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QUEER HANDSHAKES

Joseph Jefferson and Wilton Lackaye were one season in the same company. It was the custom of Mr Jefferson to take curtain calls and make a speech to the audience. He liked it, the audience liked it and everybody but Lackaye liked it. Lackaye contended that no actor should step out of his part and make a curtain speech.

One night Mr Jefferson made his speech and afterward happened to pass Lackaye as he was going to his dressing room.

Well, Wilton, Jefferson said, how did I do tonight?

"Oh," Lackaye replied. It was the same old story. You went out there and made the usual blunder."

"Blunder!" Jefferson exclaimed. "What blunder did I make?"

Why, Lackaye replied, you said, As I look into your faces I feel that I should like to shake hands with each and every one. What's wrong with that? Jefferson demanded.

Wrong with it? Lackaye retorted. Its absurd. John Drew's face is the only one I ever saw that you could shake hands with.—Saturday Evening Post.

ADVISES BOYS AND GIRLS TO PAINT

In a practical talk on landscape painting for boys and girls, in the June WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, the author says:

"If you wish to discover the real beauty of the out of doors, learn to paint. Even though you do not yet draw very well, you may still attempt to work in color, and may learn drawing and painting in the same picture. If you can get the shapes of objects fairly well, and can set them down in their relative proportions, that will do for a beginning.

"You may use water colors, pastels or oils. Oils are by far the best. The great pictures of the world have been done in oils. It is the best medium for students to use, because it requires large and direct handling; faults are more readily seen, and, if you can use oils well, you can paint in other mediums without much trouble.

If you can study with a good landscape teacher, by all means do so. If that is not possible, there is still much that you can do by yourself, for nature is the great teacher, and everyone who wants to paint well goes constantly to nature. Go out into the fields, and look and look, and then, with the best skill you have, put down what you see. Every time you look and study, you will paint better for it, and every time you paint, trying carefully to reproduce on your canvas the shapes and colors of nature, you will see more and better."

It has been ascertained that a gum tree in Australia is the highest tree in the world, and stands 415 feet high. Gum trees are the most rapid growing plant life known. There is one in Florida which grew forty feet a year for four years.

SAW FLY ATTACKS MAINE SPRUCE

AUGUSTA, July 5.—The deadly insect which destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of hickmatack about 30 years ago has now attacked Maine's most valuable timber asset the spruce of the big north woods. The name of this pest is the saw fly. It lodges on the edge of a big spruce growth and as it increases in numbers, spreads into the woods and eats the spruce just as the gipsy moths eat the leaves from apple trees.

As the host advances it leaves in its wake a broad lane of devastation. The trees have every appearance of having been swept by fire. After one or two seasons of this the trees die and are then blown down by the first heavy wind. The spruce has become so valuable of late years that the big pulp companies are greatly alarmed and have called upon the State Department of Agriculture for help.

In a recent communication the Great Northern Paper Co notified the department that the pest was making serious trouble in the forests above Moxie and asking that the fly be identified. The officials of the company stated that the destruction had been so extensive that they did not believe that it could be the saw fly. Samples of the fly have arrived at the department, however, and have been identified as the saw fly.

G A Yeates of the department states that the pest has developed so far that nothing



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can be done this year to check it, but that early next spring measures must be taken to spray the trees or introduce some parasite that will prey upon the fly. He considers the danger of serious loss from the pest very acute and cites the heavy loss among the hickmatack as an example of what is likely to happen.

The ravages of the saw fly result chiefly, not from its feeding, but from the preparation of the female insect to lay her eggs, similar in this respect to the so called seventeen year locust, or periodical cicada, which this year is working great havoc in orchards and nurseries in many states outside of New England.

The female saw fly is provided with an ovipositor or egg laying organ containing two saw like instruments. With this ovipositor the fly pierces the twigs of a tree and deposits her eggs in the slit thus made. Where the insect is numerous this wounding of the twigs is frequently fatal to the tree.

COTTON CROP GREATEST IN COUNTRY'S HISTORY.

Washington, July 3.—Official estimates of the cotton crop report of 1911 indicate that it will be the largest in the history of the country, approximating according to the present figures, 14,424,000 bales of 500 lbs each, exceeding by almost 1,000,000 bales the record crop of 1904.

Dr N A Murray, acting chief of the crop reporting board of the department of agriculture, made the following statement.

"The report shows the condition of the crop to be higher than on any corresponding date in the last ten years. A month ago the general condition was 8 5 per cent above the ten year average. To day it is 10.3 per cent above the ten year average.

The acreage of cotton this year is about 35,000,000. Allowing for the average amount of abandonment—about 1000,000 acres—the indications are that approximately 34,000,000 acres of cotton will be harvested.

"The condition indicates a probable yield of 202.8 lbs per acre, which, on 34,000,000 acres, would mean 6,895,000,000 lbs, or about 14,425,000 bales.

"The largest previous production of cotton in this country was in 1904 when it aggregated 13,369,954 bales of 500 lbs each."

LONGEVITY OF ANIMALS.

(London Chronicle)

The longevity of animals has been the subject of the first of three lectures by Dr P Chalmers Mitchell secretary of the Zoological Society on Problems of Animals in Captivity at the Royal Institution London. With the exception of turtles he pointed out man has as long an inning as any members of the animal world. There are a fairly well authenticated class of men living to over 150 years. An instance mentioned by Dr Mitchell as being founded on good authority is that of a German surgeon who died at 152 years of age. His record does not supply much comfort to temperance advocates, for from the age of 25 having worked all day, he got drunk every night.

It was perfectly well established said the lecturer, that in favorable circumstances many human beings lived for more than a century, and the number seemed to be increasing. About our immediate allies, the big apes, there was no exact evidence, but he thought they could put down the potential longevity of the chimpanzee or gorilla at not more than 70 years. The lower apes and tigers were capable of reaching 30 and even 40 years. The domestic cat sometimes attained 30 years and that was the probable limit of the life of the small canivora.

It was a popular belief among natives in India that elephants lived to an enormous age. The government, where elephants were used for military purposes, kept statistics, and there were also the records of animals kept in menageries. From these it would be found that the extreme limit which the elephant was capable of attaining was about 100

years. The rhinoceros and hippopotamus seldom lived more than 50 or 60 years.

With horses they got into the region of legend and it would be remembered that Victor Hugo in his account of the second burial of Napoleon when the body was brought to Paris 1840, drew special attention to Napoleons charger, which was led behind the coffin. As she last occasion on which Napoleon could have used a charger was at the battle of Waterloo when it would have been a mature animal its age could not have been less than 35 years. Victor Hugo found on enquiry that the horse was provided by an undertakers establishment which kept the animal specially for attending military funerals in the capacity of officers charger. The extreme age that the horse has ever reached was somewhat about 40 years.

Twenty years at the outside was the limit of cattle sheep and antelopes. Of birds, eagles and vultures had lived more than 100 years; ostriches, the largest bird did not attain more than 35 or 40 years; cranes and storks about the same; and ducks and geese and swans not more than 40. Parrots lived to a very great age, though perhaps Humboldt's account of a parrot that was so old that it could only talk the language of a tribe long extinct must be accepted with caution. But these birds undoubtedly lived sometimes more than 100 years. There were enormous variations in reptiles, and turtles and tortoises which had certainly attained 150 or even 200 years lived much longer than the larger kinds such as crocodiles and alligators.

There are many different dialects spoken in China as there are in all Europe.

The large West Indian firefly throw a light strong enough to enable a person to read newspaper print three inches away. The glow is without heat and as yet the secret of the firefly is unexplained by science.

A scientist claims that the eye is so luminous that a person seated in a totally dark room can see the movement of his own eyes.

The greatest inland sea is the Caspian Sea which is 700 miles long and 270 miles wide.

It is a known scientific fact that the hottest region on earth is along the Persian Gulf.

Screen all food. Keep all receptacles for garbage carefully covered and the cans clean or sprinkled with soil or lime.

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CARE OF THE HAIR

An old time recipe book has the following: Absolute cleanliness, by means of water alone, to commence with, followed by brushing in the direction of the hair itself in a dry state, is the true method of giving the hair all the polish it will take. Oils of all kinds disturb the gloss of the hair, and leave it dirty and greasy. Should the scalp be obstinately dry and harsh, it may be safely washed with a cold weak solution of green tea, or with spirits of castile soap containing a few grains of tannin. Cologne water may be also used.

BOAT WILL GO IN SUIICIDE

A Parisian inventor has gone the limit in devising a craft for getting over the water which is still so light and compact that it can be folded up and packed into a box no bigger than an ordinary suitcase. The case part unfolds and joins together to form the frame work or hull of the boat, is of the catamaran order. The two cigar shaped floats are made of water proof canvas. When packed up they occupy little space, and when in use they are blown up with a bicycle pump. The frame work is fastened between them by means of ribs and straps, and when you have fixed a three jointed, double bladed paddle together and put a folding seat in place you are all ready to set out on your marine travels.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Infantile paralysis, which first made its appearance in the United States in 1905, but which had not been much heard of until some three years ago, has already attacked 100,000 children in the United States, 15,000 of whom have died, and 60,000 of whom have been left partly paralyzed. At present there are nearly 25,000 cases. The disease sometimes attacks grown persons and victims are stricken down as by a stroke of lightning.

"George, if there is war in Mexico and you go, will you take me?"

"Good gracious what for?"

"Why I'm just crazy about Mexican drawn work and of course you'll capture lots of it—and then I can take my pick before its all sorted over!"

Exchange: An unimportant man up Nassau way was caught sitting in a fur coat by a fire, and was arrested, to be examined as to his sanity. Down Newport way, on the other hand, Mrs Elsie French Vanderbilt wore furs as she drove through the streets, and is merely advertised Newport. There is much in environment and circumstance.

To save himself from loss of time caused by callers who are a long while in coming to the point, a Paris functionary has had put on his office table a card bearing the words "Be so good as to abstain from speaking of my health or the weather or of the Bourse quotations, three subjects with which I am perfectly well acquainted. Start at once on the matter that brings you here."

Mahogany tree can be found only with great difficulty and by expert woodsmen. The trees do not grow in clumps, but are widely scattered and hidden by the underbrush. The woodsmen climb the loftiest trees and locate them by their peculiar foliage.