MISSOURI HAS A CIRCUS FARMER

Camels and Sacred Cattle Occupy Hall's Barnyard.

ELEPHANTS IN THE CELLAR.

Mative of "Show Me" State Admired and Coveted Bespangled Procession of Wild Beasts as a Boy and Now Acts as Broker In Similar Zoology and Trappings.

Once an orphan boy of twelve who did chores around Lancaster, Mo., for his keep saw a circus parade from a choice seat at the top of a hitching post near the courthouse square. It memed to that how that to be near the cook was breaking coal, and a piece seemed to that boy that to be near hose strange animals was like living in a land of romance. He resolved that when he grew up he would have some . A servant was pricked by a rusty needle nimals himself. In that there was while sewing on a button on her employ er's clothes. sure is that he realized his ideal.

For many years W. P. Hall has been known as one of the most important these; of the country's horse and mule dealers. He has bought and sold as many as 20,000 horses in a single During the Boer war he did much to advertise the Missouri mule when he shipped mules to Africa for the British army, hundreds every week. Only recently he began filling TABLET FUEL FOR AVIATORS. an order for \$146,000 worth of mules for the British government for distribution to a dozen foreign provinces. Horsemen long have told of Hall's remarkable memory; how he never keeps books, but can buy 300 horses the French ministry of war as a gen and next day remember what he paid erative power for aerial craft. The and next day remember what he paid for each of them.

Queer Barnyard Animals.

But Hall's barnyard shows other things. There are "sacred cattle" with a sort of dromedary hump where necks meet shoulders. Beyond a store of baled hay the shape of an enormous brick are camels, black and white and brown, sauntering around in a barnyard where cows ought to be. A oub bear is jerking at a chain fastened to one of the barn's foundation supports. From an open door in the cellar of the largest barn comes a sound never to be mistaken-the trumpeting of elephants.

The circus barnyard and the cellar full of wild animals in cages are simply new departments. A heavy set, museular, ruddy faced man, with clothes more like a showman's than a townsman's or farmer's and somewhere near ofty years old, is Hall. He loves large diamonds and, except during the chilly days of winter, wears a silk hat even around the barns. Once in awhile he is able to fulfill a natural longing that not every one is able to gratify-he goes to the big city and buys \$250 all purposes. worth of clothes to show Lancaster.

"There's no 'catch' about it, no accident." Hall says when the visitor questions him about the zoological garden barnyard and the cellar of strange moises. "When I was a kid I wanted to own animals, and now I've got the money and I have them. Come into the cellar and we'll talk it over."

Wild Beasts A-plenty.

Down the hill we go past the uneasy bear cub and the camels that saunter around in snow instead of burning sand; down to the door from which issues a greater variety of sounds than come from the mouth of a phonograph. Step in and elephants' trunks reach out toward the visitor's legs as in a child's dream. Along the walls are eages full of lions and high strung leopards and impudent monkeys. A liama, which is a hay eating beast comething like an Angora goat and something more like a horse, is in one corner. A parrot shricks from a cage in the rafters. A monkey selzes a dog by the hind leg. "How did I come to get these ani-

mals?" said Hall. "I just went out and bought 'em; that's all. The circus men made me a mark the first year, but I learned. Now I buy and sell shows all the time. I guess I've handled a dozen or so.

"I always did like animals of most every sort. I started trading horses at ten. At twenty I had a pretty fair start. Then I just kept going along and going along, you know, until now -well, my feed bill sometimes is way

over \$100,000 in a year." As to the effects of climatic changes the circus broker gives some pronounced views.

Adaptable to Climate.

"You've lived down south and you go up north some winter," he remarks. "You get used to it, don't you? Well, an elephant doesn't know what snow is and may break his neck on the ice because he doesn't know what ice might do to him. But otherwise they all get along fine and easy. There isn't a circus professional on the place except a man who's upstairs in the thed repainting some wagons."

"But the elephant trainer?" "He's a farmer from the county east

of here." In a rear shed is a sawdust ring for preliminary training for the circus animals that the horseman-farmer and show broker keeps in winter. On the first floor of the largest barn are dozens of gilded circus wagons. Outside are ticket wagons and little clown earts. There is one lot full of Shetland ponies. There are other lots crowded with horses. There are other barns full of mules. Goats and dogs are everywhere.

BRITISH SERVANTS MAKE CURIOUS DAMAGE CLAIMS

Employers' Liability Laws Caus Wholesale Demand For Cash.

When a few years ago British en ployers became Hable at Law for 1. juries suffered by employees in a course of their work cartooalsis a busy depicting the hired girl givefull, tumbling down stairs with the tea traor the coal box, secure in the prospect of a long rest and no loss of wages. Householders of course cover their risk by insuring each employee against aceldents.

English courts as a rule place a liberal construction on the word accident, and accordingly on the books of the insurance companies may be found many odd claims. Here are a few:

A cow whisking her tall caused injury to a milkmaid's eye.

A farmhand was stung by a bee.

A manservant sprained his leg through

went down her throat.

A curate was scalded through stumbling while carrying a tea urn at a parochia!

gathering.

It is somewhat difficult to imagine that success could attend claims like

ing a large Teddy bear when the roam was only dimly lighted.
Another servant fetching coal out of a cellar collapsed from fright caused by the silent appearance of a washerwoman and broke her arm.

A servant received a shock through see-

French Government Investigates Nonexplosive Invention.

Conpetroline is the name of a new discovery now being investigated by discovery, said to have been made by a French retired officer who has always been an expert chemist, is an essence of gasoline distillation on a ratio of six one-thousandth of its origfinal volume and made practicable by forming it into a paste with an independent substance that will permit its being cut into tablets, according to news received from Paris.

Conpetroline is declared to be nonexplosive and noncombustible. Its di lution must be with a liquid, the nature of which is kept secret, and will work a gasoline engine perfected with a special apparatus. It is the aim of the inventor to do away with the ponderous reservoirs for gasoline now necessary for aeroplanes. The minisiry of war, it is said, believes that if the experiments bear out the claims neroplaning long distances will be relieved of one disadvantage-the neces-

sity of stopping for fuel. The problem of concentrating gasoline, alcohol and petroleum has been undertaken more than once, and its success is said to be necessary before aeropianing is really practicable for

IS PLAYWRIGHT AT ELEVEN.

And Cornelia Skinner's Effort Will Bo Produced Too.

Eleven-year-old Cornelia Skinner. daughter of Otis Skinner, actor, is following in the theatrical footsteps of her father. She has written a play. and, what is much more to the point. she is going to have it acted.

Little Miss Skinner recently handed a manuscript to Charles Frohman. gravely calling his attention to the fact that it was a one act play en titled "The Maid" and emphasizing the fact that it contained a "typical Otis Skinner part."

Frohman examined the little girl's work and found that indeed she had written an actable play containing five Arthur legends.

There were several good situations in it, and Frohman decided that with a little fixing up it might be presented as a curtain raiser to "Sire." So be accepted it and arranged with his juvenile client for royalties.

Little Miss Skinner has been busy with her pen in other directions. She has written verses at various times, and some of them have appeared in hildren's magazines.

SHARKS FOND OF GUNNERY.

Practice of Cruisers In West Indies Eagerly Watched.

The detachment of destroyers cruisng in West Indian waters for torpedo and gun practice in the vicinity of Media Luna bay. Cuba, recently had in unusual experience.

The sharks, with which these waters abound, were keenly interested in the torpedo practice, seeming to regard it as a performance arranged for their exclusive benefit. With every torpedo discharged white sharks, blue sharks, tiger sharks and dogfish were off in a bunch down the line full speed, but no shark was able to do nine seconds flat, and even the big red nosed hammerheads arrived puffing and blowing ome time after the torpedo was broached

Gold Production Is Less. Gold valued at approximately \$96. 055,214 was mined in the United States and Alaska last year, a decrease of \$3. 618,186 from the record output of 1909, Alaska, Colorado and South Dakota producing less than formerly and

California, Nevada and Arizona more Penguin Eggs Popular. About 600,000 penguin eggs are gathered from nearby islands and sold for food in Cape Colony each year.

A TIMELY SUGGESTION.

Cherry Farty For the 22d of Fabruary.



WARHINGTON BIRTHDAY PAVORS. A hostess who has planned to entertain some friends at a cherry party Washington's birthday has found that the artificial cherries sold by confectioners, etc., are much too expensive for her purse, and she will substitute big red cranberries with excellent ef-

The invitations are written on postals decorated with cherries, which are sold everywhere in February, and begin as follows:

Next Friday night at half past eight We beg you'll help us celebrate Great George and the immortal tree,

His gift to all posterity. After this come the address, date and hour.

The first thing to catch the eye of the guest entering the parlor on the appointed evening will be a cherry tree in a wooden tub. This is constructed of a dead sapling tricked out with tissue paper leaves and at once becomes the basis of a jolly game where each player receives a big cranberry with a thread drawn through it (by means of a needle) and is required to tie it on the tree while blindfodded. All those who accomplish the feat will receive points toward the prize.

Another jolly contest will be guessing the number of cherries in a basket filled with them. The player who comes nearest to the exact number receives a second point.

When the guessing is over each player thrusts his hand into the ket, palm side down, the idea being to see who can catch up most cranberries on the back of the hand and, so balancing them, walk around the room without spilling one. The player most successful is entitled to a point.

Tossing the cranberries into a bowl at the opposite end of the room is another feat on the program and offers another point for the successful competitor.

The first and second prizes will be candy boxes decorated with artificial characters, based on one of the King cherries. Huge cherries made of scarlet crape paper are the consolation prizes. Some new Washington birthday favors are pictured.

When Tea is Served.

Women nowadays are often too busy with the many activities of the day to dress expressly for afternoon tea in an elaborate and artistic tea gown. The Illustration shows an attractive black



APTERNOON TEA GOWN.

chiffon cloth dress mounted over white charmeuse that makes a good substi-White porcelain beads in a dainty pattern ornaments the bodice. By the way, these beaded effects are the smartest and newest thing in gown

HUMOROUS

The Cowboy's Return.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, with Your wheels,
Aeroplanes, wagons and automobiles!
Dress ms once have me once more in sombrero that

Spurs and a flannel shirt, slicker are chaps. Put a six shooter or two in my hand.

Show me a yearling to rope and to brand Out where the sagebrush is dusty and gray make me a cowboy again for a day. Give me a broncho that knows how to

Buckskin of color and wicked of ginnee, New to the feeling of bridles and bits. Give me a quirt that will sting where it hits.

Strap on the poncho behind in a roll. Pass me the lariat, dear to my soul. Over the trail let me gallop away. Make me a cowboy again for a day.

Thunder of hoofs on the range as you

filssing of iron and smoking of hide, Bellow of cattle and snort of cayuse, Shorthorns from Texas, as wild as the Midnight stampede and the milling of

Right in the thick of it all I would stay. Make me a cowboy again for a day.

Under the star studded canopy vast, Campfire and coffee and comfort at last. Bacon that sizzles and crisps in the pan After the roundup smells good to a man Stories of ranchers and rustlers retold Over the pipes as the embers grow cold— These are the tunes that old memories Make me a cowboy again for a day.

-Leslie's Weekly.

Log Cabin Sayings.

Job was a patient man, but he never had ter wait fer a railroad train. Ananias wuz kilt fer lyla'. In dis

day an' time men gits a prize fer it. De worl' is so clost ter heaven you kin almos' feel de wind fum de wings of de angels.

Don't want no harp ter play w'en 1 gits ter de end of de life race. I'll be willin' fer de yuther angels ter sing me ter sleep .- Atlanta Constitution.

A Big One.

"That new steamer they're building is a whopper," says the man with the shoe button nose.

"Yes," agrees the man with the re calcitrant hair, "but my uncle is going to build one so long that when a passenger gets seasick in one end of it he can go to the other end and be clear away from the storm."-Life.

No Wonder.

"What's the matter with you this morning?" said the quince to the pear

'You look pretty seedy." "I haven't been able to sleep for two nights," said the pear. "I heard Mrs. Binks say she was going to put me up in preserves next Saturday. Wouldn't that jar you?" - Harper's Weekly.

Accents. "Baron Fucash speaks English with a slight accent." said the young wo-

"Well," replied Mr. Cumrox, "so do 1. But it seems to make a great deal of difference whether an accent halls from southern Europe or the banks of the Muskingum."-Washington Star.

A Warm Hour.

Bacon-It is said that 5 o'clock in the morning is the coldest hour of the twenty-four in nearly all seasons of ne year Egbert-But when a man gets home

at that hour and his wife meets him at the door it's very hard for him to realize it.-Yonkers Statesman.

Mean.

"You used to say," she complained "that you could hear the rustle of an gel's wings whenever I was near you."

"Yes." he bitterly replied, "I thought that was what it was, but I have since learned that it was merely the creak ing of your corset."-Chicago Record

There Was a Reason.

"Look here, my lady," exclaimed the thrifty man to his extravagant wife. 'you're carrying too much sail!" "Why should that worry you?" she retorted.

"Because I have to raise the wind: that's why."-New York Journal.

Thetis Bathes the Baby. The mother of Achilles dipped him in the magic stream.

"He can boast of taking a cold bath every winter morning!" she cried. However, they always heard him "holler" when he stuck his heel in.-

New York Sun.

Evidently Getting Better. Visitor-The attendants treat you kindly and considerately. I hope. Patient (in hospital)-Yes, the nurses have been very kind, but the surgeons have treated me in the most cutting

Anything to Oblige. Man In the Lower-I say, madam.

manner you ever heard of.-Chicago

what the mischief-Lady In the Upper-Oh, won't you please go somewhere else? I've tried, and I simply can't sleep while there's a man under the bed!-Puck.

As It Happens. "How's Green getting along in his

new place?" "Not as well as at first. You see, he's been there long enough now to know more than the men who employ him."-Detroit Free Press.

Killing Suspense. "Ella told me Bill was awfully nerv-

ous when he proposed." "Maybe, but so was she until he did P.M. A.M. so!"-Spokane Spokesman-Review.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL STATE-

Wayne Co. Farmers' Mutual FIRE INSURANCE CO.

WAYNE COUNTY PA.

CAPITAL Amount insured Dec. 31, 1909, \$3,854,090,00 Amount Insured during 1910. \$332,190.00

Insurance expired in 1910 Am't of insurance Dec. 31, 1910 \$3,997.181.00 Premium notes Dec. 31, 1910... 159,887.24

RECEIPTS.

EXPENDITURES. Paid for the following losses: BURNED.

Mrs. R. D. Kennedy, barn and contents 600.00

Mrs. Sarah Bose, barns and contents 300.00

Oliver Martin, house \$24.00

Mrs. Jennie M. Lee, house and fur-19.00 Henry Brundage, house and furni-2.00 ture
Mrs. Augusta Arnold, house and
furniture
C. L. Simons, house
Max W. Simons, furniture
Geo, T. Kellam, house
James J. O'Nelll, house
E. J. Manaton, house DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING.

Heinrich Kniewasser, barn \$15.00
Jacob Racht, house 5.00
John W. Frey, barn 10.00
Jacob Wolschlagel, barn 200.00
Mrs. Minnie Black, house 8.00
K. and A. M. Chapman, barn 15.00
Peter Marsch, house 57.71
Car G. Heinickle, house 8.35

Refunds
Officers and employes
Borrowed money paid
Printing
Gas
Rent of office
Telephone
Office furniture
Fostage
Express
Stationery

 Cash in Treasury
 \$7,181.08

 Cash in hands of agents
 22.09

 Assessments in course of collection
 202.80

 Safe and furniture
 100.09

 Premium notes in force
 159,887.24
 LIABILITIES. Liabilities 1,110.69 Assests in excess of liabilities. \$106.352.25 H. C. JACKSON, President.

PERRY A. CLARK, Secretary.

SOUR MILK IS HEALTHY.

The Use and Origin o' Curdled Milk Older Than History,

Nothing is older than curdled milk or sour milk, and nothing seems newer than the application which has beeen made of it. Civilized people are the only ones

to drink milk 'resh or boiled, while

fermented milk is almost the only kind used outside the pale of civilization. The use and origin of curdled milk are older than history, Later the Greeks and Romans also recognized the strengthering and tonic effects of sour milk, and they

performed veritable cures with the special kind of curdled milk called "schiston." In our times fermented milk is in common use as a daily diet in Eastern countries. in almost all these countries, besides being used as a

food, sour milk ims placed and still

plays a great part in empirical medi-

cine. Sour milk, aite, being recognized as a wholesome food possessing medicinal properties, has been proclaimed by some people as a remedy for prolonging human life .- Medical

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION,

WILLIAM PENWARDEN, OREGON TWP WILLIAM PENWARDEN, OREGON IN F
All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against
the said estate are notified to present them
duly attested, for settlement.
OLIVE PENWARDEN,
E. DARWIN PENWARDEN,
LEVI W. PENWARDEN,
Executors.

Carley Brook, Pa., Jan. 18, 1911.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION,

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ESTATE OF
ANNA M, WIZARD,
Late of Texas Township, Wayne Co., Ps.,
All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested for settlement.
Willias Compton and William Compton,
Honesdale, Pa., Jan, Il 1911.

W. C. SPRY

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ERIE TRAINS. Trains leave Union depot at 8.35 a. ru and 2.48 p. m., week days. Trains arrive Union depot at 1.50

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DECEMBER 1, 1910

Total Assets, - - - \$2,951,048.26

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