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### American Sponge Fisheries

While sponge fishing in the Americas is rather a modern industry, it produces more than two-thirds of the world's supply in weight. The fisheries of the Mediterranean now produce about one-half of the world's supply in value. Sponge fishing is believed to be most highly developed at Tarpon Springs, Florida, and Satabano, Cuba. As early as 1822 the inhabitants of Key West, Florida, learned from specimens thrown up on the beaches of the presence of several species of useful sponges. For some time they were limited to domestic use among the inhabitants, but not until 1848 was a cargo sent to New York.

## WHEN APPETITE FAILS AND DIGESTION IS BAD

There is Danger Ahead for the Man That Neglects Nature's Warning

Dyspepsia Tendencies are Serious and Should Be Treated Accordingly

There is a strong moral in the statement of James Schrum of Pleasant street, Dartmouth, N.S. Like thousands of people he was failing in health because his stomach and digestive organs were out of repair. His vitality was slipping away; he was losing ground every day.

"I could not have held on much longer. I was wasting away simply because no remedy I used gave tone and strength to my stomach. The vital forces of my system seemed dead. I was advised to try Dr. Hamilton's Pills. What hidden weakness they searched out I don't know but in a miraculous way they have made a new man of me. My stomach troubles are cured, rich blood now runs through my veins—clear skin and unmistakable evidences of health and vigor I feel every day. Dr. Hamilton's Pills have certainly mastered the secret of ruing the sickly enervated man and I strongly urge everyone in failing or lost health to use this grand remedy."

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### SUPERLATIVES IN TREES

The largest orange tree in the south is a gigantic specimen which grows out of the rich soil in Terrebonne Parish, La. It is fifty feet high and fifteen feet in circumference at the base. Its yield has often been 10,000 oranges per season.

The largest oak tree left standing in England is "Cowthorpe's Oak," which is seventy-eight feet in circumference at the ground. The oldest tree in Britain is Parliamentary Oak, in Clipstone Park, London, which is known to be 1,500 years old.

The largest apple tree in New York State is said to be one standing near the town of Wilson. It was planted in the year 1815 and it is on record that it once yielded thirty-three full barrels of apples in a single season.

There are 413 species of trees found growing within the limits of the United States. The curiosity of the whole lot is the black ironwood, of Florida, which is thirty per cent. heavier than water. Well dried black ironwood will sink in water almost as quickly as will a bar of lead.

The "life tree" of Jamaica is harder to kill than any other species of woody growth known to arboriculturists. It continues to grow and thrive for months after being uprooted and exposed to the sun.

### FOOD AND EVOLUTION

A Professor Attributes Man's Development to Dietary Causes

Tracing the evolution of man from the anthropoids, Prof. Carveth Reed in a British Association paper, showed that the prominent differences arose from a change of food. Whether some, or even one, of the fruit-eating apes of the forest acquired a taste for animal food sufficiently strong to lead to persistent seeking for it, the a new habit was formed, and brought remarkable results.

The beast of prey would be able to live on the ground and to go beyond the forest. He would join the animals in hunting—especially in hunting big game—and from co-operation would arise communication leading to articulate speech. The food supply being more regular through the year, the seasonal marriage and birth time would cease.

The new life would require greater increase in knowledge and intelligence, for a higher skill was required to catch a rabbit than to pluck a banana, and he would have to learn the different animals and how to track them. He would evolve the use of weapons and snares. The best hunter would follow his prey on the ground and on foot, and the erect gait would become normal, the legs becoming lengthened, the arms shortened, the feet specialized, and the hands developed.

The flesh diet would bring shortening of the alimentary canal, while great variability in stature, size of brain and shape of skull would result. Cannibalism may have been simply the inclusion of foes in the game eaten, and is a mark of the experimental stage of human development instead of being a general practice of true carnivores.

### FOSSILS IN THE YUKON

Geologist Discovered Bones of a Camel in the North

At the time of the discovery of America horses and camels were entirely unknown in the western hemisphere. The Indians had never seen a horse, and the nearest living American representative of the camel was the llama. It has long been known to zoologists, however, that both horses and camels existed in North America, in a geological age, not very remote, though one would hardly look for them in Arctic regions. However, discoveries have been made which indicate that camels once inhabited the Yukon region of Canada, and a skull of an Alaskan horse has also been found.

In the summer of 1912, while collecting specimens of modern land animals along the Yukon-Alaskan boundary, Copeley Amory, Jr., obtained a small collection of fossil bones of the Pleistocene age, or that immediately preceding the age of man. These bones included several parts of a mammoth horse, bison and camel, and altogether proved to be of no little importance, since the bones of a camel had never before been found in this region. There is little doubt, however, that the camel is Pleistocene on account of the fact that the bone found by Mr. Amory agrees exactly in color and degree of fossilization with those of the mammals known to be of that epoch, which were found with it.

### BODY MADE LOP-SIDED

Sitting Cross-legged is a Very Harmful Habit

Fully 80 per cent. of the men and women who travel in the trains and street cars sit cross-legged, and this habit is responsible for many ills, according to a prominent London physician. The prime objection against this habit, he says, is that the return flow of blood from the leg is stopped at the knee, the result being that the veins in the leg swell up. All the weight is thrown on one side of the body, and the under leg goes to sleep, owing to the pressure put on the sciatic nerve. The body should be equally balanced. Then there is another danger. Too much crossing of the legs is sure to bring lop-sidedness. Let the legs rest limply. In that way the muscles become eased while the flow into and the return of blood from the legs is naturally done and the body is equally balanced.

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### INDIA'S HOARDED GOLD

The People Make Strange Uses of the Precious Metal

In spite of British rule, the natives of India have not come to realize that money buried is money wasted. They do not realize that they could bank it, or obtain greater comfort in life, by using it. So they dig holes and bury their gold, or conceal it in caves and rocks, perhaps to forget that it is there. India takes more than a quarter of all the gold from the mines of the world, and still wants more.

This habit of hoarding in India is old. It arises from the fact that in the past India was a land of almost unending wars, insurrections, and invasions, and the rulers and wealthy families of the troubled districts used in time of peril to bury their money and treasures. If all went well, they would recover the money later; if ill, then the secret was safe, for they entrusted their secret only to the very poorest of their servants, saying that, even if they were dishonest, people so poor could have no use for wealth, and would not therefore steal it. As a result of this it is believed that enormous treasures are buried in old hills, forts, caves, and other secret places.

It is strange to reflect that so much of the world's gold should be taken out of the earth in one continent to be buried in another. But the people of India do not bury all their gold. On enquiry being made as to the use to which many thousands of gold pieces were to be put, it was found that a certain rajah was using the coins to form the centre of each pane in the windows of his palace. Gold is used by pious natives for the decoration of their shrines and as much as fifty thousands dollars may be spent in this way upon the ornamentation of a single temple. But the strangest purpose of all for which they use gold is as medicine. They use it in the firm belief that it cures them.

### READY FOR WAR

Germany Has a Mass of Hoarded Treasure in Reserve

In the Julius Tower of Spandau, a Prussian fortress eight miles from Berlin, a vast quantity of specie and \$30,000,000 in gold are stored and held in reserve, ready for immediate use should Germany go to war.

Needless to say, elaborate precautions are taken to guard this mass of hoarded treasures. The gold coins are stored in chests, piled one upon another, in rooms, to which access only is possible by passing through three doors, each fitted with several locks.

Each of these doors weighs a ton, and is made of steel, with an oak core; whilst each of the keys is held by a different Government official, so that it is impossible for any one of these officials to gain admission to the treasure chambers unaccompanied.

Is the money ever counted? No, never. The task, of course, would be almost impossible; but periodically each chest is weighed—and the correct weight, it may be said, is known to the smallest fraction of an ounce; whilst occasionally the seals are broken, the chests opened, and a careful inspection made by certain high officials, to make sure that the contents have not been tampered with in any way.

### Animals' Speed

No animal is known to have exceeded the speed attained by the horse. Instantaneous photographs of one famous specimen showed the full length of one complete stride of about 26 feet. In the stride of the fastest racers the hindquarters and limbs are raised considerably higher than the shoulders, and from this relatively great height brought downward and forward, widely separated from each other, to avoid striking the forelegs. The hare has not in reality the speed of the dog. The dog, on the other hand, does not attain the speed of the horse. The giraffe is said to run at the rate of fifteen yards per second under the most favorable conditions.

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City Hall December 17th A. D. 1913

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City Treasurer

### Births, Deaths, and Marriages York County

Physicians, Clergymen and others required by law to make returns of Births, Deaths and Marriages for York, are requested to send same in, before the first day of January next. Division Registrars Office, Fredericton, 19th Dec. A.D. 1913.

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