

A Duck's Travels

By John Denney, Jr., Aged 11

Way up in the Rocky Mountains there are lots of little towns. Among them are Duck Junction, Ekunk Creek, Central City and Cowtown. Serving these towns is a little railroad. It runs sixty-seven miles between Duck Junction and Cowtown. There are other towns along the line. The one this story is about is Duckville, seven miles from Duck Junction.

It was a stormy night in June. The Station Agent was bent over the telegraph key in the station. The "84" was going to stop there at 10:43 P. M. The agent was very drowsy. At 10:30, the agent expecting passengers, opened his ticket window and was ready for business. A few minutes after that a strange noise was heard. It was a kind of a flip-flop. Then the door was opened and there stood a big Duck. This was not strange because the agent himself was a Beaver. The duck said his name was "Charlie Patric Duck." After the duck bought his ticket he sat down on the station bench. He waited a few minutes then a telephone bell rang. The agent at Duck Junction said the train was delayed at Peter City for seventy-five minutes because it ran off the track right at the bend. When the duck heard this he grew very angry and said that he was in a great hurry to get to Cowtown to make connections with the Union Pacific Streamliner due at 12:00 o'clock. The agent said that he would get there in plenty of time. So the duck fell asleep. He was awakened by the Agent telling him that the train would be there in five minutes. Then he walked out to the platform with his suitcase and hat bag. In a moment a light could be seen up the track. After that the train came to a grinding stop in front of the station. A dog got out of the train dressed as a Conductor and helped the duck on the train. In a moment the conductor called out "all-a-b-o-a-r-d." The duck quacked a little but stopped when the porter put adhesive tape over his bill. It was a funny sort of train. The engineer was a goat, the fireman a pig, the baggageman a rooster, the porter a black cat and the conductor a brown dog.

The train had gone about twenty miles then an awful crash was heard. In the next car the floor fell out and the train was off the track again. It took them two hours to get back on the track. The duck helped by giving quacks of encouragement to the workers. After that they got started. Father Owl was asleep in the same car and he snored so loudly that the porter passed around cotton for the passenger's ears. The engineer and fireman were asleep in the cab and the train was running loose. When the duck found this out he went up to the engine and tried to control it. He did not know how to run it. He pulled one lever which brought the train to such a sudden stop that it threw all the passengers up to one end of the car and threw Father Owl into the vestibule giving him a black eye.

Then the duck pulled a lever which started the train so quickly that it threw all the passengers to the other end of the car. Finally they got started. Then the engineer and fireman woke up and when they saw a huge duck at the throttle they were so frightened that they jumped off the engine. Since the Duck was running the engine he did not know how to STOP it, and he could not even slow down for Cowtown where he was supposed to get on to the U. P. So he swung on to the main line of the Union Pacific. The passengers in the coaches were in a panic because he was right ahead of the Streamliner train, and they were running ninety miles per hour. By this time they were going down the east side of the Rockies. The Duck was happy because he would get to New York ahead of the time to get the boat for England. The passengers were worried about meeting trains at Chicago. They could get to New York without stopping because they had lots of coal and they took water on the "fly." At one big city they went under ground and the people watched the train fly by.

At St. Paul, where they went on the Mil-Rd, Father Owl was deeply in prayer, to get the train stopped. At Milwaukee they hit a cow as well as a horse. When they reached Chicago the Duck pulled the air lever and the train stopped right behind the Pennsylvania Limited. Then Charlie got out and told how it all happened. Then he got on the Pennsy Limited and started for New York. He was the only duck on the train and he rode in the lounge car; he ate in the diner and slept on the Pullman. At Detroit he was eating lunch and cracked a "lady" over the head with a big roll. Then she called the conductor and he told the duck if he wouldn't stop he would put him off. In the afternoon he occupied the lavatory for four hours blowing bubbles with "Penny" soap. At Harrisburg he spied the good old Governor and pulled off his hat and pecked him on the ears. At Lancaster a passenger arrived a little late, so he hung out the window and pulled him in just as the train was leaving. At Paoli he ate breakfast and when they put the electric locomotive on it farred the train so badly that it spilled Ralston all over his good coat and the train was running loose. He was so mad that he made a new suit of clothes.

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LATE STYLE NOTE



Dull leaf green in a novelty weave crepe is enchanting with brown fur. A collar of stitch-down fur pleating is draped softly at the throat of this smart frock and a pleated ruffle edges its skirt and sleeves.

Elizabethtown

William N. Helm, of Poplar street, was treated by a local physician for lacerations of the head sustained while coasting.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Good, Mrs. J. A. Good of Roundtop and Mrs. W. E. Good, of Elizabethtown, left Tuesday morning on an extended trip to Florida.

The employes of Roth's stores in Elizabethtown, Middletown and Shippensburg, were entertained by H. S. Roth, founder of the stores, at the Kenwood Hotel, Elizabethtown, on Thursday evening.

The Columbia H. S. Basketball team defeated the Elizabethtown H. S. five on the local floor on Friday evening by a score of 31 to 21. The local juniors were also defeated 25 to 12.

Park Garber, of Elizabethtown, R. D. 2, won first prize in the 4-H baby beef contest at the State Farm Show at Harrisburg last week. Richard Mckley of Elizabethtown, R. D. 2, was awarded second prize.

The Elizabethtown Hughes Society held its monthly meeting in the hall in the Fire Engine House on Monday evening. Mildred Engle gave a musical reading. Mrs. Charles E. Workman and Mrs. Albert M. Herr, of Lancaster, were the principal speakers.

Miss Wise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wise, South Poplar street, was painfully injured in an automobile accident on the Gap hill on Sunday night. After being treated at the General Hospital, Lancaster, she was returned to her home.

Members of the Loyal Order of Moose No. 596, Elizabethtown, will hold a family night party in the Moose Theatre tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock. Sound pictures of Mooseheart will be shown by Regional Director Joseph A. Jenkins, of Pittsburgh and a minstrel show by the Lebanon Lodge will be the features of the evening's entertainment.

BULLS CAN'T "SEE RED"

A well-known simile, "like waving a red rag in front of a bull," has been thrown into the discard with many other old saws. While a bright color will attract attention of animals more readily scientists have found that all cattle are practically color-blind. It is the motion of the cloth which may enrage the animal.

Seek Cause of Trouble

Where pullets show lack of good condition, an attempt should be made to find the cause. Intestinal coccidiosis and worms may be to blame. If egg production is low and loss of birds is heavy, immediate treatment for worms is justified when it is learned that they are causing the trouble.

Crown Gall Is Severe

One of the severest diseases of raspberries in Pennsylvania is crown gall. To avoid it only disease-free plants should be used. They should be obtained from patches absolutely free from the crown organism.

A government scientist who was scheduled to deliver an address in Washington on "The Infinitude of Space" was half an hour late. He couldn't find a place to park.

Clean Milk Utensils

If the milk utensils are cleaned properly and sterilized thoroughly, the quality of milk and its products will be improved.

Lancaster Stock Market

CORRECT INFORMATION FURNISHED WEEKLY BY THE PA. BUREAU OF MARKETS FOR THE BULLETIN

About 10 cars of local fed steers here today, of these several cars weighing over 1400 of fair to good quality and sold all the way from 9.26 to 10.00, a few well finished lots of cattle up to 10.50; these sales are 25 higher than last Monday. No real good lightweights offered today, those weighing under 1200 are just medium to fair quality and expect to sell within the range of 7.75 to 8.75. Cows in light receipts demand improved, prices 25 higher than Monday. Heifers and bulls selling steady.

Stockers and feeders in normal supply and are of a kind selling principally from 7.00 to 8.00.

Hogs remain steady with a firm undertone due to the inclement weather.

Hogs in light supply with strong tendency; choice selling as high as 12.00.

Lambs continue in line with week's sales at steady prices.

Receipts: 231 cattle, 26 calves, 160 hogs.

Classes Grades, & Range of Prices

STEERS	
Choice	9.75-10.75
Good	8.75-9.50
Medium	7.75-8.50
Common	5.50-7.00
HEIFERS	
Choice	7.75-8.25
Good	6.75-7.50
Medium	5.50-6.50
Common	3.25-4.75
COWS	
Choice	5.50-6.00
Good	4.50-5.25
Common and medium	3.75-4.75
Low cutter and cutter	3.00-4.50
BULLS	
Good and choice	7.00-8.25
Cutter, common & medium	4.75-6.75
VEALERS	
Good and choice	13.00-13.50
Medium	11.50-12.50
Cull and common	8.00-10.00
FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE	
Good and choice	7.75-9.75
Common and medium	5.00-6.75
HOGS	
Good and choice	11.50-12.00
Medium and good	9.50-10.50
SHEEP	
Choice lambs	11.50-12.00
Medium to good lambs	9.50-10.50
Common lambs	8.50-9.50
Yearling Wethers	6.50-7.00
Ewes all weights	2.00-4.00

ROWENNA

Miss Gertrude Snavely who is a missionary home on a furlough recently visited her cousin, Mrs. Daniel Fackler, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manning, of Middletown, and her aunt, Mrs. Alice Albright, of The Messiah Home, Harrisburg, accompanied her. Miss Snavely is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Snavely, who is confined to a convalescing home, at Pittsburgh.

Mr. Daniel Carney and family and mother-in-law, of Philadelphia, also were recent visitors to the Facklers.

Miss Mary Albright is visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Conner at New Cumberland. They attended the Farm Show at Harrisburg, last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Shearer, who is Church of the Brethren minister at Rheims paid a visit to Mrs. Harry E. Gish, last Saturday.

Woodrow Arnold who was at the hospital for a week's treatment is home and improved in health.

Miss Mary E. Shank attended the Republican Women's Board meeting at Lancaster, of which she is a member; also the Business meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club which was held at Hotel Bittner, Columbia.

Mr. F. H. Strickland represented the John W. Eshleman, feed manufacturers at the State Farm Show held at Harrisburg last week.

THE FIRST DEMOCRAT

There is a story going the rounds (probably started by Republicans) that Columbus was the first Democrat because; when he started out he didn't know where he was going; when he got there he didn't know where he was; when he got back he didn't know where he had been, and he did it all on borrowed capital.

Protect Fruit Trees

Tree trunks will escape damage from rabbits if some of the succulent terminal branches are cut off and dropped to the ground for their diet, say Penn State fruit specialists.

RECIPES TRIED and TRUE

Everyone is playing Monopoly these days. We thought you might enjoy the Monopoly Cakes we heard about the other day. They are really just plain sugar cakes, but they have that certain "something" that it takes to make them so popular, so why not serve these cakes with this popular game! We are indebted to Mrs. Christ Harry, 338 Cherry Street, for the recipe. Do try it.

MONOPOLY CAKES

1 pound of sugar
1/2 pound lard (scant)
1/2 pound butter
3 eggs
1 cup sour milk
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
Flour enough to stiffen
Mrs. Harry mixes the ingredients, and allows the batter to stand over night. In the morning she rolls them out and bakes in a moderate oven. If preferred, they may be dropped instead of rolled.

We are indebted to Mrs. In Jamieson Tansert, 123 N. Fourth Street, for the following recipes fresh from Scotland. We are sure many housewives will be trying out these recipes during the next few weeks. We are delighted to pass them on to you in the hope that you will enjoy making them. The first one is for the famous.....

SCOTCH SEED CAKE

10 eggs
1 lb. butter
4 cups flour
1/2 lb. citron
1 lb. orange peel
1 lb. pulverized sugar
1/2 lb. raisins
2 teaspoon fulls baking soda
1 teaspoon cream tartar
2 glasses of brandy
Bake two hours in a slow oven. (Sounds good, doesn't it?)
Another famous Scotch recipe is for.....

SCOTCH SHORT BREAD

1 lb. butter
2 lbs. flour
1/2 lb. pulverized sugar
Mix flour and sugar together on a board. Put the butter on the board along with dry ingredients and work the flour and sugar into the butter with hands, kneading it well. After flour is thoroughly worked it will shape out into cakes. Put the shortbread on to a greased pan and bake in a slow oven three quarters of an hour or until a pale brown. Allow to stand a minute or two after it is taken out of the oven before lifting.

(You will note there is no leavening ingredient in this recipe. After taken from the oven, the cakes may be sliced in narrow strips or cut into small squares, and sprinkled with pulverized sugar.)

SCOTCH POTATO SCONES

1/2 lb. cold potatoes
About 2 ounces of flour
1/2 ounce butter
Little salt
Mash potatoes. Melt the butter. Mix together adding salt and work in as much flour as the paste will take up. Roll out very thinly. Cut and place on a hot griddle. Prick well. Cook for 3 minutes on both sides.

SCOTCH SODA SCONES

1 lb. flour
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon soda
1/2 pint buttermilk or if using sweet milk add
2 teaspoons cream tartar.
Heat the griddle slowly. Add salt to flour. Mix all dry ingredients. Add buttermilk and mix to a light elastic dough. Roll out thinly on a floured board. Divide into four. Bake on a fairly hot griddle, allowing three to four minutes per side.

SCOTCH OAT CAKES

1 lb. oatmeal
2 tablespoons melted drippings (preferably bacon)
1 teaspoon salt
Boiling water.
Pinch baking soda
Add salt to the oatmeal, pour in liquid fat, add enough boiling water to make a rather soft consistency. Knead well, work round cake on board. Sprinkle with oatmeal. Roll out as thinly as possible in a round and cut into four pieces. Bake on a fairly hot griddle, same as above recipe.

Plan Family Garden

In planning the home garden, four groups of vegetables should be included to have a balanced garden. These include edible seeds, root crops, greens and salad plants, and the vegetable fruits, such as tomatoes, and melons.

Six Miles of Gold



MINTED into twenty dollar gold pieces and piled one on top of each other, the \$78,500,000 worth of gold which the mines of Ontario produced in 1935, would stack into five columns each five times taller than the Empire State building, the highest in the world. If stacked into one column, the twenty dollar gold pieces would rise to a height of 33,535 feet or 4,494 feet above the crest of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak. This amount of gold, produced in one year by the mines of Ontario alone, represents nearly 70 per cent of the total output of Canada, which ranks second among the gold producing nations. The illustration depicts the relative size of the Empire State building to the five stacks of twenty dollar gold pieces. Lower right is a sketch of a typical prospector examining a piece of ore.

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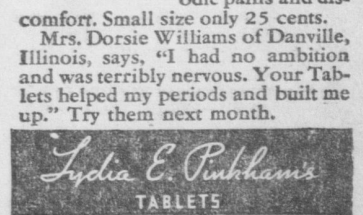
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Winter Sports Queen



MISS MARGARET SANGSTER of Huntsville, Ontario, has been elected Queen of Winter Sports for the Lake of Bays district which is a noted winter sport area about 125 miles north of Toronto. She will be no mere figure head because she is an accomplished skater and skier and has won many prizes for her skill in both sports.

Keep Farm Accounts

More and more, farmers are learning that account books help them to know which operations are pay-

ing and which are losing money. Someone has said that a farm without records is like a clock without hands.