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Tame Beasts Run Wild

FORESTS DESTROYED BY PLAGUES OF GOATS.

The dingo or wild dog of Australia has always been a nuisance to sheep farmers, but since it is naturally shy and cowardly it has been kept down and in many places almost exterminated. But now fresh trouble threatens in Greenland.

It appears that a mastiff which had either lost its master or come ashore from a wreck went wild and joined a dingo pack. Inter-breeding with them, it has produced a new type of dog much more powerful and plucky than the original, and too cunning to take poisoned bait. This new dingo not only kills sheep, but even attacks cattle. It constitutes serious danger to stock.

There are many similar instances of domesticated animals running wild and becoming worse pests than naturally wild animals. A campaign has been initiated by the Government of British Columbia to clear the stock ranges of the wild horses which wander in thousands and are a menace to domesticated horses.

Hunting Wild Horses.

Under a clause in the Animals Act, stockmen have been given authority to shoot wild horses straying on their ranges, but owing to the risk of shooting their neighbours' stock this regulation has been ignored. Now, Mr. Mackenzie, the Grazing Commissioner, is starting to round up and destroy the droves of wild horses.

In the States of Nevada and Washington the wild horses have become a terrible nuisance, and in Queensland the "brumbies," as the wild horses are called, are hunted down and shot. St. Helena, a mountainous island of about fifty square miles, was originally covered with dense forest. In 1518 the Portuguese introduced goats, which ran wild and, browsing the young trees and shrubs, destroyed them. Thus there was no new growth left to replace the older trees when they died down, and with the disappearance of the forest the heavy rains began to wash the soil from the hillsides. The present desert condition of the island is entirely due to goats.

Similar trouble is in store for the Santa Barbara Islands off California, where tame goats, which have run wild, are destroying the brush. On the Galapagos Islands wild dogs descended from tame animals are destroying the curious native fauna, especially the giant tortoises. They do not attack the tortoises themselves, but dig up and eat the tortoises' eggs. Pigs that have run wild are another pest of the Galapagos. Pigs were introduced into New Zealand by Captain Cook in 1770, and increased so rapidly that in the North Island they made farming almost impossible. A single hunter could kill fifty in a day,

and twenty-five thousand were slain by three men within two years.

Cats That Dethroned Mice.

Cats left behind by a whaler on Chatham Island, off Ecuador, have become a plague. All are pitch-black, and they infest the rocks by the sea, living upon crabs and shellfish, and never eating rats or mice.

Speaking of mice, the town of Mercurville, in New Jersey, has been suffering from a plague of white mice. Some tame white mice escaped, and increased so rapidly that the townspeople were obliged to import a large number of cats. The curious thing was that the cats had no appetite for white mice and would not kill them. In the end the sufferers had to resort to an extensive scheme of poisoning.

Tuberculosis

London Daily Express: Modern medical science has led a crusade against the insidious enemy that lurks in the dirt and confinement of cities and thrives on ill-nourishment in its victims. So successful has been the campaign that the ravages of consumption are now definitely being "got under," and an official of the Ministry of Health has declared that with persistence and intensification of the battle the disease may in ten years be actually stamped out. Twenty years ago this would have sounded like an extravagant dream. Ten years hence it may be a dream come true. Such a triumph would be a magnificent tribute to the work of the medical profession.

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Forest Colonies for Lumberjacks

MIGHT WORK LAND NEAR LUMBER CAMP IN OFF SEASONS.

QUEBEC, Oct. 2.—(Canadian Press)—"Forest colonies," located within close proximity to the various lumber camps provided by lumber companies, which would enable lumberjacks to till the land during the off-season, and work for his company for a certain number of days for the remainder of the year, are advocated by G. C. Piche, chief forester of the Provincial Government.

Mr. Piche stated to-day that the question had already been raised as to whether it would have paid lumber companies to have their own staffs of men on the job all the time, instead of importing men every year, with the risk of obtaining "green horns."

In the olden days, he said, the companies had farms, to provide food and shelter for the lumberjack and feed and shelter for the horses, but this system was gradually abandoned and at the present time the logging system was mostly used.

The possible utilization of hard woods by the mills will also form an important part in the employment of forest colonists.

This subject, concluded Mr. Piche, is not a new idea, for it has been tried in the Scandinavian countries and found satisfactory.



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Dead Egyptologist's Haunting Fear

WARNED BY MONKS.

Among the letters read at the inquest on Mr. H. G. Evelyn-White, the Leeds University lecturer, who shot himself in a taxicab after being summoned to attend the inquest on his friend, Miss Mary Helen, "Nina," on Tuesday, the following passage in the dead man's handwriting occurred:

I knew there was a curse on me, though I had leave to take those manuscripts to Cairo. The monks told me the curse would work all the same. Now it has done so.

Mr. Evelyn-White was a noted Egyptologist and had spent many years in Egypt, conducting excavations on behalf of the Metropolitan Museum of New York. During the last two seasons of 1920 and 1921, it is stated, he was working at the monastery of Wadi-Natroun, a valley about 70 miles from Cairo. The valley has long been a great centre of monasticism.

The building comprised Coptic monasteries, which Mr. Evelyn-White explored thoroughly, discovering a secret room about 10ft. square. In this chamber he found a great number of manuscripts written in Coptic and Arabic. Most of them were incomplete and appeared to be portions of carelessly torn books. For days Mr. Evelyn-White worked in the room, suffering great discomfort from heat and dust and tormented by insects. At last he succeeded in bringing out the more important documents, and applied to the highest dignitary of the monasteries for permission to bring the MSS. to Cairo and thence to England. Permission was grudgingly given, but the monks told him that anyone interfering with the relics of the past came under the ban of an ancient curse.

They would not say what form the curse would take, nor could Mr. Evelyn-White discover its terms, although he tried to do so.

PRINCE AND POULTRY.

Out West a prince is raising hens, a prince of noble pedigree; his forebears fought in brackish fens and sailed rude ships upon the sea, and chased fierce pirates to their dens, and earned their crowns, it seems to me. He still might strut on haughty legs with septred monarchs, cheek by jowl, and have his medals heaped in kegs, and make an ancient palace howl; but he is setting fourteen eggs beneath an old bone-headed fowl. For trappings fine, for kingly sway no high ambition does he feel; he does not wish that men obey his slightest nod, his mildest spiel; he has fried chicken thrice a day, he has poached eggs at every meal. The pillow which supports his head when slumber deep and sweet he keeps, is stuffed with feathers, black and red, from roosters in his private pens; he smiles while resting in his bed—his dreams are all of setting hens. How could a prince, some ask, lay down without a sigh the robes of state, the ermine and the jeweled crown, the prestige of the high and great, to drive a rusty bus to town, with fattened chickens in a crate? Few princes do this splendid thing, few years to know the simple life; from those bright gawds to which they cling you could not part them with a knife; each hopes to be at last a king, and have a morganatic wife. But one there was who did not care for royal grandeur, unearned hale; he wisely did not wish to wear the honors centuries made stale; and now, with feathers in his hair, he herds his Leghorns in the vale.

WALT MASON

what earth movements have transpired in the past two decades along the 150-mile route extending from Santa Ana to Barstow, north of here, on the Mohave desert.

The precise levels, or sea elevations, are being established at various points along the route, connecting with the marks established by the last survey, in 1906. Comparisons will determine whether changes have taken place as a result of earthquakes or other disturbances.

Earth Movements of Decades

STUDIED BY GEODETIC SURVEY. SANTA ANA, Cal., Oct. 12 (A.P.)—A United States geodetic survey party is engaged in a survey to determine

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Seals Wonderful Noses

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Most of us when we go in for diving have the very unpleasant experience of getting our nostrils full of water. Nature did not design man to be a diving animal, otherwise she would have been as clever with his nose as she had been with the seal's.

The seal is, without doubt, the cleverest diver in the animal world, and his nose is a very ingenious contrivance indeed. Each nostril is provided with muscles which close it hermetically at the owner's will. And the shape of the nose is such that when the nostrils are closed not a drop of water can enter.

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Terrible Dust Storms.

With seals the closing of the nostrils at the moment of diving has become an automatic process. This is wonderful enough, but we can see a still more remarkable application of the same principle in an animal as far removed from the seal as a clark is from cheese.

The seal is a water animal. The other owner of trap-door nostrils is

the camel, an inhabitant of the driest parts of the world, the waterless sandy deserts.

Now why should the camel require such an apparatus? He is not troubled with water, but he is troubled with dust; hot dust that we see in this country, but the fierce, blinding dust storms of the desert.

These are so violent that tiny particles are driven into the works of even the most finely-made watch, which becomes at once clogged and useless. If the camel had not nostrils which were perfectly rust-proof he would never endure the dreadful sand and dust storms.

MUTT AND JEFF

OUCH! HOW DID THE LITTLE FELLOW THINK OF THIS ONE?

By Bud Fisher

