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COWS GIVE EXTRA QUART SOOTHED BY PHONOGRAPH

Tennessee Man Makes Interesting Experiment With 100 Cows On His Dairy Farm.

Knoxville, Tenn.—A milch cow will give an additional quart of milk a day when "My Old Kentucky Home," reproduced from instrumental music, is played for her ears by a phonograph. At any rate, J. G. Sterchi, president of a furniture concern which operates 24 retail and wholesale stores and seven furniture factories in seven Southeastern states, says he proved the statement by getting 25 gallons extra a day from the 100 cows on his dairy farm just outside Knoxville.

Mr. Sterchi asserts that he was convinced after four years of trial that cows must be contented, and that the soothing strains from a violin make them feel at home.

"Just now I am building a large pool which will be stocked with gold fish for my Jerseys to look into," he said. "The slow and graceful motions of the fish will make any cow lie down and chew her cud, and then I have ordered 50 pairs of canary birds for my barn. A cage, containing two birds, will be suspended between the stalls of every two cows, and the music of 100 canaries will perhaps give me another additional 24 quarts a day. In fact, I am confident it will."

Mr. Sterchi is erecting a 13-story building for his Knoxville store, which will be completed within the next year, and on the ground floor will be a fountain spouting fresh buttermilk from his farm. A sign will be placed, he said, reading something like this: "A Man Full for a Nickel," so that a person can drink all the milk he wants for 5 cents.

The 1,300-acre farm on the outskirts of Knoxville is the same one he left 35 years ago to work for \$10 a month in a furniture store.

Gets Submarine Letter Mailed Nine Years Ago



A member of the New York Times staff has just received a letter marked "Submarine Mail," sent in 1917 from Germany. Evidently the U-boat turned back when United States declared war on Germany. Nine years later the letter was sent in the ordinary way by the original sender unopened, explaining that the document should become more and more valuable as the years pass.

First White-Collar Stowaway Hails Home

New York.—It was a handsome Scottish scarf that won Royal Pichon away from the security and comfort of land about two months ago, but all the woolens from Scotland couldn't coax him back to the waves again. Pichon, who is twenty-five, grew up in New Orleans as a bellhop and then a clerk in hotels. Working in New Orleans, he saw a sailor with the Scottish scarf that invited him away to sea. Working his way across on a freighter, he soon found himself broke in London. Selling his \$85 overcoat for two shillings and a worn-out jacket, he hid under the boilers of a liner.

He had four bananas and three rolls for his two shillings. These kept him alive for the two days before he was discovered. He turned his one suit of clothes inside out while he was hidden so that when he landed here he might be presentable.

He was presentable when he was unlocked yesterday, the first white-collar stowaway discovered. "Go to sea again? If I ever go to New Orleans, I'll die there. European liquor isn't what it's cracked up to be."

Official Greeter

East Orange, N. J.—Miss Mildred Hinton, twenty-four and a college graduate, is the city's official greeter. The chamber of commerce has made her municipal hostess.

June 14th is National Flag Day.

June fourteenth is National Flag Day. The schools over the country will observe the occasion with appropriate exercises and it is to be hoped that there will be a more universal observance of the event than ever.

Certainly the setting aside of one day to pay tribute to the American flag is appropriate. A flag in itself, of course, means nothing. It is only an object of veneration when it stands for something. The black flag and the red flag certainly do not belong in this category.

But there is every reason why the thinking and patriotic American should pay a little tribute to his country on June 14th, by displaying the colors of Old Glory. For the American flag stands for something. Designed as a standard to establish liberty on the American continent, it has always stood for law and order, for freedom and justice. Under its starry folds we have grown from a struggling handful of colonies on the eastern seaboard to the most powerful and most prosperous nation on earth.

And, strange to say, although we think of our country as a comparatively new one, yet our flag is the oldest on earth in point of continuous service. All other nations have changed the design and makeup of their standards since our emblem of the stars and stripes was adopted. Some nations are a great deal older than ours, but their flags are not, and nearly all of them have made radical changes in the form of their governments since the American Constitution was adopted.

Therefore, when you honor Old Glory, remember that it is not only the most honorable but the oldest flag on earth in point of continuous service. And don't forget to display the Stars and Stripes on Flag Day.—From the Phillipsburg Ledger.

Ants Live 15 Years.

Recent researches have proved the comparatively great age attained by queen ants. It is not uncommon for them to live fifteen years. Until recently the best established case of long life among queen ants was one kept in Sir John Lubbock for nearly fifteen years. This ant, of course may have been much older, as he had no way of telling her age when he captured her.

Male ants are short lived. They correspond to the drones among bees. The workers, which are undeveloped females, live four or five years.

The peculiarities of ants have been studied from the earliest days. Pliny and other ancient writers discussed them. These writers were especially interested in the ants now called "harvesting ants." These collect great stores of seed. There are many species of harvester ants in America. One is known as the fire ant because of its painful sting. Another is the Texas harvester.

Dam at Conowingo Will Exceed Plant at Muscle Shoals.

Work has started on the huge hydro-electric power project on the Susquehanna River at Conowingo, Md. At first it will furnish 300,000 horsepower, 50,000 above the estimated yield at Muscle Shoals, and 500,000 later, says the Pathfinder. The Conowingo project is one of the three largest developments of its kind in the country. It will cost over \$52,000,000. The dam will be four-fifths of a mile long and 100 feet high and the impounded water will cover nine square miles of Pennsylvania territory and four in Maryland. This "white coal" will generate cheap electricity for the neighboring States.

The dam just completed on the Dix River, near High Bridge, Ky., will

boast of falls 70 feet higher than Niagara's. More than 1,250,000,000 cubic feet of rock was used in making the Dix barrier. It is 270 feet high, 700 feet thick at the base and 24 feet at the top. It will produce a water-fall 235 feet high.

One of the world's greatest artificial lakes is being made on the Tallapoosa River, Alabama, by the Alabama Power Company, to meet the needs of the South's rapidly growing new industrial region. It will have a capacity for 530,000,000 gallons or three times the combined total of two great reservoirs which furnish New York city with its water supply. Known as Cherokee Bluffs Lake, it will have a shore line 700 miles long and will cover 40,000 acres. The new lake will not only generate electricity but will make a large section of agri-

cultural country "frost proof" and will aid river navigation.

The Roosevelt Dam, up to now considered the largest artificial body of water in the world, impounds 420,000,000,000 gallons. Muscle Shoals will ultimately impound 170,000,000,000 gallons, but has facilities to double this amount.

Construction of a dam across the Savannah River about 30 miles above Augusta, Ga., is contemplated. Plans call for a pool 25 miles in length. The nation's capitol has been promised cheaper power through harnessing the water of the Potomac near Great Falls.

—What every newspaper man knows is that one who "declines to be interviewed" practically never is worth interviewing.

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