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ANIMALS' EYES

Reason Why Some of Them Can See
In the Dark

It is commonly supposed that cats and some other animals are gifted in a way that enables them to see in perfectly dark places where it is impossible for the human eye to discern anything. This is only partly true, however. In a really dark room a cat can see no more than a human being. In semi-darkness, though, a cat can see more, because of a distinctive difference in their eye formation.

The eye of a normal person automatically adjusts itself, in the enlarging and contracting of the pupil, to make it possible to see distinctly in different degrees of light.

When we go from a darkened room out into a bright sunlight the eyes blink and squint until the pupils have contracted sufficiently to accommodate the eyes to the quantity of light. And in going from the bright light into a darkened room we cannot see clearly until the pupils have expanded to take in all the light possible.

The advantage that cats and some animals have is that the pupils of their eyes are much larger and can expand so as to take in more light than the human eye. In places that may seem quite dark to human beings there may be more light than can be taken in by the eyes of the animals, and this accounts for the superior gift with which they are credited. On an absolutely dark room the cat or any other animal has no advantage.

Treatment of Smut.
Commissioner Clark writing in the Agricultural War Book on "Treatment for Smut Prevention" says that in Eastern Canada there is considerable smut in the grain crops each year, but that it has not been sufficiently prevalent to make treatment for its prevention general. The losses, however, are much greater than is commonly realized, and the value of the crop could be considerably increased if treatment for smut prevention were more generally practiced. Reports on the samples treated indicate that formalin, one pound in forty gallons of water, is much more popular than thiochrome as a preventive.

Great Yachtsman and Mascot



Sir Thomas Lipton and "Tim" the young baboon from far off Uganda which Sir Thomas chose as mascot for the Shamrock IV. Though the war interrupted the races set for the Autumn of 1914, Sir Thomas did not give up hope of eventually lifting the America's Cup. He boxed up his racer on the Brooklyn water-front, set a strong guard over her, and sat back to await as patiently as possible the return of peace.

WATCH THE NUMBERS

Never Device Shows Plainly Speed of
Motorist

Speed indicators for automobiles have been invented without number



During the past few years, but the newest kind is a speedometer that not only shows the speed to the driver of the machine, but to the people on the street, as well. A portion of the windshield on the machine is ruled off into squares, and each square marked with a figure, indicating the number of miles per hour. Each square is a compartment and is equipped with an electric light. Under the hand-needle of an especially prepared speedometer, electrical contacts are placed, connecting with the various figures. As the car gathers speed, the needle moves around the face of the speedometer over the contacts which cause the lights to flash. The device has been patented and is said to give good service, as it settles all controversy as to speed, since the only figure that is visible is the figure showing the actual speed of the car. The device is not believed to be very useful for work in daylight, but it will work satisfactorily at night.

A QUICK TRIP

After the racing season closed at New Orleans one season a colored roustabout asked where the next meeting was to be held.

He was told "Toronto."

"Is it far?"

"Just a short distance," was the reply, so he jumped in a boat and started to row there. When about four miles from New Orleans an acquaintance on the bank hailed him with: "Hello, Link, ole boy!" Link started for the shore, musing to himself:

"Ah wondah who knows me in Toronto?"



A Serbian Woman

The peasant costume of the Serbs is most picturesque, the feature of it being a fringed apron of gaudy colors and beautiful finish. The women are usually healthy and powerful and in many cases beautiful.

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FOR THE HERD'S SAKE

Breeders Advise Farmers Not to Part
With Good Bulls

Many inexperienced breeders make the mistake of going it blindly from year to year in their use of herd bulls. They keep eternally changing, using one a couple of years and then superseding him with a calf. On the other hand, the constructive breeders rely mainly on tested sires, mostly with quite a bit of age. Indeed, such breeders have been known to buy entire herds, which they did not want, merely to acquire the old bulls at their heads. A Shorthorn bull that has proved satisfactory should be kept in service until death or impotence ends his usefulness. When fully matured, bulls often get hard to do with, and too often for this reason alone are bundled into the cars and shipped to the shambles. A big loss is sustained each year by such unnecessary and uncalled for sacrifices. The wise breeder goes mighty slow with the use of any untried calf, until he knows what the youngster can do.

New bulls must be introduced into every herd, but there is never any occasion to make the change suddenly, dropping one outright and using another to all the breeding females. A very little ingenuity will enable the breeder to discover what the chosen one is going to do. It doesn't make much difference in what herd a bull succeeds. Every good bull should be allowed to live out his allotted span of life, begetting calves after his kind. The wise breeder has always in use a bull on which he can rely for the transmission of true Shorthorn character, conformation, weight, substance and flesh. He never goes it blind in his choice of bulls.

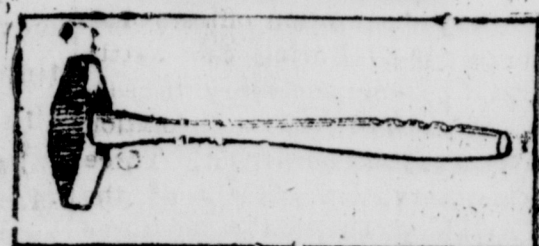
Youngest Film Star



Little Billy Jacobs

Little Billy Jacobs, 28 months old, is probably the youngest star in the world. This youngster is a natural comedian. Ford Sterling often allowed him to play opposite him in comedies.

A Profanity Preventer



A machinist whose work required him to make frequent use of a hammer was much annoyed by the grease that was constantly on his hands causing the hammer to slip from his grasp at the slightest provocation. He obtained the difficulty by cutting grooves in the handle that furnished the hammer with a very efficient grip in his fingers. This would be a good idea for housekeepers to follow, as they are also much annoyed by the hammer slipping from their grasp.

A good way for a man to discover that he doesn't know a woman is to marry her.