

# The World's Wonders

STRANGE THINGS FOUND IN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE EARTH

## Plucked in Service of Woman



More like a plucked turkey on stilts than the big feathery bird we all know is the ostrich after he has been robbed of his plumes for the use of the women of fashion. However, though distressingly nude, the ostrich does not seem to mind his temporary condition but is apparently quite happy.

## GREATEST MOTHER IN WORLD



The greatest mother in the world, perhaps, is Mrs. Jane Morris, residing in Jackson county, near the foothills of the Cumberland mountains in Kentucky. Mrs. Morris was born and reared in the mountains, has little education and until a few years ago had never been outside of her immediate vicinity, there being to this time no railroad in Jackson county.

Her claim to greatness lies in the fact that she can boast of a total of 518 descendants, nearly all of whom are living and none of whom ever has been accused of crime.

"My life's motto has been," said the venerable old mother the other day, "the Golden Rule. The duty of a wife is to her home and her country, to bear the burden of motherhood in strict accordance to the laws of nature, and my obedience to the same is why, at the age of eighty-six, I can glory in the fact that out of the great number of my children not one in an inmate of any school of reform, jail, penitentiary or asylum of any kind."

Aunt Jane, as she is called, is eighty-six years old, and says she expects to live to be a hundred and to see descendants of the fifth generation. Her husband died 20 years ago, six years after they had celebrated their golden wedding. She never married again, and, remarkable as it may seem, the entire number of descendants are from this one union.

Her most productive child is Hannah Lakes, who had 16 children and has more than eighty descendants, but Mrs. Sallie Sparks follows closely with 15 children, 29 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Of Mrs. Morris' children Lewis had only one child and Bettie died without marrying, while Fannie and Lydia are still living, but never married.

A summary of Mrs. Morris' descendants follows:

| Her children                  | Grand-children | Great-Grand-children | Great-Grand-children |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| John Morris.....              | 40             | 20                   | 10                   |
| Falls Sparks.....             | 15             | 30                   | 15                   |
| John Morris.....              | 14             | 34                   | 18                   |
| William Morris.....           | 13             | 44                   | 18                   |
| Hannah Lakes.....             | 16             | 76                   | 10                   |
| L. V. Morris.....             | 11             | 34                   | 10                   |
| Leah Morris.....              | 12             | 29                   | 10                   |
| Sandra Morris.....            | 7              | 19                   | 10                   |
| Mary J. Isaacson.....         | 4              | 11                   | 10                   |
| Margaret Johnson.....         | 13             | 11                   | 10                   |
| Orlinda M. Perrett.....       | 10             | 11                   | 10                   |
| Lewis Morris.....             | 1              | 1                    | 10                   |
| Bettie Morris.....            | 0              | 0                    | 10                   |
| Fannie Morris.....            | 0              | 0                    | 10                   |
| Lydia Morris.....             | 0              | 0                    | 10                   |
| <b>Total 12 children.....</b> | <b>128</b>     | <b>328</b>           | <b>100</b>           |

Mrs. Morris is said by all who know her to live well up to the Golden Rule she has taken as her life's motto.

## ABSOLVED WHILE DROWNING

A dramatic story was told at the inquest at Dalkey (County Dublin) on Father English, of Dublin, who was drowned one day lately while swimming with Father Walsh at Dalkey.

## CURSE WAS ON GREAT HOTEL

A curious tradition lingers around the Savoy Hotel, London, where some wonderful alterations have just been carried out. When this great establishment was first opened it had a singular run of ill-luck. One of the directors, seeking to learn the cause of it, was told an odd story. The land on which the hotel was built had formerly belonged to a monastic order which was expelled at the Reformation, the property being confiscated. On leaving, the abbot had cursed the ground, declaring that any enterprise connected with it should not prosper. On hearing this tale the director sought out a monastery of the expelled order which still exists in Devonshire, and by much tact and diplomacy induced the abbot there to go through the form of removing the curse. No one who is aware of the position the Savoy holds in London today can doubt that the removal was effective.

## WAT TYLER'S ENORMOUS BOOT

No man living in England has a more remarkable collection of relics than Lord Llangattock at the Hendre, Monmouth. Amongst them is an ancient and clumsy boot, which belonged to the celebrated Wat Tyler. Invited to a parley at Smithfield with Richard II., in 1380, Tyler addressed the king



in a menacing manner, now and again lifting up his sword. On this, the Mayor Walworth stunned Tyler with his mace, and one of the king's knights dispatched him. The sole and heel of this boot are enormous, and on the side of the leg is the mark of a sword-cut.

## MANY ADVANTAGES WITH CONCRETE FEEDING FLOOR

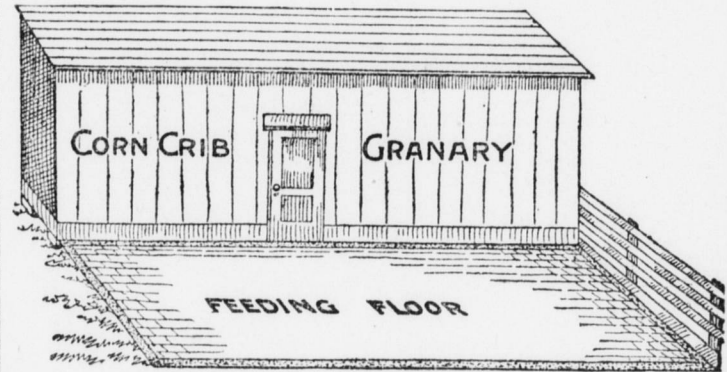
Prevents Feed From Being Trampled Into Mud and Contributes to Health of Animals by Lessening Chances of Infection.

Since the advent of high-priced corn and hogs, feeding floors of a more permanent nature than those made of wood are receiving a good deal of attention, writes L. E. Troeger of Iowa in Orange Judd Farmer. The advantages of a floor of some kind of material like brick or cement over plank need not be argued. There are a good many feeding floors made of the first named material to be found throughout the corn belt, and without exception they are proving a good investment.

In short, the main points in favor of a feeding floor of permanent nature is that it is a feed-saver, as it prevents feed from being trampled into the mud; it provides a solid foundation for troughs, prevents mudholes around troughs, and undoubtedly contributes to the health of the pigs by lessening the chances of infection by

for the brick. If considerable dirt has to be removed to secure a solid surface it may be necessary to fill in with ashes before the sand is spread. In this case the ashes should be rolled if possible, at least, made as solid as can be with the means at hand. In the meantime the retaining wall should be put in. This should be made of concrete six inches wide and ten or twelve inches high, so that the base will rest on firm soil. The corners may be reinforced with old iron rods or wire if such material is at hand.

The bricks should now be laid, breaking joints, and when all down a half inch of fine sand should be spread over the surface of the same to fill the crevices. If a firm foundation is provided for the brick there will be no danger of the brick heaving or working out. The troughs



Crib and Granary With Feeding Floor.

Intestinal parasites. It is a practice with some men to clean off the floor with a shovel every day when the floor is used for growing pigs, which removes thousands of worm eggs when the herd is wormy, and there are few that are not to a certain extent.

The accompanying illustration shows the main points in a feeding floor that combines all the best features with cheapness. This is constructed as follows: Select a well-drained spot in the hog lot, remove all rubbish and litter till a solid earth surface is secured. Level the surface, and if there are any soft spots fill with clay if obtainable, and tramp firm. On this surface spread an inch of sand and smooth the same

should not be set in the floor, as slop will sour under them in warm weather and rats may burrow beneath.

If it is desired to feed pigs away from the sows the floor can be fenced in and doors made in the fence that will keep all but the pigs out. A floor that is 16 feet wide and 30 feet long will furnish space for about 100 pigs or a car load of fattening hogs, and will cost for materials only around \$35 to \$40. Feeding can be made very convenient by building a combination corn crib and granary adjoining the floor. In the granary part a variety of feeds can be kept, also a feed cooker and other adjuncts. This is a very good arrangement for a small farm.

## FARMERS CURE THEIR MEATS

This May Be Done Rather Easily and Flavor of Product Much Finer—Delicious at Certain Times.

(By S. C. MILLER.)  
In these days of salt peter, benzoate of soda, formate and other dope used by the big manufacturers in the curing of nearly everything we eat, I wonder why more of our farmers do not preserve their own foods, particularly meats. It seems to me there is more danger in the use of preservatives in the use of meats than anything else, and pickling of meats on the farm is such a simple matter that every man who kills his own pigs should in addition to hams and bacon put down a barrel of meat pickled. Properly cared for, it is delicious at certain seasons of the year. On the old farm in Virginia the following method was always used. No better meats were ever put on the farmer's table:

For each 100 pounds of meat take two pounds of sugar and four pounds of salt. Mix well and when the meat is first cut rub it well with pure salt on the flesh side. Let it lie a day or two and then drain out any blood that may be left. Divide the sugar and salt mixture in three equal parts. Use one part on the meat and pack in

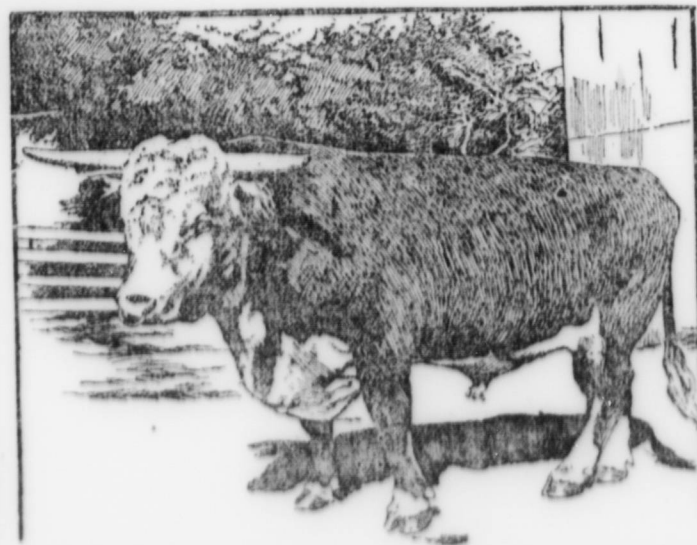
a barrel. It should then be allowed to lie three or four days when it should be rubbed with another portion of the mixture and three or four days later repeat the operation with the remainder. It should then be packed tightly in a barrel. After lying three or four days it is ready to hang up. It must be kept in a cellar or some place where it will not freeze while the curing process is going on. When applying the salt and sugar mixture it is more convenient if one has two barrels to use at the same time.

A great many people do not seem to understand that smoking meat does not cure it except as the warmth from the fire causes the moisture to evaporate. There is no particular virtue in the smoke itself and meat could be as well cured by any kind of slow gentle heat even if no smoke came from it. However, the heat from clean, fresh hickory chips can never be improved upon and if people believe that the quality of the meat is improved by the sweet odor from this form certainly no harm will be done. The main thing is to keep the heat regular and at a low point in order that the moisture may be drawn out from the meat evenly.

## Plant of Wheat.

A single plant of wheat grown on the ranch of J. C. Yeager, near the Dells, Ore., contained over 100 heads all of which were fairly well filled. The plant had 125 branches.

## NOTED WHITE-FACED HEREFORD

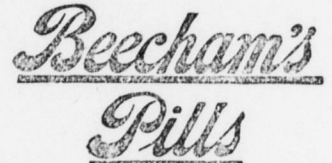


Columbus Bumpybody, a white-faced Hereford, was imported from England by Mr. Hockefeller. Its mother, Bumpybody, was purchased from Queen Victoria's royal herd. Columbus weighs 2,200 pounds and is valued at \$7,500. He has been fed no grain for three years.

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Boston Billings—Ah! ma'am, I assure you the double negative is a solecism I've never been guilty of.

Was All Right. Howard—Did you telephone Mrs. Howard that I would be detained at the office until midnight?

Office Boy—Yes, sir. "And what did she say?" "Said she didn't blame you—she had made an engagement to go to the theater tonight herself."—Smart Set.

A man ought to know a great deal to acquire a knowledge of the intricacies of his ignorance.—Lord Palmerston.

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