

BETTING CLOSE TO NATURE

Agent Enumerates the Various Advantages of Summer Camp to Modern Individual.

"I think you will find this camp all right," said the agent, insinuatingly. "You might go over its advantages again," said the modern individual, who wanted to get close to nature.

"Well, it has hot and cold running water, 14 bathrooms, or a bath with practically every suite. The electric plant is complete in every respect, and besides light, furnishes motive power for electric runabouts and a vacuum cleaner, not to mention a complete cooking outfit.

UNEXPECTEDLY INTERRUPTED

Took Nine Negro Farm Hands to Round Up Started Literary Man.

In the days when Col. Charles Edwards, former secretary of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, was traveling for a commercial concern, he reached a little southern town on one occasion, when the only hotel there was crowded.

"But," he concluded, "you'll have to sleep in the same bed with him." Edwards agreed to this, and, as it was late at night, went to the room he thought had been assigned to him.

"Great heavens!" exclaimed Edwards, sitting up. "Are you going to get a third fellow into this bed?" Without a word, but with a terrified expression on his face, the man who had been reading dived through the window, carrying with him most of the window sash.

Professor Likes Skunk Meat. According to Prof. Frank E. Wood of the Illinois state laboratory, the unpopular skunk is good to eat as well as being otherwise useful.

"No animal is more valuably persecuted than the skunk," asserts Professor Wood. "It is the best friend the farmer has, destroying enormous quantities of grubs, beetles, grasshoppers, mice and moles."

The Violent Circle. The Washington people smile down upon the folks over in Alexandria, Va., said a philosopher on a Potomac fatboat, and the Alexandria folks laugh at the natives back in Fairfax Court House, and the Fairfax natives poke fun at the one-galled chaps that live down on Pohick Creek.

"And the Pohick folks?" he was asked; "where do they play even?" "Oh, they give their turn a-plying the poor devils in Washington that like to wear their Sunday clothes every day in the week, and 's got to come 'way down to Pohick Creek when they wants to go coon-huntin'."

The Recount. "The census didn't give Plunkville enough population. Our congressman oughter git us a recount." "He says it can't be did." "It must be did. He got himself a recount when he was running for the job."

Disadvantage of Veracity. Washington boasted he couldn't tell a lie. "Then you will have to own up that you didn't enjoy your vacation," his father replied. Herewith the youthful George shivered at the prospect.

LAW BUSINESS IN GERMANY

Lawyers Are Not Allowed to Advertise, and Their Fees Are Fixed by Statute.

The German law fixes the exact fees which a German attorney has to claim for all kinds of professional work and the Rechtsanwalt can charge neither more nor less.

These fees apply to all matters of the civil code and of criminal cases. The amount, according to the Green Bag, depends exclusively on the value of the object of contention.

It is an old though still unfulfilled wish of German lawyers to have a new fixed list of fees—not made after the old and low standard of the year 1879, but made with consideration to the changes—the numerous decided changes—which have taken place since that year.

The Rechtsanwalt is attorney and counsellor at law all in one (in England solicitor and barrister). The Rechtsanwalt can never be a business man as is the case in the United States.

The exercise of the law is not to be considered a calling or profession, but is to be looked on more as a public office. According to the lawyers' code of the 1st of July, 1879, lawyers are charged publicly with certain duties.

His position in society is between officials and scholars and through custom and law he is compelled to keep the position to the last degree. This compulsion to keep one's rank has given rise to the existence of committees called anwaltskammern, whose duty it is to keep a strict watch that no lawyer dishonors his calling.

GOOD RUSSIAN LABOR LAWS. Cesar's Kingdom Makes Unique Claim to Having Best Statutes on Globe.

Russia, having been denounced all over the world as the worst oppressor of the working people, now comes forward with the unique claim that she has the best labor laws on the globe.

On the other hand, employers may fine hands for any of the three causes: First, for defective work; second, for absence without sufficient cause; third, for infraction of shop regulations.

Infant Mortality. The department of health ascribes the high death rate among babies in hot weather to the ignorance of the mothers, and for their edification has issued a simple list of rules for caring for infants, printed in several languages, and urging that prompt notification of illness be sent to the branches of the department.

Very Sorry, But— "Alas, if I could only share the tremendous sorrows of magazine editors!" "Borrow! Why, do they have any sorrow?" "Do they? Don't they? Every letter I get from any one of them breathes regret!"

Accounted For. Bacon—This paper says that the German emperor has 75 titles. "Egbert—I always wondered what made the ends of his mustache turn up so.—Yonkers Statesman."

Center of Toughness. Inquiring Tourist—Would you call this a tough town? "Stray Native—Tough, say, stranger, when we have Old Home week here detestful all over the country come and pick out just who they want!—Peak."

LAND OF THE COMMON PEOPLE

In America a Sense of Manhood and Equality is All-Pervading, Says Englishman.

America, writes Joseph Burt, an Englishman, is a young giant who has fought for and won a virgin land and the sweat of his toil is upon him. In his eyes are the hopes that move the world, and as he gazes on his bride nothing seems too high for their united destiny.

In all I spent four months traveling and lecturing in the eastern cities of the states and met many men of varied classes. In my wildest dreams for the race I had never foreseen such wealth, such freedom, such equality.

DANGER IN COOLING OFF. When Terribly Warm One Should Take Hot Rather Than Cold Water Baths.

When much overheated do not be ambitious to cool off too quickly. It is fraught with danger, especially by the lead water route.

When terribly warm take hot rather than cold water baths, and put hot water on the back of neck and wrists. This is good for any overheating, especially if there is a sense of blood in the head and dreadful flushing, as it induces speedy perspiration.

When suffering from heat at night staying in a tepid bath for ten or fifteen minutes is decidedly cooling. The residents of tropics know the value of this cure. Fan yourself dry.

Newly Discovered Pleasure. The honeymoon had gone the way of all honeymoons, and their first quarrel was on.

What They Intended to Do. "I hear," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that Mr. Goodman intends to leave his fortune for the purpose of founding some kind of an almshouse institution."

Warning to Pines. Atlantic City has begun war on the flies by posting official bulletins relative to the subject in all the markets and stores.

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The Tendency. "So you bid the returned hero a tremendous welcome home?" "Yes. We gave him so much entertainment when he landed that he didn't really get home for two days."

WAS ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND

"There's Lots of Horses, But There is Only One Judge Kinne," Says Judge.

During the second Cleveland campaign, Col. John P. Irish, the golden-tongued orator, and Judge Kinne of Waterloo, Ia., the man with lungs of brass, were stumping Iowa in behalf of the Democratic candidate.

They were driving in a buggy on the road to Sidney, a young city in the southwestern part of the state, when they came to a fork of the road where there was no sign board.

"There's a farmhouse over there a bit. You sit still and I'll go over and ask questions," said Irish, and climbing out he started for the desired information. He got it, and on his return saw the horse, evidently frightened at something, tearing down the road at runaway speed.

Those Who Scold 'Central'. No Greater Boor Than Man Who is Always Raising Row With Telephone Girl.

There surely exists no greater boor pup than the man who is always raising a row with the telephone girl, writes Tip in the New York Press.

There are probably more low-browed, low-fung scolders, drivers and browbeaters of women in this country than were ever seen here before.

No Plated Stuff Wanted. There was a small crowd at the soda counter when the tall man rushed in and pushed an empty bottle over the drug scales.

The Lance in War. The lance as a cavalry weapon has justified its existence, military experts agree, in the South African and Russo-Japanese wars.

Arabs and Alcohol. The discovery of brandy goes back to the twelfth century. Wine was drunk after age since Noah, without the least suspicion being entertained that it was possible to separate from it the spirit or alcoholic portion which gives wine its intoxicating power.

Not in Style. Little Girl—You needn't brag. We've got a baby at our house, too. Small Ditto—Yes, but yours is a last year's baby. Ours is the very latest style.—Life.

IS THE HOME A FAILURE?

The American Man is Too Busy to Enjoy the Company of Family Life.

The failure of the home is this busy, driving country, is one of the startling counts in the indictment brought against the American woman in a current publication by Rev. Dwight Hillis.

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JAPAN A LAND OF POETS. Whole Country is Fairlyland and Constant Inspiration to Most Prosaic Mind.

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Big Contrast in Methods. Difference in Way American and Canadian Authorities Deal With the Indians.

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WOMEN IN SCOTCH PRISONS

Humane Methods in Glasgow's Jail Are to Be Adopted in England.

Totally rough, ignorant women coming into a Scottish prison, sent up for a reasonably long time, leave there with some useful handicraft at their fingers' end, even such arts as the oriental rugmaking, skillful needle work and professional cookery being some of the many money making self and home-sustaining trades and things there taught.

England is following Scotland. By a recent order of the home office the Scotch system is to apply to all female prisoners between the ages of sixteen and twenty-two, of whom, in England, there are nowadays far, far too many.

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