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BOOST—DON'T KNOCK

THE CAT'S USEFUL WHISKERS.

We are apt to think that the cat's ability to see in the dark is due entirely to its eyes, but competent authority assures us that the feline's power in this respect is due almost as much to its "whiskers." These delicate hairs that project from the muzzle of the cat family are wonderful mechanisms, says Harper's Weekly. Each one grows from a follicle or gland, nerfed to the utmost sensibility. Its slightest contact with any obstacle is instantly felt by the animal, though the hair itself may be tough and insensible. The exaggerated whiskers on the muzzle often project to such a distance that from point to point they indicate the exact width of the body of the beast. Consider the lion stealing through the jungle at night in search of prey, when the least stir of a twig gives alarm. The lion's whiskers indicate through the night, any object that may be in his path. A touch stops him short before pushing through some close thicket where the rustling leaves and branches would betray his presence. Wherever his head may be thrust without a warning from the whiskers there his body may pass noiselessly. It is the aid given him by his whiskers. In conjunction with the soft cushions of his feet, that enables him to proceed as silently as the snake.

Over in England they dare go further than in this country in the matter of regulating personal habits and practices for the general good. The London borough of Paddington has just put into effect regulations regarding that the floors of all living rooms in dwellings shall be swept at least once a week, and that the windows of all sleeping rooms shall be opened for an hour each morning and afternoon, except when the weather is inclement or the room occupied by a sick person to whom exposure would be harmful. The penalty for violation of the regulations is a fine of five pounds. This is the most modern and drastic attempt that has yet been made to force the people to conform more strictly to the recognized rules of health. Heretofore, the municipality has assumed that domestic cleanliness and household ventilation were matters within the discretion of the individual, except where conditions existed that were a distinct menace to public health or had become a public nuisance. There seems, however, no inconsistency in the attitude of a municipality that where people will not regard the ordinary rules of cleanliness it is its duty to compel them to do so.

The greatness of the future will not depend upon its science, its invention, its industry, its trade, its knowledge, or any of these material things. Our glory must rest not upon the physical, but upon the spiritual. That has been the backing of all great reforms and upward movements recorded in history. It has been the vital principle of all great and true lives. And what is this spiritual upon which all true progress is built? It is faith, love, hope, friendship, unselfishness. There is no fact in everyday life sure and steadfast as this. We may grow in material things, but it is not true growth unless we grow in spiritual things, too, says the Ohio State Journal. Whoever spends his life in material progress, in making money and doing a great business, is no agent or friend of his community unless he embodies these spiritual qualities in his work. The only real enterprise consists in its alliance with these virtues of the spirit. One can build the tallest structures, the biggest mill, or the longest railroad, but he is a poor agent of the public good if he does not unite in his work these great moral virtues.

It is now announced that a disgruntled employe destroyed Mona Lisa's beautiful smile with sulphuric acid. Which makes the immortality of the smile for all time, as the phantasy of an employe may arrive a sulphuric acid bath.

FAT STOCK SHOW

A WELL-KNOWN EDITOR'S OPINION ON THE CHICAGO STOCK SHOW.

Mr. W. R. Goodwin, managing editor of the Breeder's Gazette, Chicago, in speaking of the International Live Stock Exposition, which will this year be held from November 30 to December 7, said:

"I have seen more of the great stock shows and fairs in America in the past thirty years than any other man, and I ought to be somewhat case-hardened; but the 'International' annually fills me with awe. I approach each exhibition of the consummate triumph of the breeder's art with a fairly reverent mind. A man may become indifferent to the roar of Niagara, but I do not see how any man can fail to find new instruction and inspiration in each of these shows. If I were wholly a stock farmer, as I am partly, I would sacrifice much rather than miss an annual trip to the 'International.' The professional breeder may about as well take down his sign as omit this show from his year's programme, and the stock farmer can gather almost as much of value from a study of its lessons. We must have meat to eat. The jaw of the civilized world rises and falls in the mastication of meat. The farmer of America—chiefly the farmer of the corn belt—must make this meat. He can learn more about its production at this great exposition than at any farmer's institute or special stock train that ever offered information. The stock farmer who works his brain as well as his body can make no more profitable investment than a study of the exhibits of the 'International'—the cattle, horses, sheep and swine. The farmers of no other nation have such opportunities. There is only one 'International' on the globe. American stock farmers have built it. Their fellows should appreciate its lessons and learn them."

TEMPLARS ARE JUBILANT.

New Commandery at LaGrange Officially Constituted Friday, November 15th.

Trinity Commandery, No. 80, Knights Templar, was officially constituted at LaGrange, Friday evening, November 15, 1912. The event will stand out as a red letter day in the history of Masonry in this section of the state as it marks the realization of a long cherished ambition to have a commandery located some place more easy of access than Oak Park, Chicago, Aurora or Joliet.

For years it has been a great inconvenience for Knights Templar living in the suburbs along the Burlington to attend commandery meetings and they long craved the hope that there would be enough knights to form a new commandery. And to this end the men strove to perfect themselves in Templar knowledge and to interest eligible Templars in this section of Cook county and in DuPage county.

The formal constituting of Trinity Commandery Friday evening marked the realization of their dreams and the "baby" commandery started out under the most auspicious circumstances and with an enthusiasm among the members that is destined to make No. 80 an influence in Templar affairs.—LaGrange Citizen.

MR. ROBBER-MAN IS BOLD.

Naperville Has Thriller.

Last Friday night at 6:45 a gentlemanly highwayman walked into Mickenbecker & Sons Clothing Store and held up Joseph Mickenberger at the point of a gun and collected toll from the cash register in the sum of \$32.00. Joe was busy writing when some one entered the store but he did not look up at once. The next he heard was a request to "please hold up your hands" but still he paid no attention as he thought it was one of his friends joshing. A second request made him sit up and take notice and when he looked into the barrel of a revolver Joe was not very long in complying with the request.

After securing the money the robber warned Joe to stand still for an hour, and watched through the window to see that the warning was complied with. While he stood there a newsboy entered the store and broke the spell, giving Joe another thrill because he thought Mr. Robber was coming back to finish the job.

Things moved lively from that time. Word of the robbery was telephoned broadcast and a description of the robber given. At 9:30 Sheriff Kuhn entered an electric car on the A. E. & C. at Wheaton and easily spotted his man. He had walked from Naperville to Weisbrook Crossing, where he took the Electric, buying a ticket for Chicago.

The prisoner was taken to the county jail where he gave his name as Earl Leonard. He had on his person a 32 calibre revolver with two loaded chambers and the \$32 taken from Mickenbecker. Saturday morning he was given a hearing and bound over to the grand jury. He claims no home and declared this was his first offense. "Just got hard up for money and robbed the store." A term in Joliet is the possible reward for this young man's venture in the uncertain paths of securing easy money.—Naperville Clarion.

Looking over coffee tables in the room in which suspect Leonard was held, the following items were found: a very good one.

Social Forms and Entertainments



A Budget of Queries.

Would like to know in the next issue, if possible, if it is proper to acknowledge an invitation (if one intends going) to a luncheon, when invitation is on ordinary calling card. Also when invitation is formal. Is it proper to call after a reception or luncheon and should one leave cards? Is it proper to acknowledge an invitation to an "at home," and if so, how should it be worded? Also, is it proper at a home wedding to take place at six o'clock for a bride to wear a dress with a train without a long veil?—Jeanne.

Every invitation where the hostess provides a luncheon, dinner or supper should be acknowledged at once, or else how is she to know for how many to prepare? My theory is that every invitation should be accepted or regretted just as soon as possible. In the strict sense of the word and according to the old-fashioned rules of etiquette, calls should be made after accepting hospitality, but in this busy generation and on account of the great distances in cities one overlooks the fact that guests do not pay party calls, for it is almost impossible. A bride may decide for herself exactly the costume she wishes to be married in, and a short gown minus veil and train is proper if it best suits her plans, her purse and her convenience.

Concerning a Shower.

Am giving a shower for a girl friend of mine and would like if you would give me a few suggestions. Do not wish to play cards, but would like to do other things. I thought for one thing I might have each guest hem a towel, and to the one doing it the neatest and quickest give a little prize of some kind. Would that be suitable?

The colors are to be yellow and white. How could I best carry them out? What would be nice for the luncheon?—Anna.

For your decorations all you will need is yellow and white chrysanthemums and carry out the scheme a bit in your menu by having a cream of celery soup with the grated yolk of hard-boiled eggs sprinkled over a spoonful of whipped cream; serve in bouillon cups; fried chicken breasts, sweet potato croquettes, corn fritters, pineapple salad, cheese crackers and New York ice cream with vanilla and angel food cake. The towel idea is a good one and you could give the towel for the prize.

Concerning a Wedding.

I am to have a morning wedding with about thirty guests; may I ask several questions, and will you please help me plan for it? Are invitations sent where only the relatives in the same town are invited? Do the bride and groom stand facing the guests? Is the double ring ceremony becoming more popular?—W. J.

Indeed, you may ask just all the questions you wish. I am right here to answer them to the best of my ability. For a simple home wedding you need not send engraved invitations, but just little notes or ask the relatives and guests yourself to witness the ceremony. The double ring ceremony is quite popular, but it and the question of whether you stand facing the guests or with your back to them is just for you to decide and the clergyman who is to officiate usually has some preference to express which he will do at rehearsal.

Questions of Precedence.

When does a gentleman precede a lady while escorting her?—Green.

It is the man's place to proceed ahead of the lady he is with when going through a crowd, in going through a door, in getting off of a street car or railway train, in going upstairs and down an aisle.

Country Girl's Answer.

It is perfectly proper to ask a young man to call again if you really would like him to do so. There probably would be no harm in going motoring alone, but I do not think it wise. Eighteen-year-old girls can not be too careful of what they do, and how, and when, and with whom. It may seem a bit prudish but I assure you I do not mean it so.

Reply to "Anxious."

I do not think girls your age need make a "courtesy." It is very pretty for the younger girls and is taught in dancing school. I think your hair down your back for a couple of years yet, is best.

Maggie Jane's Answer.

It is too late to reply to your first question, but the department had so much about the subject, that I trust you had your wants supplied. I think the name suggested for your 'g'se club' a very good one.

REGION IN AMAZON

Brazilian Traveler Sees More Here Than in Africa.

Declares Big Game is Plentiful and Many Virgin Rubber Forests Are to Be Found Far From Civilization.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.—In speaking of the wonders and the resources of the Amazon region in Brazil in connection with the International Rubber Exhibition which was held at the Grand Central Palace Dr. Louis Weiss said:

"My knowledge and acquaintance with this most interesting region has extended over a period of twelve years. On one of my expeditions I never left my canoe for over two and one-half years, all of which time was spent on the Amazon and its countless tributaries, and yet I did not begin to touch upon all the wonderful possibilities of these mighty water-courses.

"As long as we need rubber we must get the best from Brazil. There are still many virgin rubber forests that very few Brazilians have any idea of. At the present time they collect rubber along only the rivers and very few go further than two or three miles from the rivers. Ninety per cent. of the rubber forest is yet untouched. Of all the Brazilian states, Amazonas is the greatest producer of rubber. It is the largest state in Brazil and has more than three times the area of Texas. It is one of the most interesting regions in the world and many parts are yet unexplored and unknown.

"On the Amazon River, with its countless tributaries, a man can travel in his canoe for months and for years, procuring all his necessary food supplies daily from the streams and the forests in great abundance and in great variety.

"The most wonderful fruits grow in the forest from which one can make the best of drinks in a few minutes by processes which can be quickly learned from the natives, thus furnishing both food and drink. On exploration trips, when we stopped any length of time in a place, I would take my gun, knife and flint and for days, even weeks, at a time go off into the forests and yet invariably come back a few pounds heavier.

"The whole Amazon is like a zoological garden without a gate. Along



Skirting the Shores of the Mighty Amazon River.

the banks of the rivers or in the woods of the Amazonas, with a gun and fishing tackle, the traveler can at the same time cast a hook for fish and shoot monkeys, reptiles and amphibians and innumerable varieties of birds. When one first hears the howling monkeys (Stentor guaribas) from a great distance he thinks at once of lions, the sound greatly resembling the roar of that animal. The flesh of some monkeys makes very good eating. Alligator steaks are also very good. Fried caterpillar is another dainty, but I never liked caterpillars broiled. Smoked ants are another delicacy.

"If the traveler does not care for these dishes he can have turtle in many varieties—large, small, water or forest—and also large or small turtle eggs. There are over a hundred varieties of fowls, fish and other game suitable for food. The tapir also is eaten and makes a very fine dish when smoked with the hide on. It tastes like beef, and the longer the meat is smoked the better it is. At the last it gets soft, like liver sausage. In the tropics all big game meat must be cooked with the skin on, else it will be tasteless and tough.

DUNNED FRIENDS AT BIER

Funeral Orator at Hungarian Funeral Asked for Return of Loan to "Protect Memory."

Budapest.—The best friend of a villager who died recently at Temesvar, Hungary, was chosen to pronounce the funeral oration. His words, however, had not the desired effect on the audience, and no satisfactory response was made to his appeal.

"Friends, the good man whom we mourn once borrowed 100 francs from me, but he died before he could repay it. Knowing your high sense of honor, I suggest that a collection be made on his account, so that his memory may remain unblemished for all time."

LEGAL NOTICE.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALVAH D. FREEMAN, Deceased. To Edward Ernest Freeman, Carroll, Ia. William Cary Freeman, Long Beach, Calif. Union Academy, Belleville, New York. Women's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, Chicago, Illinois. Foreign Bible Society of the Baptist Publication Society, Chicago, Ill.

Please take notice that the undersigned, Mary Frances Rogers, Executrix of the estate of Alvah D. Freeman, deceased, has filed her final account of her acts and doings as Executrix of said estate in the County Court of Du Page County, Wheaton, Illinois, and has fixed upon the 17th day of December, A. D. 1912, as the date on which she will apply to said County Court for the approval of said report, and her discharge as Executrix of said estate, at which time and place you may appear if you see fit.

MARY FRANCES ROGERS, Executrix.

Bunge, Harbour & Chadwick, Attorneys.

Japanese Plant Camphor Trees.

In Fornos large areas are to be planted with camphor trees during the next few years. The trees now utilized are five hundred to one thousand years old, and the Japanese wisely intend to conserve the source of supply of one of their important monopolies.

Was His Time to Die.

A very strange incident occurred at Vauvert, France, during a recent storm. A man eighty years of age was caught up by a whirlwind and hurled over a hayrick. He came down in safety on the other side, but as his friends were congratulating him on his escape the old man was killed by lightning, which spared the other men who were standing around him.

He Never Drank Any Panther Juice.

"A good many years ago," said the Arkansas citizen, who was showing the tourist from the north around the neighborhood, "there was a wildcat distillery up that 'ere rocky hollow." "What sort of—ah!—product," inquired the visitor, "was obtained from the distillation of wildcats?"

Spread Information of Death.

In Venice, when anyone dies, it is the custom to fix a placard on the front of the deceased person's house, as well as in the neighboring streets, as a sort of public notice, stating his name, age, place of birth, and the illness of which he died.

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