

How Long Animals Live.

The average age of cats is fifteen years; of squirrels and hares seven to eight years; rabbits, seven: a bear rarely exceeds twenty years; a dog lives twenty years, a wolf, twenty, a fox fourteen to sixteen: lions are long-lived, the one known by the name of pompey living to the age of seventy. Elephants have been known to live to the great age of four hundred years. When Alexander the Great had conquered Porus, King of India, he took a great elephant which had fought valiantly for the king, and named him Ajax, dedicating him to the sun, and let him go with this inscription; "Alexander son of Jupiter, dedicated Ajax to the sun" the elephant was found with this inscription 340 years after. Pigs have been known to live to the age of twenty, and the rhinoceros to twenty-nine; a horse has been known to live to the age of sixty-two, but averages twenty-five to thirty; camels sometimes live to the age of one hundred; stags are very long lived; sheep seldom exceed the age of ten; cows live about fifteen years. Cuvier considers it probable that whales sometimes live one thousand years. The dolphin and porpoise attain the age of thirty; an eagle died at Vienna at the age of 103; ravens frequently reach the age of 100; swans have been to live 300 years. Mr. Malerton has the skeleton of a swan that attained the age of 200 years; Pelicans are long-lived. A tortoise has been known live to the age of 107 years.

A New Race.

A remarkable race is destined to inhabit and control this continent during the next century. It will be like nothing the world has ever seen, for no such condition of things has happened before. Crossing the human breed is notoriously one of the means of strengthening it. Fancy the varieties of blood which will mingle in the veins of the American in 1973. By that time the people will have become homogenous. All European nationalities living here will have lost their distinctiveness and been merged into the new type of American. Our successors will have inherited the energies of the Englishman, the enthusiasm of the Irishman, the shrewdness of the Scotchman, the thoroughness of the German, the Italian's delicate appreciation of the aesthetic, the Scandinavian's love of the moral, and the original Yankee's indomitable pluck and go-ahead-attiveness. With all these qualities concentrated in one human engine, what an engine it will be! The people of the effete European countries will be but pimples in comparison. In the gathering of the races on these shores, and the commingling of the blood of all, we may see the hand of Providence moulding and fitting Americans for a great purpose in the work of the ages.

Here is an old German receipt for happiness: "Wouldst thou be happy for a day, get shaved; for a week, go to a wedding; six months build a fine house for thyself; for a whole year, marry a beautiful young woman; for two years, inherit a rich uncle; but if thou wouldst be happy for all thy life—be temperate."

A light-house has two objects: To give light; to save life. Every christian is, or ought to be, a light-house.

A feeble light in the pulpit is more out of place than in the pew. It is not position but character that gives light.

There is frequently more love in a frown than there could be in a smile: "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten."

If we are at peace with God and our own conscience, what enemy among men need we fear?

If men will hold fast to these truths,—man a sinner and Christ a Savior—they will come to other truths that belong to these.

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