

A Paradise for Animals.

Pierre Loti, in his book on "India," repeatedly describes the fearlessness of animals in that country. He says: "My room was never closed, neither during the day nor the night, and the birds of the air made their home with me; sparrows walked on the mats that covered the floor without even heeding my presence, and little squirrels, after an inquiring gaze, came in too, and ran over the furniture; and one morning I saw the crows perched on the corner of my mosquito net."

Describing the enchanted wood of Odeypore, where are wild boars, monkeys, and a number of birds, flights of turtle-doves, and droves of parrots, he says: "Flocks of superb peacocks strut up and down among the dead trees, running with outstretched tails, the wondrous sheen of which looks like a spirit of green and incandescent metal. All these animals are free and unrestrained, yet their demeanor is not that of wild animals and birds, for in these lands, where they are never slain by man, the idea of flight does not animate them as it does at home."

This respect for animal life is not confined to the Buddhists or Jains, the sentiment is of much more ancient origin. Pierre Loti tells us that the horrors of death and slaughter, the sickening display of carcasses of animals are nowhere to be seen, for the people of Brahma do not eat anything that has ever lived. "In the place of such exhibitions, we see heaps of roses plucked from their stems, which are used in the making of essences, or simply to be woven into necklaces."

Lancaster Tobacco.

Lancaster.—Earlier estimates of the value of Lancaster county's new tobacco crop, which is still a month off from cutting, unless a cold snap should threaten frost and cause the harvesting of unripe tobacco, are much below the figures presented at the meeting of the Lancaster County Tobacco Growers' Association a few days ago. The reports then given make it certain that there are 20,000 acres in tobacco in Lancaster county that will have a big crop. The Federal Government estimates 50,565,000 pounds as the Pennsylvania tobacco crop, and Lancaster county will furnish about 80 per cent. The shortage of old tobacco, a fact as well known to growers as to dealers, coupled with the efforts of buyers to induce growers to sell their crops on the field at prices ranging from 12 to 16 cents a pound for wrappers and 3 to 4 cents for fillers, has convinced growers that they will get exceptionally high prices this year. It is estimated now that the crop will put \$5,000,000 into the pockets of Lancaster county farmers. Local packers and outside buyers are scouring every corner of Lancaster county after old tobacco, and here and there an almost forgotten small packing rewards the search. The 1915 packing now commands 18 cents a pound, and the price is advancing. The rumor that agents of foreign Governments will again buy the 1916 goods has tended to stop the downward movement in prices of these goods. The cigar trade is good among the larger factories, which carry their own packings of leaf.

Ten Commandments.

- 1—Be interested in your neighbors but not curious.
 - 2—"Good morning" is easy to say and does not take a second.
 - 3—Remember that common property, like lawns, alleys, fences and doorsteps, means common responsibility.
 - 4—Borrow not that you be not borrowed from.
 - 5—Respect your neighbor's line of clean clothes on rug-shaking day.
 - 6—Walls have ears. Speak low if you would have your affairs private.
 - 7—Don't consider the neighbor's house as a dropping-in place "any old time" without knocking.
 - 8—Don't let the quarrels between your own and your neighbor's children destroy friendliness between the parents.
 - 9—Signify willingness to help your neighbors in time of trouble, but don't intrude.
 - 10—Put a soft pedal on your 7-year-old's practicing, especially if there is an invalid in the neighborhood.
- These ten commandments might very well be doubled, and even tripled, if we would take into account all the various little obligations which one must fulfill if one would be neighborly. But the principle of the thing is what really counts, and the essence of neighborliness, which is but courtesy in working order, observed, the minor details will adjust themselves.

A New Wheat Disease Discovered in Pennsylvania.

During the past season there has come to the attention of the botany department of The Pennsylvania State College School of Agriculture and Experiment Station a destructive disease of wheat, which appears to be quite prevalent throughout the State. In several fields which were inspected, from 25 to 35 per cent. of the stalks were diseased and the kernels were very poorly developed. Where the disease occurs the wheat heads fail to fill out, or if they do the kernels are much shriveled. Accompanying this condition is a browning of the joints. The straw just below the joints shows brown, watery streaks also.

This condition of the stalks appears to be due to a fungus which works internally. This parasite, also, may be responsible for the failure of wheat to fill out properly. It is desired to know the extent and destructiveness of the disease in the State and remedial measures are to be tested as soon as possible. Wheat growers who have observed this condition in their fields are requested to correspond with the botany department at State College. This department is making a study of the disease.

—They are all good enough, but the WATCHMAN is always the best.

REQUIRE BUT LITTLE WATER

Seasoned Soldiers Learn to Make Long Marches on a Minimum Amount of Fluid.

The water question with troops on the march and in the field is one of greater difficulty than civilians know. In few ways does the superior effectiveness of hard and regularly trained troops show above raw or untrained troops than in the matter of water discipline. The regular American soldier will make a day's march on his canteen of water. If he has been in the service long he will carry his rifle, ammunition and pack over a shadeless, dusty road, through a sweltering day and come to the end of the march in fit physical condition. He has learned to make that canteen of water answer his needs. It may have been a hard lesson to learn, but he has learned it.

When the soldier has learned to do with the minimum of water he ministers to his comfort and health. Cutting down the water below the real needs of his body causes the man to lose flesh, but in a very large number of instances this is beneficial, most well-fed men having flesh to spare. It is better for a man to be dry on a march than to be always guzzling water. To be "water wise" is one of the accomplishments of a good soldier.

Much less water is required by the human system than most men think, and troops from hot and dry countries march and campaign on a surprisingly small amount. A writer telling of the Beluchis, several regiments of whom are with the Indian contingent of the British army in France and Flanders, has said of them:

"Their most extraordinary physical characteristic is the facility, with which, camel-like, they can for so long a time go without drink in their burning country—a draft of water once in the 24 hours is sufficient."

NO FAVORITES IN FAMILY

Parents Sometimes Make Serious Error in Showing Open Preference—May Spoil Young Life.

Favoritism among children should never be shown, for it is this oversight of parents, this habit of making favorites, preferring one child to another, which often rankles in children's minds, and is later the cause of jealousy and dissension in families.

Often enough the early treatment of one of these children by the parents causes the younger ones to expect too much from the Cinderella of the family. She should, they think, give in at all times to them, relinquish her own desires and tastes in their favor, and, so used are they to her giving in to them that they almost fail to recognize the fact that she is their sister, that she should possess any individual rights, an opinion of her own.

Many a young girl's life has been spoiled in this way; her youth and girlhood blighted. Such a girl, down-trodden and subdued, naturally thinks little of herself; and not realizing that she possesses good qualities, prepossessing features that might attract, becomes old-fashioned in her style, dress and manner; and often as not her very unselfishness in not seeing after herself, dressing herself better, is the cause of her being looked down upon as dowdy and a fright.

Men, even, in seeking a wife often enough fail to notice the good qualities beneath that plain costume, and many suitors recognize when too late that they would have been wiser in choosing that loving, tender, sympathetic girl, who was only considered the "ugly duckling" for their wife, than any of her more showy and brilliant sisters.

In a Calmer Moment.

The topic having turned to the subject of regret, this story was recalled by Senator Henry F. Hollis of New Hampshire:

A German named Adam became depressed over the wobbly way in which the world was moving, and in a hasty moment jumped from the town wharf into the river. The crowd on returning from the river after a fruitless endeavor was met by a party named Jacob.

"Vat vas it?" queried Jacob, looking over the long-faced bunch. "Vat vas all der troubles about?"

"Adam," answered one of the party. "He just committed suicide by jumping into the river."

"Poor old Adam!" mournfully commented Jacob. "He be sorry for dat tomorrow."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Mystery in Unclaimed Novel.

An "unclaimed" novel is the latest mystery of the London literary world. Some time ago an anonymous manuscript was left with a prominent publishing concern, which decided, in due course, to publish the same. Upon inquiry it was discovered that the author had not troubled to leave either name or address when he handed in his MS. Now all sorts of romantic conjectures have been made in connection with "Anonymous" identity and ultimate fate—without, naturally, hurting the book's chances when it appears shortly.

War Horses Sham Sickness.

French army veterinarians have found by close observation that certain horses fall most unaccountably ill when in bombarded regions. They lie down and seem so weak and nervous that they cannot move. Later when taken to the veterinary camp in the rear they recover in a few days and are normal. Veterinarians assert that shamming among war horses is not uncommon.

Wisdom.

Old Doctor—"Now, when your patient asks you for a tonic, what are you going to do about it?"

Young Doctor—"Find what she really needs and prescribe it."

Old Doctor—"Wrong! No success in that method. Whenever your patient has diagnosed her own case and tells you she needs a tonic, you prescribe a tonic every time."

Young Doctor—"Why?"

Old Doctor—"Don't you guess why?"

Because she will then have to see that you know almost if not quite as much about medicine as she does!"—Judge.

Fair Enough.

"You are the fourth tramp who has come here begging today," said the lady of the house, "and I'm all out of patience."

"I'm all out o' vittles myself," replied the tramp. "Couldn't we make a trade?"

—N. Y. World.



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