# WAR ON WHISKERS

Declared as Nesting and Breeding Place for Disease Germs.

Senator of Kansas Says State Has Suffered Greatly from Popular Impression It Is a Sort of Home for Galways.

Topeka, Kan. If Dr. Crumbine of the Kansas state board of health succeeds in his new reform of cutting off the whiskers which have made a certain brand of politics famous in this state, thousands of people will rise up and call him blessed. Dr. Crambine, in the interest of public health, declares that the long, un kempt beards, which grew luxuriantly upon the faces of some of the men of Kansas, are nothing short of a nesting and breeding place for germs.

Kansas has been getting away from the whisker habit, until now only a few of the older men wear long beards The young men of the state have learned that a whiskered face is tabooed in good society, and few there are that are displayed in the ballroom, the reception parlor or their theater. It is the middle-aged and old men who still cling to the hirsate appendage, and these constitute the class which Dr. Crumbine is trying to reach in the interest of the public health

The health board secretary, after an exhaustive investigation, says a heavy growth of whiskers is the natural hiding place for germs and the primary cause of many of the infectious diseases which baffle the skill of the medical fraternity. A man with a thick, heavy growth of whiskers under the chin. Dr Crumbine says, rate-Is ever permits water, much less soap, to find its way to the skin, thus carrying around with him constantly a veritable nest of germs sufficient to infect a whole neighborhood.

Not a few men who believe in the whisker as a facial adornment have written to Dr. Crumbine to protest against the liberty be takes in seeking to cut and curtail Kansas beards, but mevertheless, the general public is with the doctor in this latest crusade. as the letters which pour into his office every week amply testify.

State Senator Brady of Lawrence, who has long fought whiskers, is one of Dr. Crumbine's stanch supporters. He says: "In the days of Papulism, Kansas acquired a reputation that has done the state incalculable harm. In the east there is a general belief that the whiskers in this state obscure the wun, and no cartoonist would think of picturing a Kansas farmer without adorning his chin with a beard akin to that worn by a Russian nihilist. "The man who runs largely to whiskers is generally considered incapable of producing anything else, and is smore or less of a joke. Hence the popular impression that Kansas is a sort of perennial harvest home for galways has done the state serious

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"An official ukase against sidebeards and hangdowns from Dr. Crumbine will do much to advertise the true sentiment of Kansas, which is analterably opposed to superfluous whiskers. The Kansan who wants an object lesson in long whiskers should make a trip through certain sections of Missouri and Arkansas. There he ill find more germ protecting beards in an hour than he will see in Kanmas in a week. The fact is that lilacswhiskers are so rare in Kansas that iwhen a stranger comes into a town wearing a large bunch of them he is a

## BOY BUILDS BIG TELESCOPE

Studious Wiscensin Lad Gains Fame 🔆 🚈 Among Astronomers and Scie entists by Work.

Madison, Wis -John E. Mellish, the Cottage Grove boy, whose amateur astronomical observations with a small six-inch telescope of his own munufacture resulted in the discovery lof a new comet which bears his name, has just completed a new telescope with a 161/2-inch least which is the same size and of the same power as that in the Washburn observatory at

the University of Wiscousin. 3 Such an instrument would cost 32,400 if purchased from the manufacturers, but by laboriously grinding his own lenses by hand and building the entire structure of the machine minself, young Mellish spent only \$50 for materials. He is preparing to sendy the Halley const with his new

Mellish intends to make astronomy his profession, but will not give up the making of instruments. His discovery of the Meliish comet two years see brought him medals from the as-Tronomical societies of America and

Dream Foretells Death.

8t. Johnsbury, Vt. L. E. Hull, aged 55, a veterau carriage maker, was found dead in hed by his wife. He shad been in poor bealth and recently in mold out his business. Early that morning his wife dreamed he was dead, and upon going to his room found him lifeless. The cause was heart disease

Sentenced for Kissing. Berlin Convicted of sealing a kins from a young woman, a peasant at Montrephin has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment. A university ferudent at Marburg has been flaed \$100 for a similar offense.

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## SHE HAS 409 DESCENDANTS

Aged New York Woman, Married at Age of Nine, Is Modern Mother of a Big Nation.

New York -- In a comfortable apartment on the second floor of 1655 Levagton avenue, a woman, so weighted with years that age now deals gently in leaving its imprints, spent the ther day in devotional application. She is Mrs Shaine Rachel Rosenthal. mother of 20 children, grandmother of more than 150, great-grandmother of perhaps two score and great-greatgrandmother of three or four.

In the absence of proof to the con trary she claims to have more descendants than any woman living to gay. The last census made by members of her family gives 400 as the number of Mrs. Rosenthal's descendants

Mrs Rosenthal cannot be prevailed upon to tell her age, and her children have no records to establish it ac curately. When she arrived in New York eight years ago she confessed to 98 years to the Ellis island author ities. Family tradition has it that she is 109.

Mrs. Rosenthal's oldest surviving child is Mrs. Pashei Hersh Bear, aged \$5, who lives in Warsaw, Russia. The oldest child living in this country is Mrs Sarah Ester Rosenfeld, aged 70, 123 Second street.

Mrs. Rosenthal was born, married, and lived most of her life in Betoke Russian Poland, where her husband! died nine years ago at the age of 102. He left to his widow a large farm on the outskirts of the village where the children were reared. She sold this and divided the proceeds among the less prosperous members of her family, those in this country being amply able and willing to provide for her last days.

Mrs. Rosenthal was married when nine years old and when her husband was 12, the wedding being celebrated on the feast of Purim, 100 years ago. The early marriage was solemnized in order that the boy husband might escape compulsory service in the army. It was during the reign of Nicholas I, when for ten years there existed a law by which the sons of Jewish parents were taken when children and reared for the army. This law did not obtain in the case of a married boy, and Caiman Bear Rosenthal took a child bear to escape it. Three years later he provided a home for his bride and she was 13 years of age when her first child was born

### ONE-ARMED MUSICAL GENIUS

Paderewski Discovers Wisconsin Boy "Who Can Play Classics with Five Fingers.

La Crosse, Wis,-In Donald John son, a Centerville lad born with one arm, Paderewski, the celebrated pianist, believes he has found a genius who will become world-famed.

Monday the lad leaves for New York and Switzerland, where he will be educated musically at the expense of Paderewski.

Through the kindness and strategy of the wife of the pianist was the lad's talent brought to Paderewski's attention. It transpires that when Paderewski played here the boy went to the theater and tried to secure an audience with the master Paderewski was in an ill buttor and turned him off. Struck by the crestfallen appearance of the boy, the planist's wife called him back and asked him to ap-

pear at their private car. Paderewski was displeased when the boy appeared, but consented to hear him. So impressed was the pianist that he jumped to his feat in surprise He declared he knew only one other in the world who could play classics

with one hand The Johnson boy thought he had been forgetten until a letter came the other day from Paderewski from Switzerland. The letter contained funds and plans for the boy's musical edu-

# LIMBURGER IS CANCER CURE

Application of Cheese Part of Treatment Discovered by a Colorado Chemist—Similar to Leprosy.

Denver, Col.—Limburger cheese is the principal ingredient of a cancer cure announced by Phillp Schuch, Jr., chemist. After the death of his mother 11 years ago from cancer Schuch began an investigation of the cause and growth of cancer. He asserts he discovered that the basicy germs of cancer are similar to those of leprosy and consumption. His cure consists of a thorough cleansing of the affected parts with liquor of quicklime and fresh aweet milk, in equal parts. and the application of positices of pulped fresh Swiss or limburger cheese, moistened with glycerin Schuch says that theoretically the formula should cure mild cases of lep-

Darby, Pa. His action in leaning over to tie his shoe lace saved the life of Walter Halisbury while he was working out a blast in Squire Har-

rison's quarry. As Salisbury was working below an overhanging bowlder weighing about 400 pounds it became loosened and

crashed down toward him By a remarkable streak of good fortune, just at the time that the huge rock began to fall. Salishury's shoe lace became loosened, and he leaned over to the it when the rock crashed over the place where his head had been only a moment before. He was slightly injured otherwise, however.

### NO INTEREST IN BULLFIGHTS

Mexican Sport Rapidly Losing Favor -Immigration Problem-Reports of Slavery Denied.

Chicago .-- The popularity of the bullfight has decreased in Mexico to such an extent that it has been replaced In the favor of the better classes by grand opera and drama, according to Senor Balbino Davaios, Mexico's charge d'affaires at Washington, who came to Chicago to address the Association of Commerce at the annual banquet.

"To foreign capital," he remarked, "we owe much of our recent advancement, and also to the great peace which has reigned over the land for so many years. The bullfights are slowly dying out and to-day only the people of the lower classes attend them to any extent. Whether they will ever cease completely is hard to say, but they are no longer the most important entertainment of the people of Mexico. We now have high-class opera and drama, made possible through the efforts of the government, which helps to get foreign companies to bring their best operaand drama to the theater in the City of Mexico. The admission price is made low enough so that even the poor people may attend."

The crying need in Mexico, said Senor Davalos, in the right kind of immigration.

"We need good agricultural laborers especially. The resources of the country in the agricultural line are as many and as good as have been pictured and described. The idea that slavery exists in any of the states is not true. Some of the workers of the lower classes may seem to be under.

slavery in Yucatan, but they are not "Of course, the greatest event of late has been the meeting of the two presidents, Taft and Diaz. That meeting has a great significance to the people of Mexico and also to the Central and South American republics. Several ministers in Washington bave expressed to me their gratification over the affair."

### VALET TELLS OF MEREDITH

Novelist's Only Luxuries, He Says, Were Good Wine and Cigars-\_\_\_\_Interesting Sidelights.

London -- Interesting sidelights are thrown on the late George Meredith's mode of working in an interview with Frank Cole, the novelist's favorite valet, published in the London Press.

"Sometimes in the early days of my 30 years' service at Boxhill," says Cole, "my master worked all day, but on other days he did little or nothing. He never seemed to care about his own comfort and slept all the year round in the little chalet in his gar

"His only luxuries were good wine and cigars. He was a splendid judge of both and was delighted at the occasional acquisition of an extra-preclous vintage. He was keenly interested in politics and shortly before his death said that the suffragettes had ruined their cause by their violeat methods."

Cole was Meredith's handy man and accompanied the novelist on his daily walks, later conducting his bath chair and donkey chaise and chatting with him freely. Though he has sold a handful of manuscripts to J. Pierpont Morgan for \$4,000, he possesses the dinfng table, a set of novels and other relics of his master.

# FARM IN MOVING PICTURES

United States Department of Agriculture Secures Thousands of Feet of Films.

libaca, N. Y .-- in connection with the New York state department of agriculture, the United States department of agriculture is arranging to give a series of moving-picture demonstrations of how to conduct a poultry

Officials at the college said that during the past week L. S. Williams of Washington had been taking several thousand feet of alms at the poultry farm and that if the experiment was a success he would return to get a complete pictorial account of the

work that is being done here. Moving pictures were taken of the poultry course adudents at work at the various poultry houses, feeders, incubators and marhines, and a panorams of the entire college poultry 'arm, with its thousands of fowls of

all kinds, was made. It is believed that they will be of \*special educational value at county and state fairs.

Mint Lincoln Pennies. Philadelphia. So great has been the demand for the new Lincoln pennies that nothing else has been coined at the mint since the end of June. The coinage to date totals 70,000,000 cents, equal to the average annual output of the common penny. It is believed the tancoln penny will soon supersede the old Indian head type, as increasing numbers of the latter are being returned to the mint for recoinage as Lincoln cents.

Maid Gets Money and Grave. New York .- In her will, just filed, Mrs. Jospehine Floyd Jones, who was a member of one of the oldest families on Long Island, left \$10,000 and her personal wardrobe to her faithful servant, Hannah Davenport. The will also gave the servant a grave in the family burial plot. A veteran man servant is left \$2,000. The will disposes of an estate valued at \$1,216,-200, mostly to the children of Mrs. Floyd Jones.

### FISH DROPPED FROM CLOUDS

Originally Carried Aloft in Water spout is Simple Explanation of Occurrence.

On Friday last a number of townspeople taking a walk on the slopes of Knockscalbert hill were surprised to see on the grass near Summerhill a large number of very small fishes, varying in length from 1 12 to 2 inches. The fish appeared to be the young of the herring

In August, 1904, a shower of herring fry was experienced at the head of Longrow, but there was no doubt as to whence the miniature fish had come, for they fell from above on the hats and clothing of several men, and at the time a small black cloud of remarkable density was directly overhead

The phenomenon of fish falling from the clouds is of more common occur rence than is generally supposed. It is undoubtedly due to some small fry of fishes having been lifted from the water and carried over dry land by what is popularly known as a waterspout.

Many cases are reported from abroad, and they are common in In dia. Last year Caithness reported a shower of small fishes, which were identified as herring fry, and there was also a similar occurrence in Rosshire

Progs, insects and other living creatures have also been known to be thus transported through the air.-Campbelltown Courier.

#### GIRL NOT A NATURE STUDENT

She Meant Well, but Evidently Had a Lot to Learn About Care of Birds.

She was not a nature student, and when she saw a sparrow on the side walk, evidently too young to fly and too badly frightened even to hop, she dld not know exactly what to do for it. She did not know how it had got there, where its parents were or what relief measures would be advisable All she could do, in her perplexity, was to keep the group of boys who had gathered around it from harming it and see if any of them could suggest a course of action, for she was well aware that in these days of paregre study the veriest infant knows more about birds and their like than many an elder person.

Presently a big boy pushed through the group, looked at the bird kindly. then stopped and took it up. She was much relieved. "Will you take care of it?" she asked him. "Sure!" he responded, with inelegant emphasis. She was auxious that it should have the best of care, so she helpfully sugfully, "Better give it a little milk."

The boy stared. Then he grinned Then he yelled. "Milk!" he roared "Milk! ha! milk!" Then he streaked up the street, carrying the bird carefully in his hands and derisively ejaculating, "Milk!"

Her face flushed as she went on her way, and she was heard to murmur to herself, "Now, I wonder why he laughed? Very unmannerly, I'm

Dangerous Rubber Bands. Elastic bands are taboo in a certain large office in New York city, and employes are requested to dispense with the rubbers altrigether of to keep

them with great circumspection The reason for the precaution is that the bands are known to be hardly less slippery than the dreaded banana peel, with the same propensity for causing severe falls, especially in conjunction with the oiled wood floors of modern buildings.

A valued woman employe of the office in question had a severe fall owing to one of these mischief makers, which resulted in an injury to hips and spine which has incapacitated her for all active work for some time to come, if, indeed, it does not prove permanently crippling

The Fighting Parson.

When the great-grandfather of the preent Duke of Norfolk was engaged in any of his election earing contests he was always attended by his chaplain, an athletic man and one who had made such good use of his hands on several occasions that he acquired the name of "The Fighting Parson." Mr. Dauncey, an eminent colinsel, having once to examine him as a witness during a trial, asked "whether he was not the gentleman called "The Fighting Parson." "I believe ! am, sir," the divine replied; "but if you require any more positive proof and will do me the favor to step out of court, I will give it to you under my own hand." No further evidence was taken. Baily's Magazine.

Why England Has No Files. The proof is that it has been done Speaking rashly, there are no flies in England; at least, there are so few that the inhabitants do not think it worth while to screen their dwellings. The reason is the simplest—the tight little island is kept clean. Fifty years ago files were a nuisance in England; though not the plague they are here. for no other really civilized country was ever quite so dirty as the ['nited States of America. This nuisance is protty completely abated. In 50 years England has been swept and garnished, and the flies have starved .---Mc('lure's.

Her Last Word.

Him-You're wrong, and I've proved that non were wrong. But only a fool would argue with a woman. Her-That's what I've been thinking --Cleveland Leader

# ANTS A PEST IN LOUISIANA

Orange Crop Threatened with Destruction, According to a Lend ing State Authority.

Warfare of a most strenuous character will have to be undertaken against the ant pest in Louisiana within the next few years if the orange crop is to continue. This is the opinion of Wilmon, H. Newell, secretary of the State Crop Pest commission

"Strange to say, correspondence, which I have had with other sections. of the world has established that the same kind of ants which are devastating the vegitation of this state and causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage annually are equally as much a pest in other places," says Mr. Newell, "From Portugal, from the Ma deira islands, from South Africa, from California and from 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 ear ing the tender bads of the orange trees they make them almost barren, and after the ants come all sorts of parasitie 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 at?"

"Yes This neighbor was almost immediately followed by another who made the customary observation

"Why, you have a hen" Yes

"Just one"."

\_\_\_ Yes. MCoal black hen, isn't at?"

"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!"-Lippin ott's Magazine

French Birthrate Grows. France, after all, may not be failing last year's census of that country, where the signs of decadence are usually believed to reveal themselves in a declining population, shows that in 1998 there was an excess of births over deaths amounting to 46,411. In two years prior to 1907 there was an excess of deaths over births. But the excess of births over deaths last year Iwas 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 years. The birthrate, then, is a recovery. And marriages are the largest in 31 years, nve per cent, greater than

The Good Dinner. The successful housekeeper was planning a dinner for a few of her hus-

the average for the decade

band's friends. "I must have apple pie and cheese for 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 pud

ding." "Oh, but apple pie is my busband's favorite dish. When he has company I always serve what he likes best; then he thinks his guests have had such a good dinner, and everybody is happy. At least my husband and I 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 de scribed 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 ! am, in short, not only what I can make of myself, which varies greatly from hour to hour and emergency te 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

hen promulgated by George E. Rose an educator in Rosedale: "Never fight; never run; never get licked." if a fellow awats you on one cheek swat him on the other also. Do it cheerfully, good-naturedly, without malice or anger. Anger is the dividing line between play and hostility Rose 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 knife -Kan sas City Star.

## EXTINCT VOLCANO THEIR HOME

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

Saba, in the West Indies is one of the most extraordinary places in the

By courtesy it is called an island, but it is really nothing more than the summit of an extinct volcano sticking up out of the sea. Inside the crater live the only inhabitants of Saba They live there because there is no where else for them to live, the out side slopes being nearly as steep as

the sides of a house. The place belongs to Holland, and the people are all Dutch. Reverthe less, they speak English as their na tive tongue. 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 with out 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 hewn path, known as the Ladder It is, however, in regard to their

staple industry that these Dutch people 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, infact, 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 crater and then lowered over a precipice into the sea -Stray Stories

### NOTES ABSENCE OF HONESTY

Few Articles Forgotten in Care Turned in by Passengers, De-

clares Conductor. The man in the rabbit butch was

talking "It's wonderful what a difference the pay is vomenter makes with lost articles," he said | I gue as 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 unibrella 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 conduc-

tor's shule

"Do they? Not much," he the man who has change of lost ar ticles over at the De Baliviere station He'il tell you that we handle almost nothing there now, whereas we restored quantities of stuff to the own ers under the pay-when-discovered system

My eye but what thieves we are' "Why, I need to pick up an umbrella or two on my car every day: nd 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 ber changing her present purpose to devote her life to the church, Bernadette imwalle, the beautiful young laughter 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 beart sick at the thought of losing their only daughter for all time, but, comvinced 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 cov er, and it is frequently resential 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 test 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 originality.

-Mearns Queil a New Game Bird. The comparatively unknown and al together unhonored relative of the bob white quali is found in the moustains and foothills of western Texas, southern New Mexico and Arisona. 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 encreach upon bob's favorite haunta 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.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS Annales in Louisians of Case tone lost Etate du Bade file publique done las exameros des avantaces l'expositionnels. Prix de l'absent any fair Panell il Billia Contidionne 212.5.