

RAISING SILK WORMS

WOMAN RUNS PAYING INDUSTRY IN CALIFORNIA

Success Comes After Many Years of Close Study and Experiment—How Eggs, Worth \$5 an Ounce, Are Hatched.

Los Angeles, Cal.—After years of experimenting and study the rearing of silk worms has been made a commercial success in southern California, and within six months a large plant will be running to handle the number of cocoons now produced here every month.

The organization of a corporation to handle this product has given great impetus to the industry. Heretofore it has been necessary to send cocoons away to silk manufacturers; now southern California will have a plant of her own.

Mrs. Carrie Williams, one of the most successful sericulturists in the country, is in charge of the operating department. Mrs. Williams is ranked among the first silk raisers in the country. She says that women of small means who have spare time on their hands and are willing to attend to details that might be considered unimportant, can make a success of raising silkworms, and find it remunerative.

Silkworms come from tiny eggs the size of mustard seeds, and are hatched by being maintained at a temperature of about 75 degrees Fahrenheit. After hatching they develop voracious appetites for mulberry leaves and grow rapidly.

This process takes two to four days. After the cocoon is made the best formed and largest are set aside for preservation, and at the end of six or seven days the rest are steamed until the chrysalis inside is dead.

There are in each 600 to 1,200 yards of a texture much stronger than any other known, weight and size considered. This reeled silk is either white, gray colored, or yellow.

One ounce of eggs costs about five dollars, depending on variety and locality. An ounce will hatch 10,000 pounds of young mulberry leaves to feed these worms until they go into the chrysalis.

Few persons realize the extent of the silk industry of the world, or the immense trade in the fabrics made from silk. American uses half the silk produced. This country has 90 silk looms, and these pay almost \$75,000,000 annually for raw and reeled silk grown in other countries.

Sixty-one million pounds was the production of silk in the whole world last year. Of this China grew and reeled half, Japan a quarter, and the rest of the world, Asia principally, the rest.

In this country the rearing of silk worms has been a success whenever attempted, but for some reason has never been tried on a large scale. Of the years the government has been conducting experiment to determine the value of domestic reared worms, and the results of these investigations have been embodied in reports.

Kaiser Has a War House. Hoerz, who plans the army headquarters being over the Kaiser's palatial home, in which he sleeps, and the field near the commanding points, has been packed away for another year.

BIG WATERWAY SYSTEM

Three Thousand Six Hundred Miles of River Accounted For.

An old river pilot, in discussing the president's voyage down the river from St. Louis to Memphis, says that very little idea of the western system of waterways can be gained from an short voyage.

The distance from St. Louis to Cairo is 198 miles; from Cairo to Memphis 241 miles, so that the president saw only 439 miles of our western system below St. Louis.

Now, the Ohio river from Pittsburg to Cairo, is 365 miles; the Kanawha is 12 miles; the Tennessee river, from its mouth to Florence, Ala., is 236 miles; the Mississippi, from St. Paul to Cairo, is 926 miles, and from Cairo to New Orleans, just 1,000. The Missouri river from St. Louis to Kansas City, is 186 miles, and above that point is navigable for nearly 2,900 miles more.

Leaving out of the account, however, the upper Missouri, the Minnesota, Illinois, Arkansas, Red River and several others, some of which are navigable for considerable distances, there are in the main streams over 3,600 miles of water course, navigable nearly three-fourths of the year, and of this the president will see only a little more than one-ninth. It is inconceivable that so magnificent a system of water highways should be neglected, and the president's voyage, although it covers so small a part of the entire system, ought to be the beginning of a new era in river transportation.

NEW POISON TEST

Paddy Could Try it On the Cat at Less Expense.

An Irish laborer entered a drug store, and, drawing a paper bag from his pocket, he poured on the counter a number of very sticky and unpalatable-looking candy lozenges.

"Can ye examine them awates?" he asked.

"They look queer. What is the matter with them?"

"Pizen, O'm atinkin'. Did ye ever see such stuff? Dinis Daly give them to me by, and Dinis is no friend of mine."

"Well, I can make an analysis." "All right—O'll come in tomorrow in me way from wurruk."

The Irishman had reached the door, but he suddenly stopped with his hand on the latch.

"And how much will that analysis be costin' me?" he inquired.

"Five dollars," was the answer. "Paddy walked over to the counter, and swept the lozenges into the bag which he replaced in his pocket.

GEN. LEE'S WAR HORSE

Skeleton of Traveler to Be Mounted at Washington and Lee.

Lexington, Va.—The skeleton of Gen. Robert E. Lee's famous war-horse, Traveler, has been mounted and will be set up at Washington and Lee university.

The bones were preserved at Washington and Lee until a few months ago, when they were sent to Rochester, N. Y., to be mounted, the expense to be defrayed by Mr. Joseph Bryan of Richmond.

Traveler was one of the most noted of all the great warhorses of history. He was a fine specimen of the Gray Eagle stock, and was a great favorite with his master. He came into the possession of Gen. Lee early in 1862.

When Gen. Lee came to Lexington in 1865, to accept the presidency of Washington college, he rode Traveler, and the faithful animal was his riding horse until the death of Gen. Lee.

York, Pa.—Three brave hunters from York went to New Salem, effectively laid the wild beast scare in that section, and put the village nature-fakers to shame.

The sporting blood of Dr. M. H. Holtzappel, Councilman G. W. Beck and M. H. Lake was aroused by stories of this creature, which roamed the woodlands, howled about the terror-stricken village had a fondness for chewing and clawing dogs and was tawny and the size of a calf.

Preparation was being made to imitate the famous Israel Putnam act and lower one of their number into the den with a rope about his waist, when a shriek was heard. Out flapped a great barn owl. It lit on the limb of a gum tree and gave a derisive hoot, which was easily identified as the "howl" of the beast.

SIMIAN BURIED IN OCEAN.

Immense Apes Die at Sea and Are Disposed of Sailor Fashion.

Portland, Ore.—Two immense apes, captured in the wilds of Siam, would have been landed at Portland upon the German steamer Arabia of the Portland & Asiatic line arrived from the Orient, had they not contracted pneumonia and died on the voyage.

The apes stood fully five feet high when erect, so the officers of the steamer declare, and they would have made splendid specimens for a zoological garden or circus menagerie.

In Politics for Child Wife. Wheeling, W. Va.—A child wife's ambition is the cause of W. H. Hearne, the millionaire attorney, announcing that he will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of this state.

Know Her Own Mind. Mrs. Perry thoughtfully regarded the package she had just brought in, and then remarked to her husband that she had meant to buy a native brooch, says the Youth's Companion.

REMINGTON'S INDIAN STORY

The Winnebago Reservation Chief Didn't Work Well.

Frederick Remington, the artist author, has had about as strenuous a career as any man that ever touched pen or pencil to paper. He has spent a great deal of time among the Indians in the west.

For some years there had been a Presbyterian mission at the Winnebago reservation in Nebraska, but there were few converts. The mission was a brilliant plan. There were some bucks on the reservation who had been at the Carlisle school, where they had studied singing. He organized a quartet. The bucks liked to show off their hymns. One of them had a yellow dog that always accompanied his master to church.

Excuse me" replied the sexton mildly. "I rather not. The fact is, he is the only convert."—Saturday Evening Post.

AUTOS AT A COYOTE DRIVE

California Hunt Not as Successful as Had Been Hoped For.

A large crowd of San Joaquin county residents assembled at the Bollinger ranch, in the eastern part of the county, and enjoyed a coyote drive which was not as destructive to the people of that district as hoped for, as the animals kept out of sight.

It was with the hope that a large number would be killed that a general invitation was extended to the people to assemble and make a roundup. All kinds of vehicles, from the old fashioned top buggy to the latest in automobiles, were in evidence, and many men appeared on horseback and joined in the chase.

Securing a permanent home for the birds island and remote tracts that are their favorite haunts is a humane and perfectly feasible plan of the Audubon society in this district, recently received a cordial endorsement from President Roosevelt.

Homes for Birds

Correspondence. Swift, alighting in a letter to the frequent instances of a broken correspondence after a long absence, gives the following natural account of the cause.

On Lord Roseberry's Farm. On Sir Dalmeny's estate of 35,000 acres Lord Roseberry himself runs an extensive farm which is obtaining quite an international reputation.

Our Mineral Water. The mineral water produce of the United States during 1906 was 41,519,793 gallons, valued at \$1,274,590.

Not a Disbeliever. "I suppose" remarked the dear girl, "that you do not believe in love at first sight."

Work of Elephants. An elephant works from the age of 12 to 80. He can haul 15 tons, lift half a ton and carry three tons on his back.

In the Banks. The deposits in the savings funds of banks total \$100,000,000.

SEEKS FOR HONEST MAN

He Finds Mrs. O'Bryan's Lost \$100 Package and Mails It

New York—Mrs. Edward O'Bryan of Mount Prospect avenue, Newark, is looking for the person who found her package containing \$100, and several valuable treasures which she had lost.

Mrs. O'Bryan had prepared and addressed the package to be sent to her brother in Scotland last Wednesday, and while en route to the Newark post office she dropped it near the new city hall at Broad and Green streets.

Mrs. O'Bryan valued the contents of the package at about \$1,000, and is determined to locate the person who was honest enough to send it on to its destination.

THREE GEESE ON A SPREE

Ate Some of Beck's Cider Pulp and Were Soon Dead to the World.

York, Pa.—Martin Beck, a farmer of the Conowingo hills, came to town with a neighbor named Beck.

On Beck's farm is a cider press, and it is the custom to throw the pulp into a heap near by. The farmer's geese, discovering the pile, ate the pulp with relish.

Grieving over the loss of three plump geese, yet remembering that feathers were worth something, Mrs. Beck carried them into the house and began to pluck the feathers.

BERLIN HAS PRIZE GARAGE

Tanks in Building Can Hold 12,000 Gallons of Benzine

Berlin—The biggest automobile garage in the world will be the one to be established by the Berlin Omnibus company, which will have tanks holding the unprecedented quantity of 12,000 gallons of benzine.

Snail Is New Yellow Peril. Philadelphia, Pa.—The twentieth ward of this city is overrun at the present time with snails, four inches long, which have become such an annoyance that the residents have appealed to Dr. J. F. Edwards, superintendent of the bureau of health.

Potatoes Made New by Dope. Columbus, O.—The "rejuvenated potato" is the latest form of adulterated food to which State Food Commissioner R. W. Dunlap's attention has been called.

Submarine Smack. Eva (in bathing). No, I can't kiss you now. Mamma told me to kiss you and scrub my forehead if a young man tried to kiss me.

Jack (gloriously)—Then I suppose there isn't much hope. Eva—Oh, cheer up and wait until I die.

Jack—Hah! What is the difference? Eva—Wah, I can't scream under water, you goose!—Chicago Daily News.

WHEN HE ORDERED LEMONADE

Kansas City Residents Were Going to Shoot, Said This Writer.

The other day a man was rummaging through a second hand book store on Twelfth street, when he came across a narrative which was written by a traveling scribe away back in '57.

The author says that after staking out his live stock near the river, he walked into the village to see what he might see. He speedily got acquainted with the editor of the "local paper," and they repaired to a "dainty nook" of hemlock alabs where the editor, with true journalistic courtesy, which age doth not wither nor custom stale, asked the visitor what he would have.

"Don't you know it's as much as your life is worth to ask for such a drink in this town? These men were drawing their guns and were going to wing you when I rushed you out."

COULD USE ANOTHER ONE

His Attention Called to Matter, Inebriate Felt Chilly

J. N. Barr, director general of the Jamestown exposition, said last month of a proposed addition to the exposition's rules.

"I am against this addition. I am sure it would be worthless. In fact, it would be as worthless as the drunkard's request."

"There was you know, a drunken man who threw himself one chilly autumn night, under a car to sleep off his debauch."

Congo Wiles. An ivory dealer uttered a cry of rage. "Done again," he said. "Done out of \$500."

Glass Telegraph Poles. A stock company for the manufacture of glass poles has been organized in this city.

School Teacher a Growing Giant. Green county, Pennsylvania, has produced a prodigy in Stanley Wright, the young school teacher.

Yours Wright is a product of Richhill township, and although only 17 years old, stands six feet seven inches in his best tips, the beam at 145 pounds, and is still growing.

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