

**Mongolia's Wild Dogs
Fiercer Than Wolves**

The Mongols believe when persons are about to die that evil spirits enter the body, according to Mr. Roy Chapman, leader of the American Museum Asiatic expedition.

The bodies, once death has occurred, are placed on carts, driven over the roughest possible ground, and during the journey thrown off, to be devoured by wild dogs. These dogs are doubtless the fiercest creatures in the world. They are indeed terrible, and were a constant menace to the lives of the members of the expedition.

No member, said Mr. Chapman, went out of the camp unless armed with revolver and knife. No one in Urga, the Mongolian capital, dares to go through the meat market at night. They would be seized and killed within a minute if they ventured to do so.

The members of the expedition on at least three occasions came within an ace of death from these animals. Prof. Charles J. Berk, the chief geologist, was attacked on the first occasion by three dogs, and would have been killed had he not had his revolver handy. He killed the leading dog and wounded the other two, but they still leaped to the attack.

**Men of Golden Pens
Made for Each Other**

In the summer of 1889 Mark Twain and Rudyard Kipling first met. Kipling, who had just begun to make his name known, was touring the world, and during the trip through the United States they went to Elmira especially to see Mark Twain. The account of the visit and interview is described by Mark Twain as follows:

Kipling spent a couple of hours with me, and at the end of that time I had surprised him as much as he had surprised me—and the honors were even. I believe that he knew more than any person I had ever met before, and I knew that he knew that I knew less than any person he had ever met before—though he did not say it, and I was not expecting that he would—he is a most remarkable man—and I am the other one. Between us we cover all knowledge; he knows all that can be known, and I know the rest."

Famous Vice Presidents

John Adams, who received the second highest number of votes, became vice president in the first and second administrations. In the same way Thomas Jefferson was elected vice president in 1796, when Adams was elected President, and Aaron Burr took second place in 1800 when Jefferson was elected President by the house of representatives. By the twelfth amendment to the Constitution, effective September 24, 1804, the electors were instructed to ballot separately for President and vice president. George Clinton was the first man nominated and elected to the office of vice president, being elected in November, 1804, when Jefferson was re-elected President.

Steam-Heated Bird Nest

Steam-heated nests with steam baths are being used by a pair of blue birds in Yellowstone park, according to reports to the national park service headquarters at Washington. The happy couple have, however, avoided expensive modern plumbing and steam fittings. They have simply taken over one of nature's big steam plants by constructing their cozy home in the nearly extinct Excelsior geyser cone. Every morning they can be seen darting in and out of the steam.

Plants are also using the geyser as a natural greenhouse. Wild strawberries have been found growing not far from the cone two weeks ahead of their usual season.

Where Wives Are Boss

What a visiting sea captain calls "he harems" are to be found among the Marquesas Islands of the South seas. The bulky, brown Amazonian women are unspoil by association with oriental ideas, and collect half a dozen husbands or more. The collection is done by the simple expedient of driving the man with a bamboo pole into the harem, thrashing him well to make him thoroughly understand who is in command—and setting him to work on the coconut plantation or at the housework. These conditions only obtain in the islands that are unvisited by steamships. The windjammer trader is the only white man who finds the natives to their primitive condition.

Antiquity of Coursing

The most ancient field sport in the western world is said to be "coursing." Rules for its proper conduct date from the time of Xenophon. In Great Britain alone were to be considered, then otter-hunting, now in full swing throughout the land, bears the bell. Under the late Norman kings, at any rate, it flourished, and as a royal sport, for a charter of Henry II, dated 1175, appointed Roger Folle "King's Otterhunter," and "Ralph and Geoffry" held the office jointly by letters patent dated at Dunstable June 7, 1216. John Gott, "Sergeant of the Otterhounds to King Charles II," was the last royal official to be appointed for this summer field sport.

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**"Twilight" of Minds
Might Work Wonders**

To most grown-ups the child mind is an enigma, and it is reasonable to suppose that the grown-up mind is an enigma to the child. So that, if there be a sudden "twilight" for a few hours, great changes would be apparent in the behavior of the one to the other, a writer in the Westminster Gazette comments.

Take, for instance, meal time—a period when youth and maturity wage eternal warfare—Mary and Bobbie would appreciate mothers' dislike to messy, noisy meals, and mother would realize in a flash how tiresome and dull it is to sit quiet and be careful and clean and good right through all the courses.

Naturally, a compromise would be effected. Mary would only drop her spoon once, and not see how far she could lean over to pick it up, capsizing the chair and herself and knocking her glass of water over at one fell swoop. Bobbie would tip his plate (probably), but not at such an acute angle that the tablecloth would be drenched with ribarub juice.

As for mother, instead of losing herself in gloomy contemplation of the years to pass before she could have her meals in peace, she would chat companionably and limit considerably her number of "don'ts."

**Colonists Called On
to "Trade" at Home**

In a copy of the Providence Gazette issued during the Colonial period appears an amusing item of local news, which, if literally adhered to, doubtless would have devastated a portion of New England of its household cats. The copy of the paper bears the date of November 28, 1767, and one readily discerns that the residents of that Rhode Island city regarded themselves at the time as loyal subjects of George III. The article reads: "A number of householders in this town will engage to supply the public with the article of Catskins of American breed, not inferior to British ones, for making Muffs and Tippets. There are at this time a large number of his majesty's American cats, finely colored and spotted, who are bad mousers and now ready to be sacrificed for the good purpose of muffs and tippets, and it is hoped that all persons who wish well to America will give the preference to his majesty's catskins before those of foreign growth. As muffs and tippets are thought to be of the first importance, it would be well worth the consideration of all lovers of this country whether we ought not to encourage the use and consumption of our own catskins in preference of all others. The learned assure us that the American catskins are vastly superior to those of Europe, being of finer fur and more beautifully variegated with spots and streaks."

Generates Fierce Heat

What is declared to be the hottest flame known to man has been produced by artificial means in experiments held to study the form of atoms. An electric blast, lasting for only a small part of a second, occurring on a charged wire, seemed to explode, creating heat so intense that it could not be measured, although estimates put it at as high as 80,000 degrees. Pictures taken as the explosions occur are expected to aid astronomers in solving the causes for different kinds of light thrown off by many of the planets.

**Bloch Clearly Master
of the "Double Cross"**

Bloch and Arakelian were invited to dine at the house of a rich banker. It was agreed that Bloch would keep the attention of the guests distracted while his accomplice pocketed as much of the silver as possible. After dinner Bloch whispered to Arakelian: "How much did you get?"

"Six spoons."

"Give me three of them."

"No. I'm the man who got them."

Bloch said nothing more. He crossed the room and began to be agreeable to the hostess. All at once this lady called out:

"Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Bloch tells me he is a clever sleight-of-hand performer. He has agreed to give us some amusement."

"Will you please get me six tea spoons?" asked Bloch.

The teaspoons were brought.

"Thank you. Now observe that I wrap them up in my pocket handkerchief. Then I put the handkerchief in my pocket, so, I pass my hand over my pocket three times, so, and you will find the six teaspoons in the pocket of Mr. Arakelian."—Chicago News.

**Rightly Felt It Was
No Time for Poetry**

Sam Lung was busy in one of the great warehouses south of Market street, San Francisco, tugging at a ponderous bale of burlap, when a large motortruck came backing silently through the door loaded with more burlap.

Another Chinese who had been helping Sam, seeing the oncoming truck, stepped aside and began in the quaint sing-song of their people to inform him of the danger. "If you do not care to have your bones rest in unholy ground of the white devils for a long spell, then in time taken up and removed to the land of your ancestors, you had better—"

Just then, as the heavily loaded truck was about to smash Sam, his companion finished his warning with the exclamation, "Look ow!" Sam jumped in time to escape being crushed. With a frightened face he exclaimed to his helper, "What for you no talkee Melcan first time?"—Argonaut.

London Rests on Clay

The crumbling and decay of many famous London (Eng.) structures is partly due to the clay subsoil upon which London rests. This is compact enough to transmit to foundations the full destructive effects of traffic vibration, and slippery enough to allow subsequent movement. London got its clay in Eocene times long before any of the present topography took shape. The floods of the Ice age overlaid this with wide areas of gravel, upon which earlier London arose and over which it extended, as the gravel afforded an easy water supply. Those parts where clay forms the immediate subsoil were uninhabitable until the invention of the steam pump and iron water pipes; largely they were overgrown with forests. It is, however, an ideal medium through which to drive London's tubes.

Service

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(They taught me All I Know);
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and WHEN,
and HOW and WHERE and WHO"
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