

**The Government Cats.**

THREE HUNDRED OF THESE ANIMALS ENGAGED IN PROTECTING RECORDS.

Three hundred and odd cats are maintained by the United States Government, the cost of their support being carried as a regular item on the accounts of the Post Office Department. They are distributed among about fifty post-offices, and their duty is to keep rats and mice from eating postal matter and mail sacks. There work is of the utmost importance wherever large quantities of mail are collected—as, for example, at the New York Post Office, where from 2,000 to 3,000 bags of such material are commonly stowed away in the basement.

Formerly great damage was often done by mischievous rodents, which chewed holes in the sacks and thought nothing of boring clear through bags of letters in a night. Troubles of this sort no longer occur, now that the official pussies keep watch. Each city postmaster is allowed from \$8 to \$40 a year for the keep of his feline staff, sending his estimate for "cat meat" to Washington at the beginning of each quarter. Care is taken not to feed the animals too "high," in order that their appetite for live game may be keen. It is laid down as a rule that no meat shall be given when there is a mouse or a rat to be caught.

Cats are kept in all the Government buildings at Washington. In that of the State, War and Navy Departments they are employed not only to protect the priceless papers stored there, but to guard against fire. Twice the War Department has been set afire by rats gnawing matches—on one of these occasions in the office of the Secretary of War in the middle of the night. A year ago the Treasury had nine cats, but they made themselves obnoxious, and all were given away but two. These are as wild as possible, getting a living by foraging for themselves. Mice are notoriously fond of chewing up money, but they have no chance to get at Uncle Sam's paper cash, which is kept in rooms with iron walls that defy their teeth. Rats occupied the Pension Office in great numbers while it was in process of building, taking up their residence in the walls and floors as fast as they were put up. Two years ago four cats were introduced there to guard the records of the old soldiers and they have driven most of the vermin away. The best rat killer of the quartette not long ago, being frightened at something, fell from the second gallery, fifty feet, to the tiled floor, was killed. The White House has two cats, one a black and white female, kept in the kitchen, and the other a black Tom, kept in the stable. Mrs. Harrison had four handsome Maltese cats but they disappeared.

But the Capitol is the greatest place in Washington for cats. The huge buildings swarm with them and at night they scamper about in troops. Nobody knows how many of them there are, but the watchmen reckon them by scores. They are all vagrants and wild as hawks. In summer they are scattered about the neighborhood to some extent, but in winter they gather within the building. At about 10 o'clock every night they begin a mad racing through the empty corridors, which are made to resound with their cries. The acoustic effects produced are astonishing. Let a single grimaltina lift up his voice in Statuary Hall, famous for its echoes, and the silence of the night is broken by a yell as loud as a locomotive whistle. A favorite place for cat-concerts is the whispering gallery down below, known as the "crypt," where the feeblest sound is magnified into a roar.

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**Crime and Criminals.**

Socrates was tried and put to death for disbelief in the national religion.

The average cost of criminal prosecutions in England at present is £33 each.

The Romans had a jury system, the jury being drawn from the roll of citizens.

There are over 5,000 assassinations or attempts at murder every year in Italy.

Over 68 per cent. of the whole number of English criminals are unable to read.

Capital punishment was abolished in Switzerland in 1874 and restored in 1879.

**WILLIAM LIVSEY HEARD FROM.**

RUNAWAY CASHIER OF THE STATE TREASURY SEEN INSURANCE COMMISSIONER LUPER.

Says He Will Come Back Some Day.

William Livsey, who was state treasurer and afterward cashier in the same office, has been heard from. Livsey disappeared mysteriously from Harrisburg early in July, 1891, about the time the Bardsley peculations were being investigated, and has since been in hiding. During his absence he has been reported in all parts of the earth. At one time he was in South America, another time in Canada, then in the Northwest and again in Europe. In all this time his whereabouts have only been known to his family and his personal friends who have been in constant communication with him and are familiar with his movements.

The gentleman who has resurrected Livsey is Insurance Commissioner Luper. Mr. Luper had not seen the absconding state official since the bright July day, when, while cashier of the state treasury, he packed his valise and bidding good-bye to his friends in Harrisburg left for parts unknown. The insurance commissioner returned on Tuesday from the World's Fair and says that while strolling through one of the buildings he met Livsey, shook hands with him and conversed with him a few minutes.

LIVSEY WILL TELL ALL HE KNOWS.

The runaway official did not volunteer any information concerning himself nor the business he is pursuing, but remarked that he was more sinned against than sinning and that some day he would return to Harrisburg and make a clean breast of everything he knows in connection with the Bardsley scandal. Livsey has kept himself informed on matters and things here and was familiar with what had been said about him. He was well dressed and wore a full beard. When Livsey disappeared his only facial ornament was a moustache.

During the many years Mr. Livsey was connected with the state treasury he was known as an indefatigable worker and as a man who cared nothing for vacations. In July, 1891, "Honest" John Bardsley was under arrest for appropriating several million dollars from the Philadelphia city treasury and his private papers fell into the hands of the authorities. About this time Mr. Livsey took a heavy cold and left Harrisburg one day very suddenly for Pittsburg for the benefit of his health. He had been out of the city a few days when Mayor Stuart, of Philadelphia, published the report of the experts who had been examining Bardsley's books. On the stub of the ex-treasurer's personal check book was found the entry, "To William Livsey, for his kindness to me during the year, \$500."

CASHIER'S SUDDEN FLIGHT FROM HARRISBURG.

About this time a married daughter of Mr. Livsey, living in Milwaukee, Wis., was seized with a serious illness; so serious, indeed, that there was some danger of her death. Mr. Livsey at once started for her bedside and has never been seen in this locality since. He owned a handsome residence in the East End, the fashionable residence quarter of Pittsburg, and this property he sold some time during the last week in August, 1891. The sale of his Pittsburg real estate was promptly followed by the removal of Mr. Livsey's personal effects from his apartments, at the home of Adam McAfee, No. 424 Market street, by an attaché of the treasury department.

Mr. Livsey is credited with possessing a valuable fund of information about the Bardsley scandal and could tell an interesting story about the doings of certain Republican officials and politicians if he wanted to break the silence which he has maintained for so many years. He entered the state treasury in 1880 as cashier under Silas M. Bailey and held this position until 1883, when he was elected state treasurer. He was succeeded by Senator Quay in 1885 and was again appointed state treasurer when the latter resigned to enter the United States senate. Treasurer Boyer appointed him cashier again, which position he held until he disappeared.

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**A World's Fair Flier.**

Mr. Hardy Times (on his way to the fair) Porter, why do they call this train the limited?

Porter—"Cause, sah, you ain't 'lowed to gib de portah more'n 'fo' dollars at any one time, sah.—Puck.

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**NOTES ON FOREIGN NOTABLES.**

The duke of Cambridge takes the keenest interest in the welfare of private soldiers and is very popular among the men of the ranks.

The duke of Westminster has spent over £1,000,000 in rebuilding Eaton hall, which is now considered to rival Chatsworth as England's finest house.

The duchess de Maille is always recognized in the Bois de Boulogne by her immense coach. It dates from the last century and is equipped with positions and outriders in ivory.

NERVOUSNESS never troubles Mme. Melba, the great singer, even on a "first night." "The greater and the more distinguished the audience," she says, "the more stimulated and braced I feel. There is something that responds to the exigency of the occasion."

PROF. MAX MULLER has enjoyed a unique distinction. On December 3, 1875, at the invitation of Dean Stanley he delivered a lecture in Westminster abbey on the "Religions of the World," the only address ever delivered by a layman within the sacred precincts.

It is not often that a royal personage condescends to act as judge in a bicycle contest. The king of the Belgians recently did this, however, at Brussels. Since then he has become infatuated with bicycling, and has offered a medal to be competed for by amateurs in a race from Paris to Brussels.

The young emperor of China has as keen a relish for the pleasures of the table as any epicure in his dominions. Eight plates form the staple of his dinner menu. The emperor insists on having bears' paws, antelope tails, ducks' tongues, torpedo ovals, eggs, carmel's hump, monkey's lips, carp's tails and marrow bones served at his table every day in the year.

**TRANSATLANTIC LINERS.**

PERSIAN thieves have been detected stealing boots from a boot shop by means of a fishing-rod and line.

At St. Malo there is an omnibus conductor who is a marquis, a count who earns his living by making mousetraps and a bathing man who rejoices in a double title—Comte Saoul de la Bogue, Marquis de Chambrey.

Among the latest enthusiasts for bicycle riding in Brussels is Mme. Lambert de Lathoschild, who goes regularly to the Bois de la Cambro to practice. Bicycle riding has created quite a furore in the city among the gentler sex.

A FRIEND of the labor movement has taken to the house of commons and left in the hands of the attendants a black leather bag, engraved with an inscription to John Burns in gold letters: "To John Burns, in memory of the great dock strike, 1889."

The teapot which the princess of Wales invariably uses every day at Sandringham is exceedingly curious, and is said to be of priceless value. It is very old, in the shape of a stout Dutchman sitting astride a barrel of wine. The old man's cap serves for a lid and a gold tap in the barrel lets out the favorite five o'clock beverage.

**CHURCH AND CLERGY.**

New churches built in America last year numbered nearly 10,000.

The Presbyterians have sixty-eight missionaries and thirty-eight churches in Japan.

REV. W. I. CHAMBERLAIN has been appointed superintendent of the Christian Endeavor movement in India.

In the United States and British America there are 130,197 Sunday schools. These are attended by over 10,000,000 pupils.

At the last meeting of the Provincial synod of Canada Rt. Rev. John Travers Lewis, LL. D., lord bishop of Ontario, was elected metropolitan.

The last census returns present interesting statistics showing that there are in New England 300,000 more Roman Catholics than Protestants.

The Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints claims a membership of 30,000 people. Most of its churches are in the United States.

The Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary society of New York has twenty-five women missionaries in Brazil, Chili and Colombia stationed in half a dozen different places and doing effective work in all.

**FOR STUDENTS OF NATURE.**

A SPIDER'S eyes are not in his head, but in the upper part of the thorax.

The longest animal known to exist is the roqual, which averages 100 feet in length.

In proportion to its size, the horse has a smaller stomach than any other quadruped.

BUSHMEN and negroes possess a more prominent and narrow chest than the white races, whose chest is broader and flatter.

THE flea is covered with armored plates, very hard, and overlapping each other. Each is set with spikes and bends in conformity with the movement of the body.

Dew is the greatest respecter of colors. To prove this take pieces of glass or boards and paint them red, yellow, green and black. Expose them at night, and you will find that the yellow will be covered with moisture, that the green will be damp, but that the red and black will be left perfectly dry.

**THE DAIRY.**

COWS SHOULD be kept off low, woody pastures.

BUTTER that is a long time coming is said to be of inferior quality.

COWS SHOULD be milked daily at the same time and by the same person.

It is said that when cows are fed on bran the cream rises slowly and is hard to churn.

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The rate has now reached the lowest possible point, and is within the means of almost every one, which end the railroad company has long been endeavoring to attain. Early application for tickets is urged, in view of the increased demand which will undoubtedly follow this liberal announcement.

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**Bright Anticipations.**

Four-Year-Old Tommy—Are there any telegraph wires in Heaven?

Sunday School Teacher—No, Tommy. They are not needed there.

Tommy (his face lighting up)—Then if I go there I can fly a kite all day, can't I?—Chicago Tribune.

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France has more persons over sixty years of age than any other country. Ireland comes next.

If you can afford to be annoyed by sick headache and constipation, don't use DeWitt's Little Early Risers for these little pills will cure them. W. S. Rishton, Druggist, 10-14-17.

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**Bogus!** Bogus white lead would have no sale did it not afford makers a larger profit than Strictly Pure White Lead.

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		Less than 7 per cent. white lead.

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"Pacific Warranted Pure [A] White Lead."	Materials	Proportions
	Sulphate of Lead	4.18 per cent.
	Oxide of Zinc	43.04 per cent.
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		New York.
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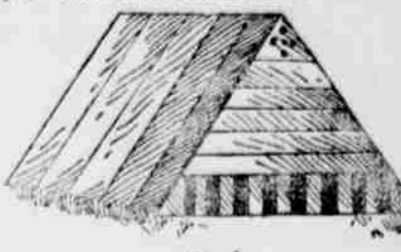
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**TWO GOOD COOPS.**

One is Made from Rough Lumber, the other from a Barrel.

Fig. 1 shows a cheap coop, made from rough lumber. It is 2 feet long, 14 inches wide and 30 inches high. To build the coop, nail the end boards together at the top; this will make an A-shaped frame. Then nail the bottom board at each of the ends, and the bottom and end ends are complete. Slide up the backs all but 12 inches of the lower part and then cut a board the desired



width and length and fasten it by hinges to the portion above. This gives a door the whole length of the coop, and is useful for cleaning the coop and catching the chicks.

The front is hinged down to within 12 inches of the bottom, and the remainder is covered with lath, and provides for the chicks a space to run out and in the coop. There should be one lath made to slide up and down to allow the hen to pass in and out when desired.

For ventilation there are four one-inch holes on each side just below the peak. To close the chicks in the coop, place a 12-inch board on its edge and stand a stick against it. This will also keep out the rats.

Fig. 2 shows a coop made out of a salt barrel. To build this, just nail all the hoops tight to the staves, then cut out about one-third of the head and staves. This gives a flat-bottomed coop with a circular roof. For the front, nail on laths about 1 1/2 inches apart, but have the center one slide, so as to allow the hen to pass through. The slide on both coops can be made by nailing a lath over the center one at the top and bottom, to allow it to slide between the coop and other laths.

These coops should be whitewashed at least once every three weeks and cleaned every week. I have been using the barrel coop for three years and find



it a cheap and serviceable one, but if the ground is damp a board should be placed beneath it to keep the chicks dry. To close the coop, do as in No. 1. Place the coops so as to face the south, and when the breeding season is over clean them thoroughly and whitewash and store them in a building so as to have them ready for next season.

There are numerous inquiries for a cure for young chicks when they appear dampish and will not eat. I will venture to say that one-half of those cases are caused by lice. If instead of writing for a cure they would examine their chicks the trouble would very likely be found in a multitude of lice playing on the poor chick, sadly to its detriment. Use insect powder freely all over the chicks and on the mother hen; also use carbolic acid and vasoline to grease their heads; then clean and whitewash the coop. These remedies will prove fatal to lice and improve the chicks.—Ohio Farmer.

**NOTES FOR BEEKEEPERS.**

WHEN bees are gorged with honey they never volunteer an attack.

UNLESS bees are put into a perfectly frost-proof place they had better be left in the open air all winter.

BEES, when frightened by smoke or drumming on the hive, fill themselves with honey and will rarely fight.

The formation of new colonies should generally be confined to the season when the bees are accumulating honey.

Do not spoil nice white honey by storing it away in dirty-looking boxes, especially if it is to be sent to market.

It is best to begin in good season so as to be ready to winter the bees in as good condition as possible.

COMMENCE in good season to gather up and store away in as good condition as possible all surplus combs and boxes.

If a colony becomes queenless and it is not desired to unite it with another, give it a frame of brood from another colony containing brood in its first stages.

THE double hive is now used to mass the bees for work and profit, and there is no reason why the double hive should not be doubled again, securing in this way a greater economy of labor on the part of the bees and the beekeeper.

ALL the boxes or frames containing honey should be removed from the hive as soon as completed. In this way the beautiful whiteness of the combs will be preserved from the bees passing over it.

EACH hive should have its own bottom board, and this board should be of the same dimensions as the bottom of the hive, except that it should project two inches on the entrance end, and that way serve as a kind of porch or alighting place for the bees.

In using the smoker the judgment of the operator must determine the quantity of smoke, as in some cases more will be needed than in others. The only rule is to use enough to keep the bees under control from the start, at the same time taking care not to make so dense a smoke as to kill the bees.—St. Louis Republic.