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## THE DISPATCH OFFICE

### A WALRUS ON LAND.

The Awkward and Bulky Creature is Almost Helpless.

As might be expected, a walrus is about as helpless on land as a canal boat. It is with no little difficulty and much hitching and floundering that he drags his huge bulk upon a sandy shore even with the boosting he gets from behind by the breakers as they roll in and dash against him.

His hind flippers are of little use on land, and on sand or pebbles, where his front flippers do not hold well, the labor of floundering forward is so great that he never stirs beyond the edge of the water and usually lies with his body half awash, with the salt spray dashing over him like torrents of rain. On solid rock or ice he gets along much better, and often a herd will spread several rods back from the water's edge.

The females and younger walrus have far less development of neck to incumber them and therefore enjoy more freedom of motion than the old males, who actually seem a great burden to themselves. These creatures are strictly social in their habits and always go in herds, whether traveling, feeding, fighting or resting ashore. In the days before the slaughter of all living creatures became a ruling passion in the breast of man the Pacific species inhabited the whole of Bering sea and strait in herds which often contained thousands and even tens of thousands of individuals.

#### Gave Himself Away.

A man who is steadily employed finally had a day off and decided to go fishing, taking his luncheon with him. When he reached the creek he discovered that he had dropped the lunch packet somewhere on the road and hastened back to look for it. Presently he met a husky negro, who was looking nappy and picking his teeth.

"Did you find anything on the road as you came along?" asked the gentleman.

"No, sah," answered the negro. "I didn't find nothing. Couldn't a dog have found it and eat it up?"—Everybody's.

#### Cleopatra's Pearl.

Most persons know the story that is told of Cleopatra to illustrate her luxurious habits of living—that she dissolved in her wine a precious pearl. No one seems yet to have questioned what must have been the effect upon the drink, but scientists scoff at the possibility of such solution. The fact is pearls are not soluble in wine. The most powerful vinegar affects them slowly and never entirely dissolves them, for the organic matter remains behind in the shape of a spongy mass that is larger than the original pearl.—New York Press.

#### Forcing Plant Growth.

The method of forcing plants by treatment with ether, as first suggested by Johansen, is now extensively used on a commercial scale for the purpose of securing out of season flowers and fruit. This process, however, will in all probability soon be replaced by the equally effective and less expensive method just described by Professor Molisch in a pamphlet called *Das Warmbad*. The only treatment required is that of immersing the shoots by inversion in water at 30 to 35 degrees C. for nine or twelve hours and afterward keeping the plants in a dark, moist chamber at a temperature of about 25 degrees until the leaves commence to appear, after which the plants are grown under ordinary greenhouse conditions. Lilacs, azaleas, hydrangeas, etc., treated as above during the middle of November were in bloom at Christmas or early in January, whereas untreated plants of the same kind had not commenced to move.

#### Her Last Card.

"I want a new bonnet, but my husband says he can't afford it."

"Is that final, do you suppose?"

"He says it is, but I won't know until tonight."

"Going to get a definite answer then?"

"Yes, I'm going to settle it one way or the other. I'm going to start to cry when he gets home, and if that doesn't work there'll be no new bonnet."—Detroit Free Press.

#### All's Fish For the Doctor's Net.

"Why, the size of your bill," cried the angry patient to the doctor, "makes me boil all over!"

"Ah!" said the eminent practitioner calmly. "That will be just \$20 more for sterilizing your system."—Ladies' Home Journal.

#### Purpose and Success.

It is the old lesson—a worthy purpose, patient energy for its accomplishment, a resolute undaunted difficulty, and then success.—W. M. Paine.

It is seldom that punishment, though lame of foot, has failed to overtake a gillain.—Horace.

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### Roumanian Army Is Now Safe

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Roumanian army is now safe, according to news received in Paris last night, says the Petit Parisien. The paper says that the survivors are now beyond the Sereth River, at Jassy and in Bessarabia, where they are being regrouped and refitted in view of further operations. The entire Roumanian front is now stated to be held by the Russians alone.

After the Bucharest Ploechti line was lost, the story says, the Russians sent divisions and forces of cavalry to support the retreat of the Roumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible. Assured of the possibility of reforming behind the shelter of the Russians and continued the withdrawal without halting until the Sereth was crossed. The Russians offered strong resistance to the Germans in the region of Buzeu so as to permit the engineers to construct a defensive front between Rinnik Sarat and the Danube marshes, on which front, it is stated, the Russians intend to stop the advance of the invaders.

London, Dec. 18.—The renewal of British activity on Mesopotamia after seven months quiescence is attracting attention. Nothing is known of the new movement except what is contained in the official communication. The near approach of the British forces to Kut-El-Amara is not regarded as necessarily of great consequence, except so far as it may be part of a definite plan, because it is believed here that General Maude, who now commands the expedition, has been in a position to take Kut-El-Amara at any time during the past three months if he had so desired. It is remarked by the Times that if, as is possible, the British now enter Kut-El-Amara the Turks will be compelled to evacuate Sannayyat without having the satisfaction of resisting another frontal attack and adds that the Mesopotamian expedition is in a much happier position than it occupied at the beginning of the year. Two light railways are being built and have reached an advanced stage, the river flotilla has been strengthened, spacious wharfage accommodation has been provided at the base as Neasra, ample supplies have been accumulated and the medical and hospital organizations are now believed to be sufficient for the largest possible demands. The early blunders in Mesopotamia to a large extent have been rectified. The ultimate object of the expedition, however, is still obscure.

### Hugo Munsterberg Died Suddenly

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16.—Hugo Munsterberg, Professor of Psychology of Harvard University, died suddenly, to-day, while lecturing before a class at Radcliff College.

(Prof. Munsterberg has been a strong pro-German advocate since the war started. Born at Danzig, Germany, he was 53 years of age. He has written several books, in English and German, and has contributed to magazines and educational publications.)

### Women's Hairpins On Banned List

London, Dec. 16.—According to the parliamentary correspondent of the Daily News, the Government's orders for checking the use of metal in non-war manufacturers, include the prohibition of the further making of women's hairpins.

### Marketing Potatoes

#### Experimental Farms, Note

From the consumers' side, the question of marketing potatoes is of the greatest importance, especially so in years when the prices for this commodity are advancing daily. The officers of the Experimental Farms recently had an opportunity of inspecting quantities of potatoes in the consumers' own cellars. The potatoes had been purchased in the ordinary way from small dealers. The condition of the potatoes was most unsatisfactory. In three cases the amount of rot came up to 75 per cent of the total quantity in storage. This rot was the common Late Blight rot, and was certainly present when the potatoes were dug, and before shipping.

The consumer is helpless in such cases, and rarely is there a way open to him for compensation. Nor is the small dealer to blame. The blame rests entirely with the shipper and the grower. In order that such losses may be avoided and the consumer be in a position to secure for his good money, good potatoes that will keep over winter, it is necessary for the growers, on their part, to exercise more care in digging, sorting and handling potatoes. Late Blight is a preventable disease; every farmer should know this fact, since the Experimental Farms system has made every effort to demonstrate on many farms in the country the effect of spraying, with results showing the production of sound crops, and an increase in yield amounting to some 90 to 100 bushels per acre.

The sale of inferior potatoes is dishonest, if not illegal at the present moment. Farmers know from their own experience that storage rot cause great losses in their own cellars. It seems, however, the general practice to dispose of an infected crop immediately and shift the losses from rot from the farmer to the consumer. The latter, however, has to pay the price of good potatoes.

In some instances, no doubt, the consumer is to blame by storing potatoes (or other winter vegetables) in too warm cellars. Potatoes and similar vegetables must be stored in a cool place. They cannot stand frost, which causes a sweetish taste in potatoes; but the temperature should never rise above 40 degs. F. Where such conditions are non-existent it is better not to lay in a winter's supply, as losses are sure to result.

Farmers are cautioned that the attitude of consumers will eventually result in demanding grading of potatoes just like apples; and the farmer who does not control diseases in the field, will have all rotten or diseased potatoes thrown on his hands. Diseased potatoes, when boiled, still make good stock food, it should be remembered. A letter or postal card addressed to the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture will bring by return mail all the required information relating to the growing of crops of potatoes free from disease.

### Heavy Snowstorm In Switzerland

Berne, Switzerland, via Paris, Dec. 16.—An exceptionally heavy snowstorm continues in Switzerland. The depth of the fall in Engadine is from twelve to sixteen inches, which is a record. A number of villages are completely cut off from the outer world and threatened with famine. Huge avalanches are reported everywhere and railroads and roads are blocked.