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All the cat's habits show it to be by nature a solitary animal. Even in early life, when family ties bring out the instinct of association, this is apparent. If you compare the play of puppies with that of kitten you will find in one case that companionship of some kind is essential, for if a puppy has no playmate of his own species he will always try to make one of the nearest biped; whereas a cork or a bit of string is all that is necessary to satisfy the requirements of the kitten. The way in which the cat takes its food is a sure sign that in its natural state it is not in the habit of associating with greedy companions.

When given something to eat it first carefully smells the morsel, then takes it in a deliberate and gingerly way, and sits down to finish it at leisure. There is none of that inclination to snatch hastily at any food held before it which we observe even in well trained dogs, nor does a cat seem in any hurry to stow its goods in the one place where thieving rivals cannot interfere with them. Indeed, no greater contrast in natural table manners can be observed anywhere than when we turn from the kennel or the pigsty and watch the dainty way in which a cat takes its meals. That a cat allows people to approach it while feeding without showing jealousy proves that it does not attribute to human beings like tastes with its own.

Story of a Wild Boy.

The story of "Peter, the wild boy," is told on the brass erected to his memory in the parish church of Northchurch, Hertfordshire, England. The celebrated Doctor Arbutnot made a special study of Peter, but failed to make anything of him, and when the novelty of his appearance had worn off and he had been induced to wear the garb of civilization, he was pensioned off and sent to the village of Northchurch. But he retained his vagabond habits and gave his guardian much trouble by wandering off to distant counties. As he could not speak or make himself understood of strangers, this propensity for straying brought him into trouble, and he was sometimes arrested as an obstinate beggar who would not give an account of himself. Thus it was that a brass collar, engraved with his name and address, was fitted to his neck. He is said to have been fond of music, and he used to dance to express his delight at the sound of musical instruments. His tombstone is still standing near the doorway of Northchurch church. When he died he was 72 years old.

Salted the Giant Powder.

"If you never had a mine salted on you," remarked an old-time Colorado miner recently, "you have missed half of your chance to get good experience." "Did you ever have it happen to you?" asked the stranger from the East. "Yes, my very first lesson cost me \$5,000, when I bought a mine in Leadville that had been tunneled into the mountain side for nearly 200 feet. I had heard of the trick of salting properties, so after the man showed me what there was in sight he invited me to go right ahead and blast out several feet in order to satisfy myself, which I did, and the ore seemed to be just as good as it was when he was working it. Of course I bought it, and then it never paid a cent--it was salted." "But how could they salt three or four feet into the solid rock?" "There was the trick of it. They didn't salt the rock, but put gold colors into the giant powder, and as long as that lasted there was gold in sight."

American Stones.

American precious stones are of more importance than is generally known to those not connected with the trade. The Maine tourmalines are unequalled in color, the lithia emerald of North Carolina has never been found in any other country, and the beryls of Connecticut are of a fine golden yellow. California chrysoberite resembles the apple green Chinese jadeite, a beautiful rose quartz comes from South Dakota and a large quantity of rough Montana sapphires is sent to London to be cut. The main part of the world's supply of turquoises is obtained in New Mexico. No doubt the new possessions will add to the American production of gems, a business as yet in its infancy.

The Giraffe's Hide.

For the hide of a full-grown giraffe, recently sought after in Africa for whip and saddle making, the native hunters get from \$15 to \$25.

London Stuns.

Two hundred thousand families, it has been calculated, are living in London on about \$1 a week.

The trial of a German for swindling by the use of forged autographs of Martin Luther recently, brought out the fact that the ink used by Luther 350 years ago is so good that copies can still be taken from it.

Feel of Your Ears.

An English writer, who for fifteen years or more has been a student of criminal anthropology, says that large, columnar ears are the most marked characteristics of the criminal.

English Words.

There are now over 250,000 words in the English language, acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 70,000 more than in the German, French, Spanish and Italian combined.

Wooden Legs.

Wooden legs, according to statisticians, are used by over 1,000,000 English-speaking men, and this accounts for the enormous trade in limbs of this kind.

Ancient War Songs.

Julius Caesar had his men sing songs of triumph after a victory and some of the verses are in existence to-day. Edward I. had the Welsh bards put to death because he thought they incited the soldiers to battle. In Spain many traces of Roman war songs are to be found. Spanish and Portuguese war songs were called romances. The Cid, written in the twelfth century, has always been the martial inspiration of the Spaniards. What the Cid is to Spain the Roland is to France. The "Chanson de Roland" has been sung since the eleventh century, and has 1,500 verses.

Down Somewhere.

A Maine reason why so many people are killed by hunters in the Moosehead lake region is that the modern rifle carries its ball a mile or more, so that when a hunter misses the game at which he aims, or thinks he aims, there is no telling where the missile will land. If things keep going from bad to worse in that respect, the pine tree state legislature will have to enact a law requiring sportsmen when they fire to point their weapons toward the zenith. That will be the upshot of the matter.

Mercantile Appraisement.

The vendors of domestic and foreign merchandise etc., in Sullivan county, Pa., will take notice that they are appraised and classed by the undersigned appraiser of mercantile and other license tax for the year 1899 as follows to wit:

Table with columns for Class, Name, and Amt. Lists various individuals and their amounts across different categories like CHERRY, COLLEY, DUSHORE, DAVIDSON, ELKLAND, FOX, FORKS, FORKSVILLE, HILLSGROVE, LAPORTE TWP., LAPORTE BORO., EAGLES MERE BORO., and BILLIARD and POOL TABLES.

Table with columns for Name and Amt. Lists individuals like Hartung, August, Jennings, C. B. & Co., Fuller, C. B., Miller, D. L., Hart, Wm., Campbell, A. E., Norton & Hottenstine, Rogers, M. A. & Son, Smith, A. L., Lancaster, B. S., Hoffman, W. L., Hull, Vernon, Botsford, Bros., Peterman, Philip, Keeler, T. J., Buschhausen, A. H., Place, E. L., McFarlane James, Kahrey, D., Cheney, C. F., Irven Taylor, Robert McGee, Dushore, Wm. Roe, Cherry twp., H. Schram, Colley twp., and others.

And that an appeal will be held in the office of the County Commissioners Laporte, Pa., on the 21st day of March, 1899, beginning at 1 o'clock p. m., when and where you may attend if you think proper.

C. F. CHENEY, Mercantile Appraiser.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., At close of business, July 14, 1898.

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES. Lists items like Loans and Discounts, U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation, Premium on United States Bonds, Stock Securities, Furniture, Due from Banks Approved reserve, Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer, Specie and Legal Tender Notes, Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, Dividends Unpaid, and Deposits.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss: I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier. JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of Feb., 1899. ALPHONSBUS WALSH, W. J. LAWRENCE, Directors.

American Women.

Women are keenly competing with men in art and professional life in America, as is shown by recent statistics. In the United States there are 4,000 actresses and 34,000 women vocalists and instrumentalists; 11,000 are professional artists, 800 journalists and 2,800 who are engaged in literary work of one kind or another. The number of women who are dramatic authors or theatrical managers is 600.

Rats and Underground Wires.

Rats are playing havoc with the underground telephone and telegraph cables in St. Louis. They have discovered that the wires are covered with paraffined paper, and they rather like the taste. To satisfy their appetites, they must gnaw through the lead casing around the wires. It has happened in a number of cases that the rats in gnawing through the lead cables, to get at the creased paper, have bored the copper wires in such a manner as to make it impossible to establish communication over them. Every time this happens it costs the company whose wires are interrupted all the way from a few dollars to several hundred. The telephone men are trying to devise some means of stopping the depredations.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania, on Friday, March 24, 1899, by Herbert D. Bennett's William F. Burdell, A. M. Schreyer, E. O. Ramsey and J. H. Harter, under the General Corporation Act of 1874 and its amendments, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called The American District Telegraph Company of Pennsylvania, which is formed for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and leasing lines of telegraph for the private use of individuals, firms, corporations, municipal and otherwise, for general business, and for police, fire alarm, or messenger business, and for the transaction in connection therewith of a general messenger and delivery service, in the counties of Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Chester, Chester, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Erie, Fayette, Forest, Franklin, Fulton, Green, Hamilton, Hancock, Harford, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming, and York, and for these purposes, to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and its supplements.

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THE EAST STROUBSBURG, PA., NORMAL offers superior educational advantages. Healthful and Picturesque Location in the resort region of the state. Buildings new and modern. Students Room furnished with brussels Carpet. No other school provides such luxurious home comforts. The Best Boarding. The Most Reasonable Rates. The first Normal in the state to introduce Plain and Fancy Sewing. College Preparatory, Music and Elocutionary Departments. Write at once for a catalogue, free. WINTER TERM OPENS JAN. 2, '99. Address GEO. P. BIBLE, A. M., Principal.

For good quality of underwear at reasonable prices go to J. W. Buck's store.

For gum boots and rubbers go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown.

A. T. ARMSTRONG, SONESTOWN, PA. DEALER IN

Flour Feed and Groceries

- 13 1/2 pounds of pure Lard for \$1.00
Baking molasses, 25 to 50c.
8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c.
7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.
7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c.
2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.
8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.
No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c.
Best Sugar Coated Hams @11c per lb.
Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 45c.
Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.50.
Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 90c.
Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 90c.
Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 90c.
Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.
Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.
Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.
Flour per sack \$1.00.
Winter Roller per sack \$1.00.
Good Flour 90c.
Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.
Graham Flour 12 1/2 pounds 30c.
Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1898, Northward, and Southward. Lists train numbers and times for various stations like Halls, Pennsdale, Hughesville, Picture Rocks, Lyons Mills, Chamouni, Glen Maw, Strawbridge, Beech Glen, Muncy Valley, Sonestown, Nordmont, LaPorte, Ringdale, Satterfield, and others.

Advice to Consumptives

There are three great remedies that every person with weak lungs, or with consumption itself, should understand. These remedies will cure about every case in its first stages; and many of those more advanced. It is only the most advanced that are hopeless. Even these are wonderfully relieved and life itself greatly prolonged. What are these remedies? Fresh air, proper food and

Scott's Emulsion

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. Be afraid of draughts but not of fresh air. Eat nutritious food and drink plenty of milk. Do not forget that Scott's Emulsion is the oldest, the most thoroughly tested and the highest endorsed of all remedies for weak throats, weak lungs and consumption in all its stages.

The State Normal School of East Stroudsburg, Pa., furnishes its students' rooms complete. The only school to carpet its students' rooms with fine Brussels carpet. The first and only school to introduce plain and fancy sewing, without additional cost to pupils. See advertisement in another column.

J. W. Buck has a nice line of horse blankets.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

New lot of rubbers at J. W. Buck's this week.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away. To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

Go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown, for dry goods, boots, shoes, caps, underwear etc.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

For shoes and rubbers go to J. W. Buck

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

For batter crocks go to J. W. Buck's.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pur. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

Everybody Says So. Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

G. A. Rogers

WATCHES, JEWELRY, Silverware, Etc.

Bicycle repairing. Bicycle sundries. Fishing tackle, at lowest possible Price.

FALL and Winter

Every corner of the store is bright, with the newest things for Women's wear and Men's wear and Children's wear. We are glad to have you come in and see the new life of the old store and look at its excellent line of goods.

Underware

for Men, Women and Children.

In conjunction with the inviting varieties, all prices will be found more than ordinarily small.

Grocery Department

A new and fresh supply of Groceries have just arrived.

Vernon Hull, Hillsgrove, Pa.

W.L. Hoffman's

HILLSGROVE Three Big Stores-- MUNCY VALLEY, PROCTOR, PA. Have Bounded Into still Greater favor

You know we beat everybody on General Merchandise, not alone on quality but in lowness of prices. We intend to make this year a memorable one in our business and for this reason we have reduced prices that will make it profitable for you to do your trading with us.

AN AVALANCHE OF NEW GOODS.

Our supply of Winter Goods is extraordinary. Three big stores sparkle with new styles and colorings of Fashions' latest creation

General Merchandise.

Our prices always touch the lowest ebb in General Merchandise. Our stock is absolutely complete.

At prices all too small.

JENNINGS BROS.

We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.

MANUFACTURERS OF Gang Sawn and Trimmed Lumber.

LOPEZ, PA.

SPECIALTIES Hemlock Novelty or German Siding, Hemlock Ceiling 7-8 or 3-8 stick, Hemlock Flooring any width desired, Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long, Hardwood Flooring both Beech, Birch or Maple, The same woods in 3-8 ceiling. CORRESPONDENCY SOLICITED.



In a Pretty Pickle

is the woman who must entertain unexpected company--unless she is well supplied with canned and bottled groceries. If her pantry shelves are nicely lined with our famous brands of pickles, soups, vegetables, canned meats and fish and crackers she is completely ready for any emergency.

ON DRY GOODS WE ARE IN THE LEAD

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