ERIE HAS MODEL MUNICIPAL PIGGERY.

By George F. Paul.

The city of Erie, Pa., prides itself on having what is declared by experts to be one of the finest municipal piggeries in America. At present the 1,400 hogs are consuming from 30 to 35 tons of garbage per day. Those in charge have been able to fatten hogs for market in from four to four and one-half months. This fattening is carried on without the annoyance of a disagreeable odor, or any other nuisance. The hogs that have been marketed have withstood a more severe physical test, and have shown much less disease, than the hogs raised by the ordinary farmer.

The hogs are all treated with a serum to render them immune to cholera before they are placed on feed. Not a single hog has been lost from cholera at this piggery. The very nature of the feed in a garbage-feeding plant is conducive to cholera, and hogs not so treated would not live in such plants. The inoculations render the hogs immune, to the extent of warding off the disease which might be produced by such feed, and by feeding on food of this nature they are daily setting up additional immunity, so that it is estimated that by the end of 60 days on such feed the hogs are rendered from 90 to 95 per cent. immune to cholera, even when subjected to the most severe exposure. Not only are the hogs rendered free from cholera, but they are also treated against swine plague and other diseases. The death loss from all causes is a fraction less than 2 per cent.

PIGS REPLACE INCINERATOR.

In 1913 an incinerator was built to take care of the city's garbage, but it cost so much to operate it that the piggery was built, and the pigs were bought, and put to work. This modern hog-house is 360 feet long and 50 feet wide, with walls of concrete block. It is divided into pens, each pen af-fording room for 125 pigs. The pens are bedded with baled shavings, which keeps the hogs clean and dry at all times. The sleeping quarters are kept entirely separate from the feeding platforms, which are immediately in front of the sleeping quarters. These platforms are of concrete and are flushed daily to keep the pens in a clean and sanitary condition. Bucket conveyors bring the garbage to the feeding platforms. The pigs are turned into the pens and allowed to eat at will. They are then driven into their sleeping quarters, and the feeding floors are thoroughly cleaned.

The hogs are put on garbage feed very carefully for the first ten days after arrival, only being permitted to consume a small quantity of garbage until they have become accustomed to | ducted at the Carnegie Institute of their feed. No grain is fed at any period during the hogs' stay at the ranch, which ranges from four to five

months.

Every means has been used to erect a model pig farm. Both county and State officials have visited the farm and know that the pens are of the most sanitary type and can be kept clean at all times. Plenty of fresh air and light help to keep the piggery sanitary. In this respect it is absolutely different from the pig-pen of the old-fashioned type.

The proposition is declared to be a successful and profitable one.

Giving a Chance to Every Crippled Boy or Girl.

This is a new undertaking of the Rotary Clubs of North America, numbering 85,000 business men. They are engaged in a nation-wide campaign to give every crippled boy and girl in this country a new chance. Lit-tle folks with twisted backs and crooked limbs, in every part of the nation, are to be treated by experts and educated so they can take care of themselves. It is estimated that over 300, 000 crippled children will be aided in this way without cost to the child. A scientific study is to be made of infantile paralysis, with the hope of discovering the cause of that disease, and steps will be taken to obtain hospital treatment for cripples in infancy when it is comparatively easy to effect permanent cures. In order to carry forward this work the Rotarians have formed The International Society for Crippled Children, headed by Edgar F. Allen, president, Elyira, Ohio; J. M. Bateman, secretary, Cleve-Ohio; J. M. Bateman, secretary, Cleveland, Ohio; Frank L. Mulholland, treasurer, Toledo, Ohio. The vice-presidents are Hart I. Seely, Waverly, N. Y.; H. E. Van de Walker, Ypsilanti, Mich., and E. R. Kelsey, Toledo, Ohio. Paul P. Harris, of Chicago, Ohio. founder of the Rotary movement, is chairman of the board. Arrangements are being made to open permanent international headquarters in either Chicago or New York. Such undertakings are most highly commendable.-Christian Advocate.

Did You Ever Stop to Think-

That the city that gets the publicity gets the business

That the city that gets the advertising grows.

That advertising a city is a business, not child's play.

That people will go miles to get to a good live city to trade. That your property will increase in value when the outside world knows your city is wide-awake.

That people from neighboring cities will come where there is something That the city that does not seek

something better than it now has is going to lose out.

That now is the time that your city

and business need advertising more than ever before. That if you don't get out and go

after the trade, some neighboring city That if they do they will get the business you should get.—Norton

Edhem Said Bey Got Bevy of Circassian Girls for Far Less Than Purchase Price.

Edhem Said Bey, a Turk who was feeling acutely the servant problem in Constantinople, tells of going to Asia Minor and buying half a dozen servants. He went to the first Circassian village and asked the chief of the elders to exhibit the daughters for sale.

In the evening 15 or 20 girls were assembled in the town hall with their fathers. They were dressed to show themselves off to advantage. The girls danced to the tune of primitive oriental music composed of a flute and cymbals. Edhem Said Bey carefully noted which girls pleased him the most, motioned them to one

side, and called their fathers. After long bargaining with the fathers the bey went to the market and bought donkeys, buffaloes and silver-mounted arms for a tenth of the price he had agreed upon for the girls. These were then presented to the fathers as payment. A buffalo which the bey had bought for 20 gold pieces, he would offer as a priceless animal to be credited to him in the payment for the girl at five or ten times that price. His object was to make the father think he had received two or three hundred gold pieces for his daughter, although the actual value of the material delivered might be only one-tenth of that amount, so that the father might boast of a high price to his friends.

SPEED OF FINGERS DIFFERS

Those of the Right Hand Quicker and More Accurate Than Those of the Left.

The fingers of your right hand are quicker and more accurate than those of your left, says the Popular Science Monthly. The ring finger of your left hand shows a burst of speed whenever it can work with the forefinger of your right hand; and it slows down noticeably when it must team with the middle finger of your left hand.

Two fingers working together are faster than one going it alone. And a combination of two fingers on opposite hands is faster than two fingers on the same hand. Practice, while it increases the speed

of all fingers, tends to increase the rate of the slow ones more than the fast ones, thus overcoming the handicap of the ones that lag naturally.

If you are a typist or planist, perhaps you have already discovered some of these facts about the workings of your hands. They were conclusively demonstrated by a series of tests con-Technology by Esther L. Gatewood.

Hindus' Love of Jewelry.

The ruling passion of the natives of India is an inordinate love of jewelry. Every Hindu as soon as he has accumulated any surplus cash, immediately converts the same into gaudy and often expensive ornaments for himself, his wife and children.

Every Hindu wears earrings and, on great occasions, as many as half a dozen pairs. Poor people who cannot afford gold pass copper wires through their ears and noses. In some districts married men wear silver rings on their toes, and another fashion is to have tied on the upper arm a gold box containing a charm to avert bad luck. It is the women, however, who appear in the greatest splendor. It is not uncommon to see a woman attending some festival or other with decorations in her hair, her ears, her nose, around her forehead, her neck, her arms, her wrists, her fingers, about her breast and neck, and around her knees, calves, ankles and toes.

Origin of "Fifty-Fifty,"

"Fifty-fifty" originated in the theater box office. It developed back in the old days before engagements for various companies were arranged from New York by owners of chains of theaters. Then each company had to look out for its own engagements and made the best deal it could for a division of the receipts with the owner of the theater, explains the Detroit News. "Sixty-forty" was a good deal the "forty" going to the house. More often it was a "sixty-five-thirty-five"

So the adoption of "fifty-fifty" as an expression to indicate an absolutely even division of anything, whether in or out of the theater, was a perfectly natural development.

Emancipation Days.

There are emancipation celebrations at various times of the year. August 4 is observed as a celebration of the emancipation of Haitian negroes by the British. August 1 is celebrated as the anniversary of the proclamation issued August 1, 1834, by the British government, freeing slaves in its colonies. More than 700,000 slaves were set free in the West Indies at that time, principally in Jamaica, the English government paying several millions of dollars to the slave owners as indemnity. The day most widely celebrated, however, is September 22, the anniversary of Lincoln's proclamation issued in 1863

The Way of Speculation.

The Get-Rich-Quicker (wildly)-You told me that stock I bought two weeks ago would take a big jump within ten days. Explain!

Near-Broker (in an injured tone)-It did, my frined; but sad to say, it was a backward jump.-Buffalo Ex-

TURK HAD EYE TO BUSINESS AS TYPE OF MONOTHEISM REFUSED TO HURT BABIES

Melchizedek So Figures in Pages of Scripture and as Character in Legends.

Melchizedek is a vague character occasionally mentioned in the Scriptures, whose name means "king of in the time of Abraham, uniting the came into contact with them. royal with the priestly dignity, and ancient writers.

Later on his name seems to have been chosen of God "from all gen- of them he saw his toddling baby boy! erations of men," to stand by the body

WOMAN AND HER SECRETS

Admitting That She Keeps Them Well, Writer Wonders If She Has Any to Reveal.

about woman. Adam was the only man to whom she was something new. Het her!-Youth's Companion. "elemental inconsistencies" have lent color to every page of the world's history, and she has shown no disposition to conceal them. "Woman does not beponderously, and with that truly German air of providing food for thought. Just what he expected her to betray, just what anybody expects her to betray, has never been made manifest. The cat is the only one of God's creatures that suggests reserve and pereasily kept as are the secrets of the strangers.
cat and of the Free Masons, and for Generally speaking, I would recomdoes not tell is how she is going to traveled roads over which the male voter sturdily trudges.

French "Convulsionnaires."

The Convulsionnaires were a curious group who flourished in France in the early part of the Eighteenth century. They were in the habit of meeting in Medard's churchyard, in the suburbs of Paris, in which was located the tomb of Abbe Francois de Paris. where countless miracles were alleged to have been performed. The members of the sect threw themselves into the most violent contortions, rolled on the ground, imitated birds and animals and fishes, and when entirely exhausted fainted or went into convulsions.

At length Louis XV issued an order against them, ordering them to be imprisoned if found "carrying on" in this fashion. But even with these strict regulations against them it was difficult to stamp out the fervor entirely for a great many years.

Word "Bum" Has Dignified History

The word "bum," which is considered by nearly everyone as a pure Americanism of the most vulgar sort, has in reality a very dignified history It was first used in England more than two centuries ago in the form of "bummer." A bummer was a man who peddled fish outside the regular markets and these persons were, of course looked down upon and held in contempt by the regular dealers. The word fitally gained a general significance and came to mean any dishonest person or one of irregular habits. It appears in the English market by-laws of the Seventeenth century in the form of "Bummaree."

The word appeared in the United States during the gold days in California and gradually made its way

Pithy Paragraphs.

The world condemns a woman with great severity when she goes wrong Some few centuries later a group of men played the same cards in the same way for the life of the world's best man, and not one of their names is remembered. Jezebel can never be forgotten. She was a woman.-James W. Valentyne.

The preacher who is sensational in the sense of utilizing methods or matter the main object of which is to at tract may gain attention, but will rare ly win a heart, and, after all, heart culture, properly understood, which according to Proverbs, "determines the issues of life," is the fundamenta and finest service of a church .- Alex under Lyons.

Two Stories That Prove Gentleness of riorses Where Little Children Were Concerned.

Are horses peculiarly gentle with babies? It seems a fair question. Certainly the horses in this account, righteousness." The most definite which a contributor sends us, were references to him indicate that he was almost humanly solicitous of the welking of Salem, and priest of Jehovah fare of the two young children who

Our neighbor, says our contributor, so becoming a welcome type for the had a field one corner of which came up to his dooryard. One day while he was plowing he stopped when he become more or less legendary, and reached the corner and, leaving the was used in a figurative sense as "a horses standing in the furrow, went priest forever after the order of to the pump for a drink. As soon as Melchizedek," and he is placed in the he returned he took up the plow same category as the Messiah, Him- handles and spoke to the horses. They self, apparently as a type of ancient did not move. He spoke again, sharply. monotheism. Still later he becomes Still they did not move. Astonished identified with Shem, the son of Noah, and vexed, he struck them with the and the ancestor of Abraham, and is whip. Still they stood immovable: the subject of an elaborate story in the and then he realized that something Egyptian book of Adam and Eve. In must be wrong. He went to their this story he is represented as having heads, and there in the furrow in front

The two-year-old daughter of a of Adam after it had been brought friend of mine in Denver had an exback to Jerusalem. He is supposed perience a good deal more astonishing to have remained with Adam's body than that of the baby boy's. The little under the protection of an angei until girl managed to stray away from in he encountered Abraham. He is one front of the house where she had been of the four mentioned in Holy Writ playing. There was a long search in as "without father and without mother, which the police and the fire departwithout descent, having neither begin ment joined; but it was unsuccessful. ning of days nor end of life, but made | Finally, in a livery stable two miles like unto the son of God abiding for- away some men who were working there thought they heard a little cooing voice. They were horrified, for it seemed to come from the stall of an exceedingly vicious horse that even the grooms approached cautiously and with dread. The men, looked into the stall and saw the baby patting the horse's hind leg and calling him "nice horsie," while he, with his head Heaven knows there is little novelty turned, watched her benignantly, not moving a muscle lest he should hurt

TESTS VIGOR OF BANK ROLLS

tray her secret," wrote Immanuel Kant, Majority Wither Quickly, but Some Grow Robust When Exposed to New York's Climate.

New York has long been known in the provinces as the nesting place of bank rolls. In this nest either they grow or they die young. A bank roll haps secrecy. I have sometimes is a sensitive plant, as it were, being thought that half-shut eyes and the im- influenced quickly and permanently mobility of relaxed nerves may be re- by climatic and diplomatic changes. sponsible for the suggestion, and that Nothing can become discouraged more this self-contained little beast is less quickly than a bank roll in New York, mysterious than it looks. Woman does and nothing can gain a satisfied and not even look mysterious, save in the prosperous maturity more quickly if veiled East. In the West all her efforts it gets the right start, attends to its tend to revelation. Her secret is as own business and keeps away from

the same reason. The only thing she mend this town as the best health resort for bank rolls in the world. Some vote. This makes her interesting to bank rolls come here in the full view the politicians, if not to the world at of perfect health, with perfectly norlarge. The basic principles of party mal chest measurements and waistpolitics have not taken firm hold of lines suited to their age, and immediher intelligence. By-paths and side ately go into a decline which no issues seduce her from the main science is able to stem. They seem to be victims of the old-fashioned disease known as galloping consumption.

Others come here in a very frail state of health, puny in fact, and by judicious exercise take on weight and require larger and larger belts. Circumstances alter bank rolls.—Roy K. Moulton, in the New York Mail.

Polished Shoes Once Decried. Polished shoes were for a long time looked upon as a sure sign of effeminacy in men, and were often even

ridiculed, says London Answers. Therefore, "mock me all over, from my flat cap unto my shining shoes,"

became almost proverbial. Shoe ornamentation of any kind came to us from France. It was of a Frenchified Englishman that Ben Jonson wrote in his famous satire: "Would you believe that so much scarf of France, of hat, and feather, and shoe, and tye, and garter, should come hither?

Now let us look at the other extremity. Powder for the hair was first introduced into England early in the Seventeenth century, and became immediately the mock of the dramatists, and was severely censured by the Puritans.

The fashion became very popular about 1795, when a tax of 1 guinea per annum was levied on every person who wore their hair powdered. The hair-powder duty for the first year was estimated at £250,000 (\$1,-250,000).

Twisted, but Meant Well.

An English newspaper is printing choice bits of broken English as overheard by its readers. Two examples follow, which are considered the most amusing: A coffee room waiter who said he was a Swiss, replying to a guest ordering breakfast:

"Tongue iss no more, schickken never vos! How you like your eggs voilt, tight or loose?" The other concerns an enraged Portuguese who turned upon his op-

ponent and spat out: "If I did know ze English for ze box, I would blow your nose, by damn,

Memory of Lower Animals. Elephants and apes have often surprised their keepers by the strength of their memory. It is a saying among trainers that elephants and tigers never forget an injury; that they may retaliate even years afterward.

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