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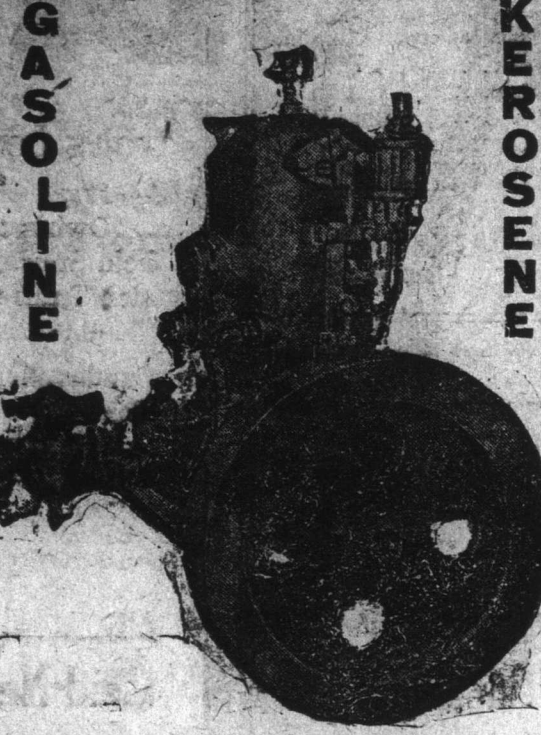
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Tips for Tennis Triers.

By MRS. PHYLLIS SATTERTH-
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Now that the summer season has
fairly started, those who are anxious
to make progress during the next few
months should take their game to
pieces, so to speak, and see in what
way they can improve and strengthen
the weak spots.

In the first place, of course, prac-
tice games must play a very large
part. By using them properly, even
more than the usual amount of good
results may be obtained.

You must consider what you are
working for, and if you are a young,
keen player with every intention and
determination to get on, you will
realize at once that it is useless to
play your practice games so as to de-
feat only an opponent of the same
class (or possibly worse) than your-
self.

If you want to beat the really good
players you must not care in the
least if you are beaten continually in
practice by people of the same form
and (what will be much harder to
bear) even a bit worse than yourself.

I was much interested in watching
the finals of the Public Parks com-
petitions at Roshampton last year,
and was particularly struck with the
aimless rallies from the base line
which most of the women competitors
indulged in, to the intense boredom
of the spectators and umpire alike.

Nobody dared to "go out for their
shot," and believe me, even if you are
not a volleyer these days but only one
of the despoiled army of base-line
players, it may cheer you to remem-
ber that S. H. Smith, H. Lawford and
Mrs. Lambert Chambers were all
base-liners too, and that there is no
reason in the world why some of you
should not reach heights just as high
as these.

Only for goodness' sake do try
things!

For instance, try to hit a forehand
drive as hard as you can into your
opponent's backhand corner. If you
are a volleyer, go in and try to kill
the return. If you are a base-liner
get on your toes, so as to be ready to
hit the ball as quickly as possible,
and then make a short shot of any
kind on to your opponent's right
hand side.

Remember what Roger Barratt used
to say (and he was tactician on a
tennis court ever lived or is likely to).
"You must move your opponent about,
even if it's only a foot. Don't let him
stand still and move you about." And
if you would only keep that in mind
all the time, things would be ever so
much better.

I watch so many beginners at the
game that all seem to me to be divided
into two classes. First those who
seem terrified to hit the ball over the
net at all, secondly, those who bias
away at everything that comes along
and spend their entire time retrieving
their balls out of the far-away courts.

Now, both these things are wrong.
By all means hit the ball and don't
be afraid of it going out, particularly
in practice. But, and this really
ought to have a capital "V" it's so
very important, don't hit every ball
hard, because not even Tilden or Sus-
anne Lenglen can do that. Try to
use your own judgment and when you
have a difficult shot to get back, just
concentrate on getting it over the net
and a good length. Don't worry at all
about hitting it hard, for in this posi-
tion safety is everything.

When, on the other hand, you are
doing the attacking and your opponent
is on the run, then try to hit as hard
as you can and trust to luck.

Another last word before I finish,
and that is, after you have had a
good couple of sets in practice, try-
ing all the shots you want to perfect,
play one set to finish up with, in which
you try to win, and see what hap-
pens. You will find this an excellent
plan, as by that time your eye is well
in, and if you are going to make the
shots you are trying for, you will do
so then.

Animals as Gold-Miners.

The finding of a small piece of gold
in a dog's paw, responsible for the re-
cent gold "rush" in Alaska, recalls
other instances of animals which have
pointed out the path to prosperity to
their owners.

Some years ago a boy in Australia
was trapping rabbits, and his dog,
scratching at a hole, exposed a mass
of yellowish rock. The boy, who knew
the country to be gold bearing, told
his father that he believed he had
"struck it rich."

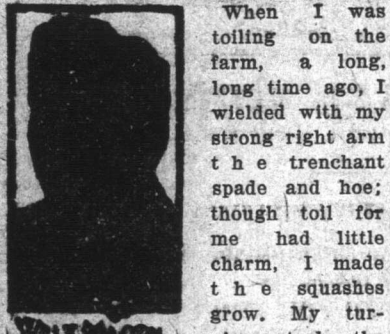
The father, however, pooh-poohed
the idea, but when at last the boy per-
suaded him to go to the spot, he found
that what his son said was true. A
mine was started, and since then it is
estimated that £10,000 has been made
as a result of the dog's discovery.

One of the most valuable finds made
with the help of an animal was in
Montana, where a sapphire ledge was
revealed to the eyes of a badger-trap-
per.

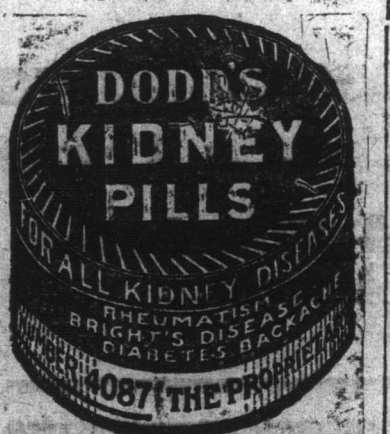
The man was setting his traps one
day when his hand encountered some-
thing hard in the earth thrown out by
the animals in their burrowings. Clos-
er investigation revealed a number of
sapphires. To-day the trapper is a rich
man.

In Africa a small diamond find was
once made by a man who discovered a
diamond in the gizzard of a goose, and
explored all its feeding places till he
found the valuable one.

THE HAY.



When I was
telling on the
farm, a long,
long time ago, I
wielded with my
strong right arm
the trenchant
spade and hoe;
though toll for
me had little
charm, I made
the squashes
grow. My turn-
ips took the
highest prize at Hayseed County
Fair; my pumpkins reached so great
a size they made my rivals swear;
you simply cannot realize their an-
guish and despair. And yet I labored
in disgust, and as I toiled I said,
"I'll quit this farming graft or bust,
it keeps me seeing red"; all day I
tilled the brown earth's crust, at night
I went to bed. The bed was cheap
and hard and small, the tick was
stuffed with hay, the pillow harder
than the ball with which the Giants
play; this didn't worry me at all; I
slept the night away. It seemed two
minutes from the time when I began
to snore, till the alarm clock's raucous
chime proclaimed that night
was over, and I'd have coughed up
half a dime to sleep for nine hours
more. No idle dreams disturbed my
rest when I was in the hay; no
nightmare came, a grisly guest, to
drive my peace away; I slept like
Tut, whose mummy-chest has been
dug up, they say. And now that I
am rich and old the night hours
slowly slide; my bed's a wonder to
behold, the mattress maker's pride,
the coverlets are striped with gold,
in kingly purple dyed. And some-
times, when I'm tired and sick of
watching slow hours crawl, I sigh,
"I'd give the bed and tick, the chromo
on the wall, if I could be once more
the hick who thought the night too
small!"



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