisters, were brought up to obey.

Use Compressed Air.

Compressed air is now used in the large iron foundry at the Schenectady works of the General Electric company.

No Danger.

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DISCOVERY OF DRESDEN CHINA.

Valuable Secret Entirely the Result of an Accident.

Dresden china was discovered through accident. John Frederick Bottcher was a chemist's assistant in Berlin about 1700.

Bottcher, having fallen under suspicion of being an alchemist, was obliged to leave Berlin and take refuge in Saxony.

A wealthy iron founder was riding on horseback near Aue, in Saxony, when he noticed that his horse reared its feet with difficulty.

The secret of the translucent china was solved, and the king ordered a china factory to be built.

LOVE FOR OLD FURNITURE.

Pride of Ancestry as Common Weakness of the Human.

We all know the woman who would not own a stick of old furniture unless it came from her ancestors.

The woman has yet to be discovered who would not own diamonds unless they came to her by inheritance.

Few, too, are fortunate enough to have possessed ancestors with the proper amount of foresight.

Floral Fancies.

To arrange flowers in a bowl first fill the bowl with dried moss.

No Doubt of Their Standing.

A Washington correspondent told the other night a story that he claimed to have heard from President Roosevelt at a Gridiron club dinner.

Two women, he said, "were discussing some new neighbors who had moved into one of the most sumptuous houses in their city.

"Oh, they are," said the second. "Shall you care?" "Decidedly. You are sure, are you, that they are—er—quite correct, quite—er—good form?" "Oh, my dear, I'm positive," said the second woman.

Success.

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INHERITANCE OF THE DOG.

Some Breeds Are Born With Strong Friendship for Man.

By the environment of his forbears for generations back you may know the dog.

Years before any of us were thought of the sledge dog was a beast of burden, tolerated because human lives depended on his "motor" power.

And in all parts of the globe where the struggle for life is most desperate and people, according to our estimate, are brutes or semi or whole savages, so are the dogs of that people.

Persian wolfhounds, chow chows, "dingoes" in the wilds of Australia, Tibet mastiffs, all more or less dread man, who many years ago beat them into subjection, not affection.

ARTICLES LOST AT SEA.

Hats and Other Wearing Apparel Perquisites for Neptune.

Did you ever speculate on what becomes of the hats and other articles of wearing apparel that find their way into the sea from the steamers?

But once in a blue moon a hat does come back to land, as in the case not long ago when a large fish was caught.

Chief among these conquered difficulties are the now famous "glissades," or slides down steep slopes made with such astonishing success by the Cavalry School of Tor de Quinto at Rome.

Skillful European Horsemen.

Gen. Louis Berta, inspector of cavalry in the Italian army, is one of the finest horsemen in Europe.

Lacemakers Will Not Leave Home.

"One reason that the imported laces will always hold good is that the Swiss workmen, who are most expert, will not live in this country," said D. E. Schwab.

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ODD DROUGHT FOR A TOWN.

Grant, Mich., Will Go Dry Till Some One Builds Hotel.

Grant, Mich.—At a special meeting of the Grant village council the following resolution was adopted by a vote of 5 to 1:

"Resolved, That we, the council of the village of Grant, Newaygo county, Mich., do declare that we will hereafter approve of no saloon bonds within the corporate limits of said village of Grant, except when the proposed saloon business is to be connected with a hotel, as hotel bar, such hotel to be constructed of brick, stone or other substantial material, other than a frame building, and steam heated.

Grant has long ago outgrown her hotel service, every day from one to ten persons being unable to obtain accommodations.

As Grant, with her numerous little industries and a genuine building boom now on, is a splendid location for a first-class hotel, it is probable that the field will not be open ten days.

IS TOO FAT TO DROWN.

300 Pound German Floats Like Cork When He Attempts Suicide.

New York.—Discovering after repeated efforts to drown himself, that he floated like a cork, an obese German bent on suicide decided to try to end it all by some other method than that of immersion.

But it did not end. Coming up from his dive, the fat man floated face upward. Again and again he tried to dive under the surface, but his body merely rolled over, and each attempt found him floating with his face upward.

HETTY GREEN TO PAY RENT.

No Longer Free Private Office in Chemical Bank.

New York.—Hetty Green will have to pay office rent in future. No provision whatever has been made for her in the new banking home of the Chemical National bank.

MACHINE FINDS OIL WELLS.

Terre Haute Men Organizing Company to Sell Device.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Business men of Terre Haute have formed a \$25,000 stock company to put a device for locating oil wells on the market.

Whether or not Mrs. Green is dissatisfied with this arrangement is not known.

The new building is built of granite and marble, only three stories high. It cost \$600,000.

DATES WILL YEARS AHEAD.

Gives Nothing to Husband, So It Will Be Contested.

Middletown, N. Y.—Because Mrs. Mary E. Blakeney, of Central Valley, dated her last will and testament 90 years ahead and cut off her husband, Otis Blakeney, from participating in her property, the instrument is being contested and about \$10,000 in a Newburg bank will stay there for some time to come.

Mrs. Blakeney, who was a prominent resident of Central Valley, died there recently. Her will, which she drew up herself, was dated 1903. It bequeathed all her property to a niece, Mrs. Virginia Weeks, of Fairfield, N. J.

Paris.—Pistol duelling clubs are the latest fad of French sporting clubs.

Taking advantage of the speculative fever, local promoters have formed companies and are offering the stock under glaring advertisements in the newspapers.

Harmless Duets Fad in Paris.

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COLD IN THE TROPICS

EXPERIENCE OF FRENCH EXPEDITION IN WILDS OF ANDES.

Average Height in Which Explorers Lived and Worked Was 13,000 Feet Above Sea Level—Hard to Secure Servants.

Paris.—A scientific expedition which has spent six years in the wilds of the Andes has just returned to France and Col. Bourgeois, its chief, has given some remarkable details of its experiences.

The site chosen for the work was the neighborhood of Quito, Ecuador. It was so high up in the mountains that although in the very center of the torrid zone the men lived under arctic conditions.

Loneliness was one of the things the men had to fight hardest against. They lived to a large extent amid fields of snow and ice.

Of course the men did not spend the whole time in the mountains. This would have been almost impossible, because they had not merely the vigor of the cold to contend against but also the enervating effects of the rarefied atmosphere of the mountains.

Notwithstanding the obstacles, 71 geodetic stations were erected. A chain of geodetic and astronomical observations covering the entire six years was secured, including the establishment of the meridian of Quito, with the nearest approach to scientific accuracy that is possible.

The expedition cost a good deal of money. Besides the pay of the members the French government contributed 40,000 francs (\$8,000).

While the members of the expedition confined themselves strictly to their mathematical work, Dr. Paul Rivet, staff surgeon in the French army, who was detailed as its medical attendant, made a remarkable collection of photographs of the country and people and brought home also an invaluable ethnological gathering of native implements and fabrics.

Make Clothes from Paper.

Washington.—Correspondence between Consul W. J. Pike, of Zittau, and the president of the chamber of commerce of that German city reveals that there is a firm in South Germany which makes paper clothing.

Makes Copper in Laboratory.

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