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SUCH A GENTLE BURRO! Any Father Would Have brought it for His Children.

It was such a gentle burro that any father would have bought it for his children had gentleness been all that was expected of a burro.

It was only \$7,50, the father was told, and -it was darkly hinted by the childrenthe owner was awfully poor and might take

By degrees the children worked the father up to a point where he half promised to think about it; insisted that he promised to think about it; convinced him that he had promised to look at i', and fiaslly told him If the that he promised to buy it. Did he re the more advanced hor iculturist finds i d ffi member?

The father d da't remember, but he knew that he might as well buy it, and he did. The saddle and bridle cost as much as the burro, a fact he real z d with astonishment.

What do you feed burros? the mother I

asked. I know! I know! said the children in chor us. The man who sold him said to give him corn chops and oats and hay.

That night the burro ate the corn chops and oats and hay and, finding nothing else, lunched off a coffee sack, a pile of kinding wood, and a piece of his harness which had been left too near him.

After this, being lonesome, he raised his woice and told folks about it They understood a mile across town that he was lonesome. Merciful heavens! said the father leaping frem bed, what was that?

It was the burro, explained the mother eleepily: he did that while you were at the more successful importations made have been office.

In the morning the burro was liberated for a stroll about the yard. He celebrated by eating a skirt that been newly cleaned with | can Government Entomologist-in Chief and gasoline and hung out to dry.

Then he charged about and drove the cook indoors. After a bit feeling hungry he found has proved a most satisfactory enemy to the a large pile of newspapers and ate them, top | gypsy moth, and although it has been in ser ped off with some cedars that were growing in reach and went into his stall, where he

was shut up for the night. During the night he unlatched the door, ate a sheet, a couple of pairs of stockings, and some other things off the line and then climbed up on the back porch, where he sang

sweetly. And next morning the father came down and put a rope about the neck of the burro. The children looked at his face, and if they thought he was an Injum-giver they did not

put the thought into words. They heard him that night tell their mot

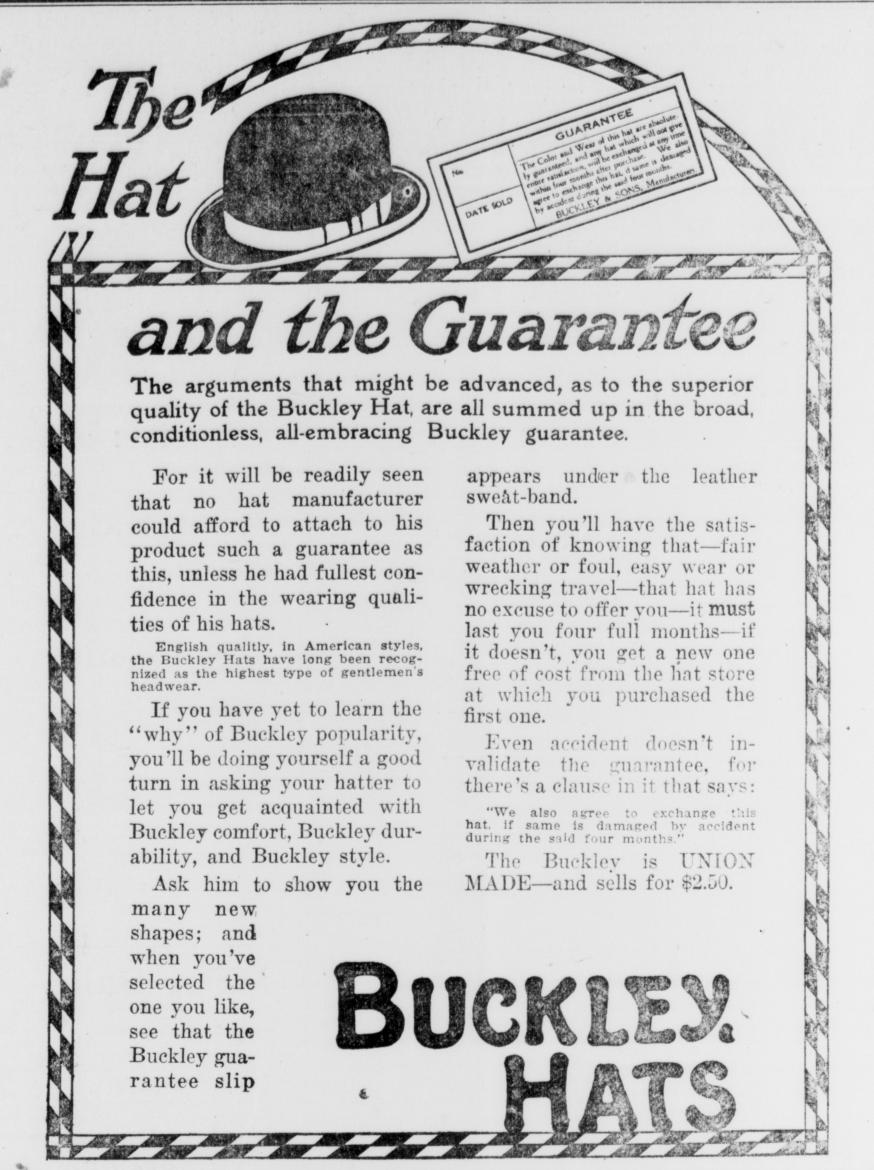
I was lucky. I found a peddier who gave

\$2 for him. Foor fellow, said the mother; why did you

take his money?-Dallas News.

Neighbor-'Why does your new baby, cry so much?'

Little Brother-Say, if all your teeth were out, your hair off, and your legs so weak that you couldn't stand on them. I rather fancy you'd feel like crying yourself.



FIGHTING INSECT PESTS.

advantage of spraying his fruit trees for in already destroyed larger numbers of the sect posts. The assertion that nature has a remedy for every harmful pat is most fre fondness for other foliage eating insects. sketch eagerly and I asked for more thoroughly in letting will enough alone. While there is no douct good ground for the belief in the efficacy of nature's methods, very often her progress is slow, and while the necessary cure is finding its way to that place where proper food may be obtained, the larm that is in the meantime being wrought is often irreparable. With a recognition of the provision that nature has made, and also with a like recognition of the slower processes by which sim lir ends may be achieved, the American Government has adopted the policy of importing friendly insects to aid in the destroution of the rogue species that play such disastrous havor in orchards and among the shade trees of the country. Among the those of certain insects, enemies of the gypsy and brown-tail moths, that have been fetched from Europe by Dr L C Howard, the Ameri bred in large quantities in a laboratory near Roston. One of these, a predatory beetle, vice only four seasons, has reduced the num ber of moths in several localiti a in which it was placed most materily. It increases rapidly, as does another insect, a small fly

that lays its eggs in the bodies of both the Very often throughout the country regions gypsy and brown-tal meths. This insect Dr ine editor, had an apt way of driving Howard tinks more valuable from a dessrue cult to convince the oldest inhabi ant of the tive point of view than the beel. It has brown tail caterpillars and has also shown a quently urged by those who evidently believe Apparently these imported inscore have no bad habits. What they w li turn their atten tion to when all the brown tal and gypsy meths are destroyed, is not made evident in Dr Howari's report. They mut live, and the memory of the imported Eaglish sparrow is kept vividly before an harrassed public by the vivacious li tle birds themselves. - St John Globe.

> PLASTER MILL AT HILLSBORO BURNED.

Moncton N B March 16-A large plaster mill belonging to the Albert Manufacturing Company, Hillsboro, was destroyed by fire this morning, and between 100 and 120 per sons have been thrown out of employment. The fire was discovered by the watchman, Chas Steeves, shortly before six o'clock and an alarm was given, a large number turning out to render whatever assistance was pos sible in fighting the flames The building is of wood and was burned down by eight o'clock. There was some fine machinery in the mill, which was ruined. The mill had been closed for six weeks for repairs and was to have been started again to day.



The late Eli Perkins, said a magaz home his points with little stories.

"Perkins once offered me a sketch, at a bargain price. I accepted the at the same figure.

But Perkins laughing shook his head.

He said I reminded him of a tramp to whom a genial old lady gave a nickel, saying:

Here, my good man, take this nick el and drink my health in a glass of beer.

Thank you ma am said the tramp But you look so infirm, hadnt I better drink two beers?-New York Tribune

BLACK AND WHITE FROCKS

The vogue of black and white has given rise to many charmingly simple and yet digni fied frocks. One such is a little coat and exirt in a supple summer silk showing a very narrow black stripe on a white ground, and the only relief is in the little revers and sash of black satin. A collar of real Irish, begin ning just in front of the shoulders, falls in a deep, sailor in the back and gives a note of elegance to the frock. The softly folded nar row girdle of black is tied in a square flat bow at the back, and falls below in two long loops one above the other, rather than in the usual

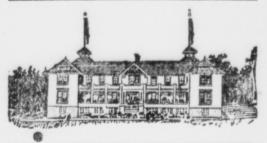
There are hosts of these little striped mod els in all kinds of materials, and in various colorings, though white and black is the scheme most often repeated. An extremely pretty white and black stripe one piece frock in some seft cotton material was trimmed in similar material, whose white ground was sprinkled with large wafer dots of black, and there was a touch of vivid green on the bod

A pretty and unusual method of dealing with black and white checked material is seen in a frock of checked ninon combined with a good deal of black satin. The satin is disposed in bolero effect on the bodice, with deep flat collar, and it is continued down on the skirt like a straight tunic, but separated in panels between which the checked ninon of the skirt is revealed. The neck is finish ed with a flat collar of fine embroidered mus

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BIG INUREASE IN IMMIGRATION

London, March 17 .- The Canadian immig ration officers at the headquarters in London estimate that the emigration to Canada from the United Kingdom so far this year is fifty per cent. more than in the corresponding per iod of 1910. All the steerage berths on ves sels bound to Canada are looked up to the middle of May.

Paint splashes on a floor may be removed by scaking them for a short time in benzine or turpentine then rubbing them with emery paper or a little pulverized pumice stone, applied with a damp cloth

