Wheat's First Home.

A strange experiment, which proves the amazing vitality of wheat, has just been carried out. A quantity of "mummy" wheat—that is, wheat buried by the ancient Egyptians with the embalmed body of a dead man, has been sown by a farmer of Bathurst, New South Wales. Although it was over 4,000 years old, a crop has been obtained.

The crop was of seven-eared wheat of good quality, though not so suitable for milling purposes as modern wheat. It grew to an exceptional height.

Wheat older than this Egyptian "mummy" grain has, however, been found, and it is now definitely established that it was one of the oldest cereals grown by early man. This is the result of a discovery made during excavations of an ancient Sumerian site near Kish.

A red-and-black jar was found in the course of the researches, and in this was stored a quantity of charred wheat. That was last year, but nothing was said about the discovery at the time. Professor S. Langdon, who made it, wished to have the wheat examined by experts before he made any announcement.

Now, however, the experts have reported and the find has been made public. According to one authority it is rivet, or cone wheat, which is the most prolific of all the varieties of the cereal. Other experts, however, say that it is common wheat, or club wheat, as is often called, the most highly developed of all the kinds and the finest for bread-making.

It is estimated that this sample of wheat dates back to 3,500 B.C., so that it is now roughly 5,500 years old. Its discovery is considered as proving that the original home of the bread-making wheats was in Mesopotamia. The historical botanists have long believed that this was the case, but they could advance no absolutely definite proof until this find by Professor Langdon.

Canada's Share.

Auckland Weekly News: Mr. Lapointe's ungracious attack on "distinguished visitors"—he evidently had Mr. Bruce particularly in mind—has an interest for others. He is incensed because they have ventured to voice what they think about Canada's share, among others, of responsibility for Imperial defence. They have not ventured to dictate what precisely, on her part, Canada should do. It is enough, in the eyes of this Minister of Justice seeking occasion of offence, that they have made any reference at all to Canada in this connection, even in a general way. They should mind their own business, says he; this is exclusively Canada's business. Is it? That is a strange way of viewing a subject that has been handled by the conference in a comprehensive way, with reference to all the Dominions, a strange way of welcoming home a Prime Minister who participated sympathetically in a discussion that resulted in recommending to all British Governments a policy of Imperial consultation "in questions" of common defence." Canada is generally understood to be a part of the British Empire. What she does in this matter is of very vital interest to every other part, and an avowal of that interest might reasonably be expected to have a welcome, rather than a snarling rebuff, from a member of the Canadian Government. But perhaps Mr. Lapointe's portfolio is held by him in service to that interesting sort of justice which, it has been said, "should ever be close-eared and open-mouthed, that is, to hear a little and speak much."

Making Snakes Clothe Us.

It seems probable that before very long a woman may be able to dress herself almost entirely in things fashioned from the skins of snakes.

To boots, shoes, slippers, gloves and handbags fashioned from the colorful tanned hides of serpents there have recently been added mannish cravats, scarfs and other dress accessories which are finding favor with many fashionable women.

But in another winter a Paris manufacturer promises to be supplying the market with sports coats and entire suits made of snake skins. These will, he says, be remarkable for their durability and will be so unusual in color and design that their wearers will be sure to be the centre of attention wherever they go.

The opportunity to make the serpent bear a large part of the burden of clothing womankind seems to be unlimited, for its skins come in almost infinite variety of weights and textures as well as hues and patterns. There is a snake skin suited to almost every purpose to which cloth and ordinary kinds of leather are put, and the ingenious manufacturers are continually devising ways of using skins that were formerly thought worthless for commercial purposes.

Naturalists have long insisted that the skins of certain snakes are among the most exquisitely beautiful things in all nature. Their increasing use in the clothing of women gives us a better chance to appreciate their beauties than we have had before.

Candlesticks, Etc.

Shopman — "Christmas presents, madam? Something useful or ornamental?"

Shopper—"No, neither! It's a wedding present I want."

An enormous volcanic crater in the middle of a great glacier was recently discovered in Iceland.

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SMILES

One of the Better Sort.

Beryl was getting into bed when mother came to wish her good-night.

"And did you ask God to fogive you?" she asked, having in mind the little temper which Beryl had shown during the evening.

"Oh, yes, mamma," came the reply. "and God said it was all right. He had many little girls worse than I."

Relatively Unchanged.

Wife—"There has been quite a diminishing of women's clothes."

Husband—"Maybe so, but there doesn't seem to be any more hooks for me in the closet."

Proven.

"You cannot get eggs without hens," asserted the speaker, stressing his point.

"My dad can! He keeps ducks," yelled a boyish voice from the rear.

The Good Gentleman.

This is a world of sorrow,
Likewise a world of sin,
But just about to-morrow
I'll certainly begin
To renovate this mundane sphere
So folks like me can stand it here.

I think there should be hung in every office where salesmen congregate a sign, etched in letters high and wide, reading: "You made a sale—did you make a customer?"

Some men think it smart to be able to write such a poor hand that nobody can read it, but it isn't.

The prepared for good time never comes.

A barking dog never bites, for how can a dog bark when he is biting?

You never realize how many kinds of giggles there are until you ride on a Pullman with a flock of college girls.

A case showing extreme dissipation —a potato with dark rings under its eyes.

A wife worries as much about the wrinkles coming on her face as her husband does about the vanishing of the hair on his dome.

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One of the greatest puzzles to the careful parent is to know just what medicine to give the little ones. When the child falls ill with griping pains; is seized, with cold or fever, refuses food or vomits what he has taken, when he cries a great deal and cannot get the sleep so necessary to the growing child, the parent is in a quandry. What is to be done on such occasions? As often as not there is no a suitable medicine in the house. The puzzle is what to give him to set him right quickly.

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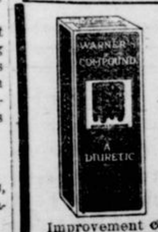
Five Queer Animals.

The sloth has four feet, but never can use them to support his body on the earth; they want soles, which are a marked feature in the feet of other animals.

The ant-wear has not a tooth in his head, still he roves fearlessly on, in the same forests with the jaguar and boa-constrictor. The vampire does not make use of his feet to walk, but to stretch a membrane, which enables him to go up into an element where no other quadruped is seen.

The armadillo has only here and there a straggling hair, and has neither fur, nor wool, nor bristles, but in lieu of them has received a movable shell, on which are scales very much like those of fishes.

The tortoise is oviparous, without any appearance of hair, and is obliged to accommodate itself to a shell which is quite hard and inflexible, and in no point of view whatever obedient to the will or pleasure of the bearer. The egg of the tortoise has a very hard shell, while that of the turtle is quite soft.



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Surnames and Their Origin

GUTHRIE

Variation—MacGuthrie.
Racial Origin—Irish.
Source—A given name.

Here is a family name which, when it does not come from Teutonic sources—(and it does not when it has now or formerly the prefixed "Mac")—is traceable to an old Irish given name not unlike the Teutonic Godfrey. It is "Gothfrith," a truly Irish name, though you might think it old German or Danish. Its meaning, however, was quite different, being compounded of the ancient Irish words for "straight" and small."

The MacGuthrie or "MacGothfrith" clan was founded by a chieftain of this name who was killed in the year 1161.

This clan was a division of the O'Reillys, which clan in its turn was a branch of the O'Rourkes originally, though later it achieved great prominence as an independent entity.

COSTIGAN.

Racial Origin—Irish.
Source—A given name.

Here is an Irish family name which presents a peculiar development in one respect.

Like virtually all Irish family names, it had its origin in a clan name.

The true Gaelic designation of this organization was "Clann Ostagain." But, unlike other family names, a component of this word "Clann" has been left in the process of changing the name into English form, which accounts for its being Costigan instead of some such form as "O'Hostigan" or "Ostigan."

"The Clann Ostagain took its name from the given name of its founder, a chieftain named "Ostagan," who lived, as nearly as can be estimated, in the middle of the fourteenth century.

This clan was an offshoot of the MacGillapatricks, who came later to be known as the Fitzpatricks of Ossary, and this clan in turn came more anciently from the Falyl O'Connors.

A Tragic Fire.

The most distressing animal tragedy that has occurred in Toronto in a long time was the destruction of more than twenty of the trained horses of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, when fire broke out in the regimental stables at Stanley Barracks on the night of February 7th. The fire was discovered shortly before 11 o'clock, and the men in Barracks rushed to the stables and plunged into the blazing, smoke-clouded building and rescued as many horses as could be reached. Thirty-four terror-stricken animals rushed in panic to the streets, and tore madly in every direction. They were all brought in by morning. Eight were trapped in the burning stables and died in the flames, among them "Billy," the Shetland pony mascot, the pet of the regiment. Others were blinded and so badly burned that they were destroyed at once, and a few developed pneumonia and were destroyed.

The training of the horses represented years of work, and added to their value, and it is distressing to reflect that, had they been confined in fire-proof stables where the flames could have been quickly controlled, the results would not have been so tragic. The stables were old and built of wood, and the flames devoured them like tinder.

A tribute was paid to the heroism of the troopers by Major Baty, who said that "the boys worked like Trojans. They punged into the smoke and fire to save the horses, and nothing could stop them. It would be unfair to mention one to the exclusion of others. Every man of them deserves the Royal Humane Society's medal."

These Composers Didn't Waste Much Time.

"Abide With Me," the music of which, Dame Clara Butt states, Mr. Samuel Liddle wrote for her in two days, is not the only famous song composed in double-quick time. Boucicault took the words of "Killarney" one morning to Balfe, who merely glanced through them, then sat down at the piano and excitedly played the melody which all the world was soon singing. Tito Mattei had a similar inspiration in regard to "Dear Heart," striking out the air on the piano immediately after reading the words, while the music of "The Holy City" came in a flood of inspiration to Michael Maybrick (Stephen Adams) on the receipt of Mr. Weatherley's poem. Trotere, too, used to tell how he was walking home from the Aquarium one evening, when the idea of "In Old Madrid" came to him. Not having paper handy, he rushed into a shop, seized a paper bag, and in two minutes scribbled down the whole melody.

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Buried Chamber Once Home of Fairy Folk.

At New Grange, near Drogheda, County Meath, Ireland, is what Dr. R. A. Macalister calls "the most impressive relic of antiquity in Western Europe." From the outside it appears as a hill overgrown with trees and bushes. The mound was originally surrounded by a circle of thirty-five stones, only twelve of which now remain. Within the mound is a chamber twenty feet in height and twenty-one feet across, reached by a narrow passage sixty-two feet in length, all the walls being constructed with slabs of stone.

In ancient Irish history these hill chambers were known either as the burial places of the kings or the dwelling places of the Sidhe (pronounced Shee) or the Irish fairy folk.

Heat From the Stars.

There is an impression that no heat reaches the earth from the stars. This is a mistake, for scientific men have been able to collect heat from the stars in the glasses of telescopes. The lenses act as a "burning-glass," and bring the rays to a little instrument called a "Thermomultiplier," or heat-magnifier. The exact amount of heat thus obtained is measured.

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