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Interest in Forestry Is Growing.

From Philadelphia Forest Leaves.
Evidences of the increased appreciation of the necessity of the care of forests and the preservation of tree growth are presented to all who have occasion to travel. Fortunately for the country these evidences are not confined to individual locations or limited to single states, although the extent to which forestal conditions and possibilities are realized are more pronounced in a few states than in others.

There is, however, no doubt but that interest in forestry is growing, and growing rapidly, and those who years ago were active in initial efforts to excite interest in the protection and propagation of forest growths are seeing the seeds of progress which they assisted in planting develop into plants of importance.

In late journeys which have covered twenty-five states and a portion of the dominion of Canada, we saw many evidences of increasing interest in arboriculture and forest care, and found a strong sentiment favoring protection to trees almost universal. These give us renewed faith in the belief which has been expressed frequently in *Forest Leaves* that the cause of forestry numbers more friends than its champions realize. To assemble and organize locally the friends of the trees is the problem which offers the most encouragement.

While individual expressions of cooperation are encouraging and valuable aids to any movement, the best results are obtained by the association of those interested in a common cause. We are convinced that much of the progress made in the interest of forestry is due to state and national associations, and realize that this is certainly the case in Pennsylvania.

Without an organization it would have been impracticable, if not impossible, to have secured the legislation which has been passed in several states, and the National Forestry Association has demonstrated its value by the influence which it has exerted upon congressional action, especially as regards forest reserves.

We therefore welcome as an evidence of advance the organization of state or local forestry associations. Each in its own sphere of influence can aid to crystallize a movement which has friends everywhere among those who think. Apparently some who have been active in organized movements have become discouraged because the success hoped for was not immediately evident.

We are not among those who discourage sentimental interest in forestry, for we appreciate individual trees or forests for their beauty and shade. We, however, realize that forestry means more than sentiment. It is business, the influence of which is widespread. One illustration of the business influence of forests will suffice.

The presence or absence of forests affect the climate and the water supply, and these affect various industries. The transmission of power by compressed air and by electricity, and improvements in water-motors, are well supplemented by a sentiment encouraging the maintenance of forested areas, which in turn conserve water so as to increase the value of streams for the production of power. The activity in water-power development will demand recognition of the value of forests for maintaining the flow of streams which are or which may be used for power.

Luzerne county should in a few more years have a pretty assortment of court house plans on hand, as expense seems to be no consideration in gathering them. It is doubtful if half a hundred thousand dollars will cover the cost of collecting the two sets of plans prepared by Architects Myers and Osterling, and the building of a new temple of justice is farther from sight than ever. The taxpayers can have another style added to the lot by electing another Republican board of commissioners next November.

BRYAN ON PHILIPPINES.

DEMOCRATIC LEADER DISCUSSES THE GREAT QUESTION.

Says the Assurance of Independence That Was Given the Cubans Would Have Satisfied the Filipinos Also—He Is Against a War of Conquest.

William J. Bryan discussed the Philippine question in last week's *New York Independent*. He says:
"The Philippine question is important because fundamental principles are involved in its discussion.

"There are two sources of government, force and consent. Monarchies are founded upon force, republics upon consent.

"The Declaration of Independence asserts that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and this is the doctrine to which we have adhered for more than a century. It is the doctrine which has distinguished us from European countries, and has made our nation the hope of humanity. The statue in New York harbor typified the nation's mission.

DOCTRINE OF THE "DECLARATION."

"If the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence is sound, how can we rightly acquire sovereignty over the Philippines by a war of conquest? If the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence is sound, how can we rightfully purchase sovereignty from a Spanish sovereign whose title we disputed in Cuba and whose rebellious subjects we armed in the Philippines?"

"In the resolution of intervention congress declared that the Cubans were and of right ought to be free. Why? Because governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and Spain had refused to respect the wishes of the Cubans. If the Cubans were and of right ought to be free, why not the Filipinos?"

GOVERNMENT FROM A CANNON.

"In the beginning of the Spanish war congress denied that our nation had any thought of extending its territory by war. If we then had no thought of securing by conquest new territory in the Western hemisphere, why should we now think of securing in the Eastern hemisphere new races for subjugation?"

"An individual may live a double life when only one life is known. When both lives are known he can lead only one life, and that the worst. A republic cannot enter upon a colonial policy. It cannot advocate government by consent at home and government by force abroad. The Declaration of Independence will lose its value when we proclaim the doctrine familiar in Europe, but detestable here, that governments are round in shape, about thirteen inches in diameter and fired out of cannon.

THE PATHWAY TO RIGHT.

"For more than a century this nation has been traveling along the pathway which leads from the low domain of night to the lofty realm of right, and its history has been without a parallel in the annals of recorded time. What will be our fate if we turn backward and begin the descent toward force and conquest?"

"It is not sufficient to say that the forcible annexation of the Philippine Islands is a benevolent undertaking entered upon for the good of the Filipinos. Lincoln pointed out that this has always been the argument of kings. To use his words: 'They always bestrode the necks of the people, not that they wanted to do it, but because the people were better off for being ridden.'

SHOULD NOT FAVOR FORCE.

"It is surprising that any believer in self-government should favor forcible annexation, but still more surprising that anyone who believes in the Christian religion should favor the substitution of force for reason in the extension of our nation's influence.

IF WE ADOPT THE GUNPOWDER GOSPEL IN THE PHILIPPINES HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE THAT PRINCIPLE WILL BE TRANSLATED IN AMERICAN SOIL? SO LONG AS OUR ARGUMENTS ARE ADDRESSED TO THE REASON AND THE HEART, OUR PROGRESS IS SURE, BUT CAN WE, WITHOUT DANGER TO CHRISTIANITY, RESORT TO THE ANCIENT PLAN OF INJECTING RELIGION INTO THE BODY THROUGH BULLET HOLES?

CALL CONGRESS TOGETHER.

"The question is frequently asked, 'What can we do? Not two months elapsed between the signing of the treaty and the beginning of hostilities in the Philippines. During that time the president and congress might have given to the Filipinos the same assurance of dependence that was given to the Cubans. Such assurance would have prevented bloodshed. If the doctrine of self-government is sound, the Filipinos are entitled to govern themselves, and the president can now promise them independence as soon as a stable government can be established.

"If the president is not willing to take the responsibility of enforcing the doctrine set forth in the Declaration of Independence, he can call congress together and let it take the responsibility. A special session would be less expensive than the war, not to speak of the principles involved.

"Our nation is protecting the republics of South America from outward interference while they work out their destiny. We can lend the same doctrine to the Filipinos and save the inhabitants from a foreign yoke; we can guard them from molestation while they develop a republic in the Orient. They will be our friends instead of our enemies; we can send school teachers to Manila instead of soldiers, and the world will know that there is a reality in the theory of government promulgated at Independence Hall and defended by the blood of the revolutionary fathers."

EAT RAILROAD MEN

Lions Lunch Off Laborers Constructing Railroads in Africa.

Man-eating lions are delaying the progress of an important railway being built by the British in East Africa to connect Mombasa with Uganda. The voracious kings of the forest have developed a keen appetite for the Indian laborers and have succeeded in decimating the working force from time to time since the enterprise got well under way. The lions did most of their foraging at night.

Now, it is learned, the quarters and houses of the laborers are protected by lion proof stockades, which are fifteen feet high and from six to eight feet thick. Surrounded by these, the men sleep in safety. One of the man-eaters who had dined on seventeen coolies on many occasions came to grief finally when he attacked the men on a baggage car. They killed him and his skin is preserved as a souvenir to be sent to the British Museum.

Apples as Medicine.

Chemically, the apple is composed of vegetable fiber, albumen, sugar, gum, chlorophyll, malic acid, gallic acid, lime and much water. Furthermore, the apple contains a larger percentage of phosphorus than any other fruit or vegetable. This phosphorus is admirably adapted to renewing the essential nervous matter, leucine, of the brain and spinal cord. It is perhaps for the same reason, rudely understood, that old Scandinavian traditions represent the apple as the food of the gods, who, when they felt themselves to be growing feeble and infirm, resorted to this fruit for renewing their powers of mind and body. Also the acids of the apple are of great use for men of sedentary habits, whose lives are sluggish in action, these acids serve to eliminate from the body noxious matters, which would otherwise make the brain heavy and dull, or bring about jaundice or skin eruptions and other allied troubles. Some such experience must have led to our custom of taking apple sauce with roast pork, rich goose, and like dishes. The acid of ripe apples, either raw or cooked, will neutralize any excess of chalky matter engendered by eating too much meat. It is also a fact that such fresh fruits as the apple, the pear and the plum, when taken ripe, and without sugar, diminish acidity in the stomach, rather than provoke it. Their vegetable salts and juices are converted into alkaline carbonates, which tend to counteract acidity. A ripe, raw apple is one of the easiest vegetable substances for the stomach to deal with, the whole process of the digestion being completed in eighty-five minutes. If you find that the "pulp of roasted apples mixed in a wine quart of fair water, and labored together until it comes to be as apples and ale—which we call lamb-sauce—never fail in certain diseases of the stomach, which myself hath often proved, and gained thereby both crowns and credit." "The paring of apples cut somewhat thick, and the inside whereof is laid to rot, burning, or running eyes at night, when the party goes to bed, and is tired or bound to the same, doth help the trouble very speedily; and contrary to expectation, an excellent secret."

A Giant Clock.

An Illinois jeweler has partially solved the "perpetual motion" problem by inventing a clock that will run a year without any attention. The clock is run with a wheel five feet in circumference. From the outside of the wheel hang 120 cups one-third of an inch deep and half an inch in diameter. Each forty of cups hold steel balls three-eighths of an inch in diameter. As the wheel turns by the balls' weight a ball falls from its cup every minute and a half, rolls down a 20-inch inclined plane, reunites by its weight a broken electric circuit, and is lifted back to its cup by a little car which runs on a steel rail and rolls over the wheel's top. The electric storage battery used does not need replenishing for a year. The clock has been running since Aug. 26, 1898.

A Fair Cannibal.

My love attended at the cooking school learned to make bread and cakes and pies by rule. Studied the science of the stew and roast, and solved the mysteries of quail on toast. I found her when I went to call that day. Cook-book in hand, absorbed in "Consumption." And, jesting, I much doubted if she knew. What was required to make a first-class stew.

A Wonderful Clock.

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Wars Caused By Sallie Law.

Nearly all the historic wars that have taken place in Europe since the days of the first crusade may be attributed to the existence of the Sallie law, and even in the present century sanguinary struggles have taken place on its account. Great Britain and Russia are the only two countries where it has never secured any foothold and neither the one nor the other has ever had any reason for regret, since the sovereigns who have contributed most largely to the glory of the country have been women.

Put It Still In Force In Denmark, Sweden, In Prussia and All The Other Federal States Of The German Empire, As Well As In Belgium, Italy, Roumania, Servia, Bulgaria and Greece, The National Constitutions Of Which, Being Of A Mercenary Character, And Drawn Up By Enlightened Statesmen Of The Present Century, Might Reasonably Be Expected To Be More Up To Date And Free From Such Medieval Prejudices And Doctrines. In Two Of The Three Countries Which are Now Ruled By Women—namely, England and Holland—the greatest degree of peace and prosperity prevails, the two Queens displaying common sense enlightened statesmanship and political sagacity.

Spain, Portugal and Holland have within the last hundred years erased the law from their statute books and have benefited by the change, while since the reign of Maria Theresa and the Seven Years' War it exists only in a modified form in Austria, and, perhaps, not at all in the Kingdom of Hungary.

JABE HAWKIN'S LUCK

THE EFFECT PRODUCED BY A PAIR OF FINE BLUE EYES.

A Tale Showing How the Homeliest Man in the Village Won the "Prettiest" Girl—A Traveling Hypnotist Proves a Benefactor.

"I reckon Jabe Hawkins was about the ugliest man the Lord ever let live," Uncle Ben, as he meditatively whittled his knife upon his boot leg, "I've known strangers to follow that man around for a half hour just to get another look at his race, an' then go right off an' take a drink of lickin'. Seemed to kind of give em a relish for it. I've knowed folk women to scare their wits into spasms by threaten' to give 'em to Jabe, an' they do say he's been the cause o' more than one runaway. He was just plain ugly, an' that's all they was to it. It was a pity, too, because he was a mighty nice man if you happened to meet him in the dark, and he had money in the bank at Maple Run, and eighty acres of as fine bottom land as ever felt a plow.

"Well, in spite o' him bein' so blame homely that he darsent look a woman in the face, this yere cuss was always wantin' to get married, but, o' course, they wouldn't have it. He do say he vertified some of the old lady's writ letters to lots o' women that way, but he was honest to the core, an' when the thing got along fur enough so's they might anything come of it, he always sent his photograph, an' that ended it. Once it was a mighty like-like woman from the East that got her likin' Jabe purty well through his letter writin', and I must say he was a good hand at that, before he sent his pickshur. After studyin' over his lineaments for a couple o' months she made up her mind to come on, anyhow, but when she backed out an' married St. Peters, an' she made him a mighty fine wife, bairn' the fact that she had twenty-year-old son that bobbed up after the ceremony an' turned out to be as shiftless as it's possible fur a man to get an' live.

"Then Jabe, at the gift despatch, an' he up an' offers a hundred dollars reward to anybody as will git him a pardner. But that didn't amount to much. Ole Dud Harris 'lowed he'd make his oldest girl, Miranda, the one that had a hare lip, fine him, and Jabe, knowin' his own shortcomings, was satisfied to git anybody that would git him an' epileptic fits an' died before the wedding come off, and folks all around said it was a judgment on Dud.

"Things was this-a-way when there was a hypnotizer come through Maple Run an' give a show an' he asked for folks to come up to his stand to be hypnotized. Everybody most was afraid to go till Jabe made the break, sayin' it didn't matter much what became of him, now, an' then five more went up like they alluz do.

"Well, the man this here hypnotizer took to Jabe's head an' 'fited it back to git a good look in his eyes he give a funny little jump an' says: 'I can't do nothin' with you. Why, man, you may not know it, but you got more power than I have. If you fix them fine blue eyes o' your'n on anybody they just natchally have to do what you say.'

"Then he let Jabe go, an' made Wash Diggins fight bubble-bees an' preten' he was a dog an' do the most outlandish things you ever heard of. Golly! it was funny, an' he made some o' the others set up, too, but none so much as old Wash, an' the next day he went away. 'But he made a mighty fine man, an' Jabe's life, I see up to this time Jabe allus dropped his eyes every time he see a woman comin', an' women allus looked the other way. But now Jabe made up his mind to try it, an' looked, an' the first thing he knowed about it, so they looked in his eyes and out their eyes was mighty fine if you looked at 'em so keen you couldn't see the rest of his face. They was mostly scared, too, since they heard as how Jabe was a hypnotizer if he only wanted to be that-a-way, but, of course, that only made 'em look an' do more.

"First off, Jabe didn't have the sand to look at the best lookin' girls, but only the homely ones, an' it wasn't two weeks till he could of had his choice of a dozen girls. You see, they got to talkin' to him an' studyin' them eyes o' his'n, an' the first thing they knowed they were hankerin' after 'em. But Jabe got partic'lar. They was a time when he'd been tickled to death to have any girl that wore dresses keep company with him, but he kep' raisin' his bids every day till fin'ly he sot his mind on wimmin' Hetty Allen that was the blindest, poorest girl in the whole county, an' had a dozen fine-lookin' fellows with good horses an' buggies an' some land tryin' to court her, an' blame if he didn't git her. An' the funniest part of it all is that there ain't no purtier young uns anywhere than them seven children o' Jabe's. An' they all got blue eyes."

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SOME QUEER APPETITES.

Ostriches and Gnats Are Not Alone in the Possession of Them.

The novel operation mentioned recently of the removal of over six inches of hatpin from the neck of a kitten is not altogether without precedent.

Kittens and puppies, and cats and dogs, it was stated, are frequent sufferers from a lack of discrimination in swallowing things never intended for consumption. Hatpins, meat-skewers, knitting needles, and ordinary needles and pins are among the articles they have been known to swallow. Only recently a tiny fox terrier was submitted for professional examination on what was supposed to be an abscess on the side. The surgeon, however, decided that a foreign body was present, and nothing could of course be done without the merciful aid of chloroform, for it is both interesting and gratifying to know that even the least painful operation is never attempted until the animal to be operated upon is placed temporarily beyond the reach of pain. The results of this operation disclosed the presence of a wooden meat-skewer in the terrier's stomach, with the point projecting between its ribs. The obstacle was successfully removed and today the tiny pet is as frisky as ever it was.

Another small spaniel paid the penalty of its avariciousness with its life, mainly owing to the fact that its owner was a comparatively poor man. One morning the dog entered the bedroom, and bounding upon the dressing table, lapped up a diamond stud worth five or six guineas. Ordinary emeralds had no effect, and unfortunately under chloroform on the operating table the surgeon was unsuccessful in dislodging the stone. At the wish of the owner a further supply of the drug was given, and a post-mortem revealed the missing gem.

It is attributed to some cats that they show an intemperate inclination for wine corks, and frequently swallow them. Others swallow needles, which gradually work out through their skin, and there is a case on record of an omnivorous goat that swallowed a packet of small needles, and for some months afterward, owing to its voracious exterior, was a terror to the small boys who attempted to take a seat on its back.

Whale Butchery.

The progress of our age has played havoc with many time-honored industries, but on the other hand has caused new ones to spring up and take their places. Whaling in bygone times was a dangerous business. Sailing vessels fitted out for the purpose had to take along not only a crew of hardy whale hunters, but also men skilled in cutting the lard from the leviathan's sides, cooking it and placing the blubber into oil barrels, carried along for the purpose. A large quantity of fat and other materials was always wasted, no matter how careful the captain and crew went to work. To-day whaling is carried on differently. Steamers fitted with all the modern appliances and covering ten times the ground of a sailing vessel are out after the great cetaceans. When they catch a whale within a couple hundred knots from North Cape they do not stop to cut up the big fish at sea, but tow the animal to Vardoe or Vadsot, where enterprising Norwegians have started a quite novel business—a whale butchery. They work on a partnership arrangement, paying the ship-owner pro rata of the whale oil rendered and the amount of whale bone secured. Because of their improved facilities they obtain more than twice as much oil, and since the meat of the whale makes a splendid fertilizer and they derive another large source of income by selling whale hides and skeletons for museums to dealers in curios, they are doing very well. They employ at the present 120 men, most of them in former years sailors on board of the whalers.—Philadelphia Record.

Slate is produced in France to a very large extent and is taken from both open and closed quarries. The best of these quarries are located in the neighborhood of Anger, Department of Maine et Loire. The slate extracted is principally used for roofing tiles; from certain quarries, for large slabs, billiard tables and public toilet rooms.

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