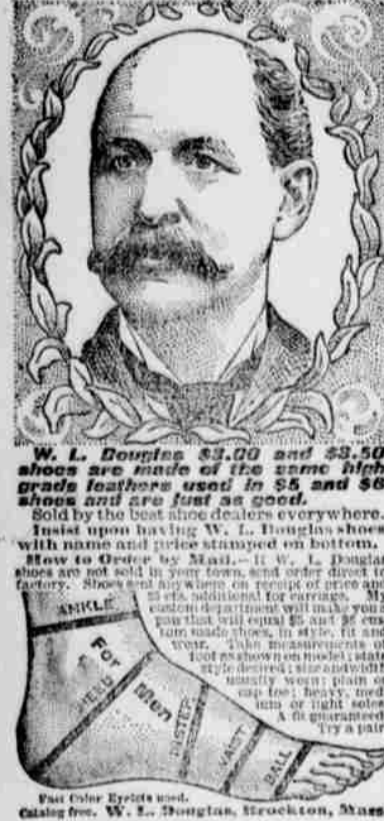


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**Birds Learning Grasshopper Songs.**

It is generally known that some species of birds are able to imitate the songs of other birds, but a more surprising fact is related by a French naturalist, Monsieur Coupin, concerning a sparrow which learned the shrill chant of grasshoppers. The incident happened to be confined in a cage hung beside the sparrow's cage, but it was not until a year afterward, when again the bird and grasshoppers were neighbors, that the sparrow was heard imitating the notes of the insects. All the rest of its life, and long after the grasshoppers from whom it had taken its lessons were dead, the sparrow continued to intermingle with its own songs the peculiar music of its lost friends.

**First Use of the Hot Blast.**

James M. Swank, in a Government report on iron and steel, says: "The first practical application of the hot blast to the manufacture of pig iron in this country was made at Oxford Furnace, in New Jersey, in 1834, by William Henry, the manager. The waste heat at the top of the stack by Mr. Henry and heated by the flames from the tunnel head. By this means the temperature of the blast was raised to 500 degrees. The fuel used was charcoal.

Electrical apparatus used in mining is estimated to be worth \$100,000,000.



**Mrs. Emma E. Felch, Treasurer Fond du Lac, Wis., Social Economic Club, Tells How She was Cured of Irregular and Painful Menstruation by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for irregular and painful menstruation, and was entirely cured after using two bottles. I can truly say it is a boon to suffering women, and I would recommend all suffering from the above troubles to try a few bottles and be cured. Very thankfully yours, EMMA E. FELCH, Division St., Fond du Lac, Wis."

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When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

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"My hair was falling out very fast and I was greatly alarmed. I then tried Ayer's Hair Vigor and my hair stopped falling at once."—Mrs. G. A. McVay, Alexandria, O.

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If your druggist cannot supply you, send us one dollar and we will express you a bottle. Be sure and give the name of your nearest express office. Address, J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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**Moving a Mammoth.**

The skeleton of a giant mammoth, unearthed some time ago in East Siberia, will be brought to St. Petersburg in the coming winter. The task of conveying it is a most formidable one, as the distance to Idkutsk, which is the nearest railroad station, is some 5,000 miles. The skeleton will have to be cut up and treated with arsenic, each portion being encased in cowhide in order to prevent the air from affecting it. As far as Yakutsk the river Lena will be utilized, but from there nearly 2,000 miles of swampy forest will have to be traversed. The conveyance will be effected in sleighs, and it is calculated that at the least 100 horses will be required to draw them.

**Pneumatic Clocks.**

The city of Paris is being rapidly supplied with a system of public clocks worked by compressed air under electrical control. The entire area of the city is divided into sections about a mile and three-quarters in radius, and in the center of each section is a sub-station provided with a reservoir of compressed air, from which air-pipes extend to all the clocks included in the section. By means of electro-magnets, energized every minute with currents from a commutator controlled by a master-clock at the central station, the air-pipes are intermittently connected with the reservoirs, and thus the compressed air once every minute, drives forward the hands of the clock.

**How Elephants are Fed.**

Elephants in the Indian army are fed twice a day. When mealtime arrives they are drawn up before piles of food. Each animal's breakfast includes ten pounds of raw rice done up in five two pound packages. The rice is wrapped in leaves and then tied with grass. At the command "Attention!" each elephant raises its trunk, and a package is thrown into its capacious mouth. By this method of feeding not a single grain of rice is wasted.

**A Lover of Elephants.**

At the Jardin des Plantes on Sunday, says the Paris Messenger, a man attracted attention by the clever way in which he fed the elephant. He gave it bread, biscuits, fruit and sweets. A crowd collected, and very soon became interested. One old lady was particularly struck, not only with the operations of the elephant, but with the audacity of the gentleman who was feeding it. The poor old soul thought she would like to feed the elephant. She went to a stall to buy some buns. Alas, her purse had vanished, and she came back to complain to the police. As luck would have it, an inspector who was on duty, had observed the sharper, not only playing with the elephant, but playing with the old lady's pocket. When the lover of elephants walked quietly away the inspector followed, and, moreover, requested him to make a call at the police station, where the old lady's purse, containing 110 francs, was discovered.

**Too Much Money in Steeple.**

A church economist of a practical and somewhat eccentric turn of mind has estimated that nearly \$45,000,000 has been invested in non-productive, non-essential and purely ornamental church buildings in this country, chiefly in the form of steeples. If this feature of ecclesiastical architecture were dispensed with, according to his estimate, and the amount represented in steeples alone turned into the regular channels of church beneficence, the religious denominations would be relieved for a long time to come of the necessity of making frequent and imperative demands for money for the support of their mission boards and other established agencies for promoting religious work.—Leslie's Weekly.

**WANTED—TO TRADE.**

To trade: A city, all complete with man and building, din and street, for one tall forest, green and cool, supplied with quiet shade and pool.

To trade: A shop-worn desk and chair within an office ten feet square, for one canoe upon a stream where wood nymphs smile, and fishes gleam.

To trade: Twelve hardy-germy tunes collected among afternoons, for one breeze singing 'mid the pines of nature and her chaste designs.

To trade: A flat encompassed well by pavement hot, and roof and bell, for one small tent where all is still except the wind and whippoorwill.

To trade: A business in town which keeps a fellow buckled down, for one vacation far away, with naught to do but loaf and play.—Edwin L. Sablin, in Puck.

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**Why We Are Right-Handed.**

Sir James Sawyer, M. D., has probably hit upon the most plausible reason for the right-handedness of the human race. In the early days, he says, when these might keep who could, we were a fighting people and a people who fought hand to hand. Naturally, in this kind of fighting, it is most convenient to wield a weapon which can be used by one hand only, leaving the other hand and arm free for preserving balance, for defensive covering and offensive seizing. Now the right hand would naturally be used in preference to the left for wielding a weapon, in order that the heart might be kept as far away as possible from the assault of an adversary. Hence, right-handedness arose and was passed on from father to son.

**France Leads in Picture Postcards.**

A Paris correspondent says that in France 88,000,000 picture postcards pass through the postoffice annually. That country takes the lead of all others. Austria-Hungary comes next, with 31,000,000. In Italy there are 27,000,000 cards handled by the mails, and in England 14,000,000. Other countries although falling below these figures, also number them by millions. The total in circulation throughout the world in one year is said by experts to be 2,300,000,000.

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