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We've the "now" in which ...
We've the "now" in which ...
And the "now" alone we can call ...
Throughout all eternity.
The past and the future are shadows,
But the present is ours for aye.
To us 'tis given to build our heaven
In the kingdom of to-day.
—J. A. Edgerton, in Orange Judd Farmer

RUNS A MOUSE FARM.

A Washington (D. C.) Woman Embarks in Business of Breeding Fancy Rodents for Profit.

Breeding white, piebald, black, and Japanese mice is the latest household industry which is receiving attention. A woman living on the northern outskirts of the city, says the Washington Post, has embarked in the business quite extensively. The mice sell wholesale at the rate of $10 per 100, and regularly, once every week, she delivers 50 of them to the leading bird and animal dealer, who sends them out to his customers in this and other cities. In this way she earns $5 every week, and $21 and $22 per week from the other sales of her mice. It would be hard to imagine easier money than the $5 which she receives weekly for her "dwarf cattle." The rearing of fancy mice involves little or no work, and the proceeds are for the most part pure gain. She has at her home part of a large room partitioned off, and the floor covered with straw and earth. This is her mouse farm. It must be cleaned now and then and new straw and earth put in for the mice, but aside from this her only care is to feed them twice per day and keep their basin full of fresh water. The mice increase at such a rapid rate that by selling 50 every week she is able to keep the number down to about the original limits.

MOODS OF THE MOON.

Indicate What the Weather Will Be—Some of the Points to Notice Before Forecasting.

A clear moon indicates frost.

A dull-looking moon means rain.

A ... around the moon indicates a storm.

If the moon looks high cold weather may be expected.

If the moon looks down, warm weather is promised.

The new moon on her back always indicates wet weather.

A double halo around the moon means very boisterous weather.

If the moon changes with the wind in the east, then shall we have bad weather.

If the moon be bright and clear when three days old, fine weather is promised.

When the moon is visible in the daytime, then we may look forward to cool days.

When the points of the crescent of the new moon are clearly visible, frost may be looked for.

If the new moon appears with its points upward, then the month will be dry; but should the points be downward, a good deal of rain must be expected during the next three weeks.

LIVE IN SCALDING LAKE.

Traveler Discovers Strange Species of Fish in Jaunt Through Guatemala—Other Instances.

Marcellin Pellet, a traveler who has recently returned from Gautemala, describes a curious species of fish, the Pacilla dorri, which he found in the boilin lake of Ammatitlan, says London Answers. It passes its days literally "in continual hot water." So hot is the water of this lake, it is said, that to thrust one's hand into it means scalded fingers. Ebullition is, however, somewhat tempered, as the really boiling water rises to the surface, leaving a temperature of 35 degrees cent. at the level where the fish is found, which is even then exceedingly warm for cold-blooded creatures like fish.

Frank Buckland states in one of his works that the naturalist, Broussonet, found by experiments that some fresh water fish would live for several days in water so hot that a human being could not keep his hand in it for a minute.

De Saussure, the Swiss scientist, discovered living eels in the hot springs of Aix, the temperature of which averages 113 degrees Fahrenheit. Humboldt also saw living fish thrown up from a volvano in South America.

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The British government has taken the first step toward the adoption of the decimal system of weights. The board of trade will sanction the use of a weight of 50 pounds, instead of the present standard of 112 pounds (called a hundredweight), and 56 pounds (called a half-hundredweight).

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The Big Birds Greet Each Other by Clapping Their Long Bills Together Noisily.

Storks are not often seen on the American continent, but are commonly found in nearly all the countries of Europe. In Holland, where they are particularly numerous and are protected by law, their nests are generally on the summit of a tall post, put up on purpose for them, on which is fixed an old cart wheel. A Dutch gentleman has one such post in his grounds within sight of his library window, but he improves on the cart wheel by having an iron framework for the reception of the nest. The first year it was put up, toward the end of June, a solitary young stork used to come daily and inspect this framework. He was seen there one day standing in an empty receptacle exactly like a would-be benedict inspecting an empty house, contemplating the view and wondering if the drains are all right.

The verdict was apparently favorable, for next season saw the nest occupied by the newly-wedded pair. Their power of wing is very fine, and on hot days they ascend in spiral circles, hardly moving their broad, black wings, till they look no bigger than flies. After the young are hatched they appear to be suspicious of one another, and unwilling to leave the nest unguarded.

Storks have no voice. The only noise they make is "klappering" (snapping their great red mandibles rapidly and loudly). Thus they greet one another, generally by throwing back the head until the upper mandible rests on the back, but occasionally "klappering" is performed with the head and bill in the former position.

ROBBER BEES DESPOIL HIVES.

Organize Raids to Descend Upon Their More Industrious Neighbors for Winter's Supply of Honey.

To the person who knows nothing about bees they represent the supreme type of industry, says the London Chronicle. But even the bee communities are disturbed by those of their own kind who break through and steal. Robber bees are always a source of anxiety to beekeepers, and in the autumn the marauders seem particularly active.

Having gathered no honey, or, at any rate, an insufficient supply for themselves, they descend upon a hive, kill its industrious occupants and carry off the golden treasure in an astonishingly short space of time. We know of a recent instance in which the attack was developed and the home bees killed in a couple of hours. Sometimes a hive will attack neighboring hive. In such cases the old straw "skip" was better than the modern arrangement, for a knife thrust through the top would break the comb and set the honey free, at which the thieves would instantly return to seal up their own store. It is not primarily in their industry that bees are human.

BRAIN VERSUS BRAWN.

Chicago Professor Takes Issue with Those Who Talk About Race Suicide—His Views.

Prof. Wilbur Jackson, dean of the school of education, Chicago university, believes that quality of population is more important than quantity, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

In a recent address he said: "The highest evolution is in quality, not quantity. I am not particularly disturbed by the hysteria of our strenuous friends regarding race suicide. In the course of evolution I believe that the race has passed beyond the stage of the rabbit and the rat."

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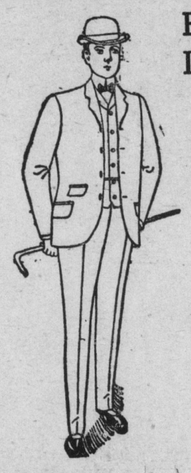
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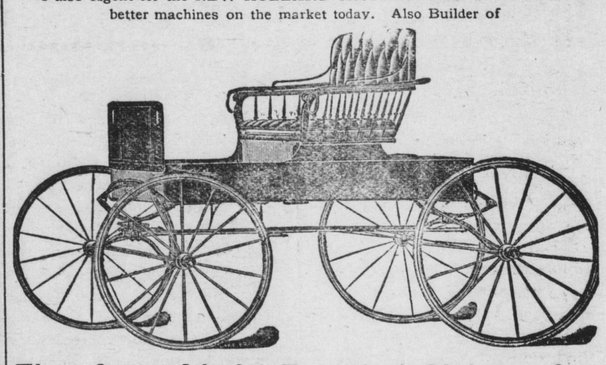
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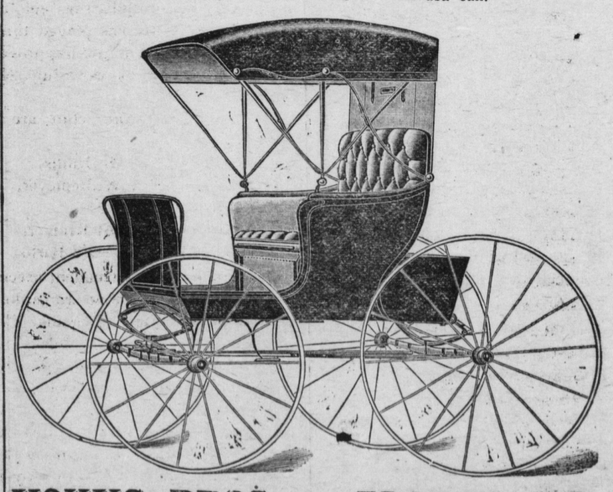
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