

PORPOISE FISHERY IS OLD

One of Least-Known Industries in America Operated for 200 Years From Cape Hatteras.

One of the oldest and least-known industries in America is the porpoise fishery, which has been operated from Cape Hatteras, in North Carolina, for about 200 years.

Heretofore the most valuable product of the fishery, has been the oil which is extracted from the jaws of the porpoise and is worth about \$20 a gallon.

The porpoises are taken at Hatteras in seines operated from the shore, and it is probably the only place in America where this has ever been successfully done.

IS CURIOUS TRADE MONOPOLY

Making of Missionary Boxes in England Has Been in Hands of Same Family for Many Generations.

It is curious how certain trades and occupations remain peculiar to certain families. There is one occupation employing a large number of men today which is in the hands of the same family that has been associated with it for many generations.

It might be supposed that any carpenter could knock together a suitable receptacle for contributions to missionary and other charitable funds; but the fact remains that every missionary society, every church organization, that requires a collecting-box goes, as a matter of course, to this old-established firm whose specialty it is to make such boxes.

It is a thriving business, and one which is profited rather than suffered through the war, for the institution of flag days and other means of collecting funds has led to an enormous increase in the demand for boxes.

Training Gunners for Sea.

When England trains her gunners for the sea, she sends them to Whale Island in Portsmouth harbor. Here the entire island is given over to steel sheds, which are built like gun turrets on a battleship.

India Bearish on Silver.

A London bullion house says the recent fall in silver prices at Bombay throws a light upon the bearish attitude of the Indian bazaar which has obtained for some time past, and also upon the way in which the Indian people have been content with greatly reduced imports for industrial consumption.

Urges Eating of More Fish.

In a bulletin dealing with the wholesale supply and price of staple foods in New York issued by the health department housewives are advised to substitute fish for meat, it being noted that there is an abundance of fish on the wholesale market and that it is far cheaper than meat.

Restful Slumber.

"Good morning, Judge," said the prisoner, cheerfully. "You seem in a good humor for a man who has spent the night in jail."

TREASURE IN ROYAL VAULTS

Vast Accumulation of Jewels, Armor, Furniture and Works of Art Stored in British Palace.

Special precautions are taken at Buckingham palace during renovations for guarding the treasure vaults. These are three in number, and their contents are of great value, comprising the vast accumulation of jewels, armor, statuary, pictures, furniture, etc., which have come into the possession of the royal family through various channels during the last two centuries.

Two of the vaults are of great size, the largest measuring 300 feet by 260 feet. These are used for the storage of furniture, pictures, etc. The third vault, much smaller and steel lined throughout, is the jewel room, the contents of which may be termed priceless.

Most of these treasures came to Queen Victoria as gifts from other sovereigns. Every object in this vault is catalogued, and the whole collection is checked once a year under the supervision of the keeper of the privy purse.

WAR GREAT LEVELER OF MEN

Dancer and Athlete, Patrician and Plebeian Are Equally Valiant When Call to Arms Comes.

I asked the president of an important college what type of student has responded most quickly to the war drum, writes Girard in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"The surprising thing," said he, "is that there is no class in this response. At our college the boy who is regarded as the best dancer was among the very first to volunteer. As many glee club fellows as football men are going to the front. Athletes are no more eager to face the cannon than are our brightest students."

War, like death, levels up and down. Those aristocrats and high-bred gentlemen, George Washington and Marquis De Lafayette, starved quite as well as Valley Forge as did the frontiersmen from Interior Pennsylvania.

Meade, the cultured patrician, stood the gaff of battle as well as but no better than did Sheridan, the plebeian. Marshal Murat, son of a tavern-keeper, became a king, and Marshal Ney, son of a cooper, later grew into a prince, and both were as valiant upon many a bloody battlefield as were the sons of emperors and czars.

A Case for the Oculist.

The oldest inhabitant of Little Cockleton possesses a telescope which he never used.

"Why don't you make use of it sometimes, James?" a neighbor asked. "It used to be a good 'n," James said, sorrowfully, "but it's broke now."

"Broken?" the neighbor asked. "How's that?"

"Well," James replied, "it was such a good 'n that I could see the old church steeple five miles away quite plain, but Joseph, the scoundrel, got the lens of it and tried to make out the steeple of the Methodist chapel, more'n ten miles away. He tried and tried, and couldn't, so that he strained my glass, and it's never been right since. Drot Joseph!"—Buffalo News.

New Artificial Food Products.

The Germans now add ammonia to the waste liquors of breweries or sugar factories, and produce food protein directly with the aid of yeast. Reports also come on high authority that in Germany artificially digested wood fiber is being used in stock-feeding. Wood is chemically closely related to starch and sugars, and the making of sugar out of cellulose has been done experimentally in the laboratory for a generation.

Artificial Sunshine.

Among the efforts being made by England to get better crops, on account of the threatened food crisis, one of the most interesting is an experiment in growing cereals and other field crops with the aid of "artificial sunshine," provided by overhead electric current. This experiment, under the supervision of V. H. Blackman, professor of plant physiology and pathology at South Kensington, is being carried out at Huntington court farm, near Hereford.

Terrible.

"My dear, you mustn't let anybody read that letter from Cousin George at the front. I'm surprised that he'd write such things."

"What's the matter with his letter? It's mighty interesting."

"Some parts of it are, but his confessions of his disgraceful conduct are dreadful. I wouldn't for the world have anyone know of his doings."

"I don't get you at all."

"You don't? Didn't you read that part of his letter where he says he was out with a British tank last night, and they rolled all over the place?"

A New Economic Problem for Housewives.

The present crisis has brought to the housewives of the United States problems which the housewives of England and France have already met. Besides the question of food conservation, another problem now faces them, the new-old problem of domestic service. Since the Russian Revolution, thousands of women who have been among the best domestic servants in the United States have returned to Russia.

In the Middle West, merchants, manufacturers, and bankers are refusing to take on new men between 20 and 30 years of age, and are as rapidly as possible training women to take their places. This draws from the trained stenographers, bookkeepers, and clerks, whose ranks in turn are being filled by girls in the shops, who are studying nights in order to take their places.

To meet the general shifting of women and girls from homes into industry, the women of the United States will probably have to resort to the methods adopted by the French and English housewives, stated Mrs. Raymond Robins, industrial chairman for Illinois, of the Woman's Committee of the Council for National Defense.

There have been various methods. Many housewives have already begun to anticipate the necessity for releasing their servants to take the places of men who are leaving the factories for the army. Some have solved it by releasing the cook, after breakfast, for instance, until the dinner hour, using the second maid from morning till noon and dispensing with a maid altogether during the afternoon.

Already, in New York and Chicago, these women are co-operating. Arrangements are being made whereby these women can go out for the day; they are good cooks, and are much better adapted to housework than they are to shop or office work. Housewives are taking advantage of this fact, and in considerable numbers are availing themselves of their help.

Not Overly Modest.

Here is an advertisement from a Berlin newspaper which does not err on the side of modesty: "A young lady of highly esteemed and noble family, as beautiful as Helen, as thrifty as Penelope, as economical as the Electress Maria of Brandenburg, as sprightly as Madame de Stael, a singer like Mile. Brevai, a dancer like La Cerito, a pianist like Rosa Kastna, a violinist like Mialhollo, a harpist like La Bertrand, a sculptor like Princess Marie d'Orleans, as austere as Lucrece, as charitable as St. Elizabeth of Hungary, as devout as Nightingale, having at command a large fortune, lacking masculine acquaintance, seeks a husband by the newspapers' agency."

She Knew Her Class.

In a kindergarten class flags were shown, and in answer to a question a little girl gave response that was expected of her: "This is the flag of my country."

"And what is the name of your country?" was the next question.

"Tis of thee," was the prompt reply.

and American housewives, which will help to make it unnecessary for women to be kept in the homes for domestic service, is the co-operative plan of housekeeping, several families uniting and employing one cook, one chambermaid, etc. The cook goes first to the families which wish early breakfast; then she goes on to the next, which wishes breakfast later, leaving another maid to follow and clean up. This is done all through the day, and is proving satisfactory.

"It is one thing to release the girls for work in the Government contracts, but that does not end the housewives' duty to them. We must profit by the sad mistakes of England and France and further protect those girls as they are shifted from one big contract to another. This is met in France and England by the committee of housewives, appointed by the mayor of each city to look after homes for the girls coming to their city or town.

"This work of readjustment takes time, but so splendidly are the housewives of America rising to these changed conditions that this co-operation will soon overcome the serious problems lately created. Women in many places are coming forward and are doing their own housework where practical, and in every way they are trying to conserve. Women are learning more through these trials than in any 25 previous years.

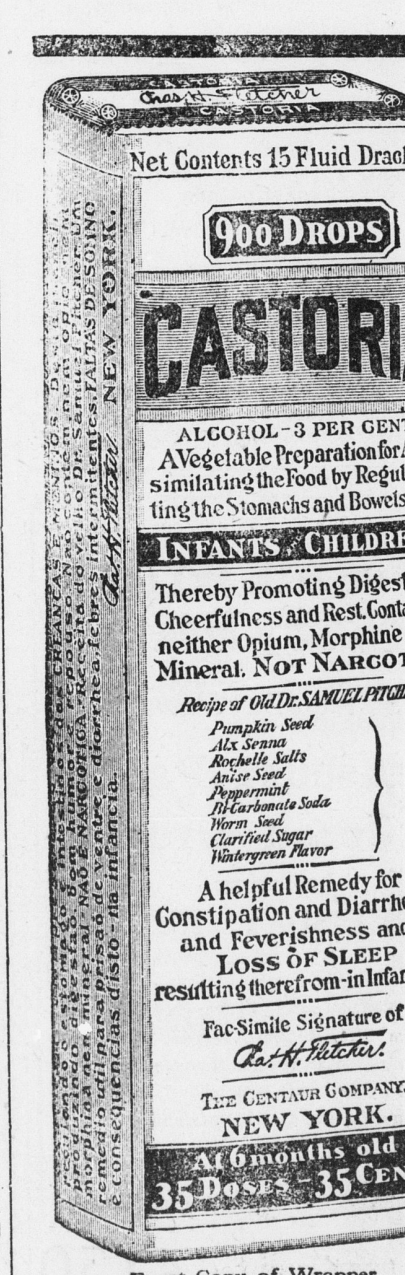
No Longer a Fad.

Vegetarianism was at one time looked upon as a fad of the worst and most bigoted type, but the day has come when it is accorded consideration and has a greater number of followers than even the most optimistic adherent of the cause could have dreamed 20 years ago.

Every simple and natural dietist is an enthusiast and anxious to bring others into the field. There must, indeed, be something pleasing and attractive about a mode of life which so fascinates its devotees that their labors to enlist others as followers are unceasing.—London Telegraph.

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