

VALUABLE DOG KENNELS.

More Than a Million Dollars' Worth of Dogs and Kennel Preserves in Tennessee.

Tennessee is the great wintering state of America for the finest bred sporting dogs of the world.

The greatest kennel in the world is located at Hickory valley, under the personal management of J. M. Aveni, who is recognized as the foremost trainer and authority in the sporting world.

Next in importance to the Del Monte kennel at Waverly, owned by the George Crocker estate of California.

"Dogs have a fixed standard of value," said Mr. Waddell, "as firmly established as that placed upon horses or cattle."

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TRAILING SHEEP.

How the Last Great Drive Across States from the Pacific Northwest.

J. I. Carson, a well-known sheep drover, was lately in Portland preparing to start "on the trail" with 2,500 yearling wethers, purchased in Morrow county.

Mr. Carson reports the Morning Oregonian, said he would start his big flock early in May, just as soon as the sheep had been shorn.

He thought it would be the last band of sheep "trailed" across the state of Idaho, as the Snake River plains are now nearly all claimed for range, and the water has been about all taken up.

"Trailing sheep across Oregon, Idaho and Wyoming used to be a picnic," Mr. Carson says, "when the country was open, but now we expect more or less trouble from people who claim the grass all along the route."

Mr. Carson has been purchasing Oregon sheep for the "trail" for quite a number of years, he says, but never had to pay as much for them as now.

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A TIP FOR THE JOKERS.

Curious Man Wants to Know Something About the Mingling of Languages.

"It's a funny thing," said the man with the bad cigar, who had been reading day before yesterday's paper, relates the Chicago Chronicle.

"What's that?" asked the young man with the phenomenally short coat.

"Why, the way these fellows that write jokes for newspapers get things tangled up," replied the first speaker.

"Now, that's a good thing, isn't it?" went on the man with the bad cigar. "If those two Germans wanted to talk to each other do you suppose they would amble around in broken English?"

"But that would spoil the joke," protested the tall young man.

"Huh!" snorted the other man, "some things are too bad to spoil." And then the incident was considered closed.

He looked like a Professor, but when he spoke his hearers were dumfounded.

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KISSED BY LINCOLN.

Negro Assistant Librarian of Congress Has a Unique Claim to Distinction.

Daniel Murray, the negro assistant librarian of congress, has the unique distinction of having been kissed by Abraham Lincoln. While Lincoln was president William E. Murdoch, the celebrated tragedian, engaged to read for the benefit of the sanitary commission, the most beautiful, humane organization growing out of the civil war, and the United States senate chamber was chosen as the most fitting place to house the great through that was to attend.

The undemonstrative Lincoln, who even then saw a way of lifting the heavy mantle of servitude that hung over the race, was touched by the eager delight with which even this small representative devoted himself to accommodating others.

Young Murray, though delighted, was unable to realize the great honor bestowed upon him until it was impressed upon him by those who witnessed the act.

APRIL BOOM IN COTTON.

Exports Exceeded Those of Other Years and Much Higher Price Was Obtained.

The April boom in cotton exports will be long remembered, especially when it is brought into comparison with Aprils of other years. Not only did the number of bales and pounds exceed the April exports of many past years, but the prices were higher.

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NEGRO LITERATURE.

Interesting Collection of Writings of Educated Colored People.

Sent to the Paris Exposition—Money, Is Appropriated by Congress for the Purpose—Unique Books in the Collection.

Daniel Murray, the assistant librarian of congress who has in hand the work of collecting the literature produced by the negro writers, has just sent 250 volumes and 160 pamphlets to the Paris exposition, to be placed in the department devoted to that race.

Another, "A Colored Man's Reminiscences of President Madison," recounts more of the inner life of this great man and of his wife than has been told or written by anyone else.

The remaining works, along with the bibliography, will be sent to Paris in a few days.

VETERANS DYING OFF.

Survivors of Civil War Going Down to Grave at Rate of About 24,747 Per Year.

Commissioner of Pensions Evans estimates that there are about 925,000 survivors of the civil war. Of this number there were on the pension rolls last year 742,467.

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CALLS SCHOOLS TOO SOLEMN.

Col. F. W. Parker Addresses Illinois Congress of Mothers at Evanston.

Col. F. W. Parker criticized the parents for demanding monthly report cards from the public schools in his address "What Mothers Can Do for Education" before the Illinois congress of mothers at Evanston the other day.

"It is torture and a crime to make small children sit for a long time perfectly still. The schoolroom is too solemn. A good laugh is one of the best aids to education. Still order is only desirable in rare moments, good order always being somewhat noisy.

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ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL.

Seen to Be Equipped with Machinery for the Manufacture of Small Arms.

Within a comparatively short time the buildings at the Rock Island arsenal will be equipped with machinery for making small arms such as the Krag-Jorgensen rifles, the senate agreeing to an appropriation of \$800,000 for the installation of the necessary machinery.

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