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England Has One with a Nursery of Forty Thousand Caterpillars.

The prosperous butterfly and moth farm, not only breeding these insects by the tens of thousands, but also raising a large proportion of its own fodder plants and having its periodical price list of eggs, larvae, pupae and perfect insects, is the natural outcome of the popular turning to nature study and the increasing numbers of collectors.

Such a farm was inaugurated a few years ago at Boxley, Kent, England, by L. W. Newman, F. E. S., and the venture has proved a great success. The farm consists of three-quarters of an acre of garden and allotment around his house and half an acre in a secluded corner of a wood, inclosed with wire netting. It was in the wood I found him, busily engaged with one of his two assistants in the task of spring cleaning.

Here was a cage of wood and perforated zinc built around a growing tree, which, Mr. Newman informed me, contained five hundred specimens of the red-bellied clear-wing caterpillar; and close by was another cage—a huge structure inclosing no fewer than seven birch trees and measuring 11 feet by 11 feet round the sides and 12 feet high—which were about one thousand insects of different kinds. Other trees bore smaller cages of different sizes and shapes, each holding a swarm of precious stock, and so contrived that they could be tilted on to any branch, thus enabling them to be moved about the woodlands as the caterpillars eat the foliage.

Around his house Mr. Newman grows a motley crop of fodder plants for his hungry stock, and he has three glass-benches, two of which are underused. In one of the latter were, I was informed, about ten thousand caterpillars of the silver-washed fritillary. The larvae were in cages planted with dead nettles, and containing more than three thousand caterpillars of the handsome scarlet tiger, and other caterpillars, also, in which were about five thousand dark green and high brown fritillaries.

Throughout the establishment there were at the present time more than forty thousand living caterpillars, about 120 newly emerged moths and butterflies, and as it is now the latter end of the season for pupae, only about seven thousand chrysalides. In June there will be three times the present quantity of living stock.

The dead stock numbers about 100,000 set insects, every one of which has its price, ranging from 1d. to 25s. 4d. and even more for rare varieties. In the same manner as orchid growers, Mr. Newman sends his assistants far away on speculative forays, though never outside Britain. He has a man now hunting for a fortnight in North Wales for hibernated butterflies.

Origin of Boycott.

Boycotting is a species of conspiracy named after one of its conspicuous victims, Captain Boycott, an Englishman, who was agent of Lord Erne, of the district of Connemara, Ireland. As agent he served notice to quit on the tenants, who retaliated by inducing the population for miles around to refuse to have anything to do with him. His servants left. Armed constables were called in to protect him and those who came to take the places of former tenants and servants from violence at the hands of the surrounding population. The term, therefore, originally signified a conspiracy to ruin the business of a person by violent interruption of his relations with others. It has been defined by an American judge as "a combination of many to cause a loss to one person by coercing others against their will to withdraw from him their beneficial business intercourse, through threats that unless those others do so, the many will cause a similar loss to them." A boycott, even when unaccompanied by violence or intimidation, has been pronounced unlawful by many courts, when accompanied by violence, it is a criminal offense at common law.

The Clay Tablets of Chaldees.

These tablets—probably the very earliest writing materials used by man—were of different sizes, the largest being flat and measuring nine inches by six and a half, while the smallest were slightly convex and in some cases not more than an inch long. In the same rains with the tablets have been found the glass lenses which were used by their makers. The writing was done (while the tablets were still soft) by a little iron tracer, not pointed, but triangular at the end. By slightly pressing this end on the soft moist clay the inscriptions were made. The tablets having been inscribed on both sides and accurately numbered, were baked in ovens and stored away in the public libraries.

Fruit Fed to Horses.

Figs during the fig harvest form the food of the horses of Smyrna. They turn them to this from oats or hay.

In the West Indies the green tops of the sugar cane are fed to the horses.

In Egypt the khedive's best mares are fed largely on currants and these fruit-fed animals are noted for their endurance and speed.

For long weeks in many parts of Canada wild apples form the horses' only food.

In Pashanah peaches are greatly relished by horses.

Dates take the place of the usual hay, corn, oats and bran in Arabia.

Rich in Timber.

It is estimated that the gold coast and Ashanti could supply 60,000 logs of mahogany and cedar a year if the internal communication were better. With mechanical haulage, such as traction engines and light railways, the output could be increased to some 250,000 logs per annum without depleting the natural reserves.

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My three score years are past and gone Millions increase each year I live, Could I to boyhood days return These many millions would I give, Tho' in this castle of splendour Surrounded by all wealth can buy, The laborer working yonder Is richer, far richer, than I.

His sleep is sound, his bed a pallet, I sleep not though mine is of down. He is sturdy, healthy and brown. I am stout, cross and peevish I'm envied by all it is said I'm the great millionaire, but I envy The poor man who toils for his bread.

Thank God the poor are much richer Than the rich who are oftentimes poor, Happiness, health, a conscience clear, Are riches, and if there were fewer Gold worshippers, far more contentment

Would be found. 'Tis a treasure given The non-seeking childless of Mankind From the wealth of our Father in Heaven.

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Mary—I'm positive Fred loves me and intends to make me his wife.

Helen—Why? Has he proposed yet?

Mary—No. But he dislikes mother more every time he sees her.

Nature's Plans.

"Nature plans well for mankind's needs."

"I should say so. What could be more convenient than cars to hook ourselves over?"

TREE-STRIPPED CHINA.

Bad Effect on the Climate and a Decrease in the Population Follow.

That the stripping of trees from a country has a bad effect on the climate is indicated by the following account by a traveler in the interior of China: "Kansu is the poorest of all the provinces of China, and the most inaccessible by reason of its terrific communications. Devastated by Mahometan insurrection in the years from 1851 to 1878, it has never recovered from the ravages to which it was then subjected. The ruins everywhere of what were once thriving towns and villages impress the traveler with a sense of the horrors of insurrection in China. Insurrection means extermination of the vanquished—no quarter to old or young, to man or woman. Loss of life during the great insurrection amounted to millions, and even in the short insurrection of 1894 the destruction of life was appalling.

"The province now needs repopulating, but in the absence of communications the work is difficult. It is a treeless province. There has been universal destruction of timber. Even the fine avenue of willows and poplars planted by Tso Tsung-tang between the two capitals is fast disappearing. Deforestation is profoundly affecting the climate.

"When rain falls it falls with such violence that it scars the face of the country, which is everywhere covered with soft loess (clay) of varying thickness, with no vegetation to bind the soil together."

Editor and Man Eater.

Carlson is a daring chauffeur as was proven when he invited two such highly explosive substances as Babcock the editor and Green the lumberman, to ride in the back seat and light their cigars too if they so desired. It was taking long chances sure enough, but Carlson turned on the power and as he swung out into the main road opened wide the throttle, laid down the power clutch, and giving full speed to this marvelous machine, it snorted down the road like an angry dragon, its entrails full of exploding gasoline, its heart on fire and its lungs, hissing and smoldering with the venom of a hundred serpents.

The automobile germ is big enough to fly along with a flock of geese, has a beak like a six-lined pitchfork—when it stings you never get over it.—Bronson (Minn.) Budget.

Beyond the Reach of Law.
Dr. Pigou, the dean of Bristol, has for long had the reputation of being one of the brightest humorists in the church.

One of his stories turns upon the deceased wife's sister. It appears that a vicar of Dr. Pigou's acquaintance had, in ignorance, solemnized such a marriage, and he interviewed the old vergor whose business it was to look after such things.

"Yes, yes," exclaimed the old man, "I knew the parties. I knowed them."

"Then, why in the world didn't you tell me?" exclaimed the vicar.
"Well, vicar, it was this way, you see," replied the old fellow. "One of 'em parties was 83 and 't'other was 86. Says I to myself, 'I can't last long; bot'her the laws and let 'em two wed.'"

Why She Brought It Up.

"Do you remember," she asked, "that you said once that unless I promised to be yours the sun would cease to shine?"

"I don't remember it now, but I suppose I may have said something of the kind."

"And have you forgotten that you assured me that unless I permitted you to claim me as your own the moon would fall from her place in the heavens?"

"Oh, well, what if I did say so? Why do you want to bring that up now?"

"I merely wished to assure you that I'm sorry I didn't shut my eyes and let her fall."

Record at Paper Making.

John H. Gately, a Lee papermaker, has succeeded in making a world record on the number of pounds and also number of feet of paper run on a machine.

The run was 36 inch trimmed roll. One machine made 115,773 pounds and the other 123,950 pounds in a twenty-four hour run. The previous record was 114,300. This was made May 31, and on June 1 a like total was made on the two machines and the record maintained throughout the week.

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