

Jewels in Profusion Decked Desert Queen

It is not generally known that the Sahara desert has encroached hundreds of miles eastward during the centuries since the great days of Egyptian civilization...

A sensational discovery was made recently, not on the Egyptian side, where the sand almost succeeded in overwhelming the mighty Sphinx...

Human Blood Stream Has Tides Like Sea

The only time most people think anything about the ebb and flow of tides is when they are at the seaside or on the river.

That this is so has been shown by Dr. F. B. Shaw, who declares that the high tide of the white corpuscles of the blood usually comes just after midnight and again in the afternoon.

Another doctor has discovered that anger makes the blood sweeter. After making several people angry, he drew off samples of blood...

His Impulse

The following true incident was told to a friend of the Companion not long ago by a woman of the Quaker faith.

A Quaker was once passing a Quaker meetinghouse in the country when suddenly he felt an impulse to go in and preach, although there was no audience.

Some years later, while in London, he was accosted by a man who said to him, "Sir, you saved my life."

"Well," said the man, "I was passing a certain meetinghouse one day and, hearing a voice, I listened outside the window."

Great Wall of China

Few people realize what an almost perfect condition prevails along a large part of the great wall of China. The bricks of the parapet are as firm as ever...

Considerate

The artist had agreed to paint the portrait of a beautiful young girl in her very becoming lavender evening gown.

The girl's mother decided, as she thought the matter over at home, that she would prefer to have her daughter wear a yellow dress.

A few days later the portrait painter received a message over the telephone from the young girl: "Mother thinks I'd better wear my yellow dress and hopes you haven't bought the paint yet!"

One Year's Moose Bag

It has been estimated that about 10,000 moose are killed in Canada each year. This seems a heavy slaughter, but far from there being any danger of extermination from this toll taken by the moose hunter...

Not to Be Consoled

Little Katherine was crying, not for anything in particular, but for everything in general. Her mother, trying to divert her attention, said: "Oh, look at that pretty horse tied out there."

But Katherine took it as one more grievance in life, saying: "I want that horse to be a mule."

"DRIVER" ANTS PROVE TERROR

West African Insects Travel Much Like an Army— Eat Elephants.

Purdue, Ind.—Ants are looked upon in Indiana mostly as household nuisances, but in West Africa they can become a question of life and death.

Such is the gist of a letter received recently by T. R. Johnson of the Purdue university news bureau from Homer Pease, a graduate of the Purdue school of agriculture...

"The drivers, the particular species of the ants which created havoc last night, came in about 1 a. m. They got in my bed and woke me up with their biting, and they can bite. The bed was nearly covered. I jumped out and pulled on my mosquito boots...

"About 4 a. m. I heard rats squealing in the thatch roof and a little later I heard something 'it the ground. I went out to investigate with a flashlight and counted five half-grown rats covered with ants and more falling every minute."

"By that time the drivers were leaving. The drivers or 'warriors' of the outfit (what do you call a group of ants—colonies, gangs or what?) had rounded up the workers from off the floor and furniture and had established a line or trench from the roof, down a post to the floor, across the floor about two feet from where I was sitting, and on out the door."

"I just feel like I imagine folks feel after a tornado or hurricane that has created havoc with everything but left their house standing."

"To you people who don't know drivers, this whole thing may sound like a wild dream, but it is the truth."

"I haven't any technical knowledge of ants, especially drivers, but I have watched them a great deal. There seems to be a definite form of organization, much like an army."

"The little black ones are not dangerous, just obnoxious and pestiferous. They eat my sugar, get on the table and into everything—the soup, jam, the water and everything that hasn't a fool and ant-proof lid."

"These little red ants that build their nests on the under side of the leaves of small bushes are not to be disturbed because they are liquid fire and nothing else."

"The 'mason' ants are the large ones that build large pyramid mud houses. Some of these houses are six or seven feet high and built out of the choicest clay."

"Besides all of these ants we have one ant which at one stage in the life cycle sprouts wings and flies about for one night—not just a few but millions of them."

"WOODPECKERS" AID UNCLE SAM IN ECONOMY PLANS

Save the Government Several Million Dollars Yearly by Thrift and Efficiency.

Washington.—"The Loyal Order of Woodpeckers"—Uncle Sam's economy fraternity—has saved the government several million dollars in the last year by thrift and efficiency.

Under the guiding eye of the budget and efficiency bureaus, federal employees have saved supplies, utilized equipment to the utmost, and labored with as little lost motion as possible.

Running the government costs \$4,000,000,000 annually and because of this huge outlay no economies, no matter how small, could be overlooked.

The Agricultural department even used its pay envelopes over again. Employees when paid returned the envelopes, thus saving the container and also the labor of typing the name of the receiver on each envelope once more.

The Navy and War departments used their communication facilities to send commercial messages and also practically all the government's business, collecting funds for the treasury and at the same time saving other governmental agencies money on transmitting communications.

Vacationer Remembers Cat; Calls Out Cops

Chicago.—It was a quiet evening in the Oak Park police station when a breathless messenger boy arrived with a telegram from Robert Regan, 533 South Venonah avenue, Oak Park, who is in Eagle River, Wis., for his vacation.

"I forgot about my cat when I went away," read the telegram. "He's been alone without food in the house for three days. Please rescue him."

"Four scratched Oak Park policeman sent a reply. But the telegraph company wouldn't transmit it."

Man Eats but Fraction of Total Food Supply

Zonkers, N. Y.—Burning 8,900,000,000 tons of coal, 8,900 times as much as the world produces in a year, will release about as much energy as contained in the sunlight captured annually through the production of plant foods.

"Every day each one of the 1,750,000,000 human beings on the earth consumes about 2,000 calories of food. Even meat comes indirectly from plants."

"The human race is therefore dependent on photosynthesis, the process by which the plant uses sunlight to form food. The total consumption of food during a year by man amounts to about 1,200,000,000,000 calories."

This Man Served on Jury Every Year Since 1908

Memphis, Tenn.—When it comes to serving on the jury, Lawrence W. Akers, a Memphis man, can tell all about it. He served on some kind of a jury every year since 1908.

Even though the duties of citizenship at times threaten to break up his home, ruin his business, and always gives him a vacation that he doesn't want, Akers has had little luck in getting out of jury service.

"But the judges laugh at his excuses and ask for reasons. Akers stays on the job."

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1. A 10x10 grid with numbers indicating starting points for words.

- Horizontal: 1—Cigarette (Brit. slang), 2—Sod, 3—Winter month (abbr.), 4—Metal, 5—Master, 6—Girl's name (Fr.), 7—A list book of articles arranged in alphabetical order, 8—Proverb, 9—Wind instrument, 10—Projection on a fish, 11—Preposition, 12—Makes a noise like a contented cat, 13—Telegraph wire, 14—To deface, 15—Fur-bearing animal, 16—Telegraphs (coll.), 17—Projecting part of roof, 18—To manage, 19—Branches of learning, 20—Electrified particle, 21—Nevada city, 22—Thing (Latin), 23—Photograph book, 24—Meshed material.

Penn State Alumni Plan Annual Party. Invitations to the fourth annual summer party of the Pennsylvania State College Alumni association to be held at the Centre Hills country club August 26 and 27 are being mailed from the office of the organization this week.

Marriage Licenses. Wilson W. Lucas and Sadie J. Keller, both of State College. David Abraham Reese, of Lemont, and Mary Annetta Tressler, of State College. Herbert D. Cartwright, of Karthaus, and Carrie Mae Holt, of Snow Shoe.

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