

DOG ACTS AS NURSE

Stands Guard in Elephant's Cage to Catch Mouse.

Pan Terrier Stops Great Uproar by Catching Rodent, Hereditary Enemy of the Huge Jungle Beasts.

New York.—Speaking of nurses, Miss Daisy, the fox terrier lady who came to the park from some home on 5th avenue three years ago, overslept one morning in her cracker box in the elephant-house.

The keeper explained she was up all night looking after her charges, she is about as big as a pinch of salt, but is nurse to two big elephants, one 10-year-old horned rhinoceros and her own incidental litter of puppies.

At 1 o'clock in the morning the policemen on duty in the park thought some one was trying to steal the fat and elephants, Queen and Pattie. They were tooting and screaming as if someone were prodding them with hot irons, and now and then a heavy thud of massive foreheads against the walls of their house showed they were trying to get out. The shrill bark of Miss Daisy now and then emphasized the pandemonium and sounded as if she were trying to soothe the big brutes.

One of the keepers hastily entered the elephant-house and turned on the light. Queen was sitting in a corner displaying all the signs of intense fear, and Pattie was doing a turkey-stroke about the inclosure, eyeing a small object in the center of her cage. Miss Daisy, unheeding the cries of her puppies in the cracker box, was dodging about among the elephants' legs searching for the mouse. As soon as the light was turned on she made a quick spring and came out with a small mouse in her mouth.

Queen and Pattie, sweat rolling from their wrinkled faces, cooled down and became quiet. Miss Daisy shook the life out of the mouse and went back to her puppies, which she stilled with a few reassuring whines.

"Just another mouse," said a keeper. "There is nothing that an elephant is so much afraid of. The secret is that in India a small mouse sometimes runs into the elephant's trunk and causes it intense pain. That's what we keep Miss Daisy here for—to kill the mice. Daisy looks after the elephants with all the solicitude she shows in the care of her blind puppies."

FASHION CURSE TO THE RACE

Missouri Lecturer Declares Vanity is Basis for Much of Our Poverty.

Kansas City, Mo.—The whole gain of modern civilization in science, industry and the art of living has been more than lost by the waste in the ceaseless pursuit of fashion, according to assertions by Prof. H. J. Davenport in one of the series of lectures of the University of Missouri extension here.

"There is no cure for poverty when all surplus energy is dissipated in show," declared Professor Davenport. "Fashion today is a compound of foolish pride and foolish keyfulness. If the social leaders have chosen a new costume or a new trick almbroing their arms or of drawing their words all the social small fry must take the cue therefrom. A part of the life of the best of us is set as a burnt offering for vanity."

"So long as our desires fix themselves in the gratification of vanity we shall find that all our possessions are dead sea fruit and our life is weariness."

TRAMP SEIZES A FINE HOME

Leavenworth, Kan., Caretakers Make Odd Discovery at Cheever House.

Leavenworth, Kan.—When caretakers for the house on Miami street formerly occupied by Col. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Cheever and now owned by Mrs. Cheever entered they found that a tramp had taken possession. The house is richly furnished and has been without a tenant except the tramp. He had slept on the spotless linen in the massive brass beds, washed his hands in marble basins, waited with his brogans on the oriental rug, dined from silver plate and drunk from cut glass goblets.

Cans of imported dainties were robbed of their contents and cobwebbed bottles taken from their musty hiding places in the cellar bins.

Sugar Producers in Protest. Washington.—That the commercial, agricultural and manufacturing interests of Porto Rico are opposed to independence is the emphatic statement made here by the Porto Rican delegation sent by the sugar producers of the island to appear before the finance committee of the senate to endeavor to show the disastrous effect of free sugar on Porto Rico.

St. Louis Editor Resigns. St. Louis, Mo.—Horatio W. Seymour, editor-in-chief of the St. Louis Republic for the last year, has resigned to resume his former position as editorial supervisor of the New York World.

New Ambassador Sells. New York.—Former Gov. Myron T. Herrick, recently appointed ambassador to France, sailed for that country with Mrs. Herrick.

DIVER SAVES SHIP

Goes Under Water Amid Sharks to Fix Propeller.

Beards Up a Hole Made in Boat by Storm in the Gulf of Mexico and Enables British Vessel to Reach Its Port.

San Francisco.—One of the most remarkable feats ever performed by a diver is related by the officers and crew of the British sloop of war Shearwater, which is undergoing repairs at the Union Iron works. J. P. Lingane, a young Irish shipwright, boarded up the propeller well while the vessel was rolling in heavy seas and so enabled her to make the voyage to this port.

The Shearwater was cruising off the coast of Mexico when in a storm she lost her propeller. Resort was immediately had to her sails, but it was found that steering was almost impossible, because the big arch or well under the stern in which the propeller had revolved made the rudder's work ineffectual. The officers decided that if they were to bring the ship to port this well must be boarded up.

Lingane was sent down to do the work. Though hampered by his heavy diving suit and by the weight of water, he was able to adjust himself to the bad rolling of the ship and to handle the heavy timbers that were passed to him. He fastened the boards so securely that they had only shifted in one place when the Shearwater reached this port, even though she had been battered by heavy seas on the way. Naval men have given high praise to the young man for what he did and a special report on it has been sent to the British admiralty.

A trial to the nerves of the young diver while he was at work was the presence of several sharks, which at times swam close to him. Armed men on the warship, however, kept them from attacking him.

USE ENGINE IN THIEF CHASE

Railway Policeman Orders Engineer to Pursue Thief and Makes a Capture After a Fight.

Oakland, Cal.—Pressing into service a switch engine, J. J. O'Connor, state railway policeman, pursued a burglar along the rails on the Oakland mole, caught up with the man after a four blocks' chase, engaged him in a hand to hand encounter and finally subdued and arrested him. The prisoner is Ed Rensen, and he is in jail charged with petty larceny.

The capture was made late last night. O'Connor noticed Rensen and another man removing about one hundred feet of lead pipe from a freight car at the Oakland mole. He ordered the men to halt, but they took to their heels and ran down the footpath along the rails. O'Connor followed, but the men were too fleet for him.

Seeing that he had no chance of capturing them on foot, he ran over to a train which was being switched about and ordered the engine driver to assist him. The train started after the burglars with O'Connor in the engine cab. When the engine was abreast of the fugitives O'Connor jumped off. He sought to arrest Rensen, but the latter fought. O'Connor was the stronger in the scuffle and downed and handcuffed his man. In the meantime the other man disappeared in the darkness.

HELD AT FALLS FOR HOURS

Woodcutter on Log While Portion of Torrent From 20 Feet Overhead Drenches.

Vancouver, Wash.—Planned by a cut from a log against another log under a fume, while a torrent of water from a broken fume above drenched him for two hours, was the experience which nearly cost the life of Thomas Ward, woodcutter, working for Craig & French, near Hellsong. Ward was cutting a four-foot log into smaller pieces for wood when the cut, which was on a steep sidewalk, broke loose, and before he could get away from it rushed him to the bottom of the hill and pinned him against another log, at the same time hitting the braces under the fume 30 feet over head, permitting the water to come down in a terrific torrent.

For two hours Ward was held captive, though he yelled loud and long for assistance. Finally a fellow worker, hearing his cries, found him and attempted to release him, but he failed and ran nearly half a mile to the home of Mr. Craig, Ward was released and dropped helpless to the log by which he was held prisoner.

Though Ward did not suffer serious injury he is weak from the shock of cold water.

Finds His Wife Dead. Marshalltown, Iowa.—After telephoning his wife daily to learn how she was progressing in illness, L. A. Starkweather, traveling salesman, was unable to get a response to his ring. He telephoned his family doctor to call at his home in Des Moines. The doctor found Mrs. Starkweather dead.

Wireless to Fight Forest Fires. Washington.—Wireless telegraph stations will be placed on tips of peaks in the White mountains by the Vermont State Forestry department, for the use of rangers in giving a quick alarm of forest fires. With their aid fires in any section of the state can be quickly suppressed.

TO BUILD BIGGEST VESSEL

Germany Preparing to Construct 'Liner 8,000 Tons Larger Than Olympic.

New York.—Cabled announcement from Bremen that the North German Lloyd has given orders for the building of a new liner larger than any now in its service is explained at the steamship offices here to mean that a liner of 54,000 tons, 8,000 tons bigger than the Olympic is to be launched to put Germany again in the first place in the trans-Atlantic service. Moreover, it is stated that the new liner, to be named after one of the great leaders in American history, will be the first of a fleet of similar boats designed to take the place of liners of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse type. These latter boats probably will be utilized for a service from New York to San Francisco via the Panama canal.

The new boats, which will cost about \$10,000,000 apiece, will be the last word in ocean luxury. There will not be an ordinary berth in the entire ship and there will be a bed for every one, from the millionaire who pays a small fortune for a suite on the promenade deck to the humble steerage passenger.

The Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse ten years ago was one of the fastest and largest liners afloat. The new ships will be almost four times as large. They will be more than three times as big as the battleship Connecticut, the flagship of the United States Atlantic fleet.

SAYS WOODPECKER MAY PECK

Yonkers (N. Y.) City Attorney Rules Broker Can Seek No Redress in Court.

Yonkers, N. Y.—After three weeks' painstaking search by the city attorney, the mayor, the police and the legal department of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, it has been decided that there is no legal means whereby a woodpecker can be restrained from plying his energetic trade at 4 o'clock in the morning or any other hour when he feels inclined.

All these official agencies were besought three weeks ago by William B. Lawrence, a millionaire broker, to stop the noise of a busy woodpecker which had been disturbing his slumbers by beginning before daybreak its noisy work on a dead tree near his residence.

The city attorney's opinion, "reached after exhausting the law libraries in a search for precedents," rules that as pecking is a woodpecker's chief employment it would be an undue restraint of trade to order the killing of the bird.

The S. P. C. A. officials said that they would regard as cruelty any act intended to stop the woodpecker from pecking and would protect the bird to the limit of the law.

PRINCETON TO OPEN A FARM

University Will Provide Students Means to Work Their Way Through College.

Princeton, N. J.—The Princeton university authorities announce the opening of a large farm property near the college, which will provide any student who is not afraid of toil with the means of working his way through college. Plowing has begun and there will be steady work all through the summer vacation.

It is calculated that students will be able to earn \$2 a day. The land will be tilled on a socialist, democratic basis, the laborer obtaining the entire product of his toil. The tract available for student labor will be increased as rapidly as students apply for work. The soil will be devoted to truck farming and the crops will be sold to the college commons and to various Princeton eating clubs.

President Hibben says that the idea has been adopted to rid Princeton of the name of being a home for the sons of rich men.

RULES AGAINST KANGAROOS

United States Experts Rule Tiny Animals at San Francisco Are Dear.

San Francisco, Cal.—Eight tiny tame kangaroos less than 18 inches tall and red full grown have been held as undesirable aliens by experts of the department of agriculture, on the ground that they are deer. They have heads like deer. The animals are the property of K. N. Faister of New York, who, with his wife, arrived on the Tomy Maru from the Orient. He bought them in Singapore, where they had just arrived from Australia.

"There are no animals like them in the country," said Painter. "The law was passed with intent to protect our domestic stock from intestinal complaints common to Asiatic furred animals."

Child Slid Down Pipe to Furnace. Altoona, Pa.—While looking for his mother's thimble, Morris, the two-year-old son of Robert Templeton, stepped into a hot-air pipe this week and slid down to the furnace. His mother, frantic with fear that he had been roasted alive, tore down the pipe, and found that the child had saved himself by making a wedge of his arms.

Executed for Death. Springfield, Ohio.—A jury acquitted Pearl Elder, white, charged with manslaughter for the killing of James Sanford, a negro, alleged paramour of Elder's mother, September 28, 1910.

DOCTORS UP BOOKS

New York Woman Chooses Odd Profession.

Receives Calls and Makes Visits Like Any Physician, With All Book Lovers as Clients—Attends Great Libraries.

New York.—Miss Janet C. Lewis has taken up a work which, in all probability, is the most novel profession in the country. She is a book doctor. That is literal, for she receives her calls and attends her patients in much the same fashion as any other doctor. The diseases to which she ministers are various, and only too well known to librarians who have to deal with old and valuable books. The chief of these is dry rot or disintegration, due to various causes.

The use of sulphuric acid in tanning, may be an excellent preventive for worms, but on the other hand, leather so treated soon loses its natural oil.

The present conditions in nearly all libraries do not tend to preserve old and valuable bindings. Direct sunshine is one of the most potent factors in disintegration, as are also gas and, to a lesser degree, electricity. The best way to secure good, fresh ventilation and a proper supply of light, while barring the sunlight, is to have the windows and globes of the lights tinted red, green or yellow. Green gives the best results.

Glass fronts, Miss Lewis says, are not advisable, since they prevent the free circulation of air, which is essential for proper ventilation. Excessive dampness is as much to be shunned by the librarian as excess of stacking room.

Miss Lewis uses in her work an old preparation which is based on a secret formula willed to her by an old German librarian, a great friend of hers, who died a few years ago. To this recipe she added certain lubricants with whose properties she was conversant and evolved her present preparation. It is of the consistency of vaseline or petrolatum, and almost black in color. The original recipe had been handed down from father to son in a family of book lovers and librarians, and previous to coming into the hands of Miss Lewis had been used effectively in various European libraries.

Miss Lewis started her work some eight years ago, and since then has treated most of the great New York libraries with success, including in her long list the New York Bar association, the Avery library at Columbia university, the private collection of J. P. Morgan and the library of the Metropolitan museum. In addition to being a book doctor, Miss Lewis is a practical librarian, having been in charge of the Richard Hunt collection for many years before taking up her present work. She finds that she can no longer continue her work unaided and now has a corps of assistants book lovers as she is herself, whom she chooses with the utmost care and who have become very expert in the work.

FISH AT 5 CENTS A POUND

Cleveland Officials Have Unique Plan to Cut the High Cost of Living.

Cleveland, O.—Fish at 5 cents a pound. That is to be the cost of the lake catch to the consumer in Cleveland. Plans for the formation of a company to use the city docks and sheds and, in return for that privilege, guarantee a maximum price of 5 cents a pound for fish, have been completed, and the first consignment, 1,500 pounds, was landed and sold.

The fish enterprise is one of several launched in Cleveland with a view to curtailing the cost of living. The women's clubs, as well as the city council, are interested. A monster parade of women, headed by the city council, descended upon the Central market with banners displayed calling for cheaper vegetables and produce. Mayor Baker and Mayor Shank of Indianapolis addressed the women.

Another cheaper living plan that is being worked out contemplates the utilization of vacant city lots for gardening by neighboring residents.

PHOTOGRAPHS SPOT ON SUN

California Priest and Astronomer Rediscover Phenomenon on Eastern Limb of Solar Ball.

San Jose, Cal.—The great spot discovered on the eastern limb of the sun February 18, and by which the observatory of Santa Clara college has forecast weather disturbances up to May 1, was rediscovered on the eastern limb and photographed by Rev. J. S. Ricard, S. J.

The present disturbance was predicted during the month of February. "Sun spots are infallible indicators of the coming of storms on the Pacific coast," says Father Ricard, "and from here over the United States."

His Wife Loved Him Too Much. Chicago.—John Beckinger, when brought before the court of domestic relations, told the judge that he left his wife because her continued display of affection for him became very tiresome. She even followed him to his office and interfered with his business.

COSTLY JOKE ON DETECTIVE

Philadelphia Took Seaman on Leave for Deserter From United States Navy.

Philadelphia, Pa.—As a result of a boast that he was a deserter from the navy, Owen Martin, a seaman on the battleship Idaho, at League island, was arrested in Pittsburg, and brought back to his vessel two days before his leave of absence had expired, while the detective who paid the expenses of bringing him back to his ship in the hope of obtaining the customary reward of \$60, returned to Smoky City without the money, a sadder but wiser man. Martin had been visiting his home in Sellersville, Ill., and was on his way back to Philadelphia when the incident occurred. In a spirit of fun he declared that he had deserted the Idaho several weeks previous.

Without waiting to write or telegraph to the Idaho for particulars, the detective, whose name is Miller, took Martin into custody and boarded the first train for this city. Martin denied that he was a deserter, stating that he had made the assertion in fun, but Miller was obdurate and insisted on accompanying him back to his ship.

Arriving on board the Idaho at League island the detective found that Martin had been on a leave of absence and still had two days to his credit before reporting for duty. Miller could only retire as gracefully as possible, while the crew of the Idaho gleefully bombarded him with potatoes.

GROCCERS' PROFITS ARE SMALL

One Tells New York Commission His Net Gain for a Year Was Sixteen Dollars.

New York.—The average New York family pays \$5 a week tax to the grocer, according to testimony obtained by the state food investigating commission here from representatives of the Retail Grocers' association. The grocers declare that the profits in their business have shrunk appreciably in the last few years, owing to the necessity of selling many staples, such as sugar, flour, potatoes, eggs and butter, practically at cost. One grocer, with a business of about \$100 a day, showed from his books that after allowing himself a salary of \$35 a week his net profits for the year 1911 were \$16. Another grocer maintained that the higher cost of living was largely due to the housewife's careless methods of buying.

"With prompt attention to the details of purchasing, the problem of keeping grocery bills within reasonable limits is an easy one," he said. "I knew of one woman, a customer of mine, whose husband's salary is \$15 a week, and who managed to run his household of seven without any apparent difficulty. Her family always has enough to eat, although sometimes, when prices are high, she cannot afford to buy certain kinds of food. She markets like the old-time housekeeper, buying her food in bulk, and always paying cash."

GIRL GOES INTO A CAISSON

Cried in Gym Costume, Overalls and Jumper, Miss Ruth Kenny Watches Sinking of Piers.

Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Ruth Kenney, teacher of mathematics in the Rosedale high school, descended the narrow, muddy ladder to the bottom of the pneumatic caisson which is being used to build the foundation for the James street bridge in Kansas City, Kan., and remained half an hour thirty feet below the bed of the Kaw river.

Miss Kenney wore her gymnasium costume and over that a pair of overalls and jumper, just like the "mud hogs" who work down in the slime at the base of the piers.

She had been told by the foreman just how to take a full breath and slowly exhale, so as not to be affected by the air pressure.

"Often I have read how these piers are sunk," she said, "but I never had an opportunity before to inspect one in course of construction."

HIS OFFENSE NOT OUTLAWED

Wife Deserter Is Arrested at York, Pa., Long After Spouse Remarried.

York, Pa.—When Detective Fiches ran into Cornelius Laasage upon the street he remembered a five-year-old warrant which he had been carrying about ever since 1907 and clapped it upon him. It charged desertion of three minor children.

Mrs. Mabel Laasage, whose name appears upon the time-stained document as prosecutrix, has since secured a divorce and remarried. The children, whose ages appear as six and three years, and nine months, are now aged eleven, eight and six years, respectively.

Laasage disappeared at the time of the prosecution and has been spending most of the time in Connecticut. He returned home to see his children.

TIRES OF AFFINITY

Former Crown Princess is Plaintiff in Divorce Suit.

Was Separated From Prince Because of Escapade With Tutor—Afterwards Married a Muselman—Now Seeks to Be Free.

Rome.—The trial of the suit of the Countess Montignoso, formerly crown princess of Saxony, for a legal separation from her husband, Enrico Toselli, was begun here to day, and promises to be replete with sensations. In her petition the former princess accuses Signor Toselli with having misappropriated money and jewelry belonging to her in order to lead a vicious, lazy and immoral life, and further alleges that during her absence Toselli invited women to their villa, decked them out in her finery, and afterward openly escorted them through the streets of Florence.

Signor Toselli has made no public statement in regard to the suit, but his friends declare that many of the accusations made against him are false, and he is expected to make a vigorous defense. It is hinted also that he will bring serious counter charges against his wife, the former princess.

Princess Louise, or the Countess Montignoso, first came into notoriety in 1902, when she disappeared from the court of Dresden and was not located for several days, when she was found at Geneva in company with M. Giron, a former tutor of her children, who had been ordered out of Saxony on account of his attentions to the princess. It was said that the married life of the crown princess and her husband had been very unhappy on account of the prince's conduct, but King George insisted that his son should get a divorce, which was granted on February 11, 1903.

The princess and Giron at first seemed to be very happy, going from Geneva to Mentone. Then came the serious illness of Prince Christian, the eldest child of Crown Prince Frederick and Princess Louise, and the mother agreed to part with Giron if allowed to see her son. This was refused, but Louise did not go back to Giron.

After her flight Louise assumed the title of Countess Montignoso, and was granted an income of \$7,500 a year from her former husband. The countess then came to Italy, where he had an affair with the Marquis Guiccardini, which caused the latter's wife to leave him and sue for divorce. Louise next met Signor Toselli, who was a music teacher with a very modest income. They eloped to London, where they were married in 1907.

The pair have not lived together for nearly two years, but not until recently were any steps taken looking to a legal separation. The fact that the countess now seeks her freedom has given rise to a report that she has another matrimonial venture in view and consequently desires to rid herself of the Italian pianist.

GIRL WHO LIKES GHOSTS

But Some of These Are Sporty, Concocted Wellesey Girl Fancier of Spooks.

Wellesey.—Miss Agnes Rockwell, a senior at Wellesey college, has acquired a wholesome sympathy for ghosts, not the kind that walks on Saturday, but the sort that plays havoc with one's spinal cord.

She says they are much abused and are really good and not bad. She knew a ghost once, she declares, that of a favorite black cat. Her nurse, she says, "in common with many other distinguished people, held the fallacy that ghosts are horrible creatures and that every man's hands should be against them."

"A most flagrant instance of the misbranding of ghosts in fiction has driven me to take up my pen in their defense," she continued. "It must have been apparent to all considerable litterateurs that of all the faithful servants who wait upon the pleasure of the insatiable novel reader, none are so abused and mistreated as the ghosts."

"The finest specimens of ghosts, and in my opinion the only really authentic ones, flourish in England. All other ghosts are sports."

10,000 LOONS TAKE WING

Mobilization and Flight of Birds From California to North Rare Scene.

San Diego, Cal.—The first sign of spring was evident on San Diego bay a few days ago when a flock of loons, estimated to have numbered 10,000, mobilized on the surface of the water and maneuvered to the weird calls of their leaders until their formation was perfect.

Then, at a signal, the feathered visitors from the north, which have been about San Diego during the winter, rose and in wedge-shaped body headed for their northern summer home, and witnessed the strange mobilization, which lasted for more than an hour.

To Have Aerial Line. Indianapolis, Ind.—Capital assured for airmobile balloon passenger line between this city, Chicago, Louisville and Cincinnati. Ten passengers will be carried on the first trip.