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WHEN THE TROUT BEGIN TO BITE.

There's a feelin' comes to stealin',
Sort o' shamed-like and queer,
An' my heart'll sort o' startle
Jest about this time o' year.
Like a robin that is 'notherin',
With the mornin' time o' dawn,
When the sun is gettin' stronger
An' the days is gettin' longer,
And the trout begin to bite.

Every willer seems as lazy,
Jest a noddin' in the sun,
As a feller feelin' meller
When his evenin' chores is done;
An' aknowin' where he's goin'
With his fishin' pole, all right,
When the sun is gettin' stronger
An' the days is gettin' longer
And the trout begin to bite.

Ain't no other feelin', nuther,
That'll grip you jest like this.
Can't outgrow it, don't you know it?
Then you don't know what you miss.
When you're fishin', well, you're wishin'
Every other feller might,
When the sun is gettin' stronger
An' the days is gettin' longer
And the trout begin to bite.

A NEW SUPPLY OF GASOLINE FOUND IN OLD SEA BED.

Fifty billion barrels of shale oil available in this country as a reserve for future needs! The Secretary of the Interior says we have that much.

The motorist is eagerly interested. "How much of it is gasoline?" he demands to know. About 10 per cent is the answer given by the experts. Which means 5,000,000,000 barrels of the precious motor fluid. But what is this oil-shale about which we have heard so much lately? And how and why does it happen that there is so much oil in it?

Once upon a time it was mud, deposited on the bottom of a vanished sea. Silt in finely divided particles, brought from the land by rivers, formed beds of it, which hardened into rock. In the Rocky Mountain States beds of shale thus formed are found over wide areas, rich in oil. The mud thus deposited contained much organic matter—plant remains and debris of molluscan and other aquatic animal life. Usually oil does not exist as such in the shales; it is produced by destructive distillation of this organic matter. Heat, in the absence of air, decomposes the organic matter, converting it into oils and gases.

The products obtained by refining the crude shale oil are motor gasoline, fuel oils, illuminating oils, gas, lubricating oils, paraffin wax and coke. Oil shales are found in many parts of this country. Those of the Rocky Mountain States (says the Geological Survey) "are capable of yielding a much greater quantity of oil than we can hope to obtain from our oil wells."

All of which sounds quite exciting. Nevertheless, there does not seem to be any prospect that our oil shales will be exploited for oil on an extensive scale for a long time to come. It will not pay to mine them for oil until petroleum becomes much scarcer and dearer than it is now. No oil shale operations in this country have yet reached commercial production, though many plants have been started on a small scale in Colorado, Utah, Montana, Nevada and California.

Huge capital must be invested before the industry can become of commercial importance. It is a kind of enterprise that must be conducted on a large scale, involving as it does the handling of great quantities of low-grade material. One might compare it to the extraction of gold or copper from low-grade ores. The requisite equipment is costly and operating expenses are high.

Some oil shale runs as high as ninety gallons of oil to the ton. Unlimited quantities of it are "in sight" that will yield forty or fifty gallons. But it costs as much to get out the rock as it does to mine coal, and that is only the beginning. To refine the oil is more difficult and expensive than refining petroleum. It differs from crude petroleum in containing organic compounds which have a horrible smell, tend to form gummy deposits and must be removed before the product is marketable.

The oil is there; no question about that. It constitutes an enormous potential reserve, upon which future generations will be glad to draw. But its extraction will not be economically profitable until the petroleum wells of the world have approached much nearer to exhaustion than they have yet.

In the meantime at least 150 companies have been organized in this country for oil production from oil shales. Most of them, however, are mere stock-selling enterprises.

STAR FOR EVERY SOLDIER.

More than five million stars, to be exact, 5,016,832, of which 128,879 will be of gold and the others blue, will stud the dome of the gigantic assembly hall in the National Victory Memorial building, in process of erection in Washington and which is expected to be completed in time for the inaugural ceremonies in 1925.

This dome will really be an American Service Flag, bespangled with country's service during the recent stars in geographical groups; a gold star for every one who died in the war, and a blue one for each other member of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps who served.

That their star may be identified by initials or a name in full, and guided by a grouping diagram, future visitors will be able with the aid of a telescope on the floor below, to locate a particular star, are details of the plans of Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, president of the George Washington Memorial Association and the guiding spirit whose indefatigable efforts have consummated this gigantic undertaking.

BETTER THAN ALL MEDICINE

Oysters Put Artemus Ward on His Feet When Every Other Remedy Had Proved a Failure.

When Artemus Ward and Dr. Higston, who acted as his manager on his western lecture tour, arrived in Salt Lake City, after that amusing and successful visit to California, the beloved humorist fell sick. So badly was he, after his arduous rounds of the Pacific coast and his strenuous days in Virginia City, Nev., with Mark Twain and Bill Nye, that his life was despaired of.

The lecture Artemus had arranged with Brigham Young to give in the theater, had to be postponed. In fact, so hopeless seemed the case that Dr. Higston even tried to arrange to have the body of his friend and partner transported to the East on the stage coach. But the optimism of Artemus brought him back to safety again, a very thin and weak man.

But before he was allowed to leave his room, Artemus had difficulty gaining sufficient strength even to walk. From Brigham Young to the least humble of the Mormon "saints," attentions in the form of fresh eggs, jellies and other helpful delicacies were showered upon the convalescent. Artemus enjoyed everything, but nothing seemed to give him strength.

At last a food was discovered in a local grocery, so we are told, that "lifted him from his couch." This was nothing more or less than a dozen cans of Baltimore oysters, put up in squares of block tin. The first oyster stew "hit the spot," and Artemus chirped up:

"Get out the bills for the lecture! See Mr. Clawson and arrange for the date. The show is safe enough, now we've got on an oyster basis."—Mark Stuyvesant in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Woods Flower-Carpeted.

Soon after the earliest blossoms have lifted their heads to the sunshine the stately queen of the vernal woods—the large white trillium—unfurls her banners of snowy white. In many woods this species occurs in such numbers as to give the forest floor the appearance of a white-starred carpet. We are likely to find a white spider, with the front two pairs of legs much elongated, sitting close to the center of the flower. This is the white crab spider, a species which thus maintains an attitude of waiting with its long legs spread like a pair of forceps over the middle of the blossom ready to seize such insects as may visit it in search of nectar or pollen.—American Forestry Magazine

Extends War Insurance.

Enemy aliens who served with the United States during the world war are entitled to the benefits of the War Risk Insurance Act under a recent interpretation of the act by the Veterans Bureau, according to instructions issued by Director Forbes.

"According to this decision," Director Forbes said, "any claimant who is an enemy alien and who volunteered or was drafted in the army, navy marine corps, and who was not discharged from the service on his own application or solicitation by reason of being an enemy alien, and whose service was honest and faithful, shall be entitled to the benefits of the War Risk Insurance Act.

"As it is well known, the Veterans' Bureau disallowed insurance benefits to those beneficiaries residing in enemy countries and classified as enemy aliens. Peace has now been declared between these countries and the United States, and it is very proper and fitting to make up these awards and their payments as soon as possible."

Many Persons Camped.

About 80,000 persons fished, hunted and camped in the Pennsylvania state forests last year, according to an estimate made by the Department of Forestry. It is believed that 1,400 deer and 125 bear were killed on state forests last fall.

Figures compiled by the Bureau of Lands show 758 camp sites were leased by recreationists, an increase of 195 over the previous year. Lessees of permanent camp sites in state forests occupied an aggregate area of 480 acres. The minimum annual rental charged for these camps is \$7, and they were enjoyed by 20,000 persons.

During 1921, 400 permits for temporary camps were issued by local forest officers, and it is estimated that 5,000 persons were in those camps. About 55,000 campers and hikers were in the various forests during the year.

WORRIED HUSBANDS—

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Gude's Pepto-Mangan is the Best Tonic for Nervous, Tired-Out Wives.

Is your wife "all tired out" and cross and irritable much of the time? Do the children "bother her to death" every day, and do the ordinary household tasks that she formerly performed with ease seem now to overtax her? In other words, do you often come home to a house of trouble instead of a house of joy and happiness?

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Crime Problem a Boy Problem.

The Warden of the California State prison at San Quentin, J. A. Johnston, has been looking into the sources of the population of that institution and believes he has found the most prolific source in neglected boyhood. "More than half of those at this prison are under thirty years of age," he says, "and about one-third are under twenty-six years, while a great many of them, several hundred in fact, are in their teens. When you take such figures into account in conjunction with the extreme youth of those in the reform schools, it is borne in on one that and that criminal tendencies assert themselves early in life."

The observation of the Warden, who certainly is in a position to speak with authority, may prove valuable to the gentlemen who are considering ways and means to stem the rising tide of lawlessness. This epidemic of crime in every form, and breaking out in every quarter, has become a household concern. If its source can be in any degree localized, the problem will be by that much a simpler one.

"Leaderlessness" boys have been hooked up with the devil before this

in the well known warning "Satan still finds work for idle hands to do." Warden Johnston has a very positive opinion on how to attack this problem. He says: "The greatest importance attaches to correct training and the instilling of right ideals as to social obligations at the period of life when characters are being formed. With all my heart, I believe that right education and correct training, such as Boy Scouts receive, inculcate habits of industry, initiative, self-reliance and all of the positive virtues that make good citizens, in contrast to the negative vices that so often lead boys in the wrong direction."

Our criminals do not all come from the East Sides. Our Fifth Avenues produce their quotas. It is the concern of the men who are leading the Boy Scouts of America to extend the Boy Scout training to more boys in all situations of life. It is significant that at the very time when our great criminologists are gathering to formulate repressive and corrective measures, several hundred representative men from all parts of the United States met at Chicago to devise plans for the extension of the Boy Scout movement.



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