### ANTS A PEST IN LOUISIANA

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Still to say, correspondence. which they had with other sections. as the weter has established that the which has been apply a light are devastati ing the a gittation of this state and recommendated thousands of dollars' worth or damage annually are equally as much a jest in other places," says Mr Newell From Portago, from the Madega islands, from South Africa, from California and trom Brazil, their home the damage reported is large. The greatest harm in Louisiana seems to have been done in the orange farms of the lower coast sections. By earing the tender buds of the orange trees they make them almost barren. and after the ants come all sorts of parasitic scale animals which complete the destruction .-- New Orleans Times Democrat.

#### - AROUSED TOO MUCH INTEREST

Why City Woman Preferred Chicken Dinner to Keeping Father's ∴Present as a Pet.

A Massachusetts farmer not long ago sent a large black hen to his married daughter, who lives in Springfield and who wished to keep the present as a pet. Upon the arrival of the fowl it was immediately placed in a coop which chanced to be within sight of the street.

It wasn't long before a neighbor, passing by, said:

"Got a hen, haven't you?" "Yes," said the new owner.

"Nice, black one, isn't it?" Yes.

This neighbor was almost immediately followed by another, who made the customary observation:

"Why you have a hen!" "Yes."

Just one?" "Yes."

"Coal black hen, isn't it?" Yes."

An intermission of a few minutes; then another neighbor. "Well, I do declare, you have a-"

"Mary!" called out the lady of the house. "Kill the hen for dinner!"-Lippincott's Magazine.

# French Birthrate Grows.

France, after all, may not be fail ing. Last year's census of that counstry, where the signs of decadence are . usually believed to reveal themselves in a declining population, shows that in 1908 there was an excess of births over deaths amounting to 46,411. In atwo years prior to 1907 there was an excess of deaths over births. But the excess of births over deaths last year was higher than the average for the preceding ten years. It is noteworthy that for 1908 the number of deaths, was the smallest in 11 years and considerably smaller, of course, than in the average for the preceding ten The highrate then is a recovery. And marriages are the largest in 11 years, five per cent, greater than

the average for the decade. The Good Dinner. The successful housekeeper was

planning a dinner for a few of her husaband's friends. "I must have apple ple and cheese

Ffor dessert," she remarked without a flicker of indecision. But I should think you would want

something more dainty this time of year," suggested the woman who always worried herself sick over a company dinner, "an ice or a frozen pudding

"Oh, but apple pie is my husband's favorite dish. When he has company always serve what he likes best; ithen he thinks his guests have had such a good dinner, and everybody is happy. At least my husband and l are happy, and if the guests aren't no one is the wiser."

G. B. S. on Himself. Like all men. I play many parts: and none of them is more or less real than another. To one audience I am the occupier of a house in Adelphi terrace; to another I am "one of those damned Socialists." A discussion in a club of very young ladies as to wheth er I could be more appropriately described as an old josser or an old geezer ended in the carrying of an amendment in favor of an old bromide I am also a soul of infinite worth. I am, in short, not only what I can imake of myself, which varies greatly from hour to hour and emergency to no-emergency, but what you can see in me George Bernard Shaw in the London Nation, in Reviewing G. K. Chesterton's "George Bernard Shaw."

Playground Ethics. A code of "playground ethics" has ben promulgated by George E. Rose an educator in Rosedale: "Nevet fight; never run; never get licked." If a fellow swats you on one cheek swat him on the other also. Do it cheerfully, good-naturedly, without malice or anger. Anger is the divid ing line between play and hostility Keep on the manly side of this line The hardest knocks on that side are nothing as every hero of the gridiron will attest. Mere looks or words on the other side cut like a kni .-- Kan sas City Star.

# EXTINGT VOLCANO THEIR HOME I

Remarkable Abode and Still More Remursable Industry of People of Saba.

Same in the West Indias, Science of the most extraordinary places in the

The contrast it is control for island. by some willy nothing may than the - man flot an extinct vo. also stacking applied of the sear disease the enderthe only inhabetance of Saba They lave there because there is no when also for them to live, the outthe stopes being nearly as steep as the sits of a house.

The place belongs to Holland, and the people are all Datch Neverthe. they speak English as their rathe tongae. They call their crater. town Bottom, because it is situated on top of a mountain.

Although surrounded on all sides by

the sea, they often spend weeks withour seeing it, for that involves a long climb up to the rim of the crater. Still less frequently do they touch salt water, because to do so they must, in addition, climb downward for a distance of 1,500 feet by a precipitous rock hown path, known as the Ladder. It is, however, in regard to their staple industry that these Dutch peo-

ple who speak English, and who live aloft in a volcano in a summit city! called Bottom, reach the extreme of, topsy-turvydom. One might imagine them making balloons or kites, or, in fact, anything but what they make, which is ships

Not ocean-going liners, of course, but good, serviceable schooners and luggers, whose repute is great all over the Windward islands. The ships, when finished, have to be hauled up to the rim of the grater and then lowered over a precipice into the sea. -Stray Stories.

#### NOTES ABSENCE OF HONESTY

Few Articles Forgotten in Cars Turned in by Passengers, Declares Conductor.

The man in the rabbit hutch was talking

"It's wonderful what a difference the pay-as-you-enter makes with lost articles," he said. "I guess we turn in about one-tenth the stuff we used to pick up in the cars before we were confined to this box. You see, we used to walk through the car for fares. and if there was an umbrella or a grip, or anything of that sort, left in one of the seats, we ran a good chance of seeing it and restoring it to the owner. Now we can't do that. We have to stay here at the rear, and we have hardly any chance at all to pick

up anything left on the car. "But the passengers turn in some of the things they find, don't they?" I

There was a great and sad knowledge of human nature in the conductor's smile.

"Do they? Not much," he said. "Ask the man who has charge of lost articles over at the De Baliviere station. He'll tell you that we handle almost nothing there now, whereas we restored quantities of stuff to the own ers under the pay-when-discovered

My eye but what thieves we are! "Why, I used to pick up an um brella or two on my car every day. and now there is not one handed over to me in seven days," he resumed.

Here, then, is a valid objection to the pay-as-you-enter-one, we have never thought of: It is making all of us thieves!—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Forsakes the World.

Determined to get away from all influences of home, relatives and friends during her novitiate of three years, so as to minimize all probability of her changing her present purpose to devote her life to the church, Bernadette imwalle, the beautiful young daughter of Henry Imwalle, mayor of St. Bernard, left Thursday for Namur, Belgium, where she will enter the convent of Notre Dame.

Her father and mother are heartsick at the thought of losing their only daughter for all time, but, convinced that she would be unhappy if they should try to prevent her from carrying out her resolve they have acquiesced in her determination.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Shelter for Foot Soldiers. In military maneuvers the infantry must do more or less work under cover, and it is frequently essential for, the soldier to work his way along the surface of the ground by creeping or crawling. In order to facilitate this a genius of Stuttgart has invented a device, consisting of wheels, rollers or runners, attached to a frame or to tent poles, knapsacks or other suitable parts of the equipment. The utility of this invention remains to be proved by practical experience, but there can be no question of its novelty and ori-

Mearns Quail a New Game Bird. The comparatively unknown and altogether unhonored relative of the bob white quail is found in the mountains and foothills of western Texas, southern New Mexico and Arizona. As a game bird Mearns quail may not be the equal of bob white in all respects. This can hardly be determined until he has been tried under similar conditions in the east. However, it is probable that he would not encroach upon bob's favorite haunts among the wheat, corn and stubble, but would prove an addition by filling in the out-of-the-way covers along the mountain sides and among the foothills - Recreation.

### BOYICH FEAT WON GENERAL

Exhibition of Courage Determined Youngster's Vo. ton to Ce the Army.

In his "Met. is a harly Year Dr. Gordon Hall was very renember of Gon Charles G. 12 " As now beweb the approximated of the unita-inter cabbrated as a troop of Kkar to the It was not a beginning while! he learned in he saled days Most boys feel a varying amount at that age, but too few of them in later years fulfill its a ma-

or taking bays I may mention i of my boyhood, that there was a bath at Islington calle. Decrees pool, to which in summer too boys of the school were sent to hatbe-

It was a large mass of water, oblong in shape, with a wide promenade There we would spend a whole afternoon, sent there by the authorities when the half-holiday was at hand

There, to excite the wonder and applause of the other boys. I punished myself by taking the longest run to the water's edge that was obtainable within the inclosure, and by leaping somersault-fashion into the air to a great height and reaching the water in a seated posture.

In doing this I indicted on myself a punishment equal to that of being

Being somewhat sheepish at the age of 15. I did not stand very high in the estimation of my uncle, Gen Gordon, while staying with him at Woolwich; but one day he took me down to the Thames to bathe.

There was a platform, probably for the soldiers to jump from into the water. This afforded me a long run, and I resolved on performing my

My uncle was perfectly amazed at it, and often alluded to it with surprise in later years. After this display of my pluck, he was much in favor of my going into the army .-Youth's Companion

# NEEDLESS SACRIFICE OF LIFE

Constant Supply of Pure Milk Will Result in Immense Reduction of Infant Mortality.

.The problem of the milk supply for the babies is one that has to be solved all the year round. The mortality from the gastro-intestinal diseases is heaviest during the summer, but the babies need pure milk quite as much in the winter as in the summer, and the municipalities that fail to insure it for them are virtually aslee, at the switch. The eventual wrecking of countless baby lives is inevitable. The city fathers who make no provision for the supervision of the sources of the milk supply are not only virtually asleep, but reckiessly extravagant. Dr. Goler's estimate is \$500 a month for a city the size of Rochester. Put opposite this amount the economic loss, due to the appalling waste of baby life. It is estimated that 375,000 bables under one year old died in this country last year. Economists put the financial value of each of these bables at \$90, so that the total loss, expressed merely in dollars and cents, amounted to \$33,750,000. And yet physicians say that at least one-half of this waste could have been prevented by the adequate supervision of the sources of the milk supply.

Adders of Great Britains

An adder two feet 41/2 inches in length, killed in Ross-shire, reported recently, is a large one, but by no means a "record." A correspondent of the Scotsman has kept a record of large adders killed in various parts of the country for many years. One sent him near Kendal, Westmoreland, measured 29 inches, and a second (same locality), September 2, 1893, 31 inches. One sent from Beverly, Yorkshire, on July 23, 1898, measured 35 inches, and so far is the largest he has ever heard of in this country. In the Furness district of north Lancashire adders grow to an unusual size, from 25 inches to 30 inches, being apparently the normal development. The correspondent has not a single record of an adder attacking man or beast if not accidentally trod on or wilfully provoked. Adders are most irritable just after recovering from hibernation, and their bites then are perilous.

St. Pierre Still Desolate. "There is absolutely no truth in the report printed recently in a number of American newspapers that St. Pierre. Martinique, is being rebuilt," said Chester W. Martin of the American consular service, stationed at Bridge

town, Barbados, to the Washington Herald. "I visited St. Pierre not long ago," said Mr. Martin, "and the only houses that I saw there were two houses which were put up by the French gov ernment and are used by the gen; darmes. The French government has cleared up and excavated the scene of desolation and laid bare the streets

but there is no intention of rebuilding

so far as I am aware."

British Swindlers in China. The British endeavor to secure mod ifications of the loan regulations to conform to the Kowloon terms, claiming that these are best to insure an honest administration of the railway's finances, has been given a rude shock by the arrest of the British chief ac countant of the Kowloon railway at Canton, charged with heavy embezzle ment. The Chinese are therefore not impressed with the claimed superior ity of the Kowloon terms, and they refuse to consider any change in the Yang-tse regulations.

# MONUMENT FOR HERO'S GRAVE

Feeling That Last Resting Place of Sam Houston Should Not Remain Comarked.

In a quiet nook in the Hantsville commetery repose the remailes of ther Sans Houston, whose mines will ever be linked with the his orygot Texas because of his part offer and alle serv-Ref reindered the state has belowe and after Texas became a grow It is marked by a cheap marble slab bear ing this simple inscription. Gen Sim Honoton, Born Maish 2, 1793, died July 26, 4861.1

The Thirtieth legislature, through the efforts of Senator McDonald Meachem and Col. A. T. M. Kinney senator and representative from that district, made an appropriation of \$10,000 to erect a suitable monument over Gen. Houston's grave, but unless. it has been done very recently no contract has been let for the work, the relatives of Gen. Houston, it is said. being unable to agree upon a suitable design

But what does a monument amount to anyhow? "We live in deeds," not in monuments. Gen. Houston needs no monument to keep his memory fresh in the minds and hearts of Texans. The most imposing monument that could be erected at his grave would crumble into dust before his name and history are forgotten in Texas. But the monument should be there, not for Gen. Houston's sake, but as an evidence of our own appreclation and recognition of patriotic service.-Wills Point (Tex.) Chron-

# ALSO READY WITH A BLUFF

Quick Thought That Probably Saved American from Death at the Hands of Mob.

John Lover, the wild animal expert of the Philadelphia Zoo, was talking

about big game hunting in Uganda. "You must be quick," Mr. Lover ended. 'You must be as quick as a cousin of mine once was in White-

chapei. "It was Jack the Ripper time Do you remember that terrible time? All Whitechapel, all the world, was onedg.

"My cousin, looking for excitement wandered one night through the darkest and dismalest alleys and courts of the Whitechapel slums, and all of a sudden a woman blocked his way.

" Give me your money, all of it." she said, or I'll scream out that you're Jack the Ripper. If this crowd gets at you then-"My cousin was always phenomenal

ly quick. He took the woman's arm n a viselike grip, and he let his eyes blaze to bers.

" 'Madam,' he hissed, 'I am Jack the Ripper. "And with a smothered scream she

turned and fied."

Sparrows Kill Turkeys. English sparrows kill turkeys in Rhode Island, according to Dr. Philip B. Hadley. They convey the "blackhead" disease, whose fatal prevalence among turkeys is threatening the ruin of turkey farming in the state. Dr: Hadley says that poultry, generally game birds, and some wild song birds, have the amoeba or coccidian.

which causes the disease, and so why he lave all the blame to the English sparrow does not quite appear, unless because the little pest has earned so bad a name on other accounts. The British grouse are troubled in a way similar to the turkey. And the seriousness of the case is illustrated by Dr. Hadley in the statement that whereas 30 years ago Block island alone used to send out more than 40,-000 pounds a year, the turkeys now raised there can only be counted by

New Idea in Egg Boiling.

dozens.

Porcelain eggs that are hollow and unscrew make the latest egg boilers. They are of various sizes, according as the breakfaster wants one, two or three eggs. In their usage the cook opens the real egg, drops it's contents into the egg of porcelain, takes it off when it is soft, medium or hard, as required, and serves it in the porcelain that cooked it, set in a little silver

The advantage of this novel eggboiler is that no bad eggs, but only good ones, need be boiled, and the service is achieved in a manner the least troublesome and the most appetizing.

Apropos of Taxes. Apropos of New York's 1909 assess ment rolls, Lawson Purdy, president of the department of taxes, told a reporter a story about Gladstone.

"Gladstone had no great scientific knowledge," he said, "and at a dinner, when Faraday described an important new scientific discovery, the premier showed indifference. "'After all,' he said, hiding a yawn

behind his hand, 'what use will it ever "Why, said Faraday, 'there's every probability, sir, that some day you'll be able to tax it."-Washington Post.

The Dog in the Game. "The boys in our street have a fine time skating," said the woman with a boy of her own. "One of them has a big St. Bernard dog, gentle as a kitten and so playful! This dog chases around the street with them when they get their skates on, pushing them by turn by his head from the rear. until they go sailing half way through the long block without any effort of

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the lodge Perintale Charles G. Bookis of Abolia temple, arrived in the city on the liner Manchatta for the purpose of making arrangements for the local Islam temple, of which William Prock er is potentate, to be present at the ceremonies

The ceremonial session will be held on Saturday morning and afternoon An immense tent will be erected on the edge of the volcano to accommodate the guests. The party, with the candidates, will descend into the piof the volcano, where the reremonies will be held in view of the seething mass of burning lava below

#### PROUD DAMES BROUGHT LOW

Amusing and at Times Painful Collisions That Have Taken Place in Ballrooms.

Quite anpleasant contretemps can occur in a London baffroom, says the Gentlewonian, as witness the adventures of two ladies one evening not long ago: The cotilion was being danced and in one figure the object was to jump through a paper hoop.

This a well-known lady succeeded in doing, only to come violently into collision with another who was prepared to precipitate herself through the other side. At least one black eve and other disagreeable results have followed this inopportune meeting between two fair but overhasty leaders of fashion

Apparently the ballroom is become ing second only to the athletic held It was during the season just closed that no less a personage than Mrs. George Keppel, a favorite with King Edward, came to grief in dancing the cotillion

One of the figures demanded that the lady jump the rope, and in essay ing this return to her somewhat distant girlhood Mrs Keppel had what was described as "a nasty fall," which taid her up for some time

"What impressed me most when I visited New York," says Harry Furniss, the well-known English cartoon/ let, in his Reminiscences" in the Strand, "was the number of chiropodists' advertisements. Ther confronted me everywhere. Huge gilded models of feet outside the chiropodista' establishments, some painted realistically and many adorned with bunions, seemed everywhere before me as I passed through the streets. If I looked up I saw them suspended from the first-floor window, or painted on canvas on the front of a house. If I avoided the shops I was bound to knock up against some gentleman in the gutter encased in a long white waterproof, on which were portrayed the inevitable foot and name and address of the chiropodist."

Father Makes a Plaster. A small child over on Detroit ave-

nue had a cold in the chest. After all had retired the child's mother poked an elbow into the ribs of the child's father and told him she believed he'd better put on his bathrobe and run down to the kitchen and get some lard and place it on a cloth over the little one's chest. The father obeyed, and found the crock of lard on a pantry shelf just as he had bêén told he would. He spread it over some cheesecloth and pinned it to the boy's thest, and the next morning the lad was better. Then the mother discovered something. The lard that the father had brought in wasn't lard at all. It was mashed potatoes. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Cardboard Takes Qualities of Metal. An eighth-inch disk of cardboard revoived on the shaft of an electric motor of highest speed gets stiff, owing to the rotary tension, which makes it behave like metal, and it can no longer be bent. If struck with a hammer a sound emits like that from bronze. It easily saws a cigar box in two, similarly as a disk of soft iron, when rapidly rotated, cuts through heavy armor plate. Centrifugal force does many other strange things Among others, when a small chain is looped around a high-speed rotary drum the chain can be shoved off the drum to the ground, where it bounces up and when struck acts like a ring of solid

France's New Glory. In this conquest of the air France has earned a glory of which nothing can deprive her. After all the foolish talk about French decadence it is refreshing to see the aspiring germs of France soaring triumphant into untraveled heights. Only America contests her supremacy in a domain which she has made her own. France may be proud of what is happening at Betheny. The spectacle is one full of reproach to ourselves, but we do not grudge France her glory. We reloice in her renaissance. She has resumed her role as a pioneer of humanity.-London Chronicle.

TO MEET IN ACTIVE VOLCANO : TRAIN CHILDREN FOR FARM

. Trade Schools Have Beer Found . Good, Why Not Include Teach ing of Agriculture

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While the population of the United States has been steadily a reasing through the usual additions at home and from immigration, the cultivated area of the country is decreasing Thousands of acres formerly raising products that made the food of the country have gone back to pasturage The farmers simply cannot get the men to raise crops

It is by no means a bad idea to teach farming to some of the prospective unskilled laborers. As it is, in the east at any rate, the farmer's boy is apt to see his best chance in learn ing to be some sort of a mechanic Skilled labor is everywhere needed The problem for the boy of 14 or 15 who expects to work with his hands is to give him the skill to work to advantage. To that end the experts in public education now advocate the establishment of trade schools to give a vocational training to children who now leave the public school at 14 Very well, the plan looks good. But please include farming in the voca

# PROPER WAY TO DRIVE NAIL

tions for which training is to be given

and try to make that look better as

compared with the rival employments

-Harpers Weekly.

Expert Carpenter Gives Some Pointers as to This Seemingly Simple Proceeding.

"It takes an apprentice a full year to learn that he does not know this to irive a nail," said an expert carpenter. When once he has realized this !' is only a matter of a few minutes to learn how it should be done. The commonest nastake is the belief that a hard blow with the hammer is more sneet, ve than several little taps, and The learner is inclined to admire the man who drives a nail all the way in with but one blow. This is where he a wrong; four or five blows are much petter than one. The reason is that me hard blow inevitably maken the init rebound, ever so slightly, it is itie, but enough to make it hold less limity than it would if driven in gradually. The hail may be driven almost all the way with one blow, but several lighter taps are necessary to inish the job

"Another thing," continued the old carpenter, "the beginner generally ries to drive his nails as perpendicuarly as possible. This is another error, for a nail driven a little diagonally holds the parts, together much nore firmly than one driven perpenficularly And in driving a nati flagonally it is even more necessary o proceed with gentle taps, for hard plows inevitably displace the surfaces that are to be held together "

Set Sensible Fashion. Queen Alexandra of England is cred ited with having been the means of emancipating English and American children from many foolish and uncomfortable fashions. At the time of her marriage to the heir of the English throne children in fashionable families were rarely seen outside of their nurseries, but when the young Danish princess began to keep her children about her and to have her picture taken holding them in her arms the fashion changed and devoted motherhood became the hallmark of American and English smartness. She also had her sons clothed in comfortable sailor suits and her two daughters, the present queen of Norway and the Princess Victoria, were allowed to wear the loose woolen jerseys which are now so much worn by schoolgiris.

A Miracle of Science.

Aeroplaning is another miracle of practical science—another impossibility shown to be possible-another dream of centuries realized, but realized in a manner which none but this generation could have understood. Will the history of the steam locomotive repeat itself? The actual maximum speed on railways is no higher to-day than it was 60 years ago, though, of course, the train loads are very different. Will it be so with the aeroplane?

The Airship in War.

Defense in warfare usually keeps pace with the attack, and already spe cial artillery is being designed to cope with the airship peril. At the worst an airship could only carry out an annoying exploit. The risk, however, is great enough to make it advisable that the next Hague conference should turn its attention to this subject. Mankind may, perhaps, discover soldarity enough to decide that the last of its great discoveries shall be innocent.

Favors High-Neck Gowns. The duchess of Fife, better known as the princess royal, who is a daugh-

ter of King Edward, has started an is earnest campaign for high-neck eve uning dresses. The duchess has been appearing in court and at the opera in gowns unusually high, and her example is being followed by many womon in London, including Americans.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS

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