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Raising the Silver Fox.

By Rene Bache in Saturday Evening Post.
In furs as articles of adornment are not soon to disappear from general use, methods must be devised for raising fur-bearing animals in confinement.

This rather striking statement furnishes the text for a bulletin that is soon to be issued by the Biological Survey. Already this Government bureau has given a good deal of study to the problem, and the first suggestion it has to offer on the subject relate to the possibilities of fox-raising under semi-domestication.

It is the so-called "silver" fox that is in question—an animal whose pelt, silver-gray to black in color, is to-day the most highly valuable of all furs, excepting only that of the sea-otter. When it is considered that good skins will readily fetch from five hundred to two thousand dollars a piece, it may be inferred that there is money in the business of conducting a fox farm even on a very small scale.

Oddly enough, the animal concerned is the same as the ordinary red fox, whose skin is worth only a dollar and a half to three dollars and a half. But now and then it happens that the fur of this variety of Reynard takes on a silver-gray or black color—the darker it is the more valuable—and this peculiarity is readily transmissible to the offspring of such specimens. In fact, silver foxes bred in confinement, almost invariably produce only silver young, and there seems to be little tendency to revert to the red.

The Government experts are of opinion that it will prove practicable to produce a domestic breed of silver foxes. But by selecting those which show least aversion to man, with due regard to other qualities, a strain may be obtained that can be handled as satisfactorily for propagating purposes as cattle or sheep—in other words, a thoroughly domesticated race of foxes.

TRYING TO KEEP THE COLOR TRUE.
Silver foxes can be bred, even under present conditions, as easily as red ones, and at vastly greater profit, the main problem being to make them breed true to color. As already stated, however, this is not difficult. A number of breeders in this country have undertaken this sort of farming as a business with considerable success, chiefly in Maine, Michigan, and some of the Canadian provinces. They have obtained their original stock from dens of wild foxes.

Hope for great profits in fox raising must lie almost entirely in improving the stock by selective breeding. The object of every fox farmer should be to produce foxes as nearly pure black as possible, and, in order to do this, he must retain his darkest and most valuable animals for propagation, selling only the poorer ones. The temptation to sell specimens of high value is often great, but it is more profitable to keep them for breeding. Some of the highest priced fox skins ever put on the market, by the way, have been from foxes reared in captivity.

The running expenses of a fox farm are small. Every silver fox raised is likely to yield a pelt with a market value exceeding one hundred dollars. Even pale skins bring this figure, and darker ones much more. It is, therefore, evident that a fair income may be derived from rearing only a few of the animals—especially when one considers the fact that the sale of specimens for breeding stock is in the present stage of the business, very profitable.

One of the most important features of the work of the Biological Survey during many years past has been the mapping of the "life zones" of the United States—that is to say, of the transcontinental belts, throughout which animal and plant life is relatively uniform. Accordingly, to determine what areas are suitable for fox farming, it is necessary only to learn what zones include localities where foxes are known to produce superior fur. By this means it is ascertained that silver foxes may be bred and raised to the best advantage in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota, and also in the mountain regions extending southward in New York, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and in all the States of the Rocky Mountain country.

While it is not at all difficult to imitate the natural conditions under which wild foxes live, this is by no means desirable from the point of view of the breeder. If inclosures are too large, the animals may remain as wild as to be unmanageable. They require little space, and thrive in yards not more than forty feet square. An area of five acres is ample for extensive operations, and not more than two are likely to be needed for any except

a large and long-established fox-farming business.

A BACK YARD AS A PRESERVE.
Half an acre will accommodate six pairs of foxes, which are quite as many as a beginner should attempt to handle. An ordinary back yard is not quite sufficient, but little more room is needed. Islands are well suited to the needs of "blue" foxes in Alaska, but silver foxes need close personal attention, which can be better given in restricted inclosures.

The inclosures should be of woven wire fencing, of two-inch mesh—young foxes can wriggle through an opening two inches square—and should be ten feet high and sunk into the ground two feet, an additional two feet being allowed at the top for an inward overhang, to prevent the animals from climbing out. Foxes are excellent climbers. One pair will require two such pens, each thirty feet square, because the male and female are kept separate most of the time; and in each pen there must be a small house or shelter-box, made after the fashion of a dog-kennel, four of five feet square, and with an entrance six inches square. There should be an outer court, similarly fenced, to prevent curious visitors or stray domestic animals from annoying the foxes; and if possible, there should be a few trees or shrubs in the outer court, to afford shade and seclusion.

The outer court should be kept always locked, and the inner inclosure should be visited only by the regular keepers, to whom the foxes are accustomed. They rarely become tame, and are constantly in a state of fear. It is only by the greatest care that relations of confidence can be established between them and their keepers. Even the offsprings of several generations reared in captivity remain wild. On the other hand, they do not seem to be otherwise than happy in confinement. They play a good deal, or lie stretched in the sun. Cold weather has no terrors for them, and snow is a delight. Rarely do they try to escape.

Close personal attention is a prime requisite in the business of fox farming. The animals breed once a year, and the mating season is in February and March, the young being born in April and May. They are from two to eight young at a birth. In December or January the male and female are put together and in March or April they are separated. The male fox is a model parent, and has even been known to climb a high fence to carry food to his offspring, but his presence excited the female, and it is best to give him quarters of his own.

The young when they are six weeks weeks old begin to come out and play, and to lap a little milk and take an occasional bit of solid food. They breed when less than a year. It is recommended that they be separated from the mother as soon as they are weaned, because it sometimes happens that, owing to her anxiety in their behalf, she fusses with them to such an extent as to injure them.

Foxes are pretty nearly omnivorous. In a wild state they eat a great variety of food, including mice, rabbits, birds, and such insects as grasshoppers and beetles. It is best to feed them, in captivity, with some meat, table scraps, and even dog biscuit. But it is desirable not to over feed them. Bones with a little meat on them are good for Reynard to gnaw. A fair daily allowance is a quarter of a pound of meat and a small handful of miscellaneous scraps. One of the most successful breeders at the present time, gives to each of his foxes a quarter of a pound of meat and quart of skim-milk daily.

Pension Increases.
The following pension increases have recently been granted in this district, represented by Capt. C. F. Barclay:
Jonathan Lemmon, Mahaffey, to \$15.
Mathias Mayes, Snow Shoe, to \$15.
Mrs. Lestina M. Scott, Kane, to 12.
Jacob Copenhaver, Smith Mills, to \$12.
Jonas Setzer, Bradford, to \$15.
Elihu Chadwick, Emporium, to \$15.
Frances M. Flanagan, Coalport, to \$15.
Henderson Barefield, Pottersdale, to \$20.

School Report.
Haynes School honor roll for month ending August 28: Mildred Haynes, Rena Wykoff, John Wykoff, Rhodney Ives, Freeda Smith, Florence Haynes, Thomas Penrith, Gerald Haynes, Nellie Wykoff, Gordon Haynes.
EZRA B. SMITH, Teacher.

A car load of between 300 and 400 bushels of extra choice Ohio peaches at Newton's. Prices right.

Minnie Warren—Tom Thumb.

A very pretty wedding took place last Friday evening, at eight o'clock, at the Presbyterian Church, when Deacon Karl Bonham pronounced the words, that united Miss Minnie Warren (Aloysa Metzger) and Mr Tom Thumb (James Comford) in bonds of padlock. The bride looked charming in her beautiful gown of snowy white, with long veil fastened in her hair, by lilies of the valley. The maid of honor, Miss Mabel Hertig, was becomingly gowned in blue, while the bridesmaids, the Misses Rose Dolan, Kathryn Hertig, Ruth Husted, Charlotte Jessup, Grace Ness and Beatrice Butler, were dressed in pink and carried pink roses. The groom and his attendants wore the conventional black. The best man was Mr. Merle Judd, and the ushers were Messrs. Kerk Smith, John Jones, Sybern Murry, Charles Clark, Leo Egan and Arthur Warner. The flower girl was Miss Cordelia Bair and the bride's page was Master Herbert Hockley. After a reception a very interesting programme was rendered which consisted of several selections by Fisk's Juvenile, Bank; recitation, Miss Mildred Lloyd; piano solo, Miss Rose Dolan; dialogue, Misses Marion Brady and Mildred Lloyd, and vocal solo, by Miss Irene Baker. All the numbers on the programme were very well rendered. The wedding and entertainment were held for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church and a neat sum was realized.

What the Harvest Will Be.

What will the harvest be enquires brother Hockley of the Emporium Independent in a long editorial this week. Guess the editor hasn't read the daily papers during the past ten days. Why, providing the western farmers can get help to harvest it at the best wages they have ever paid, the harvest will be one of the biggest wheat crops ever harvested by any country in the world, the United States standing first in the production of wheat. It will result in the greatest corn crop ever produced in this country and provided the railroads can furnish cars enough to get it to market, it will bring more money than all the coal mined, or all the steel made or gas and oil produced. Besides there will be the best hay crop; the best potato crop, and the best cotton crop, and under all these favorable conditions, if it don't produce the greatest crop of Republican ballots ever heard of in this country, Laymon will never guess again.—Port Allegany Reporter.

Felt's Reunion.

The Felt's family reunion was held last Saturday, with twenty-five relatives being present. The afternoon was pleasantly spent at the residence of J. Paul Felt and wife, on Sixth street, followed by a picnic supper served on the lawn. After supper the families repaired to the home of J. Pitt Felt and wife, corner of Broad and Fifth streets, where the evening was passed, in a general good time. Those present were: Mr. J. Pitt Felt and wife, J. Paul Felt, wife and children, Dr. L. R. Felt and wife, Mrs. Sallie Felt, Guy S. Felt and wife, C. H. Felt and wife and son Lee, of Emporium; Dr. C. L. Felt and family, and Frank Felt of Philadelphia; Floyd Felt and Florence Hammond, of Lansing, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Shaffer, of New York City; E. T. Felt and wife, of Johnstown.

Wagon Service the Best.

Several years ago, Mr. H. G. Seger, son of our respected citizens, Mr. and Mrs. N. Seger, went to Chicago and, being a wide awake young man, soon saw an opportunity to enter into competition with the mail contracting deliveries. He filed his bid, accompanied by a large bond. He captured the contract and purchased hundreds of wagons and horses. He held the contract for years. Then came the Tunnel Company, popular with the people of that city. Seger & Meckle were again awarded the contract and now the P. M., at Chicago writes Seger & Meckle, the wagon contractors, congratulating them upon the good service, their record being the best messenger service in the history of Chicago service.

Hemphill Wins a Hot Game.

Eleanora and Adrian played a 12 inning game at Adrian last Thursday, which Eleanora won by the score of 4 to 2. Hart, Maze and Oleson, all local lads held down second, catcher and pitcher respectively for the winners and their batting and fielding had much to do with the result. Hemphill a former pitcher on the local Interstate team twirled a remarkable game for the victors, allowing but two hits in 12 innings.—DuBois Ex.

Who Paid the Bill.

Editor Press:—
Kindly state, in this week's Press, for the information of your Readers, who paid for paving Fourth street from Episcopal church to D. E. Olmsted Block.

A SUBSCRIBER.

The brick paving referred to was jointly paid by the borough of Emporium and Hon. Josiah Howard—the pavement cost a little over \$2,000, Mr. Howard paying an equal share for the brick, sand, filling and laying, which amounted to something over \$900.00, and the borough paid about \$100.00 more, the difference being for the excavating. The state of the Borough finances would not allow the work when this energetic citizen came to the front, as he always does when needed.

When the state of Pennsylvania constructed the state road from Broad street to West Creek bridge, Hon. Josiah Howard again came to the relief of Emporium and saved a bond issue, by presenting his personal check for \$900.00. It does seem to be the curse of this community, as well as many others, to misjudge the motives of every public spirited citizen. We believe in according every man his just dues. This question (by Subscriber) has been repeatedly asked us. In justice to Mr. Howard, we desire to state that he has repeatedly refused to allow his named used in connection with donations towards public improvements. By his works all citizens know him and respect him as a high-minded and honorable christian gentleman, battling for our entire country.

Middle West Lining-Up for Taft.

Within the past week or ten days there has been a general awakening politically in the Middle West and states of the Northwest and Pacific slope, with a very decided improvement in favor of the Republican standard bearers, Taft and Sherman. The objection entertained by the thinking voter and business man to Bryan is the taint of free silver still hanging around his neck. It frightens the business man. What the Democrats might do to the tariff is of serious importance to the business element, but more than that it is of individual moment to the small producer, whether he be manufacturer or agriculturist. So strong is the sentiment in favor of the election of "sound, safe and sane friends of the tariff" that in some states in the south and Middle West and Northwest Democratic nominees for Congress are forced to declare for a high duty on raw materials. Even the Democratic voter has no confidence in his own party when it comes to the tariff issue, remembering no doubt, the betrayal of the people and starvation when the so-called tariff Democrats raised the banner, with the inscription, "Polk, Dallas and the Tariff of '42", Dallas being from Pennsylvania. As Vice President he cast the vote that doomed the tariff to defeat. With an enemy of the tariff in Bryan and Kern in the Vice Presidential chair, the American people dare not and will not risk a repetition of those days of starvation—horrible days of want. During the past few weeks we have met gentlemen from all sections of the country, talked with them, listened to their arguments. While we notice, manifested to a larger degree than ever before, an independence in the voter. Democrats assert they will vote the Republican ticket because they do not like the radical principles for which Mr. Bryan stands, while no Republicans are going to transfer their vote to the Democratic candidate. Judge Taft, unlike Bryan, has espoused nothing radical. This fact appeals strongly to the business element, whether he be large capitalist or manufacturer, or a small shopkeeper or producer. Unless all signs fail, we may now look for an awakening of the voter in favor of the election of Republican nominees in Nation, State and Cameron county.

New Suits and Coats for Women.

The new fall Suits and Coats have arrived at the big store. You are invited to inspect the largest and handsomest line of the latest up-to-date garments ever shown in Emporium. Suits range from \$13.50 to \$30.00. Coats from \$4.00 to \$26.00 you will be surprised at the value and quality we offer. The new "Duchess" Walking Skirts are also here. These are the best fitting and most stylish skirts in the U. S. The workmanship is perfect. The material is the very best and the prices the lowest for the quality \$5.00 to \$13.50 each.

R. KUEHNE,
Emporium's Largest and Finest Dry Goods Store.

For Sale.

A sixteen inch water motor fan; used only six weeks; for sale cheap. Apply to Ed. Blinzer, Emporium, Pa. 24-11

FOUND DEAD AT DRIFTWOOD

Special to the Press:—

Last Sunday afternoon the body of a man was found near the Buffalo & Susquehanna depot at Driftwood, lying near a pile of logs. Apparently the man had been dead for three or four days, as the body had started to decompose. On instructions from Overseer C. J. Miller, Justice Nefey empanelled a jury who rendered a verdict that death resulted from natural causes. On the body was found one cent and a money order receipt for \$20.00 which had been sent to Milesburg, Pa. Later it was found that the dead man's name was George Quigg and whose residence was Milesburg, Pa. The remains were taken to that place for burial on the Flyer Monday. The deceased was about 60 years old and was a woodsman.

The Vermont Election.

Vermont makes a good showing. The Republicans carry the State on Tuesday by about 29,000. The result is gratifying and is taken as a safe indication of Republican success next November. The Maine election will be held on Sept. 15. In that state the local issues are very prominent and the result cannot be safely analyzed on national lines.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

The races at the DuBois Fair Sept. 8-11 promise to be the best ever held in DuBois, which is "going some." The track is in prime condition and judging from the fast field of steppers, some records are likely to "go broke."

The management of the DuBois Fair has engaged a real Airship for this year's meeting, Sept. 8-11th. This will be a fine opportunity for the people of this vicinity to see one of these wonderful air flyers at a very slight expense.

United States Senator Boies Penrose has returned from a two months rest in the Rocky Mountains. He will take, at once, a lively interest in the National campaign, assisting the National chairman. His health has been fully restored and he will make as many speeches in Pennsylvania as engagements will permit.

A few students can yet be accommodated in the dormitories of the Lock Haven Normal School for the Fall term which begins Sept. 7th. The school is usually filled during the entire year, hence the number of rooms are limited. You will make no mistake if you select this highly established school. Address the Principal for a catalogue.

A large number of young people go away to school each year. To those who are considering the question of a school, we desire to call their attention to the Lock Haven State Normal School. This institution has a fine reputation for doing excellent work. It is modern and up to date. It is in a prosperous condition. The Fall term begins Sept. 7th. Write for a catalogue.

When the tariff is to be revised after March 5th, Judge Taft will be ably assisted, as President, in making the necessary changes. The Republican party is pledged to a revised tariff, but not a free trade tariff for revenue revision, the same old Democratic Donkey trick to catch the farmer. It will not work. The American laborer, farmer and business man know fully what that means and will hustle, as of old, for a "safe and sane tariff," to be secured by Taft and Sherman's election.

The management of the DuBois Fair is determined to make this year's meeting particularly interesting to the farmers. The fine dance pavilion, especially adapted for the purpose, will be exclusively for their use. It will contain all exhibits of farm products, and be Grange headquarters. A check room for lunch baskets, etc., with attendants on duty at all times, will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of everyone. Sept. 8th to 11th are the dates.

A school girl was required to write an essay of 250 words about an automobile. She submitted the following: "My uncle bought an automobile. He was riding in the country when it busted going up a hill. I guess this is about 50 words. The other 200 are what my uncle said when he was walking back to town, but they are not fit for publication." If all the words unfit for publication that are uttered by autoists who travel over some of our roads were recorded, they would make an essay about the size of the Congressional Record.

THE WEATHER.
FRIDAY Fair.
SATURDAY Showers
SUNDAY Showers

ASSETS
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EMPORIUM, PA.
At the close of business Sept. 2, 1908.
\$763,353.06

SCHOOL DAYS.

Young folks can have the practical side of their education by securing one of our Savings Banks. They encourage you to save money; they give you certain ideas of business; they will also stimulate in you the habits of thrift and economy.
\$1.00 will secure you a bank.
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DR. LEON REX FELT,
DENTIST.
Rockwell Block, Emporium, Pa.

DR. H. W. MITCHELL,
DENTIST,
(Successor to Dr. A. B. Mead.)
Office over A. F. Vogt's Shoe Store,
Emporium, Pa. 12y

A car load of between 300 and 400 bushels of extra choice Ohio peaches at Newton's. Prices right.

A Snitch Party.

Miss Kate Metzger entertained a few friends at her home last Thursday evening in honor of the Misses Hinkle of Wilcox, who were the guests of F. G. Judd and family. The evening was pleasantly spent by playing the new game of "Snitch" and by doing the barn dance. Refreshments were served. Those present were—the Misses Marion Judd, Carolyn Cox, Gladys Lloyd, Messrs. George Barker, Chas. Foster, Geo. Balcom, Warner Judd, Wayne VanWert and Frank Knight.

Like Finding Money.

Rather than carry them over we will sell Friday and Saturday about 20 women Trimmed Hats that were \$5.00 and \$6.00 at \$1.00 each. The ribbon alone on most of these hats is worth more.

R. KUEHNE,
Emporium's Leading Dry Goods Store.

Council Proceedings.

Special meeting Borough Council, Emporium, August 27, 1908. Present: Messrs. Friendel, White, Marshall, Cummings, Mumford and Rishell. Absent—Messrs. Goodnough, Norris and Hamilton.

The President explained that Special meeting was called for considering the appeal taken by Mrs. E. M. Newton and others to contest the ordinance providing for the paving of part of Fourth street.

Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Marshall that matter of appeal taken by Mrs. E. M. Newton and others to contest the ordinance providing for the paving of a part of Fourth street be placed in the hands of Messrs. Johnson & McNarney. Unanimously carried.

On motion Council then adjourned.
R. C. MOORE, Sec'y.

Birthday Social.

A birthday social will be given at Brooks Hall, Sterling Run, Pa., Tuesday evening, September 8th, by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, in honor of the eleventh birthday of the Aid Society. A good time is guaranteed to all who attend. A bountiful supper will be served between the hours of 7:30 and 10:30.

The autograph quilt which was on exhibition at the County Fair will be sold at auction and many other useful and fancy articles will be on exhibition and for sale. If arrangements can be made the Driftwood band will furnish music.

Now if you can't come just send as many cents as you are years old and help the good cause along, or in other words,

This birthday social is given to you an occasion of pleasure, though nothing new. If you cannot attend just send us a letter. Enclosing a cent for each year, or better, send a dollar if you fear your age will be known which will in a measure, your absence atone.

"Buster Brown" that irrepressible youngster, will be seen at the Emporium Opera House soon. The management this season offer an entirely new production, splendid scenery and costumes, and a company second to none. The date will soon be announced.

For Sale.

1000 strawberry plants, pedigree stock, grown from R. M. Kellogg, Co., thoroughbred, for variety and price call on Herbert Day, at Tannery Office.
29-31.