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### Outstanding Collection Of Mollusks at Chicago

One of the most notable collections of mollusks, from waters all over the world, has just been added to the department of zoology at Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Ill., it was announced by Orr Goodson, acting director. It includes more than 100,000 specimens of shells, accumulated during a period of some 40 years by Walter F. Webb of Rochester, N. Y. The collection was acquired through the interest of Stanley Field, president of the museum.

According to Dr. Fritz Haas, curator of lower invertebrates, the permanent scientific value of the collection is enhanced by the fact that it includes other important private collections which Mr. Webb has purchased in Europe and America, some of them dating as far back as the 1860s.

"Field museum by this acquisition has obtained a collection of world-wide scope that fills a serious gap in its zoological collections, and forms a basis for further active research in the field now usually referred to as 'malacology,'" says Dr. Haas, an expert in this subject, formerly of Frankfurt, Germany, who came to this country several years ago because he could not and would not live in the same land with Hitler and his henchmen.

"Mollusks of both the sea and fresh water, including especially the familiar oysters, clams, and snails, together with the land snails, have been of great importance to mankind since the time of the earliest Stone Age, first as a source of food, and secondarily for tools and ornaments.

### Ann Royal Was Pioneer U. S. Newspaper Woman

America's first newspaper woman was Ann Royal, who worked on the Paul Fry, which began publication in Washington in December of 1831.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was the first newspaper columnist in the United States and her observations commanded wide attention, like her famous book.

Elizabeth Cochrane—better known as Nellie Bly—was a well-known reporter-crusader at the turn of the century, and attempted many daring assignments, says the Christian Science Monitor. She also made a record-breaking trip around the world in 1889 while working for the New York World—completing the journey in 72 days and six hours.

### Faking Finger Prints

A demonstration was given recently of a method of faking finger-prints which, it was said, had "absolutely baffled" the French police.

Of course, you must have a genuine finger-print to start with. It is suggested that this can be secured by shaking hands with the "victim." You're wearing a glove and you've got a plastic substance parked on the back of it. This takes and keeps the impression. Then you put it where you want it.

Claims that finger-prints can be faked have been made before. But obviously it would be a tricky business. And experts say that the tests they employ would soon bring any deception to light. In any case, the faked prints would be "in reverse."

### 'Missing Link's' Jawbone

The jawbone of the "missing link" has been discovered. It belongs to the skull of the Transvaal man whose cranium indicated that he belonged to a line of descent midway between the humans and the apes. Dr. R. Broom of the Transvaal museum, Pretoria, South Africa, reports in a communication to Nature that he has discovered half of the missing lower jaw with a number of teeth in position, and that the teeth are human but the chimpanzee. This raises an interesting question as to whether the transition from ape to man (if such took place) was by a gradual change or whether there were sudden mutations in which single characteristics were altered.

### Watch the Calendar

This story is making the rounds at an army air base in the South. One Private Davis amazed his bunkmates recently when he walked into the Post Exchange to emerge carrying in his hand a set of one-stripe chevrons of a first class private. Back at the barracks the soldier nonchalantly sewed the stripes on his shirts and blouse. A buddy finally called out, "Hey, Davis, I didn't know you were promoted." "Whaddya mean, promoted," shot back Davis. "I'm in the army four months. That makes me a private first class, doesn't it?"

### Quick Answer

A soldier was being instructed in the touch system of typewriting. It wasn't very easy for him, but he kept plugging. For several hours he kept at it. The teacher finally came by, glanced over his shoulder at the work, then shook his head. "Look at the mistakes you make," quoth the instructor. "You must go slowly and be more careful." The private grinned. "Mistakes? These aren't mistakes. I know how to type. I just don't know how to spell!"

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### THE MIRROR

By AMY CAMPBELL  
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"YOU are too proudly lovely, Tawny," he said. "This should happen." He wrote swiftly. Words winged about him when in haste but at this moment he longed to choose and savor them.

It was not plausible even to himself that, suddenly, he must be otherwise engaged, and most importantly so for a couple of hours, when he was to have met her in fifteen minutes. They were to have had a reunion luncheon. Their first breaking of bread together in over a year. He thought swiftly. Failing her as he must now, how was he to meet her again? "Some gracious word, please, about where to find you," he begged, penning rapidly, half-rising as he did so, with only time to seal, direct and deliver the missive to a messenger.

Last night she had said: "Don't follow me home. We'll have tomorrow."

And he had said: "Tomorrow we'll decide about home together, for, for both. That's amazingly precious!"

He had had so many months of hunger and loneliness for long analysis of everything. And now, on the night of such renewed wonder between them, business pounced upon the valued moments.

When she stepped like a victor from the elevator and regally relaxed in a deep chair, with curbed expectancy, every man was alert with interest.

When she was decorously paged and received a letter with excited, eager eyes, the occupants of the lounge as a unit awaited developments. They saw her smile, savor an instant and tuck the letter into her bag. Thoughts ran swiftly across her eyes before she used the stationery which had been brought to her by request. She wrote a few words and departed. There was an inaudible sigh, as if everyone watching her had looked upon a rose dropping its petals without a sound.

He was at his desk in long, hurried strides and found her note. "Perhaps you'll want to find me!" He read the words in bafflement, chagrin and faint hope. He decided slowly that there was nothing to do but go back to his apartment and await a telephone call.

He stole softly in through the door. He did not want even Tawny to know he had returned. Not a break in his thoughts until her voice might steal in.

Stealthily he moved along the corridors of the dear place they had known together. Not for many months had he thought of entering her rooms, although the doors had been ajar, everything brooding, waiting—just as she had left them. Now, in his impatience for her voice, her eyes, her utter perfection so proudly aloof, he moved aimlessly and silently through a sleeping room to her boudoir.

An insistent, subtle fragrance startled him to pain. It had been intermittently invasive ever since she had gone and many times it had been too beautiful for him. Often he had thought he must go elsewhere, find bachelor diggings and stop struggling. "You and I are bound together so," she had quoted last night. "Had she meant it? Would he find her? And finding, how did one capture a woman so evasive? And if, having captured, how did one keep?"

He turned with a little sigh to her tall triple mirrors and thought it must be mere fancy that he saw her there, her back to him. He put up his hand and brushed his eyes against a sweetness yet delayed. So often they had stood there together. It had been a gesture of his, to draw her resistant pride into his arms and then to the mirrors, looking, looking at the two so really there. So meant, he had told her. And to him, so very dear.

"You came," she said, with an air of immediate retreat, "to find me?"

It was she! He had unconsciously pursued and trapped her. It was in her eyes again—that old look of wild flight. She was a bird, a sprit with wings.

He went to her in a rush of belief that bent his head above hers in a confirmation he could not stifle.

"That you came here is so incredibly beautiful!"

He saw some blend of pride and surprise meet and merge in her eyes before she turned them towards the mirrors. Her gesture was light,ly reminiscent as she said: "Do you remember how you used to have us look here, saying, 'Faith—that's ours!' and then here, saying, 'That's that's ours, too!' and then straight ahead saying again, 'Love, that indeed is ours! These three, and the greatest of these is love! Do you remember?'"

He looked at her in the mirror before them a deep, believing moment, confirming her mood with his and then he kissed her so that they might both see in one mirror or the other.

"You couldn't have returned more perfectly!" he told her finally.

When she did not lift her eyes he knew how precisely he had touched her pride with some delicate precision that allowed him at last to have this small drama to keep. In the old days she would have moved away, another word on her lips and of other things.

### Quota Can Be Eaten In Many Delicious Forms

Milk is a cheap food at any cost, considering the food value it gives. Growups as well as children need it; and from a pint to a quart a day should be allowed for each member of the family.

The fact that milk is the sole food of the new-born infant and that it continues to be a main influence in his diet throughout childhood shows its importance to growth. A young child can get the material he needs for building strong bones and teeth only through milk.

Milk is rich in the minerals calcium and phosphorus. In addition, whole milk has a high place among foods because of the quality of its protein (ranking with meat, eggs and fish), the value, abundance and variety of its vitamins, and the energy which its fat and sugar yield.

The daily quota of milk can be eaten through other forms than fresh whole milk, as in cheese, milk soups, or creamed dishes, but substitution of cheese for all of the daily milk quota is not recommended. It is better for adults to use part milk and part cheese.

The following are about equal in the food values for which milk is primarily important: 1 quart of fluid whole milk; 17 ounces of evaporated milk; 1 quart of skim milk plus 1½ ounces of butter; 5 cups of American (Cheddar) cheese; 4½ ounces of dried whole milk; and 3½ ounces of dried skim milk plus 1½ ounces of butter.

### How One Youngster Began Asking for Soap 'Issue'

Uncle Sam's facts and figures are usually for grown-ups, but one mother saw interest for her seven-year-old in a recent announcement. When the navy stated that each year the average boy buys 24 cakes of toilet soap, she let her young hopeful figure out that most men in blue use a cake of soap every two weeks.

To this particular lad, sailors were all heroes. His mother suggested that she would "issue" soap to him, and he could see if he lived up to navy standards. He was delighted, and mother now reports that he takes his baths most willingly and comes regularly to table with hands and face well washed.

Good habits are a matter of training. With this child, the navy appeal worked. With another it may be the fact that a favorite baseball hero takes a shower after every game. Many a wise parent finds that hero-worship brings quicker results and happier attitudes than simple requests or nagging or scolding.

### Old Trade Center

In pre-Suez canal days, Alexandria was a busy Mediterranean outlet for the rich caravan trade moving slowly overland from Persia and India. Modern rail connections have put it in line for improvements designed to make the city an increasingly useful doorway for future Levant trade. Leading exports from Alexandria are normally cotton, tobacco, licorice, fruits, livestock, silk cocoons, and textiles. All trade routes in this part of the world follow paths made famous by legend and history since men first pushed their boats from shore. In and near the isle-spattered Aegean, such map names as Troy and Heliopolis, the "Enchanted Cyclades," Lesbos, and Samothrace call to mind the real and mythical figures of Homer and the Argonauts, Sappho, Helen of Troy and the Trojan Horse, Apollo, the lovers Leander and Hero, and the conquerors Xerxes, Alexander, and Darius.

### Horses Need Worm Treatment

There are still more than 10 million horses and 4 million mules in the United States and, all together, they are worth well over a billion dollars. Scientists say it is exceptional to find a horse entirely free from redworms which destroy intestinal tissues, remove blood and cut off the blood supply, form cysts, and block the intestines.

Farm horses are even more heavily infested than town horses. To remove and destroy these worms, Du Pont chemists advise that recommended dosages of phenothiazine should be administered; preferably by a veterinarian. To kill the parasites in the droppings, before they enter the horse, about 15 or 16 pounds of synthetic urea per ton of feces will do the trick. However, since urea and other forms of nitrogen which give control outside the animal are scarce, proper handling and disposal of manure is even more important than ever.

### Pass the Shears!

An essential man in his community is Pvt. Harold Bracken, of Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Recently he enlisted in Uncle Sam's army. When he arrived at the Fort Leavenworth Reception Center, he was surprised to learn that he was immediately to return home on furlough. Seems that his employer had presented army officials with an affidavit attesting the 22-year-old soldier's peculiar talents and declaring that inconvenience and loss to a large number of sheep raisers in Nodaway county, Missouri, would result if he were not granted a furlough. The furlough was granted, and Private Bracken returned to Nodaway county for two weeks, during which he sheared 5,000 sheep!

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Why so many? Well each has its use, and whether you own a fairly moderate outfit, or one of the latest and finest cameras, you'll find that each can help you to better picture making.

Take an exposure guide, for instance. It doesn't make any difference whether it is a photoelectric exposure meter, or a ten-cent pocket exposure calculator, it will take the guess out of exposure and prevent poorly exposed—and thus wasted—film.

A filter recommends itself because it has a pronounced effect on the quality of your pictures. Some people think a medium yellow filter

definitely steps up the quality of outdoor snapshots because it makes clouds stand out attractively and darkens the general sky tone. And I agree with them. A filter is a worthwhile, inexpensive investment. A lens hood, of course, never seems especially vital, but it should be included in your kit because it performs a two-fold service. First, it prevents extraneous light from striking and entering the lens. And secondly, it thus gives brighter, cleaner pictures without any trace of the fog or lens flare which occasionally is apparent in snapshots.

Finally, there's the matter of tripods. Their outstanding quality is that they give you steady exposures without the slightest trace of fuzziness due to camera movement. And that's really important. Get one, put it to work, and you'll find that, like the other photographic accessories mentioned, it will help you produce better pictures more consistently.

John van Guilder

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