

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN?

Changes in Nature if Water Never Froze Would Be Many. The whole economy of nature would undergo a startling change if water never froze.

Thus the gulf stream would seek other shores than those of Britain, and the climate there might be subject to the extremes of heat and cold noticeable in other countries of the same latitude.

LARGEST DOG IN AMERICA.

Thoroughbred Mastiff Owned by Mr. Bailey, of Rutland, Vt. The largest dog in this country is the property of Wayne Bailey, of Rutland, Vt.

Nero is a handsome half German and half English mastiff, fawn in color, his huge head being a trifle darker in shade. He sits up firmly on his legs, and is remarkably well proportioned.

FLORIDA'S HELPFUL SPIDER.

He is Assisting to Clean the St. John's River of Hyacinth Blackheads. Prof. H. J. Weber, expert appointed by the agricultural department last year to investigate the pest water hyacinth, which are fast blockading river rivers, has faith in the destructive power of the red spider, which has been ravaging the leaves of the plant.

"Don't understand me to say," said Prof. Weber, "that the red spider will destroy the hyacinth completely. His work will be beneficial, and if reinforced by other diseases of the plant will no doubt open the rivers completely. It is highly important, in my opinion, for the government to send an expert in South American rivers to import all of the enemies of the hyacinth. This, I think, will be the most effective way in which to destroy the pest."

Food That Makes Brains.

According to a celebrated health expert blanched almonds give the higher nerve or brain and muscle food, and the man who wishes to keep his brain power up would do well to include them in his daily bill of fare. Juicy fruits give more or less the higher nerve or brain, and are eaten by all men whose living depends on their clear-headedness. Apples supply the brain with rest. Prunes afford proof against nervousness, but are not muscle feeding. They should be avoided by those who suffer from the liver. But it has been proved that fruits do not have the same effect upon everybody. Some men have never been able to eat apples without suffering the agony of indigestion; to others, strawberries are like poison.

Finer Than the Ferris Wheel.

Vienna's gigantic wheel has been erected by British workmen in charge of a London engineer at a cost of \$300,000. It is more elegantly fitted up than the Ferris wheel, and contains 30 compartments, with room for 600 passengers, who are carried to a height of 640 feet, giving a bird's-eye view of Vienna and stretches of the Danube. The wheel is driven by an electric motor with a smooth and agreeable motion.

A NEW KANSAS INDUSTRY.

Frog-raising is becoming a lucrative business. Speaking of new industries, word comes from Butler county that the frog leg industry is assuming considerable proportions, says the Topeka Mail. Many people have supposed that the frog would naturally seek miasmatic districts where aque lurked about the skum of swamps. This, we are informed, is a mistake. The Kansas frog is said to delight in the clear ozone filled atmosphere of the prairie and sings a song of unusual clearness owing to the effect of the clear, bracing air on his larynx. His ham is whiter and firmer in texture than the ham of the frog reared among the miasma-infected swamps. Gradually Kansas is becoming the abode of luxury, such as is unknown by the unfortunate inhabitants of other states. In the line of fish, fruit and fowl Kansas has long since hit the high notch with epicures, but we have sighed in vain for home-grown frog legs and oysters. The frog leg problem has been solved. The only thing remaining to be done is to fix up oyster boys and bring the oyster back to the home of his ancestor. Plant him in an artificial pond in western Kansas, where in a remote, prehistoric age, his progenitor willed the happy hours away. Of course there will be some sad features about it for the oyster, for he will be lying about him, unless they have all been picked up within the last year or two of the petrified coverings of his departed sire. As he looks on their stony shells the new oyster will naturally experience a feeling of sadness as he thinks of the rocky times experienced by his ancestors, but that was because they did not understand irrigation and depended on the natural rainfall of the country. Frog legs and native oysters are among the things that can be banked on in the future Kansas.

Never Appear Until They Have Attained their Full Growth. The swordfish come to American waters grown up. Of course, they vary in size, but no young ever seen here. This fact has been clearly set out by a government report on the subject, reports the Hartford Courant. The young are found chiefly in the Mediterranean. After they are able to go it alone more or less of them strike for the North American coast—most of them gathering about Block Island. There they lie and sun themselves on the top of the water, the prey all summer of the fishermen and their spears. What instinct brings these fish across 3,000 miles of water to spend a season and return?

FREQUENT EARTHQUAKES.

Spot in California Shunned by Everyone Because of its Instability. There is a place in California where earthquakes may be said to be kept on tap," said a Fresno county fruit grower recently. "The spot is at the headwaters of the Keweah, at the border of Fresno, Tulare and Inyo counties. You can't hire an Indian or a Mexican to go near that locality. They say it is the home of the evil spirits. The country is rugged and rocky—mountains with deep valleys and precipitous cliffs. Snakes, scorpions, tarantulas, centipeds and all sorts of hideous reptiles and insects seem to have made the neighborhood their paradise, for they are there in very palpable abundance.

"But, in addition to these attractions, the region may be said to be in a state of perpetual earthquake. The ground trembles and quakes continually, and the rocks themselves seem to be grinding and grating against one another constantly, as if subject to some great internal force. These phenomena are said to be more emphatic at night than in the daytime. Frequent booming discharges, apparently deep in the earth, are heard, and men who have heard both say they are exactly like the mutterings of distant artillery. I have never heard anyone advance any theory to satisfactorily explain this uneasy and perpetually disturbed condition of nature among the Keweah rocks and hills, but it is there. If you ever happen to be in that vicinity, ask the first Indian you meet to guide you to the spot and see how quickly he will ally away and disappear."

WHERE LIVING IS CHEAP.

Some Attractive Features of Abyssinian Life. An interesting series of letters in the Manchester Guardian tells some of the attractive features of Abyssinian life. Table supplies in Abyssinia are so cheap that an economical housekeeper could live luxuriously and yet have pin money galore. Chickens are ten for a penny. Milk is had for asking. Butter is about six cents a pound. A good sheep may be had for from fifty cents to three dollars. Cows used to be five dollars, but are now dearer. Potatoes are about a cent a pound; coffee from ten to twenty pounds for a dollar. Barley sells for about three dollars for 2,200 pounds, and wheat is still cheaper. For transportation almost anyone can have a horse, a mule or a donkey, for the former two can be bought for three dollars each and the latter for ten to fifty dollars. All the gold found is alluvial or surface gold, and the industry is in the hands of a few blacks, who seem to make a very good living out of it. They get most of the gold by washing the clay brought down from the mountains by the floods that follow the heavy annual rains. Owing to its mountains and valleys, the climate of Abyssinia varies from tropical to icicle. It is mainly an agricultural country, and the natives are mostly herdsmen or farmers. It grows coffee, melons, potatoes, cotton; the first-named alone exported under the name of Mocha would make Abyssinia a wealthy country.

Coal Not a Menace to War.

In time of war a neutral may allow a belligerent's warship to enter its ports, and may give it water and provisions enough to let it reach its own nearest port, but it may not provide munitions of war. Coal originally was not a "munition of war," because when the principle of international law became settled there were no steam vessels. Probably a man-of-war could obtain coal enough to enable her to reach her nearest home port by the nearest route; she certainly could not get any more.

Hamilton Aide corrects the Impression that Corcoran is full of bandits.

Murder is not uncommon from love quarrels or the vendetta, but a traveler may go from one end of the island to another, unarmed and unescorted, without fear of violence or pillage.

Born in a Railway Car.

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KITTEN AND THE LION.

Pathetic Story of Love in Animal Life at the Zoo. The other night a little, puny kitten rubbed herself in friendly fashion against the great iron bars of the den of Old Paul, the zoo's fattest lion; of whom extreme age has made a pitiable show these many weeks, says the Cincinnati Enquirer. It was the kitten's way of coaxing Paul to come to say good-night to her, for Paul and kitten were the best of friends. She was the only bit of outside life that Paul was ever friendly with. Every night for weeks kitten has crept shyly up in front of the bars of her old lion lover's home, and when she mewed to him he came forward and put his great shaggy head as close to her as he could, and they caressed each other.

The other night when kitten came, and, rubbing anxiously against the bars, mewed all softly to her jungle lover to come and say good-night, Paul just lay still, his head between his paws and didn't notice her at all. Tired of coaxing him, the faithful kitten stopped and just looked and looked at the noble, great fellow. Finally a keeper saw her do something that instinct never let her do before. She shyly crept through the big, black iron bars, and, going in, caressed the great bowed head in her most loving way. But there was no response. Then kitten slowly went away and Paul slept on—the sleep that knows no waking.

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The swordfish is a favorite sea food here in New England. Boston is its chief market, but it sells well all about here. It is solid meat, with a distinct flavor, and very edible. New York, however, doesn't buy it. New Yorkers, who hunt the markets of the world for new things, will not eat it. How long these queer fish will last is a problem. They are hunted not only for the market, but for pleasure. If the rich New Yorkers, who are too fastidious to eat them, should establish the fad of killing the fish and collecting the swords, they would probably soon exterminate the creatures, kill off all the old swordfish, and who would guide lither those that were about to make their first trip?

FLY A SPIDER'S UNDERTAKER.

Digs a Grave for His Dead Pre and Carefully Buries Him. Samuel Simon, Sr., a well-known resident of Nashonook township, while strolling near his home one day recently noticed a fly about half an inch long and of a dark blue color, with a slim body, bearing a large dead spider. The fly crossed his path and laid his load down. It then went about 18 inches in another direction and commenced digging a hole in the ground, reports the Newcastle (Pa.) Democrat. After the fly had the hole dug about half the length of himself he went to where he had left the spider and took his dimensions. After going back to the hole he found it was not big enough and commenced digging again. He did this eight times, and as often enlarged the hole. After he had the excavation large enough for his purpose he went for the spider and took it to the mouth of the hole. After he had finished the work he flew away. The whole time consumed was exactly 35 minutes, as Mr. Simon says he sat and watched the whole performance.

JACK RABBIT'S DOOM.

To Be Rounded Up for Their Fur, Used in Making Fine Hats. The days of the Kansas jack rabbit are numbered, says the St. Louis Republic. New York parties have advertisements in many western Kansas newspapers offering three cents each for cured jack rabbit skins, culls and pieces three cents a pound and common cottontail skins 5 1/2 cents per pound. The New York parties want the fur with which to make hats, and as they represent European hat makers, it is stated that the traffic in rabbit fur has been transferred from Australia to the United States. Skilled rabbit hunters in western Kansas can make good wages killing jack rabbits, and in the vicinity of Dodge City sportsmen are preparing for several grand roundups. Frequently the people of western Kansas have surrounded a large section of country, driven the rabbits to the center and slaughtered them by the thousand. The only disposition made of the pests was to ship them to Chicago and New York for food for the poor. They did not realize that rabbit hair entered largely into the manufacture of the finest hats.

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WINE ET LIQUEUR.

Table listing various wine and liquor prices, including brands like 'Chateau d'Ardenne', 'Chateau de la Roche', 'Chateau de la Vallée', 'Chateau de la Tour', 'Chateau de la Montagne', 'Chateau de la Rivière', 'Chateau de la Vallée', 'Chateau de la Tour', 'Chateau de la Montagne', 'Chateau de la Rivière'.