

Hermann the Great. Hermann the Great, the famous magician, could take a rabbit out of a silk hat and a bunch of roses out of an empty paper cone.

Docile Cheese. Andrew Carnegie, while eating with appetite and courage last month the dishes cooked by the young girls of the Margaret Morrison school in Pittsburgh, said:

"I have no fear before these experimental dishes. He who has eaten in France learns to eat boldly. "Think of the French cheeses alone! "Why, one afternoon in a restaurant in the Boulevard des Italiens, I heard a guest shout angrily: "Walter, look here, this cheese is walking all over the table."

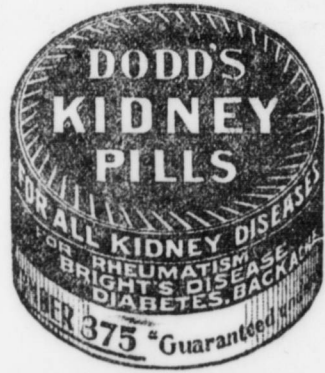
SAVED OLD LADY'S HAIR

"My mother used to have a very bad humor on her head which the doctors called an eczema, and for it I had two different doctors. Her head was very sore and her hair nearly all fell out in spite of what they both did. One day her niece came in and they were speaking of how her hair was falling out and the doctors did it no good. She says, 'Aunt, why don't you try Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment?'"

"My own case was an eczema in my feet. As soon as the cold weather came my feet would itch and burn and then they would crack open and bleed. Then I thought I would flee to my mother's friends, Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. I did for four or five winters, and now my feet are as smooth as any one's. Ellsworth Dunham, Hiram, Me., Sept. 30, 1909."

Something Lacking. "Disappointed in Venice, with its romantic lagoons and canals?" "Well, there wasn't any place to shoot the chutes."

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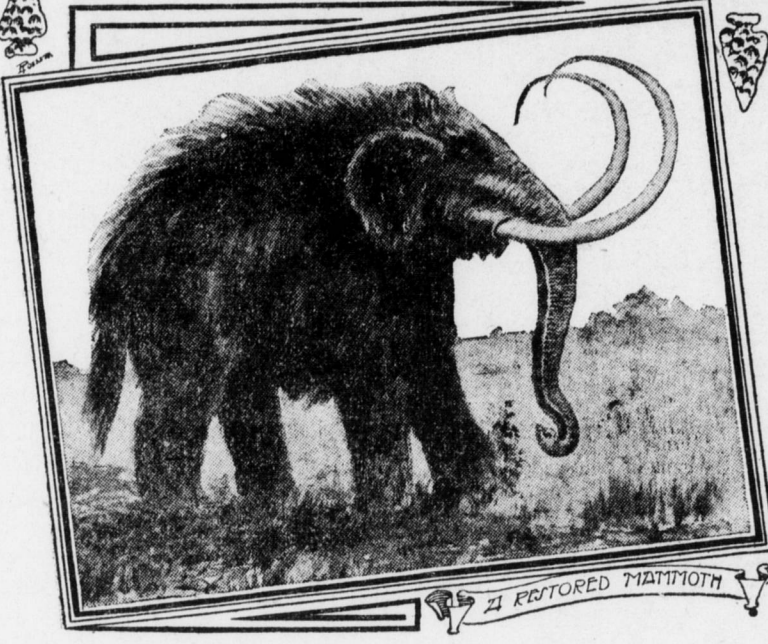
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OPIUM

Causes Which Led to the Extinction of the Mammoth

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N 1839 Dr. Koch of St. Louis gave an account in the Journal of Science of the discovery of the skeleton of a mammoth in Gasconade county, Mo. (50 or 60 miles above St. Louis), which showed clear evidence that man had aided in the killing of the animal. At the time some one attempted to throw doubt upon this description, but subsequent discoveries render it perfectly credible. The skeleton was found, as usual, in a peat bog in which there had been a considerable accumulation of vegetable mold, blue clay and sand, and was about five feet below the surface. Beneath this skeleton was an Indian spearhead and a stone axe of antique pattern; also ashes and pieces of burnt wood and burnt bone. There were also pieces of rock weighing from two to 25 pounds, which were scattered as though they had been thrown at the animal. The hind and fore feet were still preserved, together with pieces of the skin. Dr. Koch supposed that the animal, having become mired in the mud, was attacked by men, who thus aided in his destruction.



RESTORED MAMMOTH

These facts give point to the question put to me by Professor Schmidt three years ago in St. Petersburg when I asked him concerning the mammoth. He said: "Are you sure that man did not have a good deal to do with it, as he had with the destruction of the buffalo and other animals?" Nevertheless, one cannot but feel that this destruction has been too widespread and on too large a scale to have been much affected by the agency of man. It seems more likely that climatic changes have been the principal agency in the destruction and that these changes were not from increasing cold, but rather increasing warmth.

It is astonishing what small things in nature are oftentimes destructive of life. The cattle are driven off from large areas in South Africa by the attacks of a little fly which swarms in the region. Grizzly bears in Alaska are often killed by mosquitoes. The mosquito attacks the eye, which is the weakest point, and the bear, in attempting to kill the mosquito with his paw, scratches his own eyes out and becomes blind. Thus the development and multiplication of some insignificant enemies of the mammoth as the climate grew warmer may have been fatal to his existence. There is, however, much evidence that the mammoth became extinct in many places because his instincts ceased to be an unfailing guide amid the changing conditions which followed the close of the glacial period. Dr. Robert Bell, from his wide experience, has suggested a theory something as follows: The mammoth was in the habit of seeking shelter within the forest line during winter, and with the opening of spring migrating to the

timberless country of the north, where he could browse on the small trees which line the river courses of the Arctic ocean. These habits of migration having become fixed, the animals could not always perceive the dangers connected with the change in climatic conditions and would sometimes be too far away on the approach of winter successfully to reach safe winter quarters. In this case they might be caught in the early winter storms or attempt to cross an ice-covered body of water before it was sufficiently strong to bear them. Dr. Bell relates that on an island in Ungava bay a whole herd of reindeer perished from starvation during one storm when a heavy snowfall was followed by rain which formed a crust, thus cutting off the supply of moss. The island was never restocked afterward. Such may have been the means by which large herds of the mammoth were destroyed in northern regions. Stockmen in the west, as well as in Siberia, often now suffer great loss from these storms of sleet, which form such a crust over the grass that the animals are unable to procure the nutriment that is almost in sight of their longing eyes. (Copyright, by Joseph B. Bowles.)

Where the Past Still Holds Sway in India

North from Baroda the country becomes a great grassy plain, very much like the South African veldt, says J. Ramsay Macdonald describing a trip through India. The men change. They become more jaunty in their carriage. They part their beards in the middle, and comb back the sides to their ears. They carry ancient guns and Old World scimitars. When the sun sinks in the evening a thousand herds of cattle wander home over innumerable tracks converging on the villages. This is Rajputana, the home of proud warriors and brave women. Baroda, with a smile, says: "I am modern;" Rajputana, with a haughty sniff, says: "I keep the old ways." Commerce and politics have both invaded parts of it; some of its chiefs hanker after English Philistinism. But these degeneracies are still exceptions. Whoever comes to India and does not sit down on the plain below Chitor with a history at his elbow and a plan on his lap, and then go up the hill—on an elephant if possible—to the ruined temples, palaces, bazars, tanks and the still almost perfect towers, might as well have stayed at home. Round these walks tradition has woven most sacred garlands. Wending one's way up the long zig-zag road, which is flanked all along by massive walls and spanned every now and then by a frowning gate, one may still imagine that he hears the tramp of the Rajput cavalry going out to die, and it is easy to translate the hum of voices and other sounds which come down and go up from the villages at the top and bottom of the hill as the bridal song of the women going to their awful death by fire in the cavern of the palace rather than become prisoners in the hands of the moguls. The whole place is a vast temple of chivalry. Through these narrow lanes and over these ruined heaps one should go bare of head and foot. At Chitor the past is dead, and only comes from its grave at nightfall. But not far off in the new capital of the state, Udaipur, the old time still lives in the light of day. The railway stops far out from the confines of Udaipur as an unclean step at the threshold of a temple, and you have to travel for a mile or so to get to the city. Towering over the city are great white palaces and temple domes. The hills around are capped by palaces and forts and temples. Holy men wander unkempt, ash-covered, almost naked in its streets, or sit beneath its trees contemplating the eternal and the all-comprehending void.

had started from the palace. Then they came blowing horns, beating drums and cymbals, on foot, on horses, on elephants, the maharana under a golden umbrella near the rear. The rains were over, and the time had come when the chiefs gathered around their ruler and prepared to go out with him to give battle. But before they went they had to propitiate the gods. Therefore a holy man came and sat for ten days in a temple without food or sleep, holding a sword on his knees, and every evening before sunset the maharana and his warriors went to do homage before him. They used to chant sacred songs and recite sacred verses on the way. That was the procession we saw. The sword of a long dead ancestor had been sent from the palace the day before, and the yogi sat with it in the temple as though peace had not been declared, and as though other sounds than those of reaping still followed the rains. Next morning the maharana sent for us. Inside the palace all was oriental bustle. Camels, horses, fowls, elephants wandered in the courtyards, the white walls of which simply flared with purity in the sun. A perfect maze of moving humanity, from whining babies to the decrepit aged, moved about. Suitors with their petitions sat at the doorways, soldiers paced up and down in the arches, with swords on their thighs, scribes and courtiers lounged against pillars, and

stretched themselves on marble benches. Through endless passages, up innumerable stairs we were taken, and at length were ushered into the presence of a small, keen-eyed, gray-bearded, dignified man. He explained that he had been busy with his devotions. He toyed with a sword which lay across his knees. We were away back in the middle ages in the presence of a man whose greatest boast was that no Moslem blood ever tainted his own, and that he had been true to the Rajput motto: "He who keeps the faith is preserved by God." He stood for the old ways, he told us. When he goes out into his domain 3,000 retainers follow him. He sacrifices every morning to his gods; he sits on the judgment seat and hears the petitions of his people; he keeps his sword arm strong and crafty by hewing at clay images. Even his clocks decline to bow the knee to Calcutta, as his ancestors declined to accept the yoke of the mogul—so he lives half an hour behind the official time. I do not know to what enormities of heathendom I committed myself, but I said it was well that the old should not die. He smiled approvingly, murmured that some of his chiefs were not so faithful as himself, shifted his sword, held out his hand, and we returned through the courtiers, the soldiers, and the suitors into the noisy and crowded courtyards far below.

WANTED TURKEY AS EMBLEM

Franklin Opposed Idea of Choosing the Eagle as National Bird of America. Rostand's "Chanteleur," in the title role of which Miss Maude Adams is to appear in this country, is an allegory. The cock, the old emblem of the French nation, in this remarkable play perhaps typifies and represents France. The cock was the national bird of that country as long ago as the time of the Gauls. Napoleon, trying to reproduce the Roman eagle as a military emblem and "the eagles of France" is a phrase which frequently resounds in his proclamations. After his downfall the cock began to replace the eagle and now appears on French coins. Gallant, lively, courageous, he seems more in accordance with French character than the morose eagle. Benjamin Franklin opposed the adoption of the eagle as our national bird. He thought a nation's character

could be affected by the sort of bird or beast chosen as its totem. He wanted us to choose the turkey, which is characteristically American, because it is native to this continent, social and peaceable, though able and willing to put up a good fight when attacked. The fact that it was useful also appealed to Franklin. Further, a number of countries already had selected the predaceous, selfish, solitary and cruel eagle as their emblem. Would it have made any difference in our national spirit if the inoffensive and toothsome turkey had been chosen as our national bird? At least it would have been a bit odd to dine on the national emblem each Thanksgiving day.—Chicago Daily News.

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