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MARVELOUS INSTINCT OF WILD ANIMALS

New Method of Study and Experimenting Used by Nature Students

The French possess a curious institution in the form of an institute of zoological psychology established tn a farm near Paris. This station comprises meadows and barnyards, a scend to the bottom of the pond. stocked with fish. Then, too, there are spacious buildings, including modern stables, a riding school, stalls for isolating animals under special observation, an aquarium and a laboratory. A dovecote is placed upon the roof of the main building.

As evidencing the desire of the French naturalists to study the habits of living creatures under natural conditions, it may be mentioned that a complete diving apparatus has been provided in which observers may descend to the bottom of the pond. There they may remain for hours until the fish become accustomed to their presence, and follow their natural impulses in playing and feeding. The under-water student thus is enabled to note their habits at first hand.

The other extreme of observation is the construction of sheltered platforms in the branches of trees, where students sit throughout the night armed with electric flashlights to watch the doings of owls, bats and nocturnal insects.

It is reported by a scientitst that an important conclusion reached by the students is that some animals possess a special sense whereby they can detect the presence of water even though they cannot see it For instance with sheep and cattle when being driven across country.

In a place where the presence of water was wholly unexpected the Australian noted some curious facts The leading animals suddenly would lift their heads and draw long breaths. Then they would abandon the beaten tracks and start running through the bush. Sometimes they would run for a mile and a half to two miles and could not be stopped by the drivers, their course invariably leading to a pond or spring hitherto unknown.

In France the experiments were made on a water rat. First its eyes were blinded by a bandage and then it was placed on a turntable, which was whirled round until all sense of direction must have been obliterated. Upon being released, without a moment's hesitation, it started directly for the pond, several hundred yards distant.

Frogs and toads were taken to a distance of three or four miles from water and liberated. It seemed to take them only a short time to find the water. One old blind toad showed the instinct in the same degree as the others.

Among the subjects of investigation is the sight of birds and the homing instincts of the carrier pigeon. Many members of the institution are inclined to consider this a phenomenon of far sight. They have been taking by triangulation the height to which birds soar and from that figuring out the radius of vision they attain.

Slot Machine Provides Chair

An inventor in San Diego has developed a novel seat for use in parks and pleasure resorts. Normally it is so tipped that it cannot be used, but upon placing a coin in the slot the seat may be tipped back into the usual position, making a comfortable and restful bench. When the occupant rises from the seat it automatically swings forward and locks in a non-usable position, from which it can only be moved by the insertion of another coin.

Italians Like Garters

The wearing of garters by men in Italy is becoming general. Dealers estimate that 60 per cent. of the male population wear them. The colors most in demand are a uniform soft grey; next, soft grey-blues, soft pale greens, brown or mauve, of the lighter shades. Bright or fancy colors do not sell as readily as undefined colors Garters are sometimes offered with suspenders, neckties, and handkerchiefs, all matched in colors, packed in one box for purchase for presents.

Hot water when applied to the skin opens the pores. Cold water closes them. Hot water should not be used more than once a day to cleanse the skin of the face, as it robs the skin of too much of its natural oil.

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NOTES FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

SPRINGFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Timmins are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy.

Mr. Charles Miller is threshing in this place now.

An auto party spent the 11th at Mr. Walter Moores'.

The Springfield woods is full of hunting parties.

A very pleasant evening was spent recently at Mrs. James Cooksons to an apple pealing.

Messrs. Jaffies and Charles McGrath of Kingsclear spent three days at their former home here.

Mrs. R. McCarthy spent last week in visiting foreign friends.

Mr. Ernest Grey still makes regular trips to this place and we also have Mr. R. Hagerman as a regular visitor

Mrf Wilder Brewer who spent last week guiding in this place has returned to his home. He was quite successful.

Hl. Charles Love made a flying trip to this place last week.

Prof. Russel is still giving music lessons here.

MAUGGRVILLE

Maugerville, Oct. 12—J. B. Killeen spent Thanksgiving in Houlton, Me.

Miss Francis Reid a former teacher in Maugerville was a recent guest of Miss Seeley.

Two ladies are billed to lecture in Lower Maugerville Kall in the interest of the Women's Educational Institute During their stay they will be paying guests of Hotel McCluskey.

Miss Gertrude Killen, Miss May Upton and Earl Lint spent the week-end at their respective homes.

Mr. Close was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Upton recently.

Mrs. Alfred Meadwell has returned from a visit to St. John.

Mrs. Grey, Gagetown is spending a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. Clowes.

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A POOR EXCUSE.

The Moncton boys returned home Tuesday morning and they appeared thoroughly disgusted with their trip saying that the treatment accorded them at Fredericton was most unsportsmanlike. They assert that they had to play the referee, policemen and nineteen players, which, if true, is "going some."—Moncton Times.

Prolific Cattle Tick

A male and a female tick hatched in April may by Oct. 15 give rise to 8,750,000,000 descendants, about half of which, being females, will lay about 1,500 more eggs apiece immediately or the following spring.

Take the cattleman's point of view. A thoroughly, although not exceptionally infested cow may carry several hundred thousand ticks at one time and, during one season, may be infested by four such broods. Now 250 ticks, after having engorged themselves for three or four days, will weigh about a pound, this representing almost entirely the weight of the blood taken from the host. Thus the helpless beast may actually lose from 200 to 500 pounds of blood in a single season.

Little wonder that thousands of Southern calves never reach maturity; that the pitiful spectacle of valuable dairy or beef animals actually starving to death in the midst of rich nutritious pasture is not a nightmare but a terribly frequent reality.—World's Work.

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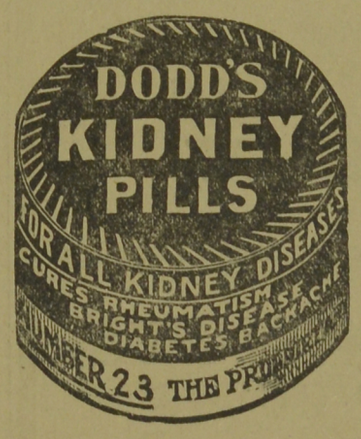

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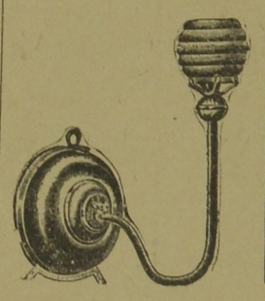

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