Democratic Watchman.

Bellefonte, Pa., August 31, 1906.

THOUGHTLESS TRAPPERS.

Torture to Animals and Ruthless Destruction of Game.

People who have not seen can form no idea of the suffering trappers cause nor of their ruthless destruction of game. Nothing escapes them. Even the squirrels are sacrificed to bait traps for marten and fisher, and not only the squirrels, but all kinds of birds, whether game or song birds.

In trapping mink, otter, beaver and a few other fur bearing animals the trap is nearly always set near the water, where the animal when caught can drown itself, thus ending its suffering.

But with bear, marten and fisher it is different. The bear must drag a heavy clog about until it catches in some root or bush. There he must wait until the trapper comes to kill him, and this in some cases is not for days. The bones of the leg are almost invariably broken by the trap, and the leg swells to incredible size. One trapper in one day shot nineteen large blue grouse merely to try a new rifle. The birds were nesting. He had no use for them, and not one did be even bring to camp.

Years ago in British Columbia an old trapper camped near our bear hunting party. He shot everything he could find, even little ducks and marmots. A goat he killed fell over a cliff, and as it was harder to recover it than to shoot another he shot another. He was trapping beaver out of season and boasted of having caught one that was about to become a mother.

I have seen the spot where a bear fast in a trap had been caught for more than a week in a thicket through which it was impossible to drag the trap and clog. I once knew an old French trapper who shot seventy-three moose and elk in one winter for bear bait for the spring catch. I asked why he killed so many. He said that he wanted a big stink in the spring so as to bring the bears around. All of the animals he had slaughtered for a spring stink were shot with a revolver, for they were snow bound and could not escape. He told me that he dropped five big elk in one pile. This frightful destruction by trappers has exterminated the game.—World's Work.

KILLED PLAYING BURGLAR

Eight-Year-Old Shoots Three-Year-Old Brother and Himself.

Philadelphia, Aug. 20.—Playing burglar with a loaded revolver, Claude Lanciano, 8 years old, shot and killed his baby brother, Edmund, aged 3 years. Claude also shot himself through the hand. he child procured the pistol from a bureau drawer, and running into the room occupied by his brothers Edmund and Victor, aimed the weapon at them, crying that he was a burglar. The revolver was discharged, the bullet entering Edmund's side. Claude dropped the pistol and it was again discharged, the ball striking him in the hand.

Michael F. Dwyer Dead.

New York, Aug. 20. — Michael F. Dwyer, long one of the most prominent figures of the American turf, died at his little cottage in Brooklyn, opposite the Gravesend race track of the Brooklyn Jockey club, of which Philip J. Dwyer, a brother of the dead horseman, is president. Dwyer was one of the most famous pluners the turf has ever known. He was a large operator, and amassed a greater fortune, it is said, than ever Pittsburg Phil Smith, the most noted of the modern race-track bettors. Smith died wealthy, while Dwyer was practically penniless.

William S. Leib Defeated.

Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 20.—A complete surprise was caused by the late returns of the Republican primaries received from the country districts. These so change the result that it is apparent that Charles N. Brumm, of Minersville, will have 800 majority over William S. Leib for the congressional nomination.

Killed By Jump From Carriage.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 21.—While Susan Garrett, aged 17, was out driving with two friends near Kleinfeltersville, they collided with another buggy. Miss Garrett jumped and was killed. The others escaped injury.

POWER OF MIND.

Always a Valuable Asset In Presence of Danger.

Presence of mind is always an asset. It is especially valuable in presence of danger such as springs from the presence of men intent upon murder. This was never better exemplified than when a gang of men set out to take the life of Mazzini. He got to hear of their project. All the precautions he took was to get ready a store of very excellent cigars. The ruffians presently appeared at his address. "Come in, gentlemen," he said and produced his cigars. To each man he handed one. Taken aback at their reception, they seemed abashed and confused. "I know that you came to kill me," he said. "Why do you not proceed to your task?" This was too much for even this bloodthirsty deputation. They could not kill the man whose cigars they were smoking and who invited them to carry out their task. Muttering some excuse for having interrupted his studies, they shuffled out of the room and troubled him no more.

Each man has his own method with would be assassins. With Napoleon it was the eye which counted. While he was visiting the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha one of the duke's retainers made up his mind to slay him. He had so frequently heard the great man denounced as the curse of Europe that he felt impelled to seize the chance to destroy him. He was a common soldier at the time and had to do sentry duty in one of the corridors of the palace along which Napoleon passed. He put his finger to the trigger as the duke, accompanied by Napoleon, drew in sight. He aimed for Napoleon's heart. Napoleon saw him. He said nothing, but simply fixed his eagle eye upon the youth. The latter seemed spellbound. He let the musket fall with a crash to the floor of the stone corridor. He felt, he said, as if he must have swooned. Napoleon took no further notice, said no word, passed upon his way as if nothing had happened. That one flashing glance had saved his life. He knew its effect and value.—St. James' Gazette.

LANGUAGE EVOLUTION.

Use of the Suffix "Less" In Verbs, Nouns and Adjectives.

Many will remember that some years ago there went on a violent controversy about the word tireless. The discovery had been made that "less" was a suffix which could properly be appended only to nouns; hence the form must be discarded, and we must all take pains to say untiring. The duty of so doing was preached from scores of professional and newspaper pulpits. No one seemed to think or care for the various other adjectives similarly formed and therefore liable to the similar censure which they never received. Hostility was directed against it alone. The actual flaw which vitiated the arguments against tireless its censors never knew or took into consideration. This was that the fancied rule covering the creation of such words had practically long ceased to be operative whenever a new formation struck the sense of the users of language as being desirable.

Unquestionably in our earliest speech the suffix "less" when employed to form adjectives was joined only with nouns. But the general sloughing off of nominal and verbal endings which went on in later centuries reduced a great proportion of substantives and verbs in the speech to precisely the same form. In consequence the sense of any fundamental distinction between the two broke down in many ways—in one way in particular. There is nothing easier in our speech than to convert a verb into a noun or a noun into a verb. It is a process which has taken place constantly in the past and is liable to take place at any time in the future, either at the will or the whim of the writer or speaker.—Thomas R. Lounsbury in Harper's.

A Horse Story.

Our Dumb Animals tells a remarkable story about the intelligence of a mare who saved her colt from death by stopping a train on a railroad in Texas. The colt had fallen with its legs through a railroad bridge, and the mother started down the track to meet the coming train. As the train came up she stood on the track whinnying. The train stopped, and then the mare trotted ahead of it as it moved slowly to the bridge. Here the colt was discovered and extricated from its perilous position. The story was vouched for by the engineer, railroad men and passengers in the train.

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Greeley's Affectation.

There was a great deal of innocence in Horace Greeley as well as not a little affectation. He was rarely seen without one trousers leg carelessly caught in the upper part of his boot, and a necktie with a bow under his ear. Once in the public room of a hotel a friend of Greeley's kindly pulled down the disarranged trousers leg and straightened the necktie. Greeley thanked him and soon after left the room. When in the course of half an hour he appeared in the street the trousers leg and the necktie had been carefully disarranged, and the man looked as negligent of things earthly as he always looked. It was part of his pose as a man of genius to wear his trousers leg and his necktie as if he had put them on in a hurry while absorbed in meditation. It was a harmless eccentricity.

The Romance of Lisbon.

Of Lisbon itself and beautiful Cintra it is scarce necessary to write. Commander Shore in his book, "The Pleasant Springs in Portugal," says: "I believe there is only one other European capital that can compare with Lisbon in point of situation and splendor of appearances, Constantinople, and the resemblance seems to have struck other travelers besides myself. Certainly when the morning mists are clinging to the shores, partly screening their beauties and lending to the scene the charm of mystery that Turner loved, Lisbon does seem like an enchanted city." What could one say more?—London Tatler.

How Sound Waves Move.

The speed with which sound waves are transmitted through the atmosphere depends on several conditions. When the temperature is at 32 degrees F., sounds move with a speed of 1,090 feet per second, the velocity increasing with the temperature at the rate of about one foot of speed per second for each degree above the freezing point. Then, again, in damp air sound moves with a greater velocity than it does in dry air, no odds if the dry air be warm and the damp cold. In water sound moves more than four times as fast as it does in air, or, say, at about the rate of 4,700 feet per second.

Wooden Spoons.

A curious industry in Russia and one which nevertheless finds employment for thousands of men is that of making wooden spoons. In the district of Semenovsk, where they chiefly come from, no fewer than 7,000 men make a living at the trade. The spoons are generally made from birchwood, and a skilled workman can turn out several hundred a day. No fewer than 12,000,000 spoons are manufactured during the course of the year, which are sold at 6 to 8 rubles per thousand. They find a ready market and penetrate as far as Persia, Khiva, Bokhara and Khokand.

John W. Scott Mistook Them For Mushrooms, and is Dying.

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 18.—As a result of eating toadstools for mushrooms, John W. Scott, aged 74, a geologist of note and one-time editor of the Altoona Times, is dying of the poisonous vegetable at his home in Blandsburg. He ate the toadstools for supper Wednesday night, and was taken ill shortly afterwards

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†7 10	†6 40	†2 45	BELLEFONTE.	9 40	5 15	9 40
7 21	6 51	2 56	.....Nigh.....	9 27	5 02	9 27
7 26	†6 56	3 01	.....Zion.....	†9 21	4 57	9 21
7 33	7 03	3 08	..HECLA PARK..	9 15	4 51	9 15
7 35		3 10	..... Dunkles.....	9 13	4 48	9 13
7 39	†7 08	3 14	...Hublersburg...	†9 09	4 44	9 09
7 43	7 13	3 18	...Snydertown.....	9 06	4 40	9 05
7 45	†7 15	3 20	.....Nittany.....	†9 04	4 38	9 02
7 47	†7 18	3 22	.....Huston.....	†9 02	4 35	9 00
7 51	7 23	3 26	.....Lamar.....	†8 59	4 32	8 57
7 53	†7 25	3 28	.....Clintondale...	†8 56	4 29	8 54
7 57	7 29	3 32	..Krider's Siding.	8 52	4 25	8 51
8 01	7 34	3 36	...Mackeyville....	†8 48	4 20	8 46
8 07	7 39	3 42	...Cedar Spring...	8 42	4 14	8 40
8 10	7 42	3 45	.....Salona.....	8 40	4 12	8 38
8 15	7 47	3 50	...MILL HALL...	†8 35	†4 07	†8 33

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11 45	9 04		.....Jersey Shore.....		3 26	7 52
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†12 29	11 30	Lve		Arr.	2 30	6 50
			(Phila. & Reading Ry.)			
7 30	6 50		.....PHILA.....		†8 26	11 30
10 20	9 02		.....NEW YORK..... (Via Phila.)		†4 30	9 00
p. m.	a. m.	Arr.		Lve.	a. m.	p. m.
			†Week Days			
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3 00	10 15	6 30	...Bellefonte....	8 50	12 50	6 30
3 07	10 20	6 35	..... Coleville.....	8 40	12 40	6 10
3 12	10 23	6 38	..... Morris.....	8 37	12 37	6 07
3 17	10 27	6 43	.....Stevens.....	8 35	12 35	6 03
			..Lime Centre..			
3 21	10 30	6 46	.Hunter's Park.	8 31	[illegible]	
3 26	10 34	6 50	.....Fillmore.....	8 28	12 28	5 55
3 32	10 40	6 55	.....Briarly.....	8 24	12 24	5 50
3 35	10 45	7 00	.....Waddles.....	8 20	12 20	5 45
3 50	10 57	7 12	....Krumrine.....	8 07	12 07	5 27
4 05	11 10	7 25	..State College..	8 00	12 00	5 20
4 13		7 27	.....Struble.....	7 55		4 30
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