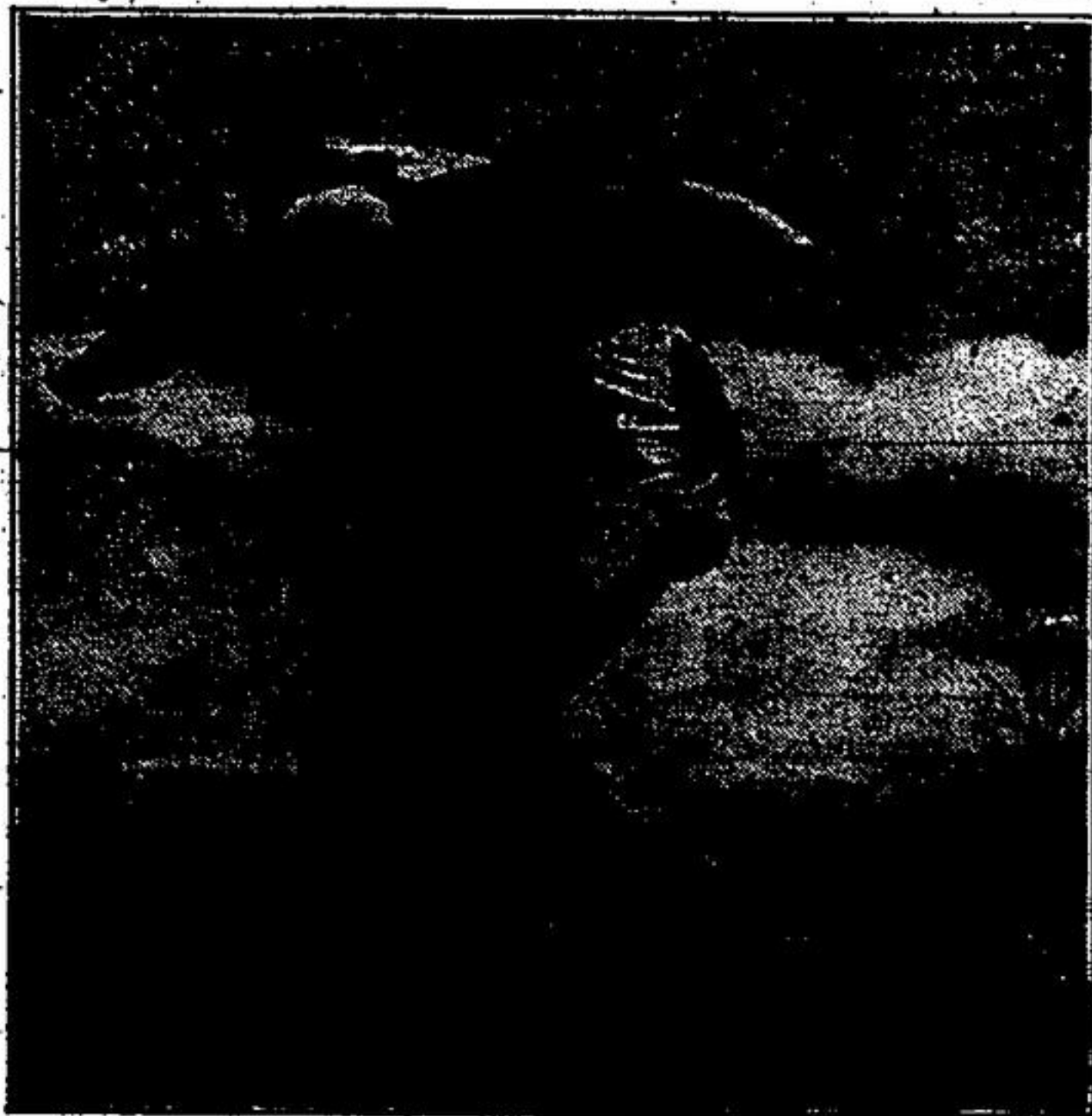


The SNAPSHOT GUILD

ACTION SNAPS



What action! Must have taken a fast shutter to stop it! Well, no—don't tell anybody, but it was snapped at 1/25 second, approximately box-camera shutter speed. The athletes simply held still for a moment.

PRETTY soon the weather will be opening up, schools will start on their Spring athletic programs, small boys will be knocking battered baseballs around on vacant lots—and your youngsters, very likely, will be among them.

These amateur athletics are excellent material for your camera, whether it is a box camera such as most of us have, or one of the new high-speed miniatures.

Of course, with a box camera, you cannot always expect to "stop" rapid action. That is the field of the cameras with high-speed lenses and shutters. But there's no reason why you can't picture action poses—some of them so realistic that people who see them would vow the pictures were high-speed "stop-action" snaps.

Any athlete, proud of his muscles and uniform, should be glad to "hold it" a moment for you. And small boys on neighborhood baseball diamonds cheer when they see a camera coming. They'll hold any pose you want them to.

The low viewpoint is best for action pictures, with the camera tilted slightly upward so that the sky forms the picture background.

Try it, with a young pitcher "winding up" or at the end of his delivery. He can hold his position and expression long enough for you to snap the picture—and the effect is one of genuine rapid action.

"Action" snaps of this sort not only turn out to be good pictures, but also provide plenty of fun. Try some, and see how easily the camera (and your friends) can be fooled.

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Buttermaking Is Traced Centuries Before Christ

Buttermaking dates back to many centuries before Christ. Wherever the word occurs in the Bible it is "chemah," signifying curdled milk. Perhaps the first Biblical reference is in Genesis (8:18). "Abraham took butter and milk." Again in Deuteronomy (32:14), among the blessings which Jeshurun had enjoyed, we find "butter of kine" contrasted with "milk of sheep." Solomon is reported to have said, Proverbs (31:33), "Surely, the churning of milk bringeth forth butter."

From these Biblical references and others, observes a writer in Hoard's Dairyman, we learn that butter was in much use among the Hebrews and was prepared, as done today, by the Arabs and Syrians.

The Arabs of Hejaz put milk in a large copper pan over a slow fire and a little sour milk or portion of the dried entrails of a lamb is thrown in. Milk then separates and is put in a goat skin bag, which is tied to one of the tent poles and constantly moved back and forth for two hours. The buttery substance then coagulates, the water is pressed out, and the butter put into another skin.

In two days the butter is again placed over the fire with the addition of a portion of burgoul (wheat boiled with leaves and dried in the sun) and allowed to boil for some time, during which it is carefully skimmed. It is then found that the burgoul has precipitated all foreign substances and that the butter oil remains quite clear at the top.

This is the process used by the Bedouins, and is also employed by the settled people of Syria and Arabia. The chief difference is that, in making butter and cheese, the townspeople employ the milk of cows and buffaloes whereas the Bedouins, who do not keep these animals, use that of sheep and goats.

Right, Left Side Driving Is Traced to Old Custom

The English custom of driving to the left originated back in the days when lone horsemen rode about armed to the teeth. In those days, every stranger was a potential enemy and the rider would slide over to the left in order to keep his sword or pistol arm next to the stranger.

Later, drivers of coaches and wagons sat on the right side in order to have the right arm free for wielding the whip, and accordingly passed to the left of approaching vehicles as it was easier when sitting on that side to avoid wheel entanglements on the narrow roads and streets.

However, on the continent, in France, Germany and Italy, the position system was used for both coaches and wagons and the driver rode on the left wheel horse. Accordingly, vehicles passed to the right.

In America, drivers of the old Conestoga wagons rode the left wheel horse position-style and consequently drove to the right. Eventually the deep ruts made by the covered wagons were followed by the first horseless carriages when they appeared on the scene.

Driving to the left, oddly enough, is the custom in one United States possession—the Canal Zone. This resulted because the first chauffeurs coming into Panama were from Jamaica, where the British method of passing prevails.

Zebus of Various Sizes

In India zebus are in practically all sizes. Some are as small as dogs; some are larger than any other cattle. There are all sorts of colors, from a cream to a gray-blue. But the most-prized zebus are white. These animals are sacred to Hindus, cannot be harmed, must be worshipped at all times. White zebus sprawl all over the sidewalks in Indian cities. Hindus never disturb them, passing in the gutter after bowing.

The Cross on the Land

Had young Prince Henry the Navigator not crossed over from Spain to northern Africa in 1415 he would never have learned from the Moslems there of the vast riches along the unexplored western coast. He would never have issued his royal edict to Diogo Cam to "Plant the Cross on some new headland." Because of this command there was carved in 1486 upon solid rock a cross, the sacred symbol of the Rock of Ages upon enduring stone.

Porcupines Kill in Self-Defense

Though it's unusual for a porcupine to kill larger animals, it's by no means rare. Bears have been laid low by the needle-like spines. defense. When in danger, it erects its quills which are sometimes 10 inches long. The quills are not shot, but are so loosely attached they come free at the slightest touch, are barbed so that once imbedded in an enemy's flesh they can hardly be removed.

Blue Point Oysters

The original blue point oysters got their name from Blue Point, a village on Long Island near the eastern end of Great South bay. In this vicinity deliciously flavored oysters of a small variety were found in natural beds. Any similar small-sized round oysters suitable for being served raw are called blue points.

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Are we; there is no last nor first. Says not "a small event"! Why small? Costs it more pain, than this ye call A "great event," should come to pass. Than that? Untwine me from the mass

Of deeds which make up life, one deed Power shall fall short in or exceed!

The minister was visiting one of his parishioners and was talking to her small son.

"And do you say your prayers every night, Jimmy?" asked the clergyman.

"Not every night," blithely replied the lad. "Some nights I don't want anything."

Drunken man in bus to man sitting opposite: "Did you see me get in the bus?"

"Yes."

Do you know who I am?"

"No."

"Then how did you know it was me that got in the bus?"

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