

SAVED LIVES OF CHICKENS

New York Man Makes a Feather Duster Substitute for a Hen.

Using a feather duster as a brooder to substitute for a cannibal hen, Sherty Eberle saves the lives of some of his chicks.

When Eberle is not busy as manager of the Postal Telegraph company he devotes his time to raising fancy chickens. When one of his hens was not busy scratching she gave her time to digesting some of the brood she had recently hatched.

Eberle noticed the chicks began to disappear. One by one they went until he discovered the hen's appetite was stronger than her mother love. A heavy ration of ground bone and hamburger steak didn't appease her. She ate another.

Then, with a cunning he didn't expect of himself, he threw the hen out, bought a big feather duster and suspended it in the coop. The chicks smugly among the feathers and are perfectly content with their inanimate mother.

THROWS LIGHT 200 MILES

United States Navy Acquires Wonderful Searchlight Invented by a German.

The United States navy has come into possession of one of the largest searchlights ever manufactured, as the result of the European war and the arrest of the German inventor of the searchlight at Liverpool, England, in 1914. Heinrich Beck, the inventor who has been assisting in the building of the searchlight at Schenectady, was not allowed by the British to go to Belgium and Germany soon after the beginning of the European war. He then returned to the United States and opened negotiations which have led to the purchase of his patent rights by the government.

The new searchlight has a mirror five feet in diameter and sends out a violet white shaft of light, which can be discerned at a distance of 200 miles when atmospheric conditions are good.

To Harness the Tides.

The tides are about to be tied down to labor. At Wolfville, Nova Scotia, a development company has made a survey on the water of the Bay of Fundy with a view of developing a tidewater project at Cape Split. An American expert on hydraulic production of electricity is the scientific guide of that expedition. As Americans are too proud to develop such tide waters as they have for power, it may be expected that this man on a foreign tide may get results to wake us up in this country, says the Uneeda Telegram. The tides of the Bay of Fundy are as famous for their ups and downs as the revolutions of Mexico, if not more so. A current motor recently experimented with in the Gaspereau river was 12 feet long and 2 1/2 feet high, and is reported to have developed power as the tide rose which reached a maximum of two horse power by the time the machine was submerged. The later experiments at Cape Split are said to have shown that motor developing 50 horse power in a tide current which ran nine miles an hour. As the machine is made like a crab, it takes advantage of the tide going out as well as coming in.

Naturally Surprised.

An old German furniture dealer had a woman customer who was a great talker. Nobody could get away from her when she started in. One day he sent a clerk to the lady's house to try to collect a bill. When the clerk returned empty handed, the old German said:

"Well! Vat did de lady say?" "She did not say anything, sir. She was mute," replied the clerk. "Vat!" exclaimed the surprised German; "was she dead?"

Saving Money.

"A dollar box of candy for me, hubby? Really, I must curb such extravagance."

"I bought you one frequently before we were married."

"But things are different now. Instead of a dollar box of candy it would have been better to have gotten me a ten-cent box, and a sports coat, and that parasol I want so much."

Electrocuting Animals.

The Animal Rescue league has facilities for destroying as many as 300 animals in one hour. The diseased or homeless dog is placed in a cabinet, the floor of which is metal. A flexible metal collar is fastened around his neck, and then the electric current turned on. The operation takes but half a minute.

Scorn.

"Wasn't our friend's speech largely made up of platitudes?"

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "He didn't say anything that was reliable enough even to be classed as a platitude."

Learning to Draw.

Gibbs—I hear that your boy is going to a drawing school.

Dibbs—You can call it that; he's attending a dental college.

REPORTER GOT WRONG STEER

Story Written Undoubtedly Was a Good One, but the Facts Didn't Bear It Out.

Some years ago Carl Crow, author of "Japan and America," was the cub reporter on a Texas newspaper, one of his duties being to cover the police station. One day, just before press time he made his usual trip to see the desk sergeant.

"Have a great story for you," said the sergeant. "We arrested a parrot out on Front street awhile ago on a charge of using abusive language. The neighbors complained so much we had to go out and lock the old bird up."

After getting a few more details Crow rushed back to the office and wrote a funny story about the arrest of the bird. He was congratulating himself on landing a story on the first page, an hour or so after the paper got on the streets, when the telephone bell rang and he had to listen to a torrent of abuse from an irate lady at the other end of the line. It developed that she was Mrs. Parrot, and she had been arrested for using abusive language, but she bitterly resented being written up as a bird. After she had exhausted her vocabulary and was preparing for a new start, she asked:

"What is your name?" "Crow," said the reporter. "What did you say?" "I said my name was Crow." "You think you are blamed smart, don't you?" said the freshly insulted Mrs. Parrot as she hung up the receiver.

ELASTIC FASHIONS IN CHINA

Everything in Any Way Suitable for Wearing Apparel "Goes" in the Province of Kiangsu.

Hall, Kiangsu province, North China, home of the slant-eyed Flora McFlimsseys of Far Cathay! Not like Madison square there; you can't plead "nothing to wear" in Kiangsu, for anything is in style; everything goes! From Suchien, in the North China Daily Herald, comes this:

"The fashions here this year are ideal. Every man wears what is right in his own eyes and there are few to ridicule. A panama goes jauntily down the street followed by a fur-covered brim cap. Felt hats of scarlet and verdigris green follow along with grays and browns that really do the amateur hatters credit. Eskimo top capes, a few derby hats and the smart military uniforms give the streets a piquancy that one used to miss in the monotonous China-blue crowds.

"Of all the notices posted on the city gate the one that attracts the most attention is the fashion plate that has been exhibited for weeks. It displays two or three of the typical 'Western' suits. There are the 'swallow-tailed' and the low-front frock for evening functions. There one finds the plaited skirts recommended for the women. The proud silk of 'stove-pipe' hat has its corner with the other felts.

"A wise concession to the soaring prices of leather is made in the optional styles of shoes. The cloth boot now has its place with the newer leather."

Remains of Cliff Man.

While driving their sheep out of a natural cave in a lonely part of the Navajo Indian reservation several miles south of Bluff, Utah, Indian herders discovered the remains of a man. The matter was reported to Frank Hyde of Bluff, who got in communication with the Indians and bought from them a perfect mummy of an ancient cliff dweller.

The Indians also gave Hyde the skin of an animal that resembled a muskrat stuffed with tobacco leaves. Two pipes made of soft lime rock were also found, and a fine woad reed basket. A pair of sandals were also among the articles brought in by the Indians.

The features of the mummy resemble those of the present-day Chinese. The man was of small stature.

More Insane Than in College.

Enforcement of the law by probate judges preventing epileptics and feeble-minded from being married would correct many of the evils eugenics are striving to abolish, Harry C. Bowman of the Kansas board of control told the Kansas Conference of Charities and Corrections. Talk of eugenics, he said, was useless.

The speaker said juvenile courts accomplished much reformation, but county and city jails seldom cause permanent reformation. He deplored the increase in imbecility, declaring the census from 1904 to 1910 showed an increase of 25 per cent in hospitals—12 per cent of the entire population.

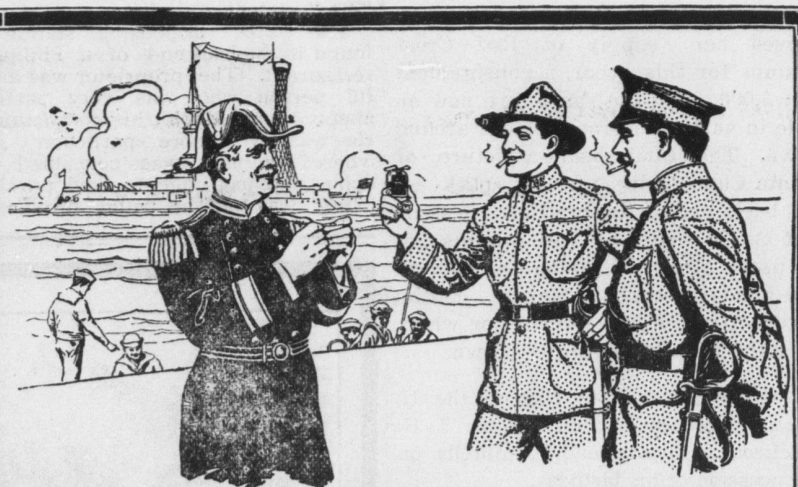
"There are more insane in the United States than students in colleges and universities," said Bowman.

Irish Soldier Gave Warning.

A new story of the British encounter with the Prussian Guards is told by a corporal of a Warwickshire regiment who is wounded and at home in England.

"The night the Prussian Guards attacked us around Ypres," he says, "it was only by chance and heroism that we were warned in time. An Irishman of the King's Liverpool regiment had gone out of the bounds to meet a girl. Coming home late he stumbled on the Germans stealing quietly toward our position.

"Without a thought of consequences to himself he dashed toward our guard to give the alarm. The Germans shot him in both legs, but he got through with the warning."



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