

THOUGHT HIS TIME HAD COME

Imagination Truly Is a Wonderful Thing, as Kansas Man Is Likely to Admit.

Every summer John Fisher, a Liberty grocer, and Frank Cockrell, a retired farmer, maintain a camp at the mouth of Shoal creek on the Missouri river, about 15 miles below Kansas City and four miles south of Liberty.

Last summer they were entertaining, among others, J. D. Taylor, a farmer of near Manola, about 65 miles northwest of Alberta, Canada. The hosts and their guests were grouped around a small camp fire, scantily attended and partaking of fried catfish with relish.

"I'm a goner, boys," he groaned, as he hopped around on one leg, gripping the other powerfully with both hands and imploring someone between whites to get a club and get busy.

Fischer grabbed one side of the trouser leg in question and Cockrell the other and they ripped with right good will, but no snake appeared.

"And that's what imagination will do for you," said Taylor, as he hunted up a box and climbed upon it tailor fashion to finish his interrupted session with the fish.—Kansas City Journal.

NOT DRAWN FROM FLOWERS

Perfumes Today Are Extracted From Almost Everything but Seemingly Natural Source.

There are few perfumes today that cannot be made from chemicals, synthetically, as the chemists call it. Formerly all perfumes were extracted from flowers, fruits, spices, woods or other vegetable and animal substances.

Terpineol is one of the most freely used constituents of perfumes. This is a near relative of turpentine. With this a little oil and aquarortis a chemist can produce a perfume that can scarcely be distinguished from those exhaled by the lily of the valley, lilac and Cape Jessamine, varying according to the proportions in which the chemicals are blended.

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No chemist has been able to counterfeits musk, but a synthetic perfume called musk is made from toluene as by-product of benzene and coal tar. This is changed to a complex carburet, treated with azotic and sulphuric acids, is diluted and sold as musk.

Most of the cheap perfumes are imitations and they are almost always inferior to the flower extracts. So it might properly be said that it is a wise flower that knows its own perfume.

Forced to Sacrifice Beard.

The Wisconsin farmer whose Judge Hohand condemned, in lieu of a fine which he could not pay, to have his flowing beard cut off, may find consolation in the fact that a similar order deprived a man in New York of long and carefully cultivated whiskers a few days ago.

Draw the Line at Cats.

To the list of divorces for seemingly trivial causes—such as "cruelty in not making me out riding," "cruelty in requiring me to sew on buttons," etc.—has now been added a divorce granted to a man who charged his wife with "cruelty in keeping cats in the house," thereby preventing him from occupying his favorite chair.

Guess at Philanthropist's Identity.

John M. Longyear, of Brookline, is now thought by his friends to be possibly the mysterious contributor of \$2,500,000 to "Tech." Henry C. Frick, Thomas A. Edison and Andrew Carnegie are previous guesses. The list bids fair to resemble a directory of philanthropic multimillionaires.

Worry.

"I can remember when you had to work eight hours a day," said the old-time friend.

SHREWD IDEA OF DIPLOMAT

Where Russian Officer of Embassy Proved More Than a Match for Abdul Hamid.

Diplomatists abroad tell how a distinguished member of the Russian corps diplomatique cleverly outwitted Abdul Hamid, the late Sultan of Turkey. The Russian displayed a curious ingenuity in introducing the business of his country in the guise of personal pleasure.

It appears that the Sultan had absolutely refused to grant an audience to any member of the diplomatic body at Constantinople and that during the period in question Abdul Hamid spent the greater part of his time in cock-fighting, an amusement whereof he was passionately fond.

The Russian heard that his imperial majesty stood in need of fresh birds to supply the place of those killed in flight, whereupon the wily Muscovite procured a fine-looking white fowl of the barnyard species, caused it to be trimmed and spurred to resemble a gamecock, and sent it in a richly decorated cage to the Sultan.

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A conference followed on the subject of gamecocks in general; and when this was finished the Muscovite succeeded in drawing the Sultan in a mood for conversation of a different character, and in time adroitly introduced the political matter he had so long awaited an opportunity to discuss.

GRAVE CAUSE FOR DISPUTE

Romanticists and Others Have Opportunity to Squabble Over This Happening.

The Winans will have upset the theory of the cynics that romance is dead in the world. Here is an innkeeper's daughter who receives a fortune of \$500,000 just for being kind to an old man. In all her dreams of the future she never thought of being able to present to the Prince Charming that would eventually come along such a princely dower.

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Lament Religious Apathy.

In Japan all kinds of Christians are lamenting the religious stagnation that seems to have settled on the country, says a writer in America, a Roman Catholic paper. Of the 65,000 Catholics, 40,000 are descendants of the converts of the seventeenth century, and the Greek Catholics have only 20,000 followers.

Wellesley College in Lead.

Wellesley college is said to have more graduates in the mission field than any other woman's college in this country. Gertrude Chandier, of the class of 1879, now Mrs. Mychoff, was the first Wellesley missionary in the field.

Finance Has No Boundaries.

Finance nowadays is limited by no national boundaries. American newspapers contain advertisements of a "City of Tokio (Japan) Loan" for the purchase of that city of electric tramways and electric lighting systems. The loan, amounting to about \$45,000,000, is apportioned between New York, London and Paris.

Explaining an Oversight.

"George," she said sweetly, "didn't you know that Lent is over?" "Of course I did," he replied.

PLAN A PERPETUAL CALENDAR

All Nations to Unite in Working Out an Idea Long in Minds of Many.

A conference of all nations will be held next summer at Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss suggestions for an international perpetual calendar. At that time Leroy S. Boyd will present his calendar, which has 13 months of 28 days each, making a total of 364 days in the year.

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AGE OF ICEBERGS UNKNOWN

One of the Mysteries of the Sea There is Little Probability of Being Solved.

The age of an iceberg is problematic. The berg that sank the Titanic may have been forming on the coast of Greenland when Columbus crossed the sea, or even before that. Then again it may have been reared by the elements since Peary's first expedition to the pole, but probably it antedated steamships by many years.

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Must Do Without Almanacs.

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Fireman's Unique Wedding.

A fireman's wedding in a burnt-out church is certainly something of a novelty. Such a wedding has just taken place in the chancel of St. George's, Leicester, the greater part of the building having been destroyed by fire last year.

Ruins of Immense Age.

Prof. Hiram Bingham, director of the Yale expedition to Peru, reports among the archaeological discoveries a number of Inca or pre-Inca cities, including Macchu Picchu, a city probably built by the "megalithic race" which preceded the Incas.

Artist Regains Drawings.

M. Bucas, the French artist whose paintings when bought by M. Quittner and signed by him, won their new owner honors at the salons where the original painter failed even to get them accepted, has succeeded in regaining 29 of the pictures.

GAVE OF SURPLUS WEALTH

Rich Men in Other Days Lavish in Their Donations to Their Favorite Cities.

"Many a man who has inherited millions," once said Frederic Harrison, "is gnawed with envy as he watches a practical man turning an honest penny. How he would like to earn an honest penny! He never did; he never will; and he feels like a dyspeptic invalid watching a hearty beggar enjoying a bone or a crust."

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CANNOT HIDE THEIR IDENTITY

Senders of Wireless Messages Readily Recognized by Man at the Other End.

Amateur wireless operators who break in on regular calls by commercial companies and then sign with a fictitious name may find themselves quickly identified, according to wireless operators, in Chicago.

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Bluebird Luncheon.

Bluebird luncheons are one of the pretty fancies of the spring, and Mrs. Edward McLean recently extended such a courtesy to Mrs. Peter Colet Gerry, who was visiting her mother, Mrs. Richard Townsend of Washington.

Oppose Eccentric Dances.

London hostesses, following the tradition of the land which found its way into the saying "Write a letter to the Times," are letting newspapers know that they will resist to the utmost any effort to introduce the grizzly bear and other American dances into English ballrooms.

New Idea in Teapots.

The tipsy teapot is popular nowadays at afternoon teas. It may be found in Fifth avenue homes and in the rooms of the Barnard college girls.

Nations Brought Closer.

We have already spoken of the new telephone cable which is laid across the channel, so as to connect France with England, this being designed on the Pupin system, so that speech is very clear and the various provinces of England can now have connection with Paris.

Copying the Mississippi.

The city of Seville, Spain, which is on the banks of the sweet Guadalquivir," has been almost completely beleaguered recently by reason of the phenomenal rise of that river, which has abandoned its role of a meandering, sentimental stream and become a raging torrent bearing death and destruction in its course.

Put Ban on High Heels.

A Minneapolis manufacturer recently forbade the wearing of high heels on their shoes by the young women in his establishment.

AWAKENED TRAIN OF THOUGHT.

Little Incident That Would Have Made Almost Any Man Superstitious.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF SOUTH POLE

Science Will Welcome the Discovery So Long Looked Forward To.

At least three branches of science, it is hoped, will derive important benefits from the conquest of the south pole—meteorology, geography, and seismography. More immediately important than any other result is to be, it is probable, the influence of the discovery on meteorology.

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