

GOVERNMENT BALLOON EXPERT



Photograph of Lieutenant Raymond S. Bamberger, a member of the signal service branch of the United States army, who has been making ascensions, in the vicinity of Washington recently to test the availability of air craft in time of war.

BEE'S STING CURES

One of the Latest Departures in European Medical Science.

Insect Inject Formic Acid That Breaks Down the Poisons in the Blood That Cause the Painful Disease.

London—Bee stings are the latest cura advanced for rheumatism.

The working of the "bee vaccinator," as this invention is termed, was shown at the exhibition of the Surrey Beekeepers' association at the Crystal Palace.

It is an ingenious appliance, secured to a small platform resembling the lid of a box.

The actual operation of vaccination is simplicity itself. The "bee vaccinator" is placed on the affected part of the patient and a knob is pressed down until the bees sting.

"It is one of the newest departures in medical science," a well-known medical man said, "and is still in the experimental stage."

"But for some time past it has been observed that, in a general way, beekeepers certainly enjoy immunity from rheumatism, or, if they have suffered from this complaint, it has disappeared after they have been stung a few times.

FORESTS IN GOOD CONDITION

Chief Forester Clifford Pinchot Declares They Were Never in Better Shape Than Now.

Washington, Oct. 24.—A really important fact that a number of congressmen are discussing is the fact that the forests of the United States are in the best shape since the Civil War.

Speaking in support of his proposal, which will constitute a vast area of forest lands in the west, but principally in Alaska.

When national forests were mentioned Mr. Pinchot's countenance beamed with delight.

Mr. Pinchot declared that the recent trip of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson through the west has had a most admirable effect in fostering the conservation sentiment.

"Yes, I have," he replied, with great emphasis. "I wish to announce that I have come back here to continue my work in conservation and forestry just as I have done in the past."

MUCH WILD GAME IN OREGON

Special Hunters Sent Out by Forest Service Doing Much Good on Sheep and Cattle Ranges.

Portland, Ore.—Reports just received by the Portland office of the forest service indicate that the special hunters sent out on Oregon ranges this spring by the service were doing immense good to the sheep and cattle ranges.

One hunter employed on the Fremont National range, in a report made to the forest service, tells that in the period between March 15 and June 30 he killed 123 coyotes and ten wild cats.

These figures do not near cover the number of animals destroyed, for many of them die in their holes and in heavy undergrowth near the rivers.

It is estimated that a coyote at large in a sheep raising country is responsible for a loss of from \$100 to \$150.

DIAMOND LODGES IN HER EAR

Loss of Gem Causes Philadelphia Woman Many Sleepless Nights and Pain in Her Head.

Philadelphia.—The loss of a stone out of a diamond earring recently resulted in Miss Mary Hunter of 3933 Alfred street experiencing several sleepless nights.

The sleepless nights were easily explained. She was kept awake by her continual worry over the loss of her brilliant. The pain in the head was also reasoned out in that manner, especially by her friends, but as it kept growing worse she applied for relief at the Samaritan hospital.

Oklahoma Airship Landing. Muskogee, Okla.—Believing that in ten years airships will be as common as passenger trains, Amos P. Gibson, president of a company that is building an eight-story building here, has ordered the roof of the building so constructed that a platform can be built later as a landing for airships.

WORK OF THE GENEALOGIST

His Compensation Depends on His Being Able to Get Up a Really Handsome Family Tree.

The principal work of the genealogist is to find out the lineage of those who are living in the present.

"I suppose that shocks you awfully, doesn't it? It belongs to Stella. She will smoke now and then."

The woman took heart. "It doesn't shock me so very much," said she. "I'd like one."

HOW HE SAVED THE CIRCUS

Wonderful Story Put Up by Owner Called Forth High Compliment from Editor.

Willis Cobb the circus man told this story:

Years ago he was traveling through the south with a wagon tent show and the press agent among other glowing accounts of "what's coming" announced a herd of 20 camels from the sandy desert of Arabia.

"I saw your parade," said he, "and you lied to our people. I've a good mind to roast you. Where are your 20 camels you made my paper say you've got in your show?"

"I'll tell you how it was," explained Cobb. "When we passed the swamp on the way here it was full of alligators, and without the slightest warning they leaped upon the bank and devoured all but one of the camels."

The editor gazed at Willis a couple of minutes and then said: "You're a good one. You ought to be a Georgia editor. Come out to my house to dinner to-day. I want to introduce my wife to the biggest liar on earth. She'll be glad to meet you."

Office Femininity.

"Women may flaunt their independence as much as they like," said the observant man, "but they seldom lose their femininity if you take a look at those stenographers and typewriters who nestle about in every downtown office, you will find them between business hours at work on some little thing they would have done if they had been at home."

Wonderful Clocks. Five wheels and a small battery virtually constitute the mechanism of a wonderful clock just invented in England. It will run three years without attention, and at the end of that time all that is required is to attach a new battery.

Another new English clock enables the possessor to ascertain at a glance the mean time, the meridian and relative position of every part of the empire, besides being able to witness the actual speed and direction of the earth's rotation.

Plausible Explanation. The depot of Meridian, Tex., is about a mile from the business part of the town. One night a sleepy, weary traveling man said to the darky who was driving him to the hotel:

Unfortunate New Yorkers. In New York we have become so hardened to eating the strange products of the cold storage vaults that the fresh foods of our childhood would probably seem unpalatable.

Willie to Say Good-By. "I pay as I go," declared the loud-mouthed person.

"No doubt you do," answered the quiet man, "but I'd rather see the style of your departure than the color of your money."

THE MODERN GIRL AT HOME

Beauty and Beauty, and All That, But Their Ways Would Shock Their Grandmothers.

The modern girl had a wonderful time on her day's excursion. She went to the opera and to the ballet and to the concert and to the lecture and to the lecture and to the lecture.

"I suppose that shocks you awfully, doesn't it? It belongs to Stella. She will smoke now and then."

Stella hastened to find the box of cigarettes.

UNCERTAIN WHAT WAS WRONG

Nervous Man Worried Whether the Clock's Works or His Own Required Attention.

A nervous little man stepped briskly into a jewelry store with a medium-sized clock under his wing.

The jeweler listened. There's nothing wrong," he replied with a grin, after the clock had struck except that she strikes thirteen instead of twelve. That can easily be remedied."

"That's just what I've always thought ever since we've had the clock," he burst forth. "I've always felt sure it struck thirteen. But no one else in the family ever spoke of it, and I was afraid to say anything about it for fear there was something wrong with my own works. Well, it's worth the price of having the thing repaired just to find out I was right."

"Bread" and "Pigeon" Seed.

School children in the crowded parts of New York do not speak of corn and oats and wheat by those names, but always refer to them as "seeds."

The Blot on His Past. "Haven't you anything to confess to me before it is too late?" she asked.

East Orange, N. J.—In a residence section alive with dogs of all breeds, in which a fox terrier is the best example of the canine with human proclivities, Foxy, the pet of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Norris, has won the palm simply by contracting whooping cough.

DOG WHOOPS LIKE A CHILD

Canine While Playing with Youngsters Contracts Whooping Cough—Be Given Change of Air.

Nineteenth Child Born to Couple. Richmond, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. John Lipscomb are the parents of a new baby. The infant was lusty, crowing, bald and like nearly every other newborn except for the fact that he is the nineteenth child of these fond parents.

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WHO PAYS FOR MILK AT SEA

Owner of Cows Thinks Steamship Company Should Reimburse Him for Product Enjoyed by Crew.

Seattle, Wash.—A puzzling milk problem has been presented to steamship owners here. The cows gave milk while they were aboard the steamer, they were milked punctually each day and the milk was used by the crew. These facts are admitted, but now the question is, who is to pay the owners of the cows?

This is the knotty problem which has been put up to Albert Schubach, president of the Schubach-Hamilton Steamship Company. Mr. Schubach says this claim is the most absurd of the thousands which big steamship companies receive annually.

John Kehoe of Tanana is the claimant, and he declares that unless the company pays for the milk used by the members of the steamer Mackinac's crew he will seek legal redress.

When the steamer left Seattle in June Kehoe shipped four fine cows to St. Michael. The Mackinac was 18 days en route, having spent several days ashore on the Yukon flats. The cows gave their milk each day, and it helped to elaborate the bill of fare. Now Kehoe wants pay for five gallons of milk a day for 80 days—total, 90 gallons.

He wants to be buried in only one cemetery when he dies, he says. He made the discovery that he was officially dead and unofficially alive many years ago, but all sorts of red tape have so far blocked his efforts to have his name removed from the tombstone.

HATES TO READ HIS EPITAPH

Lively Old Civil War Veteran Wants It Removed from Too Previous Headstone.

Towanda, Pa.—George H. Richards, an old civil war veteran of this town, whose name by some mistake was placed, with his regiment, company and rank, on one of the tombstones erected over the soldier lead in the cemetery at Gettysburg, the other day began an effort to have his name removed.

He is now anxious to have this done without further delay, as he is old, and does not expect to live a great many years longer.

Returns Libby Prison Key.

Sunbury, Pa.—Foster and Walter Jarrett have decided to return the original key unlocking the main door of Libby prison, Richmond, to the Confederate Memorial museum of Richmond, at which place the original door of the prison is on display.

Gems in Bird's Nest. New York.—A bird's nest in a tree felled on James C. Brinker's farm at Jacksonville, N. J., has been found to contain Mrs. Brinker's engagement ring, which disappeared 15 years ago, and ten other rings, stickpins and brooches. Brinker's first love letter to his wife when he was courting her had been made a part of the nest.

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