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MAKE SPIDER'S NEST USEFUL

Mexican Natives Utilize Them for Protection Against the Deadly and Persistent Fly.

The utility of the spider, the fact that it has a part to play in the economy of nature, is very slowly being recognized in this country, but there are regions of the world where such element has given place to the conviction that certain domestic duties of the insect play a role that is both useful and beneficial to man.

M. L. Diguet, who has been on a mission in a district of Mexico which he calls Michoacan, has brought back tidings of a spider's nest which is used by the natives for self-protection during the rainy season and which forms a notable addition to the adornment of the rooms in which they live. He describes the mosquero, as it is called, which has been used as a remedy for the fly plague from time immemorial. At the beginning of the rainy season the exodus from the villages begins. The Indian peasants stream up the wooded hillsides and the picture he draws of the long procession of branches, each of which contains one or more coveted mosquero, reminds one of the wood of Dunsinane.

The nests are large enough to cover a space of a couple of square yards and are like a huge sponge. They are strung to the branches by thick threads, which act as cables. Then comes the inner nest of fine ropes, which are to act as catchers of the harmful, persistent fly.

The inside of the nest is simply a mesh of interwoven lines pierced with passages and cellules. The nest is a state of perfect sweetness by a tiny parasite, one of the coleoptera, swarms of which live in these nests and have their being and find their nurture within the recesses. The season goes on, the nest increases concentrically in size. As each capture is made it is secured by fastening with webs and the remains after host and parasite have satisfied their appetites, become an integral part of the surface of the nest.

Historic Buildings Going.

The demolition is now being proceeded with of the house in Petter Lane, three old, gabled buildings which were originally part of the Barnard's Inn, which was founded in the fifteenth century. Petter lane is one of the most interesting thoroughfares in the city. Three hundred years ago it was called Fewter lane. The word Fewter means idle person or idler, it was indeed in those days a haunt of ne'er do wells and defaulters. Near this spot stood the gallows on which stand at the Holborn end of Fetter lane two conspirators, Tomkins and Challoner. One were hanged for a plot in connection with the war between King Charles I. and his parliament, were publicly hanged more than 350 years ago.—London Standard.

Bride Without a Smile.

From the quarterly report of the Bornee Mission association we learn that Bishop Mounsey has had some interesting experiences in Labuan and Sarawak.

Here is his account of the marriage of a Christian girl who is half Chinese and half Dyak: "The ceremony was turesque service and one point was both amusing and interesting to me. The bride, a pretty girl who generally has a pleasant smile for one, was on this occasion the picture of a sad face. She looked very glum and never smiled." The bishop adds: "I am told this is quite the thing for a Chinese bride. In this as in other things their customs being very unlike ours."

Developed Since Then.

"Augustus Saint Gaudens," said a Cornish novelist, "used to illustrate the development of art in America by a story of the past.

"He said that in the '60s a rich Boston man built a fine house in the back bay. He decided to adorn the lawn with statuary, and having heard of the Venus de Milo, he wrote to Rome for a copy.

"The copy duly arrived. It was in marble. But the Boston man no sooner got it than he sued the railroad company for $2,500 for mutilation. He won the suit, too."

Great Climate!

A curiosity that most people won't believe unless they see it is a bunch of grass bearing sheep, the property of John Cartwright. Several members of his flocks have a luxuriant growth of tame grass growing on the back and well down the sides of their backs, giving them the appearance of having a pretty, green fleece. It is accounted from the fact that grass seed falling from the feed wagon and lodging in the wool sprouted when being continuously moistened by Oregon's copious showers.—Harrisburg (Ore.) Herald.

Luck.

"You own an automobile, I suppose?"

"No; I would like to, but I've always been just a little too poor."

"Just a little too poor? Man, you don't appreciate how lucky you are."—Boston Transcript.

Working for Universal Peace.

"Why don't they hold the prize fight in Nevada?"

"Why, that state is so opposed to fighting that its chief industry is the Reno divorce mill."

A TIP FOR THE CENSUS TAKER

41 DEAD IN ALABAMA MINE

NOT ONE LEFT ALIVE AFTER TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Helmeted Workers Drawn Up Unconscious—Force of Explosion Wrecks Village Near Pit.

Birmingham, Ala.—All of the 41 men entombed in the Mulga mine of the Birmingham Iron & Coal company are dead.

This was the word brought to the surface Thursday to the waiting and weeping families of the victims when, unconscious from the deadly gases of the shaft, Superintendent Johns of the mine and a man named Bonds, who risked their lives for those already penned, were drawn up to fresh air.

The watchers knew that if the rescuers, helmeted and protected, had so narrowly escaped death, there was no hope for the workers, who without a second's warning had been entombed by an explosion of gas.

When Johns and Bonds, after heroic treatment, finally regained consciousness they confirmed the gravest fears of the people who for hours had waited at the mouth of the shaft to hear a word of their loved ones.

"Dead—all dead," was the stammering sentence of the superintendent, as he begin to recover from the effects of the poisonous gases.

Before they had lost consciousness the rescuers had reached the first gallery. Even near the shaft they saw results of the blast that convinced them only a miracle could save the men entombed. When the first crew of rescuers reached the bottom of the shaft the bodies of two miners were found. The rescuers, upon returning to the surface, expressed the opinion that all the imprisoned men were dead.

Following the explosion flames shot up a distance of about 400 feet and the ground is covered with charred timbers around the mouth of the shaft, which were blown 350 feet from the bottom of the shaft.

There are 15 white and 25 negro laborers in the mine. The foreman of the working gang, who is entombed with the others, was the only list of members.

Birmbrville, O.—Eighteen of a night force of 25 machine men employed in the mine of the Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal company, near Amsterdam, are believed to have been killed as a result of an explosion in the mine Thursday night.

Six bodies have been recovered. Seven more were taken from the shaft alive, but unconscious. Twelve other miners are in the mine and it is believed they have been perished.

It is thought that the explosion was caused by coal gas being ignited by the lights on the helmets of the miners.

FOUR DIE IN DEPOT FIRE

Agent Succumbs to Burns in Vain Attempt to Rescue Wife and Daughters.

Edgeland, N. D.—The wife and two little girls, seven and nine years old, of Agent G. A. Kroeger were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Soo Line depot here, Kroeger dying of burns received while attempting the rescue of his family. The fire originated from an overheated stove.

Prison Board Must Pay $22,000.

Jackson, Mich.—Edward McDonald, receiver for the Walkerville shirt company of Albany, N. Y., Saturday obtained a verdict of $22,000 against the board of control of the state reformatory of Ionia on the charge of abrogating a contract.

John W. Good Dies in India.

Moline, Ill.—Word comes from Bombay, India, of the death there Saturday of John W. Good, millionaire Moline manufacturer and chief stockholder in the Deere & Mansur company.

SIX CONVICTS FLEE PRISON

Daring Escape on Switch Engine at Fort Leavenworth—Four Are Recaptured.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Arthur Hewitt, Thomas Keating, Bob Clarke, John Gideon and Frank Grigware, lifetimers, and Theodore Murdock, a ten-year convict, escaped Thursday from the federal penitentiary by capturing a switch engine and crew.

With dummy revolvers the engineer was forced to run his engine six miles to a place where a bridge was jacked up so they had to stop, when the convicts separated and started to work their way out of the country.

Bob Clarke was captured first and an hour after Gideon was made to surrender by farmers armed with shotguns. Hewitt and Keating were found hiding in a clump of bushes by three guards, who made them surrender.

Deputy Warden Lemon, with 40 guards, killed Murdock, who was escaping the country 11 miles west of here and expect to capture Grigware and Murdock.

COTTON FIRM GOES TO WALL

Big Concern With Branches in Many Southern Cities Files Bankruptcy Petition.

Decatur, Ala.—Knight, Yancey & Co. Wednesday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. This is one of the largest cotton firms in the south, with branches in many southern cities.

New York.—The federal grand jury that is investigating the alleged cotton pool, of which James A. Patten of Chicago is the reputed head, took a recess Wednesday to enable the government agents to collate evidence and arrange the mass of evidence.

The hearing was resumed Thursday and many witnesses summoned were present.

The most important development was the unofficial announcement that the present investigation is the first move of the federal authorities toward ending all dealings in futures on staple commodities, whether cotton or the food products.

STOP SOUTH POLE SEARCH

Polar Expedition Abandoned Because of Failure of National Geographic Society to Raise Funds.

Washington.—The proposed American south pole expedition, under the joint auspices of the Peary Arctic club and the National Geographic society, has been abandoned for this year, according to an announcement made here.

The abandonment of the expedition was due to the failure of the National Geographic society to raise the $50,000 agreed upon.

BANK CASHIER UNDER ARREST

Stedman Thomas of Sheboygan Falls Institution Charged With Shortage of $10,000.

Chicago.—Stedman Thomas, defaulting cashier of the Dairymen's National bank, Sheboygan Falls, Wis., who disappeared a week ago and is charged with misappropriating about $10,000 of the bank's money, was arrested in Chicago by United States deputy marshals.

160,000 Chicago Eggs in River.

New York.—Three shipments of eggs, consisting of 160,000 dozen, weighing in all 4,700 pounds, brought to New York from Chicago, were dumped into the North river Saturday. The authorities decided that the eggs were not fit for human food.

King Opens Belgian Exhibit.

Brussels.—King Albert opened the Belgian exposition Saturday. Others of the royalty present at the ceremony were Queen Elizabeth, the countess of Flanders.

CROP LOSS GREAT

MIDDLE WEST SWEPT BY MOST DISASTROUS STORM OF YEARS.

DAMAGE RUNS INTO MILLIONS

Fruit in Several States Almost Wholly Wiped Out—Vegetables Are Ruined —Highes Prices of Foodstuff Probable During Entire Season.

Chicago.—The most disastrous and far-reaching cataclysm experienced in a generation has swept away the prematurely budding crops of the middle western and southern states.

The disturbance Friday, Saturday and Sunday wrought more than 100,000,000 damage to fruits and vegetables and has started an upward shoot in the price of fresh foodstuffs that probably will be felt during the entire season.

The Michigan fruit belt—the backbone of the fruit district—is described as almost wholly wiped out for the season, while the freezing temperature in Illinois and Iowa not only has killed buds, flowers and fruit, but threatens to ruin oats.

In and about Chicago truck gardeners have seen all hopes of early vegetables blasted in a single night. Vegetables and flowers that had promised huge profits and low prices because of the early spring have been damaged beyond hope.

In the central and southern district of Illinois the temperature fell to a fraction below 25 degrees, with the result that fruit growers announced that they had little hopes of any crop at all this season. Almost all of the apply region, which is one of the Illinois in the northern districts and berry patches, where buds had reached such advanced stages, are reported as total losses. Damage, $8,000,000.

Storms in Iowa have continued with greater or less fury for nearly a week. Not only fruits and vegetables, but even the oats crop is threatened. Entire damage, $10,000,000.

In Indiana apple orchards and truck gardens were almost utterly destroyed. The damage, which was confined to the northern and central districts, approximate to $2,000,000.

The Michigan fruit belt is almost wiped out, for the season. All that remains, according to expert growers, is the grape crop, which has been damaged to a great extent. Damage, $4,000,000.

In Wisconsin it is estimated that 50 per cent. of the fruit crop and all of the early vegetable and green stuffs have been killed. Damage, $1,000,000.

Show and low temperatures in Kansas have killed the buds and, in many instances, the fruit on the trees. The corn crop, however, is safe. Damage, $1,500,000.

Kentucky reports all the fruits and vegetables, as well as budding plants and flowers killed. Loss, $1,000,000.

In Missouri the estimated losses are $2,000,000.

Near fruit throughout Ohio, particularly watermelons and other vines, have been killed. Grain has not been hurt. Loss, $500,000.

Throughout Nebraska small gardens and fruit trees have felt the heaviest losers. Loss, $1,500,000.

MOB NAILS MAN TO CROSS

Foreign Workmen in Pennsylvania Crielly Maltreated by Gang—Crown of Thorns Used.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Nailed to an improvised cross, with huge spikes driven through his hands, and a crown of thorns pressed down upon his head, George Rabish, mine official at Avella, Pa., hung for two hours Saturday while a crowd of foreign mine laborers danced and sang about him.

The mob hurled stones against the helpless body and shouted in derision with knives until they were cut in dozens of places.

The rioters, finally tiring of their sport, left Rabish hanging, supposedly dead. He was finally cut down by Mine Superintendent Boggs and a detail of police from Washington. Rabish revived shortly after he was taken to a hospital.

The sheriff, ignorant of the crucifixion, summoned 50 citizens to aid him in making a roundup of the rioters. Forty foreigners were arrested by the posse and a pitched battle followed, in which more than 100 shots were fired. Three men were wounded. Four of the rioters were arrested and are held on a murder charge.

Two Thousand Homeless by Fire.

Lake Charles, La.—Fanned by a high wind, a fire swept over Kinder or more blocks of the city Saturday, destroying several hundred buildings and resulting in a property loss estimated at about $2,000,000. Two thousand persons have been rendered homeless. The fire followed a northeasterly direction from the business section, and finally reached the outskirts of the city, burning itself out.

German Air Fleet Stormbound.

Cologne—The government airship fleet, which was detained by unfavorable weather Thursday, started for Hamburg Friday. The squadron, consisting of three aerial cruisers, will be reviewed at Hamburg by the emperor.

Seven Hurt When Bucket Fails.

Wilkesinsbarre.—While the German Battleship Schlesinger was coaling Friday a derrick chain broke, permitting a huge metal bucket to fall upon the lighters, severely injuring the mate and six other men.

Stop Women And Consider

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SAW CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY

Unreasonable Attitude of His Friend Naturally Disgusted Man of Business.

Solomon and Moses, while walking by the canal, saw a notice board which stated that five shillings would be paid to whoever rescued another man from drowning.

(It didn't take them more than a minute to arrange that one should fall in and be saved by the other, and the "stakes" divided.

In went Sol, and found it rather deeper than he expected. However, he splashed about, crying:

"Come on, Moses! Save me!"

Moses hesitated.

"Sol," he said, "I've been reading that notice board again, and it says, 'Ten shillings for a dead body.' Now, do be reasonable."—London Tit-Bits.

Great Surprise.

Papa—Bubble, I ought to be surprised if God would send you a little baby brother before long. What would you think of that?

Bubble—Oh, papa! I think it would be pretty lovely. And, dear papa, let's you and me keep it a surprise for mamma.—Life.

Precocious Youth.

"My boy, shall I tell you a fairy story?"

"That depends, uncle, on what you refer to as fairies. If it's about chorus girls, let's have it."

LIMBURGER AND THE LAW

Odorous Compound Responsible for Some Trouble and a Little Alleged "Wit."

"Technically," said Judge Wells to William Rung in the municipal court, "you had the right on your side. However, you chose a form of cruel and unusual punishment that cannot be tolerated by this court. I'll have to fine you one dollar."

It appeared from the evidence that Mr. Rung, who is a stereotyper, sat down to luncheon with Edward Snider, a fellow employe. The piece de resistance of Rung's luncheon consisted of limburger cheese, and Snider, who regards himself as something of a wag, had made certain remarks about the cheese, reflecting unfavorably on its odor. Thereupon Mr. Rung smeared a piece of the cheese over the humorous Snider's countenance.

"This," said Rung, as he stepped up to pay his fine, "is the kind of justice that smells to heaven."

"That will be about all from you," said the court bailiff; "cheese it!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Good Illustration.

Mrs. Bridgewhist—What is the subject of Mrs. Suffragette's lecture this afternoon?

Mrs. Tudsiwoman—The disasters of married life.

Mrs. Bridgewhist—I suppose she will have her husband on the platform as an exhibit?—Stray Stories.

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