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QUEEREST OF SEA MAMMALS.

The Grotesque Walrus Has a Strong Maternal Instinct.

The walrus, or "sea horse" of the old navigators, are the strangest and most grotesque of all sea mammals. Their large, rugged heads, armed with two long ivory tusks, and their huge swollen bodies, covered with hairless, wrinkled and warty skin, give them a formidable appearance unlike that of any other mammal. They are much larger than most seals, the old males weighing from 2,000 to 3,000 pounds and the females about two-thirds as much.

Walrus have a strongly developed maternal instinct and show great devotion and disregard of their own safety in defending the young. The Eskimos at Cape Vancouver, Bering sea, hunt them in frail skin covered kayaks, using ivory or bone pointed spears and sealskin floats.

Several hunters told me of exciting and dangerous encounters they had experienced with mother walrus. If the young are attacked or even approached the mother does not hesitate to charge furiously. The hunters confess that on such occasions there is no option but to paddle for one's life.

Occasionally an old walrus is unusually vindictive and, after forcing a hunter to take refuge on the ice, will remain patrolling the vicinity for a long time, roaring and menacing the object of her anger.—National Geographic Magazine.

TEMPLES OF JAPAN.

Hundreds of Thousands of Them Dot the Island Empire.

The choicest examples of the marvelous art-crafts of Japan are to be seen in the temples founded by the shoguns of old Japan. A German traveler, visiting the sanctuaries of Shinto, remarks: "One is overwhelmed at each step by the richness of the materials, the prodigality of the decoration, the fineness of details and the solemn magnificence of the entire spectacle." Idols or sacred images, as they are sometimes called, are much in evidence. Millions of sculptured Buddhas of all sizes, both wood and stone, embellish the buildings and the temple gardens.

There are today more than 200,000 sanctuaries, both Shinto and Buddhist, scattered up and down the island empire. There are 10,000 in and about Kyoto, once the sacred capital of Nippon. For thousands of years it has been a Japanese custom to build a shrine by the roadside where the wayfarer may enter and refresh the soul. Here the rank and file go to pray and woo the favor of the gods. A priest dressed in a long robe of red silk conducts the service, preaching two short sermons for the edification of a handful of women, girls and old men.

In the large temples of the cities a company of priests in white, yellow and brown robes takes part in the services, regularly held on the 1st and 15th of the month, usually in the afternoon or evening. The opening hymns are sung, accompanied by flutes and other instruments. Of late years some of the Buddhist leaders have introduced the organ to aid them in making the temple music more pleasing and inspiring.—Exchange.

SEEING MOTION PICTURES.

Some Advice on How to Avoid Suffering From Eye Strain.

Many persons cannot attend motion pictures because of the annoying after effects on the eyes. Some suffer from eye strain and others are subject to severe headaches. The relief, in most cases, consists in perfectly fitted glasses, according to the Popular Science Monthly. The picture may not be quite so sharp, but this is more than compensated for by the increased comfort.

For persons with very sensitive eyes a colored glass, either amber, yellowish green or amethyst, may afford immediate relief. Several varieties of colored glass have been put on the market, and there are so many shades available that some suitable color can be secured. A subdued light in the theater has a much less irritating effect than a dark theater where the only light is reflected from the screen.

It is also advisable for those who are liable to suffer after viewing the pictures to avoid sitting in a place where it is necessary to look upward, as the additional strain becomes very tiresome and frequently leaves a severe headache. In the majority of cases, however, if glasses are correctly fitted to a person he or she stands a good chance of enjoying motion pictures without any attendant ill results.

Inertia of Bodies.
Lay a visiting card on the tip of the left forefinger and on it place a penny. A quick flick of the card with the right second finger will remove the card without disturbing the coin. Another trick which illustrates the inertia of bodies is to knock away the bottom of a pile of checkers without upsetting the pile. This is effected quite easily with the help of a fat ruler. The remaining checkers are removed successively by a number of snarl blows.

A more spectacular and apparently risky trick consists of drawing a newspaper away from under a glass filled with water. Provided, however, that the table is smooth and the paper be pulled away smartly and horizontally there is no danger of the water being spilled.

Primitive Reptiles.

The tuatara, or tuatara, is an almost extinct lizard-like reptile (Sphenodon punctatum), now found only on certain rocky islets in the bay of Plenty, northern New Zealand. It is of great scientific interest for the reason that it is the only surviving representative of the order of prosauria, or primitive reptiles, and is therefore a sort of "living fossil." It was formerly hunted for food, but is now protected by law in New Zealand.

Power of a River.

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Combination of Both.

"What have you there, Lucille—a business letter or a love letter?"
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E. F. Howe and wf to W. F. and Louise Ahrens, E 50 ft lot 2 blk 14 Exmoor add Highland Park, W. D. \$10.

Est of Sarah D. Lowe to Tolbert Daily and wf S 1/2 lot 19 blk 3, Wrens Add, Highland Park, Deed \$2000.00.

C. H. Holmes and wf to Olof Nelson, lot 3 (ex E 10 ft) Bensons Sub Highland, W. D. \$175.00.

Wm. Gasfield and wf to W. M. Seiler and wf 2 ac in Village of Deerfield, W. D. \$500.00.

Mary Kelly to P. J. Kelly E 50 ft lot 3 blk 11, Exmoor Add, Highland Park, W. D. \$10.00.

R. H. Drew and wf to H. M. Fitzgerald, lot 24 Washington Circle Sub Lake Forest, W. D. \$1.00.

Helen A. Blanchard to Grace B. Smith et al, all interest in parts of blks. 19, 20, and 24, Mears Plat Highland, Deed \$1.00.

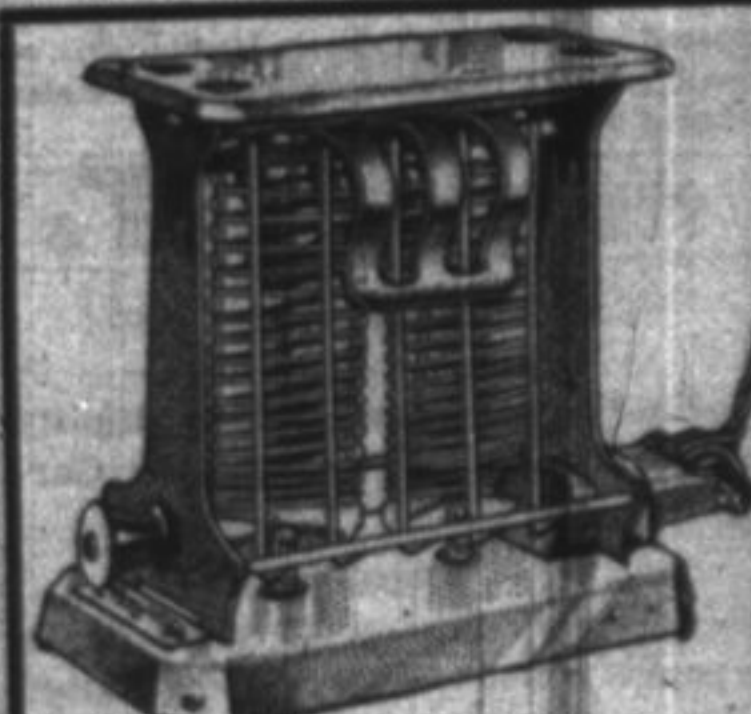
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