

## BEAVERS NUISANCES AND BENEFACTORS

### Persistent Beyond Belief the Industrious Creatures Never Know When They Are Licked

Many are the complications caused mankind by the enthusiasm for engineering displayed by beavers. Because a colony of the animals set up housekeeping in an adjacent river, all traffic on a part of the Heenan Highway between Kenora and Fort Frances, near Dryden, Ont., was delayed for days. The river, swollen by rain on account of the beaver dams, overflowed to the highway. Scores of motorists bound for Fort Frances and United States points were virtually marooned ten miles south of Green's Camps at Nestor Falls. An ill man had to be taken to International Falls, Minn., by airplane.

Harvey D. Savage, Mendham township road supervisor, ordered his road workers to demolish a beaver dam on a branch of the Passaic River, above Leddell Pond in Jockey Hollow. The task occupied several hours. While Mr. Savage was telling the township committee, in session at Brookside, N. J., what a nuisance the dam was, the perverse creatures were diligently rebuilding it. A punster remarked that the beavers were making a savage of Mr. Savage. Mr. Savage himself suggested that the words beaver dam should be transposed.

With the pond formed by this particular dam lapping the edge of the road from Jockey Hollow to Mendham, it was obvious that the first heavy rain would wash out the road, even if the beavers didn't flood it by taking it into their heads to

build their dam higher. All told, these beavers have built six dams across the stream. They have been there for years, and as they are rigidly protected by State law, all Mr. Savage can do is to keep tearing the dam out. It is near the site of the mill which was built in Colonial times.

In Pennsylvania beavers have also become a problem. In 1917, when beavers were almost extinct in the State, two were imported from Wisconsin, and three years later twenty were brought in from Canada. Now the beaver population numbers 4,890, living in 988 dams of their own construction, according to the State Game Commission. The offices of the commission are flooded by complaints of damage caused by beavers, including injury to valuable trees on private property, burrowing under fields flooding private lands and important highways, retarding operations of mills and use of man-made reservoirs. In 1931 these complaints led to the destruction of 178 beaver dams and the removal to other places of 220 animals. Trappers working for the commission caught sixty-seven beavers between January and May of the following year. The trapped specimens are exchanged with other States or different kinds of game, or are restocked in more desirable areas.

The little town of Hancock, Mass., which borders New York State for sixteen miles, has three colonies of beavers, all on the same stream or a tributary. This spring Harry D.

Sharp counted seventeen on his farm. Though he had pleaded damage to property, he failed last year to obtain legislative authority to exterminate them. Other families of beaver live off the main highway to South Williamstown and near the Brodie Mountain Road.

"Every week or so we have to clean out a sluiceway on this road," complained Louis J. Dee, highway commissioner. "The animals are costing the taxpayers money, and we have no redress, as they are protected by law. Something will have to be done about it. Since the spring thaw started the Brodie Mountain colony has built a dam and flooded over two acres of farm land. In some places the water is three feet deep."

According to old-timers, Hancock had no beaver for a century until the recent invasion.

The first open beaver trapping season in more than a decade won little popular favor with the hunting public of Michigan in 1932, the State Department of Conservation reported. Only 756 licenses were issued, despite the fact that the weather was ideal for trapping, and 2,100 beaver were trapped, an average of 3.7 pelts for each license. A season catch of five was permitted under State law.

Fortunately the dam building activities of beavers can be put to one good use. It was announced from Tucson, Ariz., three years ago that beavers were to be drafted by the Forest Service for an NRA project, the improvement of fishing streams in the Chiricahua Mountains. Plans for putting them to constructive labor were disclosed by Fred Winn, Colorado National Forest supervisor, as bids were called for furnishing twelve live beavers to be placed in permanent streams in the Chiricahuas, Southern Arizona. The idea, Mr. Winn explained, was that beaver would build dams across the stream which would back up the water and form deep and cool oools for trout.

Dr. Albert S. Hazzard, formerly of Cornell University, who has conducted stream and lake surveys for the Bureau of Fisheries, regards beavers as valuable co-workers in the forests. He found that their habit of making pools behind their dams in mountain streams increases the plant and insect food available for fish. In this country, he points out, beavers are doing for nothing what requires considerable expenditure in England, where such pools are artificially made. For this reason, Dr. Hazzard recommends that the animals be protected where conditions warrant it.

Beaver fur was sought so eagerly in the days of beaver hats, and trapping method were so wasteful, that the animals were almost exterminated. They did disappear from many parts of the country. What saved them from being completely wiped out was the invention of silk plush applied to the making of hats.



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## FUN SHOPPING ON THE WEST COAST FROM TIA JUANA TO SAN FRANCISCO

### Oriental Goods and Flowers Are Tempting and One Gets a Bit of a Comeback From the Irish There

(By Kay Thomas)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—On the west coast, the tourist who has a weakness for shopping can have a field day. In Hollywood, to begin as we did, Bullocks-Wilshire is the place. This seems to be the shopping headquarters for the stars. Here Irene, personal designer to Dietrich and Paulette Goddard, has her studio. Here, too, are often bought the expensive gifts the stars give the directors, or vice versa, or the stars shower on the newspaper columnists—especially those who syndicate—for an especially flattering notice. It was fun doing Bullocks with Elizabeth Patterson, character actress. For as we passed a group of women shoppers, one of them stopped, grabbed the arm of her companion and pointed. "Look, there goes one of them," meaning Miss Patterson, not me.

On another floor a tourist whisper-

ed, "I've seen the first one, I'd swear but I can't quite place the second." She, too, was referring to Elizabeth Patterson, and your harder to identify, humble correspondent.

Bullocks is a charming, convenient place to shop, however. Cars, which drive up under a wide balcony, are parked by attendants, when there are no personal chauffeurs. Outside, from every floor, one sees the first and date palms. It's more residential even, than our suburban stores.

#### At Tia Juana

Los Angeles is a town I couldn't take, and if they have nice shops there, you'll never hear about them from me. From San Diego, though, I did cross the border into Tia Juana, where French perfumes, English Tweeds and Mexican souvenirs are collected by tourists, who are allowed \$100 duty free on re-entering the States. This is a place, however, where you have to know your tweeds

by other than the price tag, and perfumes, you are warned by California friends, should be sampled from the actual bottles bought. Beyond, in Caliente, there are more expensive, reliable shops, but then the chance is part of the fun.

In Tia Juana the clerk, who was showing me some little Mexican dolls, had been interrupted in reading "Popeye El Marino" in her local paper. And you could get Popeye or Shirley Temple dolls there, too, so you see how touristy Tia Juana is. The best, reliable souvenirs to bring back from this border town are the hairaches, or lattice leather Mexican beach slippers. Their native dolls are ingenious, too.

#### San Francisco

San Francisco, because the climate is like October in New York, is ideal for the shopper. In Chinatown, which is so conveniently adjacent to the hotel district, the farther out one walks on Grant avenue, the more Chinese the shops become.

Gumps, though, is the place to get the best Oriental imports. A visit to this shop makes you want to be very rich and have all your friends suddenly get married, for you could give them impressive curios from all over the world. They have a collection of Lalique, larger than any I've seen in this country. Their kimono room, where gorgeous Chinese fabrics can be ordered, has straw floors and Chinese sliding cupboards. Their decorated rooms, too, with beautiful Oriental accessories, surpass I would say, although I am no Elizabeth MacRae Boykin, those done by the New York shops. There is none of that New York attempt to include all the new fall fabrics in decorating a single room.

#### The Flower Shops

No sooner in San Francisco do you have all your friends married than you want them immediately to have babies so they can go to the hospital and be showered with your flowers. The flower stalls which dot the street intersections are temptation enough but florist shops have displays more impressive than ours. In one of the smaller shops I saw some Vera Cruz dahlias, coral or white, measuring at least sixteen inches across the flower, which sell for only \$4 a dozen!

All the shop windows show fall dresses, furs and accessories. But when you consider the temperature is in the sixties, and that I counted nine fur coats on the streets, this is not surprising. All of the women on the streets are wearing dark town clothes—suits, coats with sables or silver fox, or fur coats. The best dressed women wear black, tailored suits or coats with sables. The tourists seem to be freezing, on the whole.

San Francisco women are not so chic as those in New York, but are better looking in a wholesome, feminine way. They lack, on the whole, that brittle grooming for which the

New York women are famous. They have lovely skins and there are more blonde or fair women and more Irish brunettes. The town, however, would be much less thrilling without the decorative Chinese women who are seen in great numbers, even outside their quarter. And it would be much duller, too, without the preponderance of Irish here.

The Irish seem to have lost none of their spirit in the trip West. One newswoman, whose stall is on Union Square, in front of the St. Francis Hotel, asked me the other day why I wouldn't buy a paper other than the San Francisco News. I told her I preferred the News. She seemed to brood on this a while, for when I was halfway down the block she shouted after me: "You're too narrow minded. You ought to read the other side."

And an Irish waiter at one of the Fishermen's Wharf restaurants, who had chided me for not eating my potatoes at luncheon, said, when I told him I was watching the hip line, "Well, if you ask me, you're still too skinny!" So, there, Hollywood!

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If people would really think, they would realize that bodily health depends upon the blood that feeds the body cells. The blood depends upon the kind of foods which build the blood. Therefore the kind of blood that flows through our bodies can make us shrivel and shiver on cold days and wilt and wither on hot days. The cause of both is viscid, ropy, toxic blood, derived from denatured, dead, demineralized, constipating foods.

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(Special to The Daily Mail)

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### Anthony Eden Recalled On Account of Far East Situation

(Special to The Daily Mail)

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