

## FREAKS OF THE FOREST

In this country we take it as a matter of course to see apples and pears growing on trees, but if instead of these fruits we saw such useful commodities as condensed milk, ready-made shirts, or even plain bread and butter, we would certainly imagine that we were "seeing things."

In South Africa there is what is known as the milk or cow tree. It grows on barren, rocky places where rain seldom falls, and its leaves appear dry and somewhat leathery, for thick roots lie rather on the ground than under it. In spite of its withered, dried-up appearance, however, it yields a refreshing milk if an incision be made in its bark.

At sunrise, when its flow is more abundant than at other times, the natives within whose country this remarkable tree flourishes repair thither with sundry vessels and proceed to "milk" it. The liquid thus procured is sweet and nutritious, and on contact with the air it assumes the appearance and consistency we associate with condensed milk.

This cow tree was first discovered by Baron Humboldt, and he also came across an even more extraordinary tree which bore ready-made shirts!

"In the forests of the Orinoco," writes this intrepid traveler, "the bounty of Providence is such that the natives find their garments made for them on the trees. They cut off cylindrical pieces and remove the bark without making any incision longitudinally. The upper opening serves for the head, and two lateral holes are cut out to admit the arms."

In the South Sea Islands, especially in the Society group, grows the celebrated breadfruit. This fruit is of the same shape and size as an infant's head, and on the rim being removed a beautiful, snow-white substance is revealed, which, when properly dressed and cooked, becomes as soft and fluffy as a boiled potato. By the islanders it is used in place of bread, and forms an important part of their primitive menu.

The Shea or butter tree abounds in the interior of Africa, and its fruit consists of nuts, inclosed in husks, about the same size as a walnut. At the proper season these husks open out, showing within little white pods, which, after being dried in the sun and then boiled, give forth a substance resembling our butter. This possesses a rich flavor, and has the advantage of being able to keep a whole year without salt.

In the old books of natural science it is amusing to read the accounts of the weird and wonderful creatures, the half-pig and half animal, which were believed to exist in foreign lands. The most singular of these mythical hybrids is the vegetable "lamb," which Sir John Mandeville declared to have been growing on a tree in Tartary.

He ingeniously describes it as a "little Beastie in Flesche, in Bon, and in Blode as though it were a little Lamb with outer Woile." This is certainly a good effort at drawing the long bow, but, of course, what he must have seen was no doubt a cotton bush in full bloom, although in the sketch accompanying this description he depicts a tree with a herd of sheep hanging from its boughs.

Now and again when rosewood, teak, bamboo, and other tropical trees are sawn up, certain stones resembling pearls and opals are found, and in the museum at New Gardens is a pearl that was actually discovered inside the shell of a cocoon.

Such vegetable gems are greatly valued by Indian princes, and are regarded as charms against disease and other misfortunes.

These coconut pearls are nearly identical in composition with those found in oysters, although they may not possess quite the same brilliant lustre as the animal product. In both cases the composition is of carbonate of lime, and there is little doubt that the masses develop inside the cocoon when an excessive amount of lime has been taken up by the palm tree.

**What We Owe to the Frog.**  
Unimportant and trivial details have often led to epoch-making discoveries. Just as we are told that the evolution of the first steam engine came from James Watt and the kettle boiling on the hearth, so the twitching of a frog's legs played no small part in the discovery of the first electric battery.

Professor Galvani, a noted Italian scientist and anatomist, had passed a copper skewer through the limbs of a dead frog, and was about to hang them up on an iron nail in his laboratory. As soon as the copper touched the iron he noticed a convulsive twitching of the legs. That this was due to some secret influence he proved by touching a nerve in the frog's limb with a piece of zinc and a muscle with a piece of copper. As soon as these two metals were connected together a convulsive kick took place. And so came into being the first recorded instance of the electric battery.

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## Stories About Well-Known People

**Curwood's Death Threat.**  
James Oliver Curwood, the well-known author, lives in Owosso, Michigan, where there have been complaints lately that bootleggers are attempting to sell liquor to boys and girls. The author made the sensational announcement a few days ago that if any liquor is ever furnished to his twelve-year-old son the vendor in question will be killed and James Oliver Curwood will do the killing.

**His Greatest Ambition Was Never Fulfilled.**  
A traveler just back from India says that in a recent chat he had with the viceroy, Lord Reading, the latter recalled an interesting incident of his youth.

"My first visit to Calcutta," Lord Reading said, "was when I was a boy of fourteen. I ran away to sea and went to India before the mast. The next time I came as viceroy."

"On the first trip I made one resolve. I was so impressed with the smart appearance of the Bengal pilot who came aboard to take charge of us that I determined to be a Bengal pilot and dress like him. That resolve—my

dearest wish—has never been fulfilled."

**"A Wee Bit Laddie."**  
The Prince of Wales drove through a Scottish town, accompanied by the Provost, the latter resplendent in scarlet robes of office and a plumed hat, and the Prince wearing the uniform of a Highland regiment. A child who saw them drive by rushed home in great excitement.

"Mither, I've seen the Prince!" she exclaimed. "He looked fine in a red cloak and a feathered hat, and by him was sitting a wee bit laddie in tartan breeks."

**A British Jack Miner.**  
Lord Grey of Fallodon appears this spring in a minor role. In other words he is the British counterpart of the Canadian bird-lover, Jack Miner. On his English estate he has converted two little ponds into a home for wild fowl. The birds have now come to recognize his love for them and return the great statesman's affections. As soon as his footsteps are heard they flutter up to get the food he is sure to have ready for them.

## A HAPPY CHILDHOOD IS A MATTER OF HEALTH

Little children quickly get out of sorts but by prompt treatment they can just as quickly be set right again. Most of their troubles arise in the first place from the stomach and bowels; that is why a good clearing out is the first thing the doctor prescribes. Mothers, why not let Baby's Own Tablets keep your children well? Unlike that ill-smelling, rank tasting castor oil so dreaded by most children, the Tablets are pleasant to take and their action, though thorough, is gentle and causes no discomfort to either the baby or the growing child. Baby's Own Tablets are a never failing remedy for relieving constipation and indigestion; thus they break up colds and simple fevers, expel worms and make the teething period painless. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

**A Novel Ending.**  
When little Bessie, who is fond of listening to the children's hour on the wireless, knelt down to say his prayers the other night, he finished in an unusual way.

At the close of the customary string of petitions, he said: "This concludes our programme for to-night. Good night and Amen."

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**Progress in Marketing Lambs**  
A Study of the Toronto Market shows that 31% of the lambs marketed during 1923 were Bucks. In 1924 only 9% of the Lambs marketed were Bucks. This meant that the producers not only saved the two-dollar penalty, but got an increased price through selling a better quality of mutton.

**Will the Sheep Breeders Continue This Progress in 1925?**

## Hills in Heaven.

God grant there be hills in Heaven  
For those who have fought their best,  
For those who have struggled and striven  
And look to the heights for rest.  
God grant there be quiet places  
And heaths where the hill-winds pass,  
Where we bury our hot, shamed faces  
In the cool, wet mountain grass.

The sea with her magic portals,  
The vale with her plough-turned sod—  
These whisper a while to mortals,  
But the peaks talk on with God.  
To the yemen their fields be given,  
And the captains—give them their coat!

But I pray there be hills in Heaven  
To stand through Eternity.  
—W.H. H. Ogilvie.

## SPRING IMPURITIES DUE TO POOR BLOOD

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are an all-year-round tonic for the blood and nerves. But they are especially valuable in the spring when the system is loaded with impurities as a result of the indoor life of the winter months. There is no other season when the blood is so much in need of purifying and enriching, and every dose of these pills helps to enrich the blood. In the spring one feels weak and tired—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills give strength. In the spring the appetite is often poor—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills develop the appetite, tone the stomach and aid weak digestion. It is in the spring that poisons in the blood find an outlet in disgusting pimples, eruptions and boils—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills clear the skin because they go to the root of the trouble in the blood. In the spring, anaemia, rheumatism, indigestion, neuralgia and many other troubles are most persistent because of poor, weak blood, and it is at this time when all nature takes on new life that the blood most seriously needs attention. Some people dose themselves with purgatives, but these only further weaken themselves. A purgative merely gallops through the system, emptying the bowels, but does not help the blood. On the other hand, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enrich the blood, bringing new strength and vigor to weak, easily tired men, women and children. Try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills this spring—they will not disappoint you.

**Semicolons That Count.**  
This rhyme, with the semicolons omitted, is always certain to cause merriment:

I saw a pack of cards; gnawing a bone  
I saw a dog; seated on Britain's throne  
I saw King George; shut up within a box  
I saw an orange; driving a fat ox  
I saw a butcher; not a twelvemonth old  
I saw a greatcoat; cackling like a scold  
I saw a peacock; with a fiery tail  
I saw a blazing comet; poun down hail  
I saw a Cloud; enwrapped with ivy round  
I saw an oak tree; swallow up a whale  
I saw the bonless sea; brimful of ale  
I saw a pewter pot; fifteen feet deep  
I saw a well; full of men's tears that weep  
I saw wet eyes; among the things I saw  
Were no sore eyes nor any other eyes sore.

Considerable over a hundred years old is this description of a woman and her nails:

Every woman in the land  
Has twenty nails; upon each hand  
Five, and twenty on hands and feet,  
And this is true without deceit.

What the barber meant:  
What do you think  
I'll shave you for nothing  
And give you a drink

seems, at first sight, an attractive offer. But, the story goes, when people took advantage of what they supposed to be the barber's generosity, he explained that he meant the lines to be punctuated thus:

What! Do you think I'll shave you for nothing and give you a drink?  
The answer to the question was in the negative!

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Gray hair is beautiful in itself, and so softening to the complexion and so picturesque in its effect that many a woman who has been plain in her youth is, by its beneficent influence, transformed into a handsome woman.  
—Miss Oakey.

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12. Better Living.—The pure-bred bull means more money which in turn makes possible better homes, better schools, better churches, better roads and a better and more satisfying country life.
13. Good Influence on Owner.—When a man has pure-bred livestock on his farm he naturally takes more interest in it and feeds and cares for it better than he otherwise would.
14. The Farmers' Gain is Not Somebody's Loss.—A farmer can raise a better calf and no one is the poorer. He thus creates wealth.

It was Charles's first visit to the country and everything was interesting. He came running in from the barn exclaiming, "Oh, Mama! I saw some white pigs and an also." "An also?" asked his mother. "Yes, a black also," repeated Charles. His mother was bewildered until the little fellow told her what his uncle said, "Here are some white pigs and a black, also."

**Throwing Buns at Brides.**  
The throwing of rice as the happy couple who have just been married emerge from the church, or set out on their honeymoon journey, has almost given way to the throwing of the more harmless confetti.  
The custom of throwing rice probably came from the East, where rice is the staple food and where plenty of rice means comfort and prosperity. Thus, to throw rice means: "May you never lack a good meal!" or, in other words, "May your married life be prosperous!"  
The Romans used to scatter corn in a bride's path, and in Poland the neighbors throw handfuls of wheat, barley, oats, or even beans, at the bride's door.  
In Italy nuts take the place of cereals, and one can imagine that the Italian children have a happy time picking them up, just as German children, in country places, pick up the cakes and tiny buns flung from cottage widows at a passing bride.

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**A Volunteer Fireman.**  
Lady—"I hate to bother you again, but would you mind giving me just one more glass of water?"  
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**Annual Meeting of Bovril Company.**  
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