

GOOSEBONE PREDICTIONS.

The Sort of Weather We Are to Have During the Winter.

The foreshadowing of the approaching winter, as it is read from the dots and lines on the Goose Bone, is not a cheerful story. The promise given forth of sleet, snow and cold is a gloomy picture for the poor to look upon, and the many whose short purse will not permit them to lay in a bountiful supply of fuel will shiver at the thought of the kind of weather that the little bone foretells for the next four months. There will be more cold and wet weather than the people of this latitude have experienced for many a winter, and the cold spells will be longer and more severe than usual. The bone is dark at both ends, which indicates a long winter. Winter weather we will have in November, and the ice and snow will be familiar sights far along into March.

The goose from whose bone this study was taken, was hatched in April and killed after the ideas of September. The bone is

WONDERFULLY MARKED.

The dots and breves and lines mingle all along the keel, thus indicating very changeable weather, but the breves mostly turn down and are heavy, showing that the general character of the winter will be falling, cold weather. The danger period is longer for November than any other month, running from the 10th to the end, with the most severe weather falling between the 20th and 26th, and at any time within this period blustering snows and unseasonable cold weather may be looked for.

The first danger period in December extends from the 1st to the 5th, after which there will probably be a few days of sunshiny weather. The heaviest storm period of the month centres in the Christmas holidays, beginning on the 18th and passing to the 27th. At the opening of the holidays we will have very foul and probably some of the coldest weather of the season, and these cold lines run along the bone until about the middle of January. Watch this period, but above all prepare for it. It is more than probable that the earth will be covered with snow when Christmas dawns and that a cold north wind will be blowing, so that Christmas fires will have to be bright and big for comfort. The 24th and 25th of December will be the darkest

STEM DAYS OF THE MONTH.

On the bone all the indications of wet, cold, and stormy weather meet about that time. It is a curious clustering of bad signs, such as is seldom seen on the bone, and a mixture of weather may be looked for, with cold and cold predominating. During this long spell of bad weather some of the dots on the bone are very dark, which means very cold, and we need not look to see the mercury far away from zero during the holiday week.

The new year will come in cold and clear, with the first danger period commencing on the 14th. There are three storm periods in this month; the second commencing about the 14th and the last one about the 23rd of the month. The dots that appear on the bone up to the middle of the month are heavy, from about the 10th to the 15th especially so, and during this period very cold weather may be looked for. During December and January the mercury will frequently be below zero, probably remaining there for days.

For February short periods run all along the bone, and the general character of the month will be stormy and blustering, with some very cold days at the first of the month and again at the close. These severe spells and continued cold weather will keep the ice and snow and the first spring month will be as hoary as old winter. As the bone ends very dark, it is very probable that March will be a repetition of November. In that case the farmers will find it very difficult to break ground, and all kinds of vegetation will be very late in getting a start. It will not be safe to put things in the ground too soon, as such a winter will be likely to be followed by killing frosts far into April. The writer remembers to have seen only one other bone to compare with the one this year, and that season there were frosts as late as May. Every indication, from the reading of the bone, points to a backward spring, and the gardeners who have their richest harvest in early vegetation will find their work risky and difficult.

An Aid to Science.

Curiously enough, the first raft built by Mr. Leary, and which resulted so disastrously to its projectors as a financial venture, proved an invaluable aid to science. It will be remembered that it broke up off Nantucket during the severe storms of late December, and since then almost up to the present time these logs have been met by vessels and their exact position noted and forwarded to the hydrographic office at Washington. All these reports have been carefully collated and compared, and the result is that the central office can now furnish mariners with a chart showing the courses of various ocean currents that could have been obtained in no other way. Indeed, each log in Mr. Leary's raft became a special messenger of the office, doing the same work on a gigantic scale on which the Government of this and other countries have been engaged with floating bottles.

The Bigger Half.—"Bobby," said his mother, "did you give half of the orange to your little sister?" "Oh, yes, ma, I gave her more than that," replied Bobby, with a generous air. "Did you, indeed, Bobby?" "Why, that was very nice of you," "Yes, ma, I sucked the juice out and gave her all the rest."

One of the semi-annual revolutions is going on in Haiti. President Telemachus was assassinated last September. Gen. Legitime has seized the reins of power and is trying to compel the Assembly to meet at Port au Prince in order to go through the form of electing him. Two-thirds of the Assembly men refuse to come. Opposition to Legitime is developing under Gen. Hippolyte, who is collecting a large force. Legitime, however, has possession of the navy—two gunboats—and is blockading the ports. He has involved himself in a serious scrape by seizing an American vessel, the Haytian Republic. A petition has been presented to Secretary Bayard asking for his interference. Haiti is in a state of anarchy half the time, and the lives and property of Americans and other foreigners are constantly in peril. There will be no lack of pretext for interference when the wish to interfere arises.

INTERESTING AND REMARKABLE FACTS.

A chicken with hair instead of feathers is a curiosity at Perry, Ga.

Capt. A. C. P. Haggard, brother of the novelist, is about to become a writer of fiction himself. He has already published several military diaries.

Browning's Venetian palace was built in the seventeenth century and is in renaissance style. The principal rooms are beautifully frescoed and otherwise decorated.

The career of Afghanistan, whose reputation for crime is quite equal to that of the Gilbertian Sir Rupert Murtagroyd, is planning a pleasure trip to England next year.

George Henschel and his wife will make the American transcontinental tour this season. Henschel has had a remarkably successful Summer as conductor of symphony concerts in London.

The canal four miles long through the isthmus of Corinth, in Greece, is just approaching completion. History tells us that work was begun on it under Emperor Nero over 1,700 years ago.

Patti is announced to appear as Juliet at the Paris Grand Opera. Edmond Yates gloomily prophesies failure, and adds that Paris, decadent as it is, is not yet comparable to Chicago or Buenos Ayres.

The surviving officers of the battle of Balaclava in the Crimean war held their annual reunion at Willis's famous rooms in London recently, when soldierly toasts were drunk and patriotic speeches made.

J. C. Monford, of Baltimore, Md., had a little celebration to himself this year. He is the only survivor of the Old Defenders' Association, composed of men who fought in the battle of North Point during the war of 1812.

Jesse James, Jr., the son and heir of the Missouri bandit, is at work in the real estate office of ex-Gov. Crittenden, of that State, the very man who secured his father's death. This makes a very good denouement for a dime novel.

Prof. Simon Newcombe is working on an important volume devoted to theoretical astronomy, its general object being to determine the form, size and position of the orbits of all the large planets of the solar system, from the most recent observations.

Lady Herbert, whose husband was in charge of the British war office during the civil war, has come to this country, and will interest herself in the condition of the Southern negroes. She has a project for building an orphan asylum for colored children at Baltimore.

Sculptor Boehm's next work will be a statue of Emperor Frederick. He has almost finished an equestrian statue of Prince Albert, which is to stand in Windsor (Eng.) park. It is used to be a standing grievance with Englishmen that the prince consort couldn't ride decently.

Besides being able to get their friar's soles and chaps in Paris, Englishmen will presently bowl along the smooth pavements of the French capital in their native hansom. The Shrewsbury Cab Company, of which Lord Shrewsbury is at the head, are to establish a plant of 300 hansom in Paris, drawn by English horses.

An influential paper of Buda-Pesth, Hungary, advocates a reform in the upper House of that country, making titles of nobility descend only to the eldest son, and having them inseparable from a seat in the House, English fashion. The reason is fantastic enough,—that so-called barons and dukes have been killing themselves lately because they had no money to support their dignity.

Two explorers who descended the Trinity river in a boat from Dallas, Tex., to its mouth, say that for many miles the river passes through dense and lonesome forests where the foot of a white man has never trod. Many other long stretches of uninhabited river front are even deserted by beasts and birds. They travelled as long as fourteen days at a time without seeing a human being except themselves.

The Hedgehog.

The hedgehog, like the mole, is nocturnal in its habits; it frequents woods, coppes, old gardens, orchards, and thick hedges, where it remains rolled up in its retreat during the day, coming forth on the approach of twilight, and continuing on the alert till morning. Its motions are quick and irregular and its gait a sort of heavy paddling. Its food consists of insects, slugs, frogs, toads, mice, and other little animals; to which it adds eggs, young nestlings, and various kinds of vegetables. It is also said to pry upon snakes, which it attacks in the following manner. The cunning quadruped makes a sudden attack on the reptile, and giving it a hard bite, instantly rolls itself up for safety. Then it cautiously unfolds, and inflicts another wound, repeating its attacks till the snake is "scotched," its back being broken in several places. It next passes the body of the snake gradually through its jaws, cracking the bones at short intervals, which done, it proceeds to eat its victim as one would eat a radish, beginning with the tip of the tail and slowly proceeding upwards.

The hedgehog may be easily domesticated and becomes familiar with its keepers, feeding on soaked bread, vegetables, and meat. It is useful in kitchens, which it effectually clears of crickets, cockroaches, beetles, and similar pests. It is often kept for this purpose in London houses, where these annoying little creatures seem to abound in great numbers. In domesticity they are interesting and amusing, and are easy to keep.

The female breeds early in the summer, forming an artificial nest, roofed so as to throw off the rain; within, it is well lined with leaves and moss. The young, from two to four in number, are blind at their birth and about two inches long, perfectly white and naked, though the rudiments of their spines are perceptible. These soon develop themselves, and harden even before the eyes are open, but it is not till a later period that the young are able to draw down the skin over the muzzle, and fold themselves into a complete ball. The mother is intensely fond of her young.

Dentist: "Mr. Doppenheimer, you won't feel me pull the tooth. The gas will make you insensible. You won't know what's going on." Doppenheimer: "Is that so? Well, I think I comes to-morrow." Dentist: "But why not let me pull it to-day?" Doppenheimer: "Well, I don't yook know how much monish der wash in my pocket-book."

"Gentlemen," said an indignant passenger on a South Side cable car yesterday, "will none of you get up and give this old lady a seat?" "I'll thank you, sir," snapped the lady, "to attend to your own affairs. I am not as old as you are by twenty years if I'm any judge of a person's age."

No lengthy advertisement is necessary to bolster up Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy.

A philosopher says that of soup and love, soup is better. It is true, however, that both go down with a spoon.

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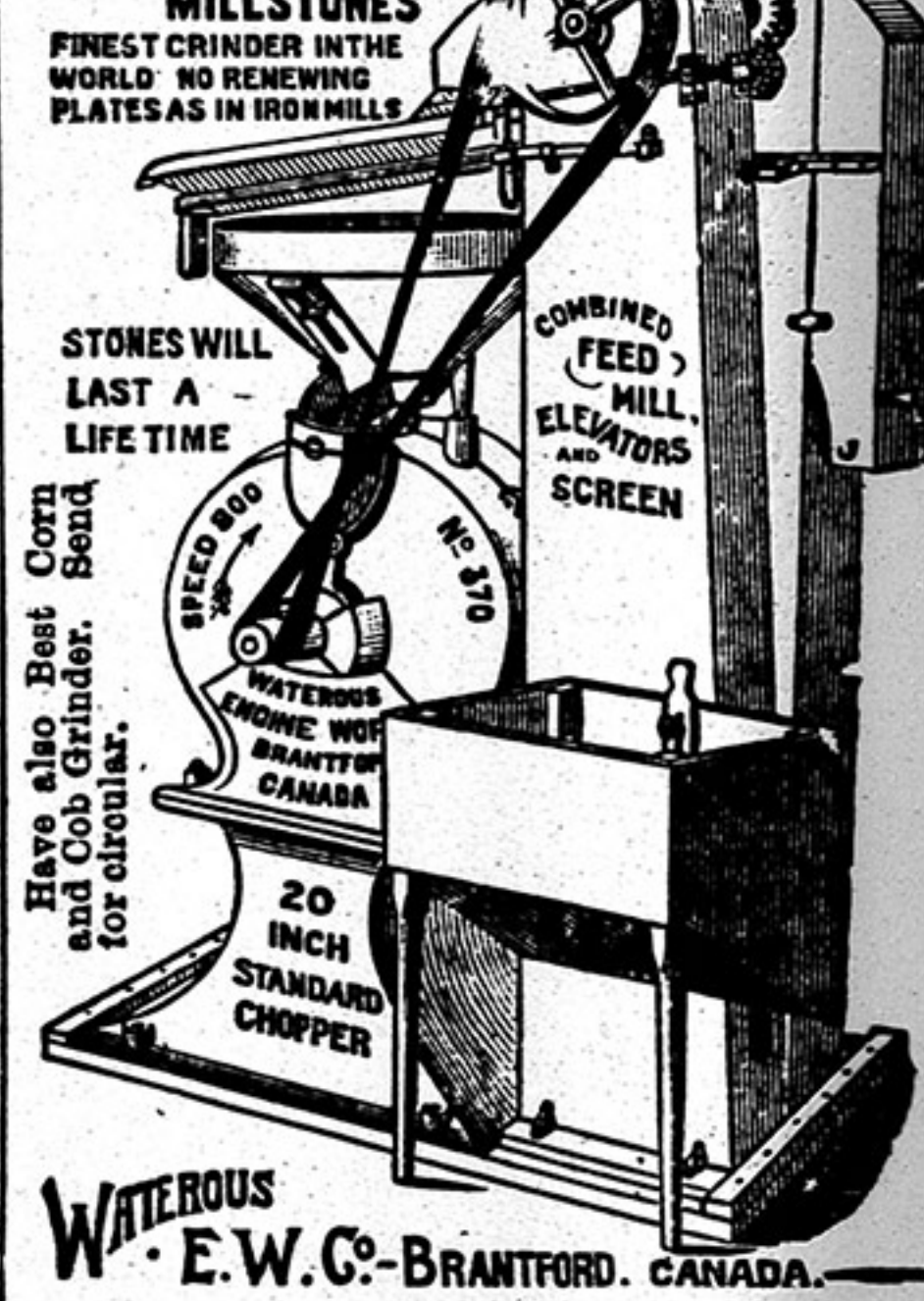
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