

HILL'S ADVICE FOR FARMERS

Simple Lessons All That Are Necessary.

SOIL RENEWAL CHIEF NEED.

Great Northern's President Says Soil Examination, Fertilization, Seed Selection, Rotation of Crops and Thorough and Repeated Cultivation Are the Essentials.

James J. Hill, the railroad builder, has contributed one of the most sensible talks on the need of farmers recently appearing in the public prints.

"The importance of instruction for the work of the farm is now universally recognized. The number of institutions teaching agriculture in the United States increased from 545 in October, 1908, to 875 in May, 1910, a gain of more than 60 per cent in nineteen months.

"Our experiment stations, schools and colleges are doing good work, but it falls short of our immediate needs. They are mainly engaged in educating teachers. Meantime the farm itself languishes.

Soil Renewal. "The condition of the farm and the statistics of production cry out for instruction, and at once, for the whole body of farmers.

How to Test Seeds. "The next step is seed selection. This is strictly farm work. Every farmer should plant his seed for germination before planting.

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Writes Book at Ninety-five. Colonel D. J. Higgins of Los Angeles, ninety-five years old, has just completed a brilliant book on "American Life in the Nineteenth Century."

Passing of the Silk Hat. Any one who is familiar with pictures of English school life, whether depicting classrooms or cricket fields, will remember the conspicuous appearance of the silk hat on the heads of the students.

NOTED PENNSYLVANIA ENGINEER RETIRES.

Joseph Ury Crawford Was Twice Decorated by the Mikado.

Joseph Ury Crawford, consulting engineer of the Pennsylvania railroad, having reached the age of seventy years, has just retired from active work.

Aside from an enviable war record Mr. Crawford has attained fame as an engineer both at home and abroad and during his long years of service was engaged upon many important engineering projects.

Mr. Crawford was born at Ury Farm, Philadelphia, Aug. 25, 1842, and went to the University of Pennsylvania in the class of 1862. At the breaking out of the civil war Mr. Crawford enlisted in the Seventeenth Pennsylvania regiment (Washington Greys of Philadelphia) and attained the rank of captain.

In the fall of 1882 Mr. Crawford again entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad company until 1898, when he was appointed by the secretary of war consulting engineer for the United States government to examine into and report upon the transportation facilities in Cuba.

In the fall of 1910 Mr. Crawford was again decorated by the emperor of Japan for faithful service as consulting engineer and inspector of the imperial government railroads.

On Jan. 5, 1911, Mr. Crawford was appointed consulting engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad company.

LEAVES BEQUEST OF 15 CATS.

Eccentric Woman Apothecary in St. Louis Dies in Rags, Though Rich.

A crowd of women gathered in a queer little apothecary shop in St. Louis discussing with awe the death of Dr. Sarah F. Wells, the proprietor, who for years had held them in fear through the mystic powers which she was reputed to possess.

Clothed in rags, she waited painfully for the end, while about her were trunks packed with gorgeous silk gowns, rich possessions from the orient. She knew she was dying, and her last act was to send for Mme. Bee, a fortune teller, and Miss Della Huddy, who lived in the rooms above her shop.

For years the women of the neighborhood had held the fifteen cats in superstitious terror. They swarmed about the place, enjoying every liberty. Before the death of the woman doctor's husband, Rufus G. Wells, an eccentric aeronaut, two years ago, there were two cats to which strange influences were credited.

ARE LOBSTERS ANIMALS?

Cruelty Case Against Philadelphia Chef Too Much For Judge.

Admitting that he was unequal to the task of classifying the lobster in the realm of living creatures, Police Magistrate Haggerty of Philadelphia held John Haudocaur, a hotel chef, in \$100 bail to answer a charge of cruelty to animals by placing a wooden peg in the first joint back of the claw of a lobster to prevent it from snapping.

Two lawyers, an amateur fisherman from Maine, a member of the cruelty society and the proprietor of the hotel argued the case, but it was too much for the magistrate. The cruelty representatives pleaded that dumb animals have feelings and that the chef was guilty of cruelty.

"It's too much for me," said the magistrate. "I'll hold the defendant and let the court decide the matter."

Writes Book at Ninety-five.

Colonel D. J. Higgins of Los Angeles, ninety-five years old, has just completed a brilliant book on "American Life in the Nineteenth Century," probably ranking him as the oldest living author.

EXPLORER OF THE KOREAN WILDS

Roy Chapman Andrews' Story of Discoveries.

LOCATED UNKNOWN LAKES.

Found Race Which Had Never Seen "Palefaces" and Was Exhibited in Towns—Natural History Museum Officer First White Man There.

Roy Chapman Andrews, assistant curator of the department of mammalogy of the American Museum of Natural History, who got back recently from a ten months' trip to the orient to obtain specimens for the museum and who while in Korea explored a region never before entered by a white man and discovered three lakes in the north of the country, gave the following description of his expedition:

"After finishing my whaling I spent three weeks at Shimonsaki, Japan, collecting fish and then returned to Korea and went to Seoul to interview the directors of foreign affairs, from whom I got the necessary permission to go into the interior. Then I went away up the coast by ship to Sheshin.

"From there I went on a push railway—you get in a car and natives push you up on handcars—to a military station on the Tumen river, west of Musan. The latter is a walled town 500 years old, with its original public buildings and many ancient houses.

"The southern part of Korea is absolutely bare of trees, unless you so classify fir underbrush about a foot high.

Saw Leopards and Tigers.

"I wanted to get into the unknown region, which was said to be wooded and full of game. The last was not true. There are leopards in tremendous numbers in many parts of the country, snow leopards, and there are tigers in many districts.

"Most people believe tigers are confined to hot countries, but those of Korea go away up to the Amur river. They live among the rocks and live mainly on deer, which are to be found in great abundance. I never went out from camp without seeing three or four.

"From Musan I traveled forty miles west before I came to the edge of the big forest and the last village, Nojido, a hamlet of eight or ten houses. Then I went directly toward Paiktusan, 'the white topped mountain,' which is 8,000 feet high.

"The forest I found was mainly of virgin larch, 50 to 100 feet high, with some birch, with a very thick undergrowth. Right near is the Paiktusan, where the Manchus originated.

"The mountain is a single peak, but it is one of a range called the Long White mountains. The Yalu has its source there, and it had been supposed the Tumen also rose there, but I discovered its source was forty miles away.

"Of course I went into the big woods primarily to collect, but the fauna was so limited it was of no use. I had not been in the country long before I heard talk that 'three big rivers' were on the mountains, the descriptions of which convinced me they were lakes. Korea was supposed to be lakeless.

Discovered Three Lakes.

"We came upon one of the lakes suddenly. They are upon the summit of a mountain about 4,000 feet high. I found that the lakes were known by report to the Koreans as Samchennz (three bodies of water), and I did not attempt to rechristen them. The largest is about three miles in circumference, the next is about a mile around and the third about two miles. The shores are entirely of volcanic ash. There is no outlet or inlet.

"I camped three or four days there, built a raft and made soundings. The water in the lakes ranges from six to eighteen feet in depth, and as near as I could figure out the bottoms are of volcanic ash.

"We got out into the Yalu country after an uneventful trip. I got a raft at the Yalu for my stuff and a small boat for myself and went down the river 375 miles to Antung, near which the battle of the Yalu was fought. There a railroad connects with Mukden. I had been in the forest six weeks.

"Most of the people in that northern country had never seen a white man. As my eyes were not brown they would not believe that I could see.

Made to Exhibit Himself.

"At one village I arrived very tired late one afternoon. Toward twilight the interpreter awakened me with the intelligence that a crowd wanted the strange looking man to show himself. I was wearing a beard at the time. Most Koreans never shave. When I took a pair of scissors and began to trim my beard they were shocked, and when I took out my safety razor and began to shave off a perfectly good set of whiskers they were struck dumb.

"Except in Seoul the Korean women are not supposed to be seen by a man who is not a member of their own family. They seemed to be afraid of me in that north country. One afternoon a delegation of two women came to my tent and asked if I would not exhibit myself the next morning to all the women in the village at once."

ITALY VOICES GRATITUDE FOR MESSINA RELIEF.

We Led All Nations In Amount Given Earthquake Victims.

Gratitude to the American Red Cross for help following the earthquake which destroyed Messina and other cities and killed 76,000 persons was given strong expression by Italian delegates to the International Red Cross conference, recently held in Washington. Count Somaglia, vice president of the Italian Red Cross society, said:

"It is with the greatest satisfaction that I take this occasion to express to all the societies which came to our aid our feeling of lively gratitude for their fraternal and efficacious assistance which enabled us to successfully meet the consequences of what may well be regarded as one of the most disastrous catastrophes of modern times. It is my very agreeable duty and privilege to express particularly from the depths of my heart our gratitude to the Red Cross of this noble country of America, whose hospitality the members of this conference are now enjoying."

Surgeon General Luigi Ferrero said: "I should be lacking in my duty as delegate of the Italian government if I did not also add in its name an expression of the profound, unalterable gratitude which nothing can efface from the hearts of all Italians."

"I wish, then, to express to you this lively gratitude to the Red Cross and to the governments of all the countries, but you will allow me at this time to utter this sentiment in an entirely special manner to the American Red Cross and to this great country of the United States. My manner of expressing our thankfulness will be different today from that which I should probably have adopted had I spoken upon the first day of this conference. Then I should have searched for superlatives to place myself in accord with the grandeur of the co-operation which the American Red Cross and the United States gave our country. But I have come to feel in the days which I have passed here that the greatness is entirely in the nature of this people. All that humanity, fraternity and charity can dictate is done very naturally and entirely as though in the fulfillment of a simple duty."

While neither of these speakers drew comparisons, it is well known that the American people, through the Red Cross, contributed a total sum to the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers very far in excess of the contributions from any other nation.

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