ISLAND OF FELINES

Dealers Make Rich Profit on 15
Acres of Cats.

Every Evening Tabbies and Toms Are Treated to Big Fish Dinner—Supply Demand for Inexpensive Fur for Medium-Priced Muffs.

Seattle, Wash.—There is an island in Puget sound of about 15 acres, the menter of which is a dense forest of fir. hemiock and cedar. Underbrush, wines and ferns have intergrown amid the trunks of the trees until the whole seems as impassable to human traffic as a jungle. The shore line is a mixture of gigantic rocks and stretchese of sandy beach. No man would shoose to live on the island, but nevertheless it is the means of earning a big income for six men who are promfuent in the fur trade of the Pacific

roast.

The island has been used as a cat farm. It is so thick with cats that the rocks appear from the decks of passing steamers to be literally covered with the feline quadrupeds. They are of all ages, colors and sizes. Passengers like to have the captain pull the boat close to shore that they may see the cats rolling, leaping and playing on the rocks, beach or on the trunks of fallen trees.

There are thousands of cats on this Cat island and they are the source of great profit to their owners, who sell their fur that women may have muffs. Every evening a boatload of men land on the south shore of the island. About dusk they unload sein a quarter of a mile long. They fasten one end to the rocky shore and take the other end in their boat, making a great semicircle, the radius of which is the extreme length of the sein. When the boat reaches shore farther to the west the net appears to be dragging a heavy load of fish. The men pull until the net empties its load of hundreds and hundreds of pounds of many kinds of fish upon the beach. Then they wash the sein, load it into their boats and pull away for their homes. The next morning the fish have dis-

appeared. The cats have devoured them.

There is a growing demand for insupervised muffs and furs and the fish-fed cats have proven a source of extraor-

dinary profit to their owners. Not only on this island, but on other islands has the industry sprung up, and on the extreme western coast of the state the rocky islands are maintaining their cat farms. Some mea also breed fexes, otters and other fur-bearing animals.

It has been found that cats fed on

gsh possess a very beautiful glossy fur with longer hair than that of the domesticated cats.

Every year there is a great round-up and several thousands of cats lose

their lives.

SQUIRREL STOPS STREET CAR

Peaky Little Varmint Gets in Road and Only Saved by Kind-Hearted Man at Lever.

Cincinnati, O.—The early car on the Madison road line was bowling along Madison road the other morning. The gassengers, men and women, whose work calls them out in the early morning, were chatting, or reading -their papers. Suddenly there was a grinding of wheels, sparks flew from the steel tracks and the car was y schecked with a ohug that shook up the passengers. It was west of Wold avenue and had been brought down to a slow roll when the passengers Booked out to see what was wrong. They could see nothing but a clear track. Si Davis, the motorman, known to all the passengers, explained the gause of the sudden slowing down, when these words floated from the vestibule: "If you don't keep out of my road, you pesky varmint, I will get you sure. This is the third time you did that, and if you try it again I am going to roll over you and flatten you out like a pin."

"What's the matter, Si?" asked sev-

"Oh, there is a gray squirrel that for the last three mornings has been running across the track just as I come along. I almost got him this miorning, but I slowed up in time."

He's a cute little fellow."

Perched in the grass on the Evans have was the squirrel, and if there is such a thing as a squirrel laughing, then this one was doing a large laugh-

Ing atunt.

Teacher Fifty-One Years.
Norfelk, Va.—After fifty-one years as a teacher in the Charlotte street public school, Mrs. Mary H. Hodges has tendered her resignation. During her long service Mrs. Hodges was absent only six times, and on one occasion taught school with one of her arms broken and in a sling.

She was eighteen when she began seaching in 1858, and when her resignation was read before the city school beard Superintendent Dobile stated that she was one of the best teachers in the eatire system.

Preduces Lake of Oil.

San Antonio, Texas.—According to a statement issued by the Texas Cotton Beed Crushers' association, Texas met year produced \$2,000,000 gallons of settonseed oil. Of this quantity about unarisurth was consumed in the state, while the balance went to other mar-

WEEPS FOR BROKEN VIOLIN !

Child Prodigy Leaves Audience After
Ovation With Breaking Heart
Over Accident.

St. Louis.—Although she scored a triumph before the Orpheus club in in East St. Louis at its concert at the Broadway theater, Miss Mary McCausland, the fifteen-year-old St. Louis violin prodigy, left the theater with a broken heart. Her beloved violin, which she carried in its case under her arm, was broken and she is fearful that its wonderful tenes may never

Just as she was leaving the stage after her final number, bowing and smiling in response to the enthusiastic applause that greeted her, she stumbled over a platform that had been used by the leader of the chorus

and fell headlong.

She sprained her back and her left arm in the fall, but she did not think of that. She recovered composure quickly and smiled to the audience to assure them that she wasn't hurt, and then leoked down at her instrument.

then looked down at her instrument.

Miss McCausland picked it up tenderly and carried it off the stage, with difficulty holding back her tears.

The audience had not understood that the violin was broken, but a gesture by the girl told them and silence fell.

The instrument is a Lupot and is valued at \$1,200. It is 113 years old. She purchased it last winter and still is devoting the money from her concerts to finish paying for it.

NOVEL SUBMARINE WITH FINS

New English Invention Can Raise or Sink When Not Under Way— Electricity Controls.

London.—British naval authorities the other day examined a new submarine, invented by H. Middleton, which will sink or rise in the water at will without forward or backward motion.

The new vessel is provided with two "fins" on each side, as well as a propeller. The propeller shaft can be turned at an angle, directing the boat to port or starboard, thus doing away with the rudder. The "fins" are curved fiexible metal plates, and, like the propelier, are driven by electric motors running from accumulators. These "fins" are able to propel the boat by their motion, making the vessel look like some large fish swimming gracefully. By bending the "fine" into the correct position the boat goes under and travels at any depth below the surface of the water. There is no "porpoise" motion, as in so many submarines when running under water,

The most interesting feature of the boat is its ability to "sink or swim." The model was leaded with weights and sank to the bottom of the shallow pools where it was shown off; then the "fins" were set in correct position for rising, and in a few seconds the submarine had come direct to the surface of the water. By working the "fins" at a different angle the recessions like a stone. The whole of the movements were governed by electricity

\$600 FOR BUNCH OF ROSES

Nantwich Sheemaker's Kindness 12
Years Age Unexpectedly ReSwarded by Legacy:

London.—A Nantwich shoemaker.
George Robinson, has had an unexpected windfall, which is a sequel to an incident that occurred 12 years ago, Robinson, then a journeyman shoemaker, met just outside Nantwich an invalid woman and nurse. He was carrying a bunch of roses, and the woman remarked as he passed, "What lovely roses."

He turned immediately and asked, "Would you like some, madam?" The lady said she would be very grateful, and added that she wanted some roses to put on her mother's grave. Robinson handed her the resea, and at her request gave her his address.

During the week-end a Liandudno solicitor visited Nantwich and told Robinson that Miss Parramour, of Craig-y-Don, Liandudno, had died, and by her will left him \$600.

CAT TAKES HEALTH YOYAGE

English \$600 Prize Winner Will Take Small Family Back on Return Trip.

New York.—Among the passengers arriving on the royal mail steam packet Oruba from the West Indies was a pedigree black and white Persian cat called Floesie, owned by Sir Archibald Baker of London. The cat was put on board the Oruba at Southampton to make the voyage for its health. This was by order of a cat specialist who had been consulted by Sir Archibald when his pet's spirits seemed to

be rather low.

Flossie appeared to pine for three or four days after leaving port and on the fifth day gave birth to three beautiful kittens, two black and one gray, which are being cared for by the ship's stewardees. The mother won 100 guiness (\$600) prise at the Vauxhall cat show last summer.

Bear Surveys Engine.

Altoons, Ps.—A large black bear was seen by James Krause, employed in the Pennsylvania yards here, and by other railroaders, meandering along the edge of the woods close to the tracks the other day. Bruin did not seem to be afraid of the enorting horses and after a survey slowly retired to the mountains again.

BUILDING IN GOTHAM

Skyscrapers Torn Down to Make Room for Lottier Ones.

Notable Example is Willingness of Owners to Wreck Nineteen-Story Gillender Building, Together With Structure Adjoining.

New York .- Fifth avenue supplies a notable example of the slowness with which public work proceeds here, as elsewhere. The new public library, which fills the plot from Fortleth to Forty-second street, and which has been building during the last 12 years at a cost of \$8,000,000 or more, is not finished, although huge structures for private owners are erected. in New York more rapidly than any where else in the world. Looking at the public library pile, a beautiful gray structure, one is reminded of the leisurely manner in which the San Francisco postoffice was built. Several months ago the completion of the library was mistakenly set for May 1. It may be opened a year hence.

An episode attending the transformation of Fifth avenue from a residence street into a lively business thoroughfare is the tearing down of two four-story houses at the corner of Thirty-seventh street, which had been among the city's best mansions half a century ago, to avoid payment of further taxes on them. On account of the change in the character of the avenue the houses had become undesirable as residences, and were unoccupied, and as they brought in no revenue the tax saving in this heavily taxed city was deemend worth while. The land is held for business purposes, and an offer of \$1,600,000 for the 74 feet frontage was refused some time ago. The imposing mansions of the Vanderbilts and their relatives on Fifth avenue, each worth a big fortune, are now surrounded by marts of trade, and are seldom occupied. Across the street from the lordly residences of the head of the Vanderbilt family has been reared an apartment house, on which hangs the sign "Housekeep-

ing Apartments to Let." Often in New York large buildings have been torn down to make way for taller edifices. The most notable example of the willingness of New Yorkers to destroy in order to rebuild is afforded at present in the downtown financial district, where the 19-story Gillender building, at the corner of Nassau and Wall streets, which was erected between 12 and 13 years ago at a cost of \$500,000, is being demolished, together with an eight-story building adjoining it, so that on the site of these two structures the Bankers' Trust company may put up a 39is estimated at \$3,000,000. The height of the new building will be 539 feet. It will not be the loftlest here, the Metropolitan tower being over 657 feet to the apex and the Singer tower 612 feet. The Gillender building will not be a total waste. The granite in it has been sold to a manufacturer of tombutones, and the window sashes, pornice ornaments and interior decorations to dealers in second-hand building materials, while the steel tribue; which is almost as good as new can be used again elsewhere.

The wrecking contractor, who recaives \$50,000 for the job, is allowed only 45 days in which to rame the 19-story solidly constructed mass of brick, stone, terra cotta and steel, and he will forfeit \$500 a day if it be not removed in that period. He has hundreds of men working day and night. It is usual for building contractors here to keep shifts of workmen going every hour of the 24 when big jobs are undertaken, as the owners want to begin collecting rents as soon as possible, and accordingly time is money. Building operations are handled here with skill as well as quickness, the use of the street by pedestrians and vehicles not being hindered. Both Nassau and Wall streets are narrow, but the destruction of the Gillender building does not interfere with the crowds that surge through them every day, so thorough are the wrecker's arrangements.

ADDER IN GIRL'S MILK PAIL

Six-Year-Old Tot Says, "See the Big Worm I Caught"—Bracefet Provents Bite:

Waterbury, Conn.—George C. Densmore of Mount Tobe sent the six-year-old daughter of a New York butcher, George Holden, to the barnyard for a milk pail. The child got the pail and running to Densmore said: "See the big worm I caught."

In the pall was a red adder, the deadliest serpent of New England. It had struck the girl on the arm, but a bracelet stopped the blow. Densmore killed the reptile. Not 30 feet away he came upon the mate, rushing, to the rescue, and killed it also, Densmore says: "It will soon get to where we Tobe folks must choose between adders and summer boarders. We shall certainly not be able to keep both happily."

Cigarette Price Geing Up.

New York.—There was had news
for smokers of Turkish algorettes til
the routine reports from the tobacco
markets the other day. It was announced that an advance of price of
high-grade eigarettes would be forced
upon manufacturers by the increase
in the price of tobacco. Crop failures
are to biams.

SAVED BY A FEATHER DUSTER

Stenographer's Cluck and Dust Dispeller Causes Shivering Chicks to Chirp Joyfully.

New York.—A batch of cold, motherless chickens was saved by the genius of Lawyer Edward B. Clark of Jamaica and the ability of a stenographer to cluck like a hea.

Clark's office is at No. 336 Fulton street, Jamaica, and he has an estate on Grand street. But as his hens broke all the eggs he got under them he bought five chicks and took them to the office in a shoe box.

The office was cold and the chicks peopled their discomfort, and as they grew colder their peoplings grew weaker.

Clark called on Lawyer Robert G. Pattie to consult about the best means to save their lives, when his eye lighted upon a feather duster, owned in fee simple by Stephen H. Voris, a third attorney.

"The very thing," said be. A hole

was made in the top of the shoe box, the handle was poked through it, and the feather duster, inverted, was closed down upon the chickens. But they continued to peep.

"Twon't work," quoth Patrie.
"Some one's got to cluck to give local color."

First Clark, then Patrie, then Voris clucked in their most persuasive style. The chickens, unlike the juries, declined to be swayed.

Miss Adelaide McDonaid, Voris' stenographer, was called and asked to cluck for the chickens.

Bending over the box, she clucked in so inviting and persuasive a manner that every chick chirped joyously and snuggled under the duster. They soon became warm and the batch was saved.

TELLS OF MACBETH'S LIFE

Auctioneers Preparing to Sell Rare Shakespearean Item Derived From Old MS.

New York.—A rare item of Shake-speareana to be sold at Merwin-Clayton's is "The Secret History of Macbeth, King of Scotland, With Interesting Memoirs of the Ancient Thanes, Originally From a Very Old Manuscript, by P. Buchan," post, 8vo, original boards, uncut, Peterhead (Scotland), 1828.

This work was privately printed by Buchan at a press which he himself had established in the north of Scotland. It is a curious story of the "Amours and Life of Macbeth," which the editor and publisher obtained from an old man, whose habit it was to preserve every fragment of ancient Scottish literature that he could find. The manuscript is printed as given to Buchan by this old man, excepting that the orthography has been somewhat modernized. Certain passages. full, which may seem rather laxuriant to the censorious readed but which, if they had been brought down to the rules of decent policy, would have destroyed the original."

In the same sale will be three volumes in veilum of the voyages of Ramusio, published in Venice in 1563, 1565 and 1583. Each of these coutains new narratives, the most important being the voyages of Verrasa and Parmentier. There is a curious and interesting map of New France, which is the first engraved map purporting to represent Canada. The map of Hochelaga is the first engraved may of Montreas.

CATCH BIG ROYAL STURGEON

Irish Fishermen Have Strange Bit of Success in Fishing—Presented to King.

Dublia.—The capture of a royal sturgeon at St. Tadwall's island, Cardigan bay, and its immediate presentation to the king, by whom it was accupted, recalls the right of the sovereign to royal fish, wrecks, treasure trove, waife and strays. The royal fish are the whale and the sturgeon, which when either thrown ashore or caught near the coast, are the proporty of the sovereign on account, as it is said in the books, of their superior excellence. A similar right appertained to the dukes of Mormandy. from whom it probably came to the English sovereign, and is still a pre-

rogative of the kings of Denmark. A distinction is made between the whale and the sturgeon, the whale being divided between the king and the queen, the head only being the king's property and the ,tail the queen's. There are not only royal fish, but royal fowl. It is laid down in the old law books that a swan is a royal fowi, and that all swans which have no other owner belong to the king by virtue of his prerogative. The reason for the ancient right of the crown to the possession of sturgeons and whales and swans seems to be that they are in the nature of things found without any apparent owner, and accordingly vest in the crown by way of exception from the general rule of law.

Gold Jaw Replaces Old Onc.

New York.—A remarkable operation has just been performed at the Post-graduate hospital by which a man has been provided with an artificial jaw of pure gold to replace a jaw-bone destroyed by disease. The operation is said to be the first of the kind ever performed in a New York:

hospital.

Michael Wood, 54 years old, of Greenwich, Comm., is the patient. His disease had progressed so far that Wood's family believed his death was only a question of months.

FROGS FOR PROFIT

Marine Hospital Offers Market for Large Number of Croakers.

Pish Commissioner Meehan Enthusiastic Over Industry Gives Explicit Directions for Success in This Venture—Requires Much

Care,

Lansdowne, Pn.—Frog farming has been carried on to some extent on many Peansylvaula estates in a small way for several years past. In some instances the presence of an inherited frog pond of goodly dimensions, where the croakers have heralded each spring for numberless years (and increased in numbers in their congenial quarters in marshy or swampy farm ponds), it has not been difficult to establish a profitable industry by simply catching quantities of the old frogs each year and allowing the oth-

ers to increase.

In other instances the industry is followed as a fushionable fad, and owners of country seats have historic pends and streams devoted to frog raising under the care of an expert, or new pends are provided with this object in view. The principal hotels of our large cities have for some years past demanded a sufficient quantity of frogs to provide their guests with frequent treats to the toothsome frog-leg suppers and to keep up a sufficient demand to make the industry profitable.

Now there is a new incentive to frog-raising. Old Br'er Bullfrog, so-norous musician of our ponds, is found to be of special use for government experiments and he will now be in greater demand than ever. The marine-hospital is planning to spend considerable money this fiscal year for frogs for use in testing medicinal preparations at the hygienic laboratory of the institution.

There are many things to consider in establishing profitable frog ponds. Fish Commissioner Mechan is onthusiastic over the industry and he has given explicit directions for success in this venture. He says those who decide to undertake frog farming may make up their minds beforehand that the days which will follow will not be free from care or anxiety. It will be speedily discovered that it is not sufficient to build ponds after supposed best types, stock them and then stand aside and wait for the tadpoles to change to frogs and the frogs to money or into delicious morsels of food. Encugh has been learned of frog culture, however, to stimulate a country gentleman or a progressive farmer with an unutilised portion of swampy land to undertake it. Fifty dollars will build the initial ponds and inclose them with a suitable fence. There is always a strong probability that within a comparatively brief period, by the exercise of care. uncessing effort, and experiment, the work will develop into a fair market

FINDS AUNT IN HUNTING ROOM

Former Columbus, O., Man Unexpectedly Reunited With Relative at Spekane, Wash.

Spokane, Wash.—W. Bennett, recently of Salt Lake, Utsh, and before that a resident of Columbus. O., foundhis aunt, Mrs. Mary Grump, living at 325 Riverside avenue, in an unexpected way on his arrival in Spokane a few days ago.

When Bennett arrived in Spokane he left his trunk and suit case at the Union Rescue mission in charge of F. G. Desparies, who directed him to the home of Mrs. Grump for a room. He proceeded to the rooming house, where Mrs. Grump appeared at the door and, after showing the rooms, asked for the name of her new roomer. As he told his same the woman almost oried:

his name the woman almost cried:
"You are not from Columbus, are
you?"

Bennett replied that Columbus formerly was his home, then Mrs. Grump threw her arms about the neck of the new arrival and asked:

"Don't you know me; I am your aunt?" Bennett is rooming at the home of his aust.

SNAKE SWALLOWS TOY FROG

Child's Natural-Looking Plaything Proves Toe Much for the Hungry Serpent.

Youngstown, O.—Several days ago a Park avenue child was playing with a rubber frog in Wick park. The toy disappeared mysteriously, and search as she might for the frog, the nurse was unable to find it. It was believed; the frog, a bright, new and naturallooking product, had been stolen.

The mysterious disappearance was; explained. A blacksnake was found by a caretaker, dead in the grass in the park. Its body was unnaturally distended and he decided to investigate.

The post-mortem disclosed the snake had swallowed the rubber frog.

Burton Kills Man.

Altoons, Ps.—As a result of having a sore buryon on his right foot treated five weeks ago, Peter Morgán, aged 60, foreman of the machine shop at the Pennsylvania South Altoons foundries, died here.

Pollowing the treatment gangrene, and blood poisoning developed and he suffered great agony until he inpeed into a state of come prior to death.

PAYS HIS FARE WITH POETRY

Stowaway's Verse-Making Gift Saves Him From Service in Galleys on Pacific Liner.

Scattle, Wash.-George Parrott, post and stowaway of Des Moines, lows, who has wandered over the earth, arrived here on the steamship Minnesota from Japan. Of all the queer human flotsam that have been landed here as stowawsys on Pacific liners. Parrott is the first live poet to steal a ride. Instead of riding into the Seattle harbor in chains he was given a place of honor in the first cabin and since being dug out of the dirty hold has acquired enough money to pay a first-class passage to New York where he has been promised a good position on a weekly humorous publication. Long, lanky with raven black hair and a vacuous expression about his eyes he looked the poet he is. A water tender found him hiding in the paint room two days out of Yokohama.

Parrott immediately made an appeal in blank verse for mercy which induced the water tender to take him up to the galley for a meal. He was locked up but managed to send an appeal in verse to the captain who came down to see the poet. Parrott on seeing the master immediately began firing poetry through the iron bars. Captain Garbin brought the youthful poet on deck and introduced him to passengers. Parrott announced a benefit at which he would recite poetry and it was largely attended: and more than \$200 was raised with which Parrott is going to New York.

RISKS LIFE TO RESCUE BIRD

Traveler in British Guiana Plunges Into Water to Save Specimen for London Zoo.

London.—An interesting addition to the birds on exhibition at the London zoological gardens is about to be made by Sir William Ingram from Georgetown, British Guiana.

His representative, Wilfrid Frost, has returned from an expedition into the interior of British Guiana with living specimens of the extremely rare bird, cock of the rock.

The birds, with only stuffed specimens of which the public is familiar, are about the size of pigeons.

The plumage is a beautiful bright red, though the tail and tips of the wings are dark brown, while the

feathers on the head form a pretty arch.

Mr. Frost and his party had an adventurous journey. They were almost lost in a bush swamp and on two oc-

casions diseaser almost overtook them by water.

At one time their cance collided with a submerged log and the man at the bow was precipitated into the

At another Mr. Frost, in his endeavor to save the cages containing the birds from toppling over, had a narrow escape from being drowned himself.

Before starting on this expedition Mr. Prost took a number of birds of paradise from New Guinea to Tobago for Sir William Ingram, who is experimenting with the breeding of these birds in the West Indies.—

FOOD FAKING CAUSES STIR

Hydregen and Flueric Acid in Willi, and Sawdust and Potatoes in

London. -- So much has been printed of food faking in America that it is interesting to note a whole exhibition of doctored products over here. England has a food and drugs addteration act, but that it has failed to stop the evil is clear from the proofs at this show of alum, sulphate of sine, potatoes and fuller's earth in bread, peroxide of hydrogen and fluoric acid in milk, jame made of sawdust, turnips and various seeds, afterward inbeled "strawberry" and "raspberry;" coffee mixed with powdered cheeknuts, burned figs, acorns and horse beans and sweetmests containing ochre, sulphate of lime, red lend, shellac and a host of vile coloring met-

Boot petishes and printers' talk are made with the same dyes as are used. In cheep sweets.

Also, there is a big outery about the beds the British masses sleep on. All the poorer beds are stuffed with what is called flock, or "mill-puff," which is simply vile regs ripped up just an they come from the sonvengers' dust bean.

Stringent legislation to being called for both as regarde food and flock.

Healthy Teachers in Texas.—A movement rapidly spreading over this state will have as its result that all school teachers before they can be employed must submit a physician's certificate

attesting to their good health.

Many cities and counties are already enforcing this rule and it is expected now that the state school authorities will take stope leading to the general adoption of this measure.

Gander Attacks Cirl.

Gardiner, Me.—Attacked by an enraged gander, Laura, the three-yearold daughter of Chrones Wakefield,

raged gander, Laure, the threshold, old daughter of Clarence Wakefald, was terribly injured while at play in the front yard of her home. The gander knocked the child down with its wings and then began pecking at the infant's eyes and gouging her face with its bill. One eye was nearly tora from its socket, probably ruining the sight.

L'ABEILLEMDE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS