

BASKING SHARK NEVER BITES

This May Have Been Fortunate for Men Who Caught Monster Off Long Key.

The 40,000-pound sea monster caught off Long Key has been identified as an Indo-Pacific basking shark by L. L. Mowbray, vice president of the New York aquarium.

It is fortunate for those who go down to the sea in ships or down to the surf to swim that the creature is thus disposed. It required an all-day struggle and 50 shots from a high-powered rifle to subdue him.

Were such a creature of an aggressive nature the sea in his vicinity would be hardly safe for the average submarine, while pleasure boats would afford no protection whatever from his fury.

Hitherto the children of the earth have found abundant reason for gratitude that rattlesnakes cannot fly like hawks, or tigers run like antelopes, or houseflies sting like wasps.

HEALTHY BABIES OF JAPAN

They Seem to Have a Hard Time, According to Our Ideas, but Thrive Nevertheless.

According to our modern scientific ideas as to the careful treatment of babies, those of Japan would seem to have a hard time, and yet there are no healthier, nor fatter looking little mortals on the face of the earth.

Modern Jerusalem.

The ancient city of Jerusalem, where Christ did so many of his mighty works, now has a modern waterworks system. The reservoirs known as the Pools of Solomon were not really Solomon's at all, but were made by Roman engineers.

The pools are supplied from a spring in a cavern called Bir Darash. A large quantity of gravel and stones has been removed, and the aqueduct and tunnels between the spring and the pools repaired.

Uncle Jasper.

"Proverbs ain't always correct," began Uncle Jasper. "I'll cite you a case. Some years ago Rothschild decided to add to his collection of mooses and lichens from many parts of the world, but he wanted more.

Blue Law.

When they closed the bar on one of the transatlantic liners bound for the land of liberty one of the passengers protested. "Seems like you're closing up awful soon; how far are we from land, anyway?"

No Trespassing.

On a farm in South Georgia is posted this sign: "Trespasser's will be persecuted to the full extent of 2 mean mongrel dogs which ain't never been ovariectomized with strangers and 1 dubbel barriet shotgun which ain't loaded with no soft pillers.

For all the news you should read the "Watchman."

STAND TORTURE FOR BEAUTY

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Parisiennes are going to such lengths to achieve beauty as quite to put in the shade the painful operation of "dimpling" (making a hole in the chin by means of a drugged needle).

Many women think nothing of having their noses broken and reset in a different shape, says a Paris correspondent. Others actually have the eyebrows moved upward or downward, as the fancy dictates.

Some fashionable women are being laughed at for their insistence on having their cosmetics flavored. One has her lip-rouge tasting of banana.

HOW REED ACQUIRED TITLE

Why Famous Speaker of House War Given Name "Czar"—Conduct Called "Russian."

Julius Chambers, at one time managing editor of the New York World, tells in his book, "News Hunting on Three Continents," how Thomas B. Reed, one-time speaker of the house of representatives, acquired the title of "Czar."

When the house of the Fifty-first congress organized in December, 1889, with the narrow majority of 164 Republicans to 161 Democrats, Reed, of Maine, was elected speaker.

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Lincoln Was a Whittier.

Whittling sticks and telling stories were Abraham Lincoln's resources. Bismarck's wife, when Beethoven's "Moonlight" sonata was being played, noticed the first tear in his eye, and felt "He is not so hard as he seems."

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AVIARY IN CENTER OF CITY

Every Variety of Bird Known in California Is Said to Be Found There.

An unclosed aviary exists in the center of a thriving California city. One block from automobile row, where humming motors and clanging street cars make the life of pedestrians precarious, a family of feathered creatures live in perfect harmony.

Birds of every variety known in California, including the timorous little wild quail that find a haven of safety in town, gather on a common feeding ground each morning.

Bluejays have proved the most avaricious, while the smaller bird family is meek and gracious. The trees and shrubbery are filled with the nests of the jays and the cry of the babies can be heard until their mouths are filled.

MOTOR CAR CAMPERS MANY

They Are Doing Good Work Building Great Fraternity of Outdoor Sports Lovers.

We have heard the lure of the outdoors preached as long as we can remember, says the Sportsman's Digest, and while no one disputed the value of time spent close to nature, it remains a fact that only since the motor car has come into universal use have appreciable increases been made in the number of people who spend a part of their spare time in the open.

Wildier Than the Animals.

"With all our so-called wisdom and civilization, we have not learned much about dress," said one park bench philosopher to another, wiping the perspiration from his brow and from beneath a wilted collar.

Effects Not Pleasant.

An Evansville young woman, teaching her first term at school, was not only impressed with the nobleness of her profession but had determined that all her friends should so be impressed.

Canada's Urban Population.

The population of Canada is about equally divided between city dwellers and country dwellers. The total urban population is given as 4,852,773 and the total rural population 4,435,730. In Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan the rural population runs about 75 per cent of the whole.

HAVE PEST OF CATERPILLARS

Myriads of the Insects Strip Trees in Bohemia—Peasants Carry Umbrellas in Woods.

Oscar John, a New York musician who returned recently from Czechoslovakia, said that the great forests of northern Bohemia were being destroyed by a caterpillar pest, according to the New York Times.

"The caterpillars in northern Bohemia," said Mr. John, "originate in myriads from the black butterfly called the nonne, or nun in English, which lays its eggs on the ground in the forests. Directly these insects are hatched they swarm up the trees, sapping its life as they climb up the trunk by eating all the green shoots and leaves.

"On reaching the top the caterpillars swing by their own saliva across to the next tree and destroy it as they go down to the ground. Millions of these crawling pests make a mess when they are doing the aerial trapeze act and fall to the ground so thickly that it is just like rain.

"Peasants walking through these dense forests have to carry great cotton umbrellas to prevent themselves from being smothered by the caterpillars. There are no picnics under the trees, because a soup basin would be filled up before there would be a chance to eat the contents.

"The only thing that can be done with the trees after the caterpillars have finished with them is to cut down the dead trunks and saw them up into logs for firewood.

"It gives one an uncanny feeling to walk through the great dark forests of northern Bohemia and hear the gloomy croak of the buzzloak from the lofty branches of the trees and the pitter-patter of the caterpillar rain on the big umbrellas carried by the peasants."

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At present there are more than 700, but the number is increasing every year. Any day Uncle Sam is likely to catch a new one in his naval observatory net with its magnificent lens. Planet photography is now a specialty.—Washington Star.

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