

ANIMALS' EYES

Reason Why Some of Them Can See in the Dark

It is commonly supposed that cats and some other animals are gifted in a way that enables them to see in perfectly dark places where it is impossible for the human eye to discern anything.

The eye of a normal person automatically adjusts itself, in the enlarging and contracting of the pupils, to make it possible to see distinctly in different degrees of light.

When we go from a darkened room out into a bright sunlight the eyes blink and squint until the pupils have contracted sufficiently to accommodate the eyes to the quantity of light.

The advantage that cats and some animals have is that the pupils of their eyes are much larger and can expand so as to take in more light than the human eye.

THE USEFUL QUAIL

It is estimated that a single quail destroys 75,000 bugs and 6,000,000 weed seeds annually (says "Our Dumb Animals").

It is not enough to protect the song birds! It is high time to look to the future of the quail, one of the most beneficial of all our birds.

The quail's decreasing numbers make it apparent that he cannot be saved from extinction; if classed only as a game bird.

CARPET SHOES FOR HORSES

Novel Idea Which is a Boon and a Blessing to Man's Friend

The idea came to us from the Minneapolis Humane Society. The sole of the shoe is a heavy piece of any of the cheaper grades of Brussels carpet cut in the shape of the bottom of a horse's hoof.

Tombstones For Monkeys

Tucked away in one corner of Montevideo, Uruguay, is a small, carefully kept cemetery for receiving the deceased pets of wealthy families.

The Useful Worm

Chiefly owing to the high prices, a record in the earnings of men in the crab and lobster fishing is reported at Sheringham, on the Norfolk coast.

ARE FATHER'S QUALITIES INHERITED AT BIRTH?

Many Geniuses Have Equally Brilliant Sons to Carry on Career—Exceptions Also Frequent

Scientific studies of heredity are showing some very interesting and unexpected results. We know that the typical character of a man undergoes variations at different periods of a long life, and that the son is likely to "take after" his father.

Literary distinction, genius in any particular, which distinguished a certain father are quite frequently absent in the case of his son.

That the son will partake of the father's type of mental energy that was dominant at the time of the son's birth is shown to be substantiated by history and biography.

At the age of thirty-one to forty, the artistic age, their fathers presented to the world such geniuses as Bach, Beethoven, Goethe, Shakespeare, Raphael, Carlyle and others of their status.

It is remarked that Mohammed, whose father was twenty-five, though a moralist and prophet, would rule the world by the sword; also that General Robert E. Lee, whose father was fifty-one, went to war because his moral obligations forced him to do so and not because he wanted to.

THE REPORTER'S TRIALS

Some of the Questions and Suggestions Hurlled at Newspapermen

- 1. I should think newspaper work must be awfully fascinating. 2. Now I'm just telling you what happened. You can write it up to suit yourself. 3. Remember this is confidential. 4. Will this be in to-morrow's paper? 5. The linotype must make things a lot easier for you reporters. 6. I just think it's a shame you can't sign your name to your articles. 7. Give us a good write-up, won't you? 8. Don't know the latest news from the Balkans? What kind of a newspaperman are you, anyway? 9. I just called up... give you an item for the paper. 10. Don't you have a lot of exciting experiences? Or can't you? 11. Yes, I'm an old newspaperman myself. 12. Have a cigar? 13. Now try to get the names right, won't you? 14. I want to see the editor. 15. I have nothing to say. 16. Who wrote that piece in the paper? 17. All reporters have to know shorthand, don't they?

The Growth of the Hydro

During 1914 approximately 280 miles of low-tension wood pole lines were constructed in Ontario by the Hydro Electric Power Commission, consisting of about 245 miles in the Niagara District and 15 miles in the eastern section of the Province.

Canadian Woods Only

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SPEED IN MILKING

How to Make Hands Milk With Equal Speed

I have often noticed that I milked faster with my left than with my right hand, writes W. I. Thomas, of Drumheller, Alberta. Until I began to eliminate all false moves I thought only as a curious incident, as I am right-handed and should milk faster with the right hand if there is to be a difference at all.

When I first started to milk I had an impression that the best results would be gained by pressing the ends of my fingers directly in towards the centre of the teat. As I follow the usual custom of milking on the right side of the cow, my left hand does not readily come into position to follow my early motion and the right hand does. Consequently I clasp my left fingers farther around the teat with less curve in the fingers. At once, when I noticed this, I could milk as fast with my right as with my left hand.

STRAW COLOR VS. WHITE

Causes and Effects of Color in Various Fowl

A veteran poultryman writes: It has been claimed that feeding yellow corn is the cause of straw color in the plumage of white feathered fowl. It is difficult to believe that corn has anything whatever to do with it; neither has the iron in the soil, as one writer puts it.

For all that, a straw colored bird should not be used in the breeding pen unless there are a number of other qualities in the bird that are worth more to the flock. In mating for the objectionable, but when mating for records, or for size, color or shape of eggs, coupled with good records, do not sacrifice a bird for mere appearance sake.

It has also been said, but not proved, that straw color has much to do with the stamina of a bird. At any rate it has been a fact in the writer's experience that absolutely white birds did not always give the strong, thrifty offspring that did birds more or less tinged with straw.

YOUR WRIST WATCH

Remarkably Minute Parts in Simple Watch of Soldiers

It is a marvel of minute workmanship. It is one of the most wonderful things the human hand fashions. The pivot of the balance wheel has a diameter measured by the two-hundredth part of an inch, and, more marvellous still, in order that the pivot may have free play, the jewel hole into which it fits is exactly one five thousandth part of an inch larger.

OTTAWA'S ARCHITECT

Same Man Designed Burned Buildings and Albany Capitol

In the London Times Mr. Vessey Knox has the following letter: "It is curious that two of the finest buildings in the New World should both have been designed by the same architect and should both have been burned down."

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An abundance of moisture is needed for roses, but not swamps. Soils need to be kept rich by the application of manure.

BLYTH'S CORNERS.

Most of the farmers in the neighborhood have begun their spring work. The land is very wet after the snow and rain of last week, but is beginning to work up all right again.

Fall wheat and newly seeded meadows give big promise, in short, everything is lovely. Mrs. John Thompson left today for an extended visit with her son, Wellington.

We are sorry to report the serious illness of Mrs. Matt Barber of the gravel road. Hope she may be speedily restored to good health again.

Rev. B. M. Smith was able to occupy his pulpit in Knox church on Sunday. He got rather a severe shaking up in his brief illness. Mr. Percie Cornish's sale on Friday last was a splendid success, notwithstanding the unfavorable day.

Mr. Chas. Halliday took a notion some time ago to go braking on the railroad, but appears to have sickened of the job and has returned home again. Even rail-roading isn't in it with farming nowadays.

Lieut. Tommy Allan visited at the old home over the week end and attended Knox church on Sunday. Tommy is a nifty looking soldier and should, if called upon, give a good account of himself.

Our beefring begins the season again on Good Friday. It is a 32-cattle ring and works successfully.

Mr. Pierce Cornish has moved to the house he rented in Orchard and possibly he may enter the arena for mayor of that burg for another year.

KEEPING THINGS HOT.

When potatoes or other vegetables are cooked, drain and cover tightly, then wrap the kettle in newspapers and set in the oven without fire. They will keep steaming hot for an hour or longer.

BOTH LEGS OFF.

Mr. Solomon Hardy, a wealthy Culross farmer, who had his left leg removed near the hip about three years ago in the Bruce county hospital, for gangrene, was obliged to have his remaining leg amputated for the same malady on Wednesday morning last, Dr. Hall of Walkerton, assisted by Dr. Taylor of Hanover, performing the operation in the hospital here. The patient, who is 78 years of age, withstood the shock well, and seems likely to recover.—Walker-ton Times.

A Special Sale of Corset Covers all to go at, each 25c The J. D. Abraham Co.

Ready for Easter Our stock of Spring Millinery is larger and better than ever shown in Durham before. It is easy to choose a Hat this season, as the styles range from the small but tasteful hat to the most elaborate creations. Call and let us show you through our stock before Easter. Mrs. T. H. McClocklin Lambton Street. One door west of Standard Bank.

JAPAN LEADS IN FORESTRY. Forestry has been carried on by the Japanese for probably a much greater period than 400 years, and it is this work that gives Japan credit for having practised forestry before any other nation. As a matter of fact, however, the forests of Japan have been under real forest management less than 30 years.

Large Sales Small Profits McKECHNIE'S WEEKLY NEWS SPRING is here again, and with it comes the need of good Footwear. We have it, and lots of it, for men, women, boys, girls and children, having bought it nearly a year ago when prices were lower, thereby giving everyone a fair chance to buy good shoes at the old prices. We will quote prices on a few of our lines: Men's Heavy Split Blucher, a good serviceable shoe..... \$2.35 Men's Heavy Reinforced Elk Shoe, a snap while they last \$3.00 Men's Ext. Heavy Split Bluc. guaranteed to be waterproof \$2.75 Men's Heavy Tan Elk, one of the best on the market..... \$3.50 Women's Pliable Chrome Bals, good and comfortable..... 1.75 Women's Heavy Grain Bals, guaranteed waterproof..... 2.00 Women's Heavy Grain Bals, plain and A1 stock..... 2.15 We have a special Shoe for men for heavy wear, built on the military last. Don't fail to see it when you call. It sells at..... \$3.10 If you have a weak or sore foot try a pair of our Double E Dongola Shoes. They will sure give you comfort The old price..... \$2.35 Boys' Heavy Split Blucher, plain and very soft stock..... \$2.10 Boys Heavy Split Blucher, toe cap..... \$2.15 We have full lines in all Children's Shoes, Buy your Shoes now, it will pay you. Highest price for all kinds of Produce G. & J. McKechnie Durham