SUCH IS LIFE—Too Much Curiosity





Plan to Protect Arctic Musk Oxen

Valuable Animal Is Threatened With Extinction.

Washington.-The recent birth of two musk oxen in Alaska, the first in a century, may be the beginning of a New Deal for this remarkable animal. which has been threatened with extermination by Eskimos, Indians, explorers and hunters.

"Beyond the tree limit, on bleak, treeless tundras, deserted by man and most animals, lives the musk ox-one animal that thrives in blizzards," says a National Geographic society bulletin.

"Over the frozen prairies of the Barren Grounds, where no Indians dwell, and across vast expanses too cold for Eskimos, the musk ox plods through the darkness and whispering silence of the Arctic night, cropping frozen grass that sticks up through thin snow. Pausing occasionally to rub frost from its eyes, grazing contentedly as a cow in a sunny pasture, the musk ox wanders from the Barren Grounds to Cape Morris Jesup, where the northernmost point of land meets the glittering ice of the polar sea. Under the musk ox's shaggy dark coat, protecting him from bitter winds, is a dense coat of wool.

Sheds Winter Suit.

"In the Arctic summer the musk ox sheds its unnecessary wool.

"To those familiar with the protective coloration of Arctic animals-the silvery-white polar bear, snowy wolves and owls-the dark brown coat of the musk ox seem to afford no protection.

Back With Giants



Phil Weintraub, a Jewish lad, who measures 6 feet 1 inch in his stockingfeet and weighs 185 pounds, has been called back by the New York Giants, with whom he made a rather unfavorable appearance some time ago. Now he is fielding and batting with the best

Such is not the case. Grazing, not on snow, but on dark windswept areas, or snowy slopes strewn with large boulders, the musk ox might well be mistaken for another boulder. Hereditary enemies of the musk oxen are the wolves. Although they can do little damage to a herd of adults, they follow it to seize the stray calves and sickly old musk oxen driven out of the herd.

"Seeing a musk ox walking along a hill crest, heavy head and massive body bulking large against the sky. hunters have thought him a small buffalo. Although his shaggy hide makes him appear larger, the average musk ox is only about the size of Highland cattle. He usually stands about four feet high and his average weight is 450 pounds dressed. His robe of straggling dark brown hair, stiff as a horse's mane, grows to great lengths, sometimes 20 inches, and trails in the snow, Eskimos call the musk ox Oo-ming-muk, which means 'animal with skin like a beard.' In the roots of this coat grows the protective coat of wool.

"The hoofs of the musk ox are hairy underneath, which makes him surefooted on the most slippery ice.

Feeds on Hillsides.

"Like the goat, the musk ox's favorite feeding grounds are on rocky hillsides, which, in spite of his short massive legs, he ascends with agility. Hunters have marveled at the ease and speed with which startled musk oxen have run away from them.

"Although classed with walrus and polar bear as the big game of the north, shooting a musk ox is about as difficult and as much sport as shooting a cow in a pasture. Startled, a herd will run, but not far, to form a huddled, trembling mass that stands facing the enemy until shot down.

"With their bows and copper-tipped arrows, and lances, Eskimo hunters did not seriously deplete the herds, but since explorers gave them rifles, they have slaughtered hundreds upon hundreds without thinking of the future.

"The juicy steaks of musk oxen have saved the lives of many Arctic explorers. Frost-bitten and starving, pemmican exhausted, caches lost, explorers have fallen on a herd as on

"Zoological gardens caused further extermination of musk oxen by offering \$5,000 apiece for young ones.

"However, the Twentieth century, in its battle for the preservation of natural resources, has taken steps to save from extinction this valuable animal, Various countries have passed laws protecting it. Some require licenses to hunt it, and a few are importing and breeding herds, and setting aside sanctuaries for them."

Cooking Chocolate

Chocolate should always be cooked in a porcelain saucepan in which it can be done rapidly and a large surface exposed. The oil does not separate as it would in a covered pot and when the chocolate is cooked slowly.

OUR REAL NEED

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A writer on economics is quoted as

having said, "What the people of this country really want is not spiritual resources but material values." Perhaps so; but it is rather a sweeping statement to affirm that material resources in place of spiritual values is the desire of all persons. Of course many persons, perhaps

the majority, earn-

estly desire- the

elimination of poverty, less hours of work which means more leisure, and the assurance of dividends, "A condition devoutly to be wished"-someone says, and what's wrong with it?

Granted that to every family in this country there shall be guaranteed the security of home, plenty of work, and a reasonable pension for old age. Would they be any better off? The materialist, who sees no farther than values expressed in houses and lands,

Prettiest of All



Frances Jean Lupe, three years old, won the title of Illinois' most beautiful baby, in a contest held at the World's fair in Chicago.

unhesitatingly replies, "we would be a great deal better off." The idealist, who looks beyond material values, replies with equal emphasis in the negative. He reminds us that we would doubtless be just as self-indulgent and greedy; perhaps more so. Surely we would be just as sensual and mean. In other words the conditions which brought on the depression would still exist and, perhaps, in a more intensive form. Instead of conditions improving they would become much

"Man shall not live by bread alone." Nations as well as individuals who have attempted to build the superstructure of their life's ambitions upon no more permanent foundation than the desire for "bread" soon discovered that the tower of their best efforts fell, much like the Babel tower of old. No-the writer on economics is wrong. What this country needs most of all is a resurgence of spiritual power which will rebuild character and make permanent such values as education, culture, home and government. What this country of ours needs is an attitude toward life which not only belittles sensuality and greed but also eliminates self-indulgence and false pride.

The question still remains-Are we going to learn anything worth while from the experience of the past four years, or, are we anticipating the return of another prosperous period in order that we may again repeat the same mistakes and be plunged farther than ever in the gulf of despair?

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Trout Encircled by Rubber Washer

Salida, Colo.—D. J. Dewland landed a "rubber-tired" fish near here. It was a 6-inch rainbow trout. About its body was embedded a %-inch rubber washer. The rubber had apparently been around the fish for some time, as it had sunk deep into the fish's fiesh just in front of the fins.

in decoration, with reservations, it is true, since it is so cold a color, but it is not alone in decoration that it is valuable. The quality of the color makes it particularly suited to certain practical purposes. It has a tendency to preserve the whiteness of articles kept next it or surrounded by it. This is a fact that was recognized by old-

time homemakers, but which seems to have been somewhat overlooked by women of today. Just now there is a return to this color for practical uses. Use blue tissue

paper to wrap around laces to prevent them turning creamy white instead of their original pure white. or dead white as the untinged color is called. What is known as sky blue or baby blue is the preferred hue of blue for this purpose. Linens that are laid away. either as heirlooms, or awaiting the return of the style of the particular pieces, such as large white damask jablecloths

will not be nearly so apt to get the creamy tint if wrapped around in blue

Blue-Paper-Lined Boxes.

White ribbons and silk pieces are also benefited by being kept in bluepaper-lined pasteboard boxes. When white shawls were in fashion, the women of that day were punctilious to keep them folded in light blue paper, and placed in pasteboard boxes where there would be no pressure on the folded beauty of the choice shawls.

Today the fashion for using blue to keep white silks and laces, linens and fine white textiles, from changing color has taken a new turn, or we may say has reverted to a very old-time method. Then inside surfaces of bureau drawers are being painted blue. Whatever the white contents, its whiteness will be helped to keep its right tint by the action of the blue on the goods.

About Tablecloths.

The history of tablecloths is a subject to interest every homemaker who delights in knowing about her household furnishings as well as in using them. Today there is a pronounced trend toward the return of dinner tablecloths of pure white linen as well as those of lace and colored linens, This makes the subject of tablecloths especially timely. The cloths with the

Flying Doctor of the Far North

Here is Dr. Vance Murray, the "flying doctor of the North," recently

appointed medical director for the Alaskan Indian territory. He plans to make

his rounds of a vast region of the Arctic by plane, thus eliminating the tradi-

BLUE is a color which can be used | bygone years this word was more comprehensive it has come to signify table

By Charles Sughroe

Literally napery is linen of any kind, but long years ago it was used chiefly to indicate table linen, and this is the use of the word today. The word comes from the French napperte which comes from the Latin naps a cloth. It is very easy to see that napkin is but another form of these words. Literally napkin means a little cloth. The largest dinner napkin of today deserves to be called a little cloth, because of its size. It equals that of some of the smaller luncheon or break-

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fast cloths. The napkins to match

these small tablecloths certainly are

diminutive and well warrant the term

For Lounging



The material which fashions these modish lounging pajama outfits is a dull-luster chardonize. The color scheme for the attractive model to the left is burnt orange trimmed with cream color. The other girlish pajama costume is in a soft shade of peach banded with blue, having a bib effect at the front neckline, of ecru lace applique. This young lady is refreshing herself with an eau de cologne perfumed with au fil de l'eau, which happens to be her particular choice from among a half-dozen or so odors available. She is using one of the new-type atomizers which is of the automatic bulbless sort which eliminapkins are termed napery. While in | nates the old-fashioned cord and bulb.

EXPERT SUMS UP FORMIDABLE LIST OF EYE DEFECTS

Many a driver who sees clearly, so far as he is aware, and who pays attention to the road still finds driving a car hazardous business. Such a man will be interested in what Dr. Alvah R. Lauer, of Iowa State college, says about the physical shortcomings of apparently normal people. Clarity of vision is merely one of the qualities of normal eyesight. A secondary quality is width of the field of vision. Normally, a person looking straight ahead detects the presence of a car when it pulls up beside him, but some do not become aware of it until it moves ahead. Extreme sufferers from narrow vision are said to possess tunnel vision, but

many persons have less than the normal field of 185 to 195 degrees and

do not suspect the fact. Depth of vision also is necessary to safe driving. This means that the man behind the wheel must not only be able to see a car in the road but must be aware of whether it is traveling with him, standing still, or coming toward him, and approximately how fast. Depth perception is linked with another point, eye dominance. Many people who get headaches when they are tired do so because they are seeing out of only one eye, although they do not know it. Two eyes are needed for three-dimension

sight. Color blindness is a common and widely recognized fault. Another thing needed for safe driving is strength in the hands for emergency use; there must also be the ability to judge speed of movement, and the right amount of awareness to sudden noise. All these and many other abilities are part of every person's makeup in varying degrees. We recognize them by saying a driver is alert, or capable, observant, quick, cool, but seldom think to discover which particular combintaions of perception and nervous control produce these desirable qualities. It goes without saying, however, that a driver who recognizes his deficiencles can take steps to compensate for them .- Detroit Free Press.

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