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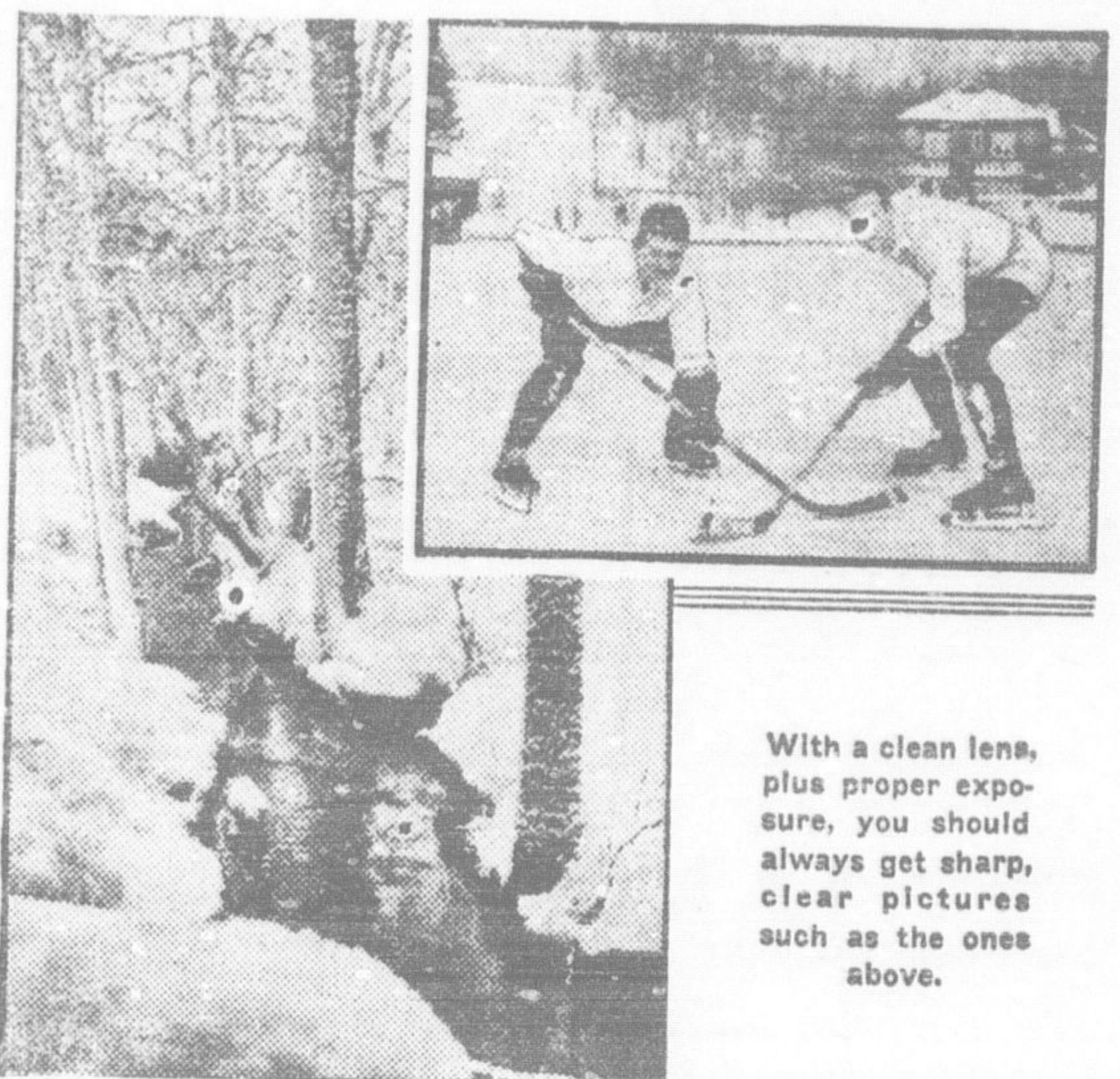
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MANY owners of box cameras honestly believe that they are handicapped in their snapshotting at this time of year. Are you in this class?

Now that question may sound ridiculous to many Guild readers but there are hundreds who believe just that. They think that the sun should be shining in all its glory before trying to take a snapshot.

If your camera is hibernating in peaceful slumber on the closet shelf awaiting the arrival of spring and bright sunshine, go get it, dust it off—and be sure you wipe off the lens carefully with a soft, dry cloth—get yourself a roll of film and start shooting. There are more interesting winter pictures waiting to be made with a box camera than you will ever be able to take if you live to be as old as Methuselah. Remember, too, that the old Biblical passage still holds good—"Seek ye and ye shall find"—and it will not take much seeking if your eyes are open.

Under ordinary conditions you can take instantaneous snapshots outdoors in the winter, or, if the day is too dark and dreary, there is always the old reliable time exposure. If the day is clear and bright you can take action pictures providing you snap the picture at the right angle and are not too close to the subject.

Pictures can be taken indoors at night with a box camera if you use one of the inexpensive flash type lamps. A little experimenting may be necessary until you know what you can and cannot expect from your box camera, and if you are a real amateur you will get a lot of pleasure out of the experimenting.

The fellow with a lot of fine equip-

ment doesn't deserve half as much praise for an unusual picture as the real amateur, who owns a box camera and who, through perseverance and thought, gets a "knockout" picture under adverse conditions.

The average box camera on sale today has two stops and a time exposure adjustment. The stop openings control the amount of light passing through the lens. Number one—the larger stop, or opening, is for snapshots of ordinary subjects in sunlight. The second opening, or smaller stop, is for snapshots of distant views, beach scenes, snow without prominent dark objects in the foreground, and clouds, only in bright sunlight. During the winter, on days with hazy sunlight it is best to use the first, or large stop and on dark days use the second stop and a very short time exposure.

When making time exposures the camera must be placed on a tripod, table, fence or something solid so that the camera will not move when the picture is taken.

You are overlooking a lot of pleasure if you are not making use of your box camera, so get it out. If you are really interested you can stop in "most any store that sells cameras and photographic supplies and get free literature on taking pictures at night indoors during these long winter evenings, and you will find it is one type of indoor sport the entire family will enjoy.

And speaking of the family—that's a hunch for a mighty important picture. You will have a lot of fun taking a picture of the family group and in later years the result will be numbered among your prized possessions. Try it.

JOHN VAN GUILDER

Jeered First Umbrella
in Seventeenth Century

The umbrella, as we now know it, was probably carried in the streets of Nineveh and Assyria, and it was not unknown in early India.

In ancient Rome, the umbrella was used by women and effeminate men as a screen from the sun.

The umbrella was introduced into England early in the seventeenth century and became fashionable among the aristocracy and the wealthy.

The first man who ventured to appear in the streets of London with an umbrella was Jonas Hanway, says a writer in Pearson's Weekly. He returned to London from Persia, in delicate health, and, according to a contemporary description, "a parapluie defended his face and wig." He was subjected to considerable abuse.

As late as 1784, Couper, in describing the rising popularity of the umbrella, mentions that its adoption by the lower classes was sufficiently novel to call for comment.

In many large towns in Britain the name is known of the first citizen courageous enough to appear sheltered by an umbrella in the streets of his native town. In Edinburgh he was a physician named Spens; in Glasgow, a surgeon named John Jameson who, when traveling on the continent in 1871, noted the use of the umbrella in Paris and brought one home with him to Glasgow. He used it, much to the wonderment and admiration of his fellow townsmen.

Red Hot Cures Used by Chinese to End Disease

In China, among the Nanchang people, who live around the mountains at the head of the Yangtze-Kiang river, there is an unusual way of curing sickness. When a man is ill, he sends for the Tomba, or priests, who stage a mock fight with the demon of disease.

First a chicken is killed and put in a coffin, and offerings are made to the dead chicken. Then a plowshare is brought to red heat. Dances are performed, and the chief priest takes the glowing plowshare from the fire, and as he does so he utters a loud cry and lights the red-hot steel with his tongue.

He then heats a pot of oil and dips his hands into the fire. With burning pot and flaming fingers he rushes through the rooms of the sick man's house, sword in mouth and sprinkling every corner with burning oil. This drives the disease demon out and the sick man is supposed to be free from the demon. This ceremony lasts three hours and is performed even for toothache.—Pearson's Weekly.

Chasing the Raccoon

Raccoon pelts are of considerable value, yet the typical 'coon hunter is more interested in the chase than in the pelt. Usually, notes a writer in the Detroit Free Press, if he takes enough pelts in a season to pay for the keep of his dogs, he is well satisfied. The thrill of the 'coon chase lies in the dexterity and good judgment of the raccoon, and the matching of wits of the dogs, coupled with the eerie night and the music of the dogs' barking as it coats through the fields and valleys. Only inexperienced raccoons do foolish things. These are the ones which are easily taken. A raccoon with several seasons behind it will have learned most of the tricks, and this is the kind of animal which robs the hunter of his sleep. Once the dog gets on the trail of an old "foxy" raccoon, the hunter is sure of an all-night chase, which is just as likely as not to end up without any raccoon in the bag.

First Movies

Motion pictures came into being in 1850, when Edison, shortly after the invention of the flexible roll film, exhibited the kinesiograph in the form of a peep show. The film was the size of the standard film, but magnified only six times. The camera weighed 22.5 tons, the film very short, being only 50 feet in length, and the apparatus had the disadvantage of not being able to project the pictures, which could only be seen by one person at a time.

Make Known Your Faith

If you have faith, preach it! If you have doubts, bury them; if you have joy, share it; if you have sorrow, bear it. Excellent rules for everyday practice. Too many reverse them and preach their doubts while they bury their faith in silence, sharing their sorrows with anyone whom they induce to listen to them, and accepting their joys as a matter of course, or even bearing them with resignation.

Morro Castle in Cuba

The real name of Morro Castle in Cuba is Castillo de los Tres Reyes, or Castle of the Three Kings. It was designed from Moorish plans in 1555 by Don Juan Bautista Antonelli, and was completed in 1597. It was defended by Captain Velasco, who was in command when Ferdinand and his forces attacked it in 1702. At the present time the fortress is used for training military officers. It lies across the harbor from Havana.

Pumping Out the Sea

The usual way of reclaiming land in Holland—about one-third of the country's area would be under water if there were no dikes or dunes—is to enclose a marshy region with dikes and pump out the water. As a result canals must often be higher than the land they drain, so that from a boat one may look down and see people cycling and walking along roads and paths by the waterway.

Squirrels Bear Few Young

Squirrels, when overtaken by civilization, bear comparatively few young. When babies do make their appearance, rarely do the parents display any desire to show them off. Not until they are large enough to defend themselves do they gain freedom, at which time none but an authority on squirrels can distinguish the youngsters from their parents.

Paper Money Once Worthless

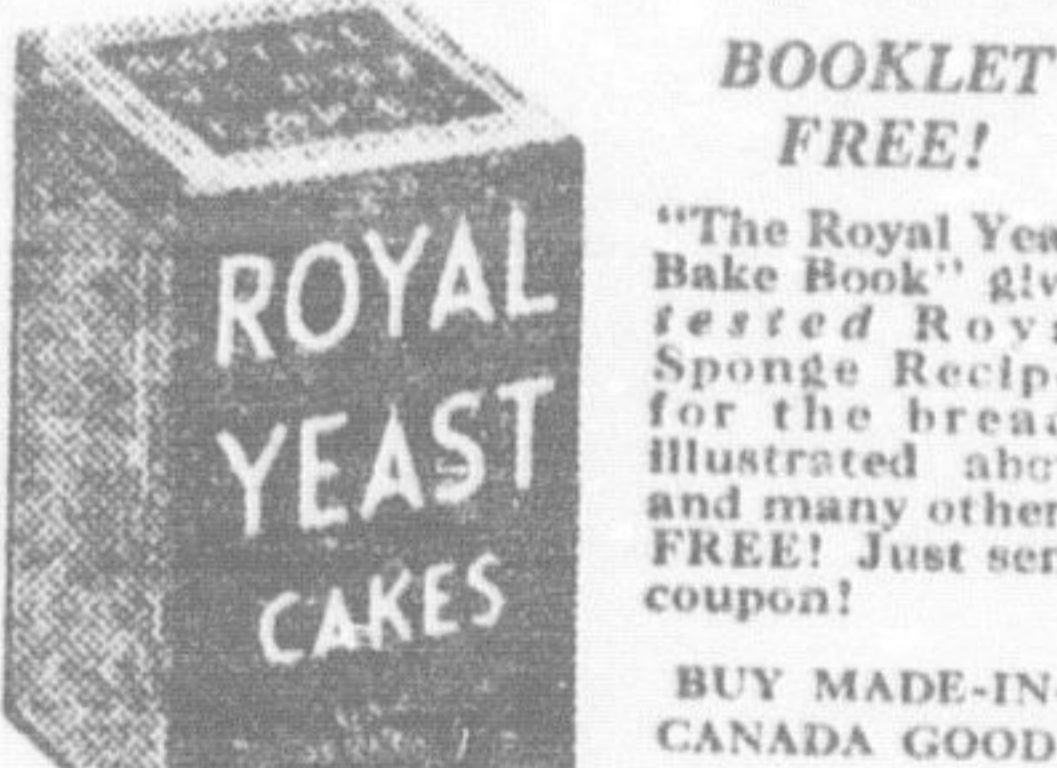
For several years before the Civil war, about two-thirds of all the paper money in circulation in this country was worthless. One-third had been forfeit and the other third had been issued under loose laws, by impoverished and irresponsible banks.—Harold Ziegler, Cincinnati, Ohio, Collier's Weekly.

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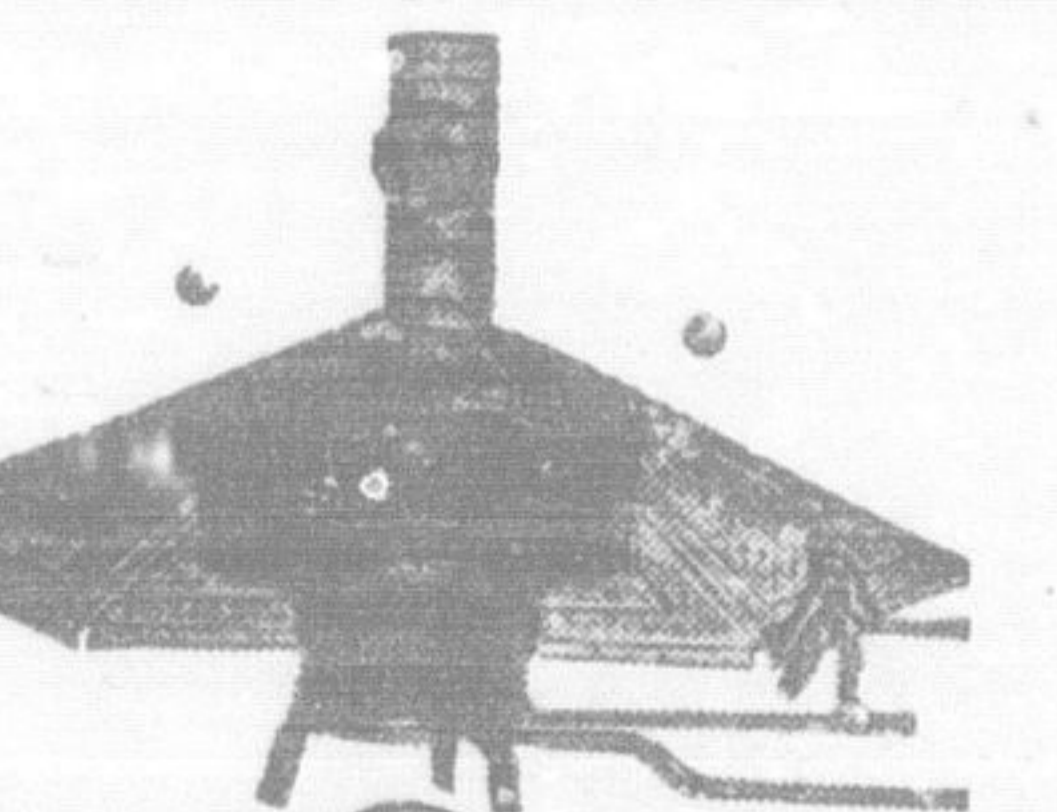
Stockholm has been described as a composite of Scottish like scenery, of the Bay of Naples, and of the islands of the Aegean. It is built on peninsulas and islands, and hundreds of boats and small steamers ply its waterways, taking its residents to and from their island homes.

Sounds Familiar

The poor law of Queen Elizabeth's time, some 350 years ago, enjoined the parishes to supply the able-bodied unemployed with all kinds of raw materials for useful labor, flax, hemp, or wool for spinning and weaving, iron and timber for handicrafts, and even land for cultivation.

"Mademoiselle de Armentieres"

The tune "Mademoiselle de Armentieres" is derived from a sixteenth century folksong entitled "Die Drel Reiter." Its words had their origin in an English army ditty called "Ski-boo," which was popular about the time of the Franco-Prussian war.



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Mule's Intelligence Said to Exceed Other Animals

Mules have been in every war fought anywhere on the globe. They have dragged cannon through swamps where a modern tractor would succumb to the filters; they have led charges up mountainsides where goats would hesitate, then they have stood with one long ear forward and one backward listening to the formalities of a foe's surrender and have brayed in triumph.

Great credit has been accorded the dog, the horse, the chimpanzee, for intelligence. But don't be fooled by that, says a writer in the Kansas City Star. The dog, the horse and the chimpanzee will do a lot of foolish things under the urge of foolish humors. Not the mule! He won't drink where he should not or when he should not; he won't venture upon an unsafe bridge; he won't over-eat even in a field of green corn; he knows when he has done a day's work, and he knows when the sun is too hot for safety. If he could talk and would, which we doubt, he could give world-old advice to those who use him.

Yes, the mule is stubborn, and, just possibly, that is because he knows what he wants when he wants it, and being unable to put it into words, he simply stands and waits until human intelligence catches up with him.

Twenty-Five Minerals in Milk Supplied by Bossy

Although milk is generally recognized as one of the most valuable of all foods, it is little known that it is a natural and prolific source of minerals, at least 25 different kinds, in fact.

The various minerals found in cow's milk are, as Dr. James A. Tobey points out in the Scientific American, in general the same as those which occur in the human body. Human bodies are comprised of some 25 per cent oxygen, 18 per cent carbon, 10 per cent hydrogen, 3 per cent nitrogen, 1.5 per cent calcium and 1 per cent phosphorus. The remaining 1.5 per cent is made up of many different minerals, the function of some of which are as yet unknown.

The dietary duties of a number of the minerals in milk are also enigmatic, but they are probably in this food for a definite purpose.

"The modern science of nutrition," says Doctor Tobey, "shows that milk is the best dietary source of the important lime salts, or calcium phosphates, and they may be aware that it supplies several other desirable minerals, but even these cognoscenti may be surprised to learn that milk also contains lithium, strontium, vanadium, ribidium, titanium and germanium—all rare elements.

Although milk solids comprise only one-eighth of the volume of cow's milk and the minerals constitute only a little less than 1 per cent of its total bulk, the average milk supply customarily possesses nearly one-third of all the known chemical elements."

Complexions Inherited; Colors Hard to Explain

Your complexion which you inherited from your ancestors, who gradually developed the correct pigmentation to enable them to live healthily in the country to which they belong, has been found to be due to a mixture of at least three separate pigments—black, red and yellow. Even among the so-called white peoples, asserts a writer in the Montreal Herald, the amount of pigmentation varies considerably. There are all stages from very fair to dark. The two extremes—blonds with their light-blue eyes, sandy light, brown, red or flaxen hair, and fair complexion; and brunettes with dark eyes, dark-brown or black hair, and dark complexion—are easily differentiated. Between these, according to medical authorities, are innumerable intermediate types. The commonest of these have dark or black hair, with gray, hazel or blue eyes, the combination of dark eyes and fair hair being rarer. The full significance of the color in the human skin is difficult to explain, but it is in all probability a protection against sunlight—especially the active rays—and heat.

Early Ohio Hats

In the early days in Ohio, hats were made in practically the same way as shoes and clothes. When a man or boy wanted a hat, he put in his order two weeks "in advance" to give the latter time to make the head covering after taking the man's measurements. Made of wool or fur, or both, with the beaver or the otter furnishing most of the material, the hats were worth the \$5 to \$10 they cost the customer. As the stiffening of hats with gumshellac was used in those days, glue taking the place of waterproof gum, the hats would become flabby if their wearers were caught in the rain. Thus to preserve their expensive hats the pioneers carried with them an oiled silk or gingham covering to put on in the rain.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Aggravate, Exasperate

A fever or a misfortune may be aggravated, but not a person. The provoked, or perhaps, exasperated or provoked. To aggravate, from the Latin aggrava, "to make heavy," is to intensify, and applies only to conditions of fact. Provoke, which calls forth anger, and exasperate, which heightens (or roughens) anger already provoked, allude to mental states. A patient may be so irritated that his condition is aggravated. Here to aggravate is to make worse; to irritate is to annoy, provoke.—Literary Digest.

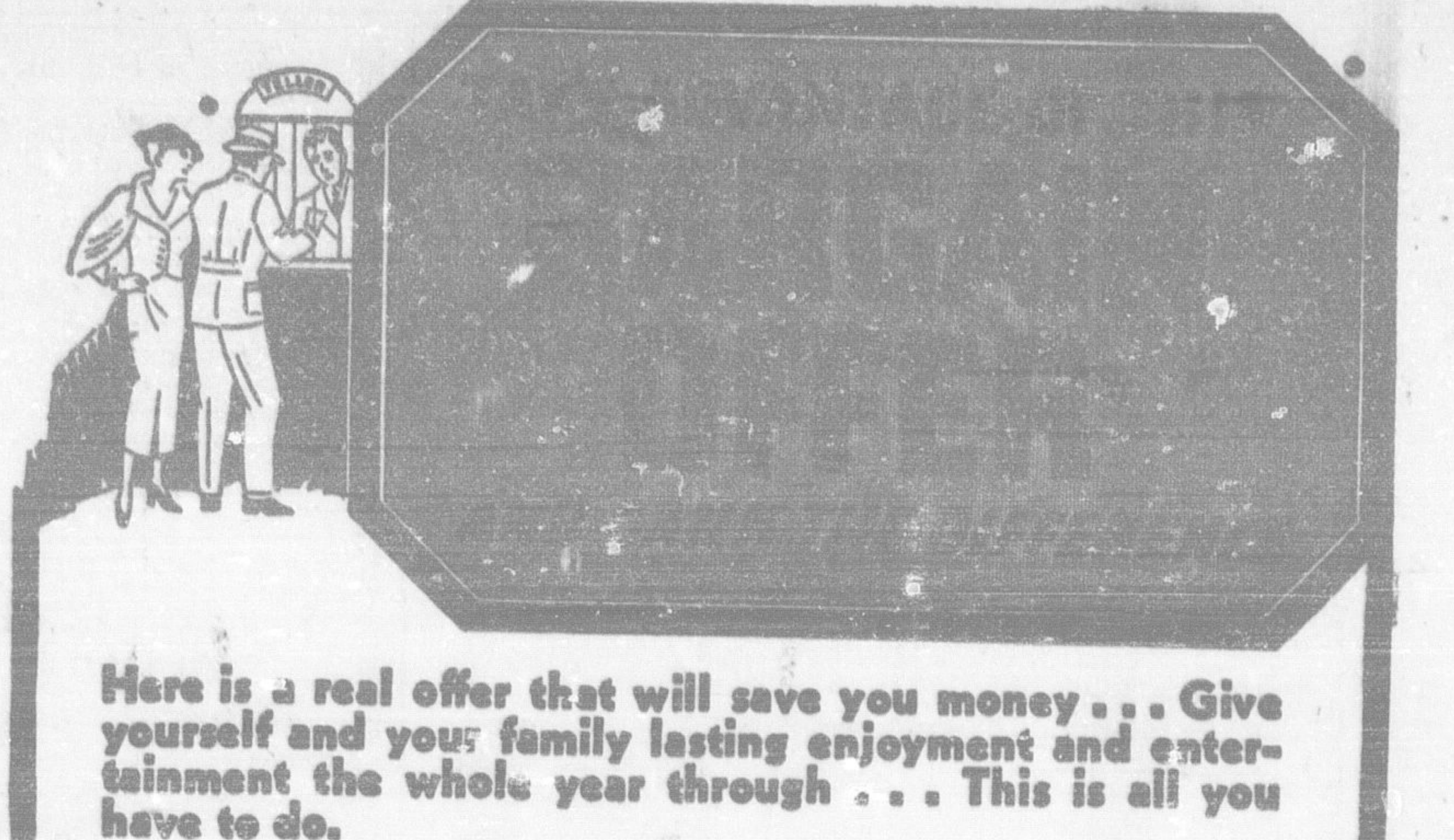
London Ancient Town

London is the oldest town in this country which there are any authentic records, says Pearson's London Weekly. It is believed that a town was situated here in 1107 B. C.—324 years before the foundation of Rome. We know that when the Romans came to this country they found London already in being. Our oldest village is Avobury, on Salisbury Plain; authorities on antiquity say that there has been a village here from prehistoric times.

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