

IS MUSSOLINI READY FOR PEACE?



Carefully guarding a strategic position on the Italian front in Ethiopia, this light battery of howitzers waits silently for impending attacks by Abyssinian snipers. Believed to be a war of a few months' duration, the Italo-Ethiopian clash has become a long-drawn-out affair. With the rainy season approaching the opposing forces are faced with another period of inactivity, which accomplishes nothing more than adding to the huge cost of army maintenance. This may be the reason for Premier Mussolini's peace overtures as well as that of Emperor Selassie.

The Black Widow Spider Has Very Romantic Nature

She Likes Her Home and Even Dances For Her Suitor.

Berkeley, Cal. — Science laid bare the private life of the black widow spider, revealing her as a romantic, impetuous but home-loving creature for which the male of the species always is risking his neck.

Twenty-five years of eavesdropping on the lady by University of California entomologists resulted in the publication of a bulletin showing:

Her bite is fatal to human beings only about once in 100 times.

She has many attributes of the dangerous female of tradition.

She does not care much for outdoor life. She likes the comforts of civilization. She will quickly desert her natural habitat in wood or field for the corner of a building. She prefers dark, dry, warm places.

The males and females never see each other except during the mating season, according to Professor W. B. Herms, entomologist and author of the bulletin.

At mating time the male singles out a female's web and approaches with great caution.

He jingles the web. If he lives through that he picks on a thread of her web and plays a sort of tune to serenade her. If she is pleased she does a little dance which indicates to the male that he is safe—for the time being, at least. Then she comes out to meet him.

At one stage he spins a small web about her. She is strong enough to break it at any time, but she submits. It is her way of saying, "My, how strong you are!"

From then on the male is living on borrowed time. More often than not he tarries too long and is slain for his lack of discretion.

During the hatching period she will bite anything in defense of her home.

The baby spiders remain in the sac anywhere from four to 30 days after hatching, depending on the weather. During this in-

SOME OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PARIS FASHION SHOW

New York—The highlights of the Paris openings are many. They include:—

Embroideries much on the increase, appearing in the daytime dresses and coats, often in the form of encrustations, and more often for evening, generally in bead effects.

The suit as a type is most strongly endorsed. Jackets of these suits sanction many silhouettes and lengths from waist-length to two-thirds, and in straight boxy, liberally flared at back, to fitted. Skirts are straight and blouses permit a wide variety of fabrics.

The peplum and tunic, both in suits and dresses, and for day and evening, offer the newest variations of the silhouette, creating in some models, particularly in long peplums, a tiered outline. Ruffly peplums in soft silk styles also register.

Straight silhouettes are most frequently mentioned, including bias cut styles.

The fitted bodice with flared skirt, though only infrequently sponsored, offers the newest dress theme, reviving for day wear the "school girl silhouette."

Pleats are still popular, not only for entire skirts (especially evenings), but as section of garments, as sleeves, panels, etc. The newest expression of pleats appears in short coats, both for day and evening.

Trimmings that provide a touch of white such as embroidery, besides white neckwear, or else color, are more evident as dress features. Fabric appliques and encrustations, in print or plain fabric, are much favored in dresses

terim they live off each other. Only the strongest survive.

Professor Herms says the best preventive is to crush all webs, spiders and sacs and to spray dark corners with creosote.

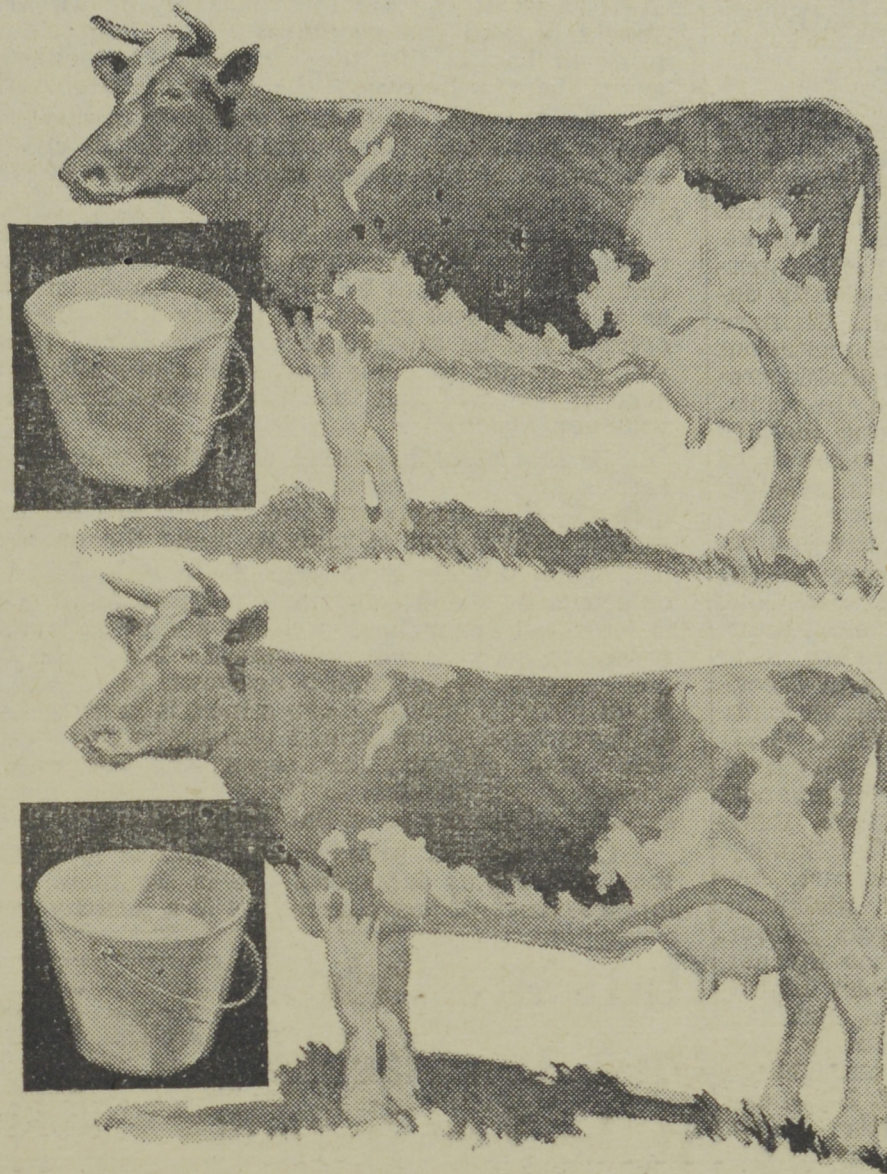
The black widow's venom is a nerve rather than blood poisoner.

FORMER SLAVE DIES AT 128

Princeton, Ill.—Archie Buckley, emancipated slave, died in the Bureau County Home recently at the age, his death certificate said, of 128. Seven years ago officials sent to Virginia for available records. Back came papers, they report, showing the year of Buckley's birth as 1807. Buckley enjoyed good health until early last month.

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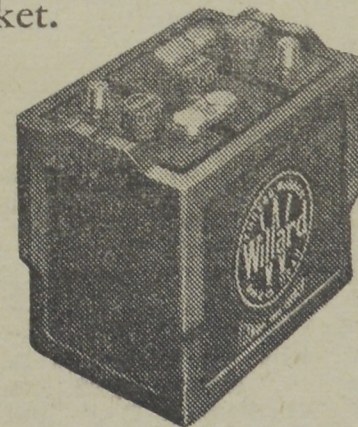
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