

TOOK FOXES IN NEAT TRAP

Probably Only Instance on Record Where Youngsters Were Caught in a Horse Blanket.

How four foxes were caught in a horse blanket is a quaint tale told by R. A. Hutmacher in the Hunter-Trapper of Columbus, O.

"It happened to be driving south of Rapatee, Ill., with the implement dealer of that town, making business calls on several farmers of that section, when, to my surprise, I saw on a very steep hill in the distance several young foxes playing about as if no human was near," says Mr. Hutmacher. "My partner and I decided to try our luck at catching them, so driving on a little farther, we tied our horses and set out across the field after them.

"When we reached the hole, they were all up over the hill chasing each other, so telling my companion to go around the hill and chase them my way I threw a horse blanket over their hole and waited. As they came rushing for the hole I raised one end of the blanket just enough to hide myself and at the same time form a trap of it for them to run into.

"They all got to the hole about the same time, when I threw one end of the blanket over them, the other end being over the hole. In the excitement I succeeded in catching all four in the folds of the blanket.

"We went back to the buggy and drove to town, my companion taking two of the foxes and I two. Possibly the explanation of our good luck is the fact that the foxes were not much more than six weeks old when captured."

WHERE THEY FOUND THE HAT

Joe's Use of Brother Agent's Headgear, to Say the Least, Had Not Improved It.

Attorney General Palmer instructed the New York branch of the department of justice recently to gather all the German propaganda evidence it had accumulated to prosecute enemy aliens during the war and forward it to Washington, where it could be stored in the state department vaults. The books, papers and documents were placed in a wooden case five feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, which was put in a special baggage car accompanied by two special agents of the department.

One of the agents became tired of sitting watching the case and said he would take a nap on it. He turned the case over on its side and laid down on it, using his handbag as a pillow, while the other laid on the floor of the car alongside the big box. In the morning Special Agent Joe, who slept on the box, awoke and found Agent Bill searching all through the car for something. He asked what he had lost and Bill said that he certainly had a hat when he entered the car but it was missing. They could not find the hat and finally turned the case right end up and there lay Agent Bill's new flat derby under it mashed perfectly flat. Tableau.

Regulating Immigration.

Until 1882 congress did not make any law restricting foreign immigration. On the other hand, everything was done to encourage immigration without regard to its character or quality. In 1882 a law was made excluding escaped convicts, idiots and persons likely to become a public charge. Since then laws have been passed excluding persons afflicted with any dangerous contagious diseases, persons guilty of serious crime in their native country, anarchists, paupers and professional beggars. Foreigners deterred by law are sent back to the country from which they came. During 1916 the report of the commissioner of immigration shows 5,256 aliens, morally, mentally or physically below the standard were returned, 4,257 of whom were debarred from entering, the remainder having been arrested and expelled.

To Breed Rabbits for Their Fur.

An organization known as the Beveren club has been formed in London, England, to breed rabbits for their fur. The scheme is being run on co-operative lines.

The blue Beveren and the Havana rabbits are the strain which the club intends to rear. The fur of the blue Beveren is of lavender blue and is long, lustrous, fine and silky. That of the Havana is of a rich chocolate color and is thick, fairly long and fine.

It is hoped to produce from these rabbits natural furs the color of which will not fade.

Women Build Roads.

Five hundred Armenian women employed by the American Red Cross have built 100 miles of stone roads and reconstructed several steel bridges in this section within the last four months, an Associated Press dispatch from Marash, Mesopotamia, says. The roads were rebuilt in order to facilitate transportation of Red Cross supplies. There were no male laborers to be employed, so Capt. Edward Bickel of Seattle, who had charge of the engineering work, engaged the women, who were glad to have employment of any kind.

"You'll find all the news in the 'Watchman,' and it's all really true, too.

AARONSBURG.

Harry Walter, of Millmont, spent Saturday with his wife in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hain, of Sunbury, were guests of Mrs. Hain's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Crouse.

Mr. Johnson, of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Grenoble.

Mrs. Thomas Meyer, of Coburn, spent several days with her sisters, Mrs. George Weaver and Mrs. John Grenoble.

Mrs. George E. Stover went over to Lock Haven, where she will spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. Electa Haugh.

The condition of A. D. Kunes has not improved any, and there is not much hope for a recovery. While suffering intensely he is very patient.

Mrs. W. H. Phillips, after having spent several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. George McKay, in Philadelphia, has returned to her home in our village.

Mrs. Koch, her daughter, Mrs. Mothersbaugh, and son Daniel, have returned home and expect to move from their present residence to that of Miss Mary Stahl.

Mrs. A. M. Bower and daughter Ethel returned to their home here after spending several months with her daughter, Mrs. Horace Stover, in Youngstown, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bailey left on Monday morning for their home in Kaneville, Ill. Just one week ago they brought the body of their daughter here for burial. Their many friends deeply sympathize with them in their grief and loneliness.

CENTRE HALL No. 1.

Have you heard the robins? We are all glad to know that summer may soon come.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. D. A. Booser last Saturday evening. The attendance might have been greater.

J. F. Lutz returned to his home here on Monday. He had spent several days in the vicinity of Bellefonte, where he attended the funeral of his cousin, Jerry Lutz.

Joseph Ruble, of Cleveland, Ohio, on his return from a business trip to Philadelphia, made a short stop in our town with his sister-in-law, the widow of the late J. B. Ruble.

Robert Neff, teacher of the intermediate grade, has been out of school for over a week, on account of sickness. He is greatly improved at this writing and hopes to be able to resume his duties in the school room next Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Booser, who graduated as a trained nurse at the Allegheny General hospital, Pittsburgh, came to the home of her father, D. A. Booser, last Thursday, to remain until April first. At that time she will return to the hospital as a nurse.

Rev. W. R. Picken, a retired Methodist minister who resides in this place, attended the Central Pennsylvania conference of the Methodist church, which was held in Harrisburg. He returned to his home on Monday of this week. Robert Smith, of Centre Hill, was also in attendance at the conference as a lay delegate.

College Correspondence Courses are Popular.

The popularity of the correspondence courses offered at a very low cost by the engineering extension division of The Pennsylvania State College, has been growing by leaps and bounds during the past few months. Throughout the State there are now approximately 1200 shop and mill workers who are taking advantage of this instruction by mail, that they might advance to better jobs.

More than seven hundred enrollments in the shop engineering mail instruction work were received by the department last week. Six hundred are employees of a Williamsport manufacturing company. The company is paying for this instruction for its men, realizing the benefit that come to both men and the plant. A plant in Carbondale has adopted the same method, and there 125 men are working on their first lesson in shop arithmetic, drawing, operation and management.

"We find that shopmen are beginning to realize the value of these correspondence courses," says a representative of the department. "We do not ask payment on a full and elaborate course, but just as they are finished and the student is ready to continue with further study. He makes no big investment and pays for the inexpensive service as he goes."

Extension school classes are flourishing in forty-eight centres throughout the State, and there are now about 6300 shopmen enrolled in these popular night instruction classes. During the coming week Ensign C. G. Gaum, formerly attached to this college department will receive his discharge from the Navy and will be the eastern Pennsylvania representative. He will supervise the work conducted with classes in and about Philadelphia, where upwards of 1000 men are enrolled.

Canada's Veterans to Get Big Area of Land.

Canadian soldier farmers will soon be able to settle in a large area of Western Reserve land which has been thrown open through cancellation by the crown, according to announcement by the Soldier Settlement Board. Action has been taken to dispose of 75,000 of Hudson's Bay reserve lands situated in the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta and 10,400 acres Doukhobor reserve lands near Kamsock, Saskatchewan.

A portion of the land will be sold

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Illness Costs U. S. Wage Earners Billion Dollars Every 12 Months



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The time clock of the nation shows that each worker, through sickness, loses an average of nine days. This means that the working time of the nation is decreased by more than 850,000 years.

Half of the billion-dollar sick bill represents wages lost—subtracted from the total of earnings expected to finance the budgets of millions of families. The other half represents the bill for doctors, nurses and medicines. And the total is twice the amount given annually in the United

States for all philanthropic purposes, in normal times.

This is the problem of illness as it is presented by the survey now being made by the Interchurch World Movement.

The survey has formulated a program as a proposal for the co-operative effort of the evangelical churches. An increase in the efficiency and capacity of existing denominational hospitals is the first provision of this program.

Construction of 31 new hospitals is the second. These hospitals include 12 general hospitals for white people; twelve for negroes; one tuberculosis sanitarium for Arizona; four hospitals for incurables and two children's hospitals.

April 15 and the proceeds given to a reserve fund to offset settlement losses and to aid returned men physically disabled whose condition and circumstances necessitate their being settled on land. The remainder of the area will be thrown open about April 30

for soldier grant entry. Assistance in the form of farm loans for stock equipment will be given to those men whose knowledge of farming will enable them to proceed with the development and operation of their lands.—Ex.

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