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SWALLOW'S NEST OF BANK-NOTE

Also How a Mouse Stole \$10 Worth of Notes to Make a Home.

A pair of swallows of Fibersburg, Pa., have stolen a number of ten-dollar banknotes to line their nest. The parent birds discovered that their nest was just the shade of blue to match their eggs, the blue being the color of the ten-dollar note. They needed the nest to be lined with the same material. The nest was only discovered when the swallows had abandoned it and it fell to the ground. This feat has been equalled by a mouse in a bank-note box. The mouse, which abstracted a number of ten-dollar banknotes to the value of \$10, of a delicate redish-brown shade, from the cash drawer of a butcher, and tearing them to shreds, adapted them to the purpose of making a nest for her family of five. The butcher in his search for the notes suspected and traced the mouse, and found the nest under the counter. He carefully picked up the remains of the notes and returned them to the bank, where they were valued at \$15. The bank claiming \$250 of "material loss" caused by the mouse's teeth.

THE HOUSE FLY.

The Most Filthy Insect Known.

This fly, called "Typhoid Fly," on account of its being known as a carrier of typhoid germs, is one of the most filthy insects with which we have to contend. It also carries the germs of tuberculosis and other diseases, and is a menace to the health of the family. It breeds in fresh horse-manure and other filth, hence, when the stable near the house, flies are apt to be more numerous. Use screens on the windows; resort to the use of sticky fly paper; keep garbage pails and other vaults securely covered; if possible, keep stable manure covered. Some farmers' wives hang sticky fly paper, sticky side out, on the outside of their screen doors, at the top, which, in warm weather, catches flies which gather there. Flies are attracted and can be killed by the following solution: Place in a room 100 cc. of formalin (formaldehyde) in a quart of water. Flies drink this and shortly die. This not only kills the fly, but serves to disinfect the insect after death. Intestinal discharges from patients suffering from typhoid, or any other fever, should be sterilized before being emptied into the cesspool.

Traffic on the Lakes.

Canada's Soo Canal traffic, 1909, season of eight months, 57,985,149 tons; Soo Canal, all of 1909, 15,467,327 tons. Canada's canals traffic, 1910, 45,000,000 tons. The "Midland Prince" broke all records in grain cargoes on July 7th, 1910, by sailing from Port William with 523,251 bushels of oats. There are 111 vessels in the Lake St. Pierre trade over 500 feet in length, and 187 between 400 and 500 feet in length. There were carried down the lakes during 1909, 113,252,561 bushels of wheat, and over 45,000,000 bushels of grain other than wheat.

Dairying in Ontario.

Ontario's dairy industry was valued in 1909 at \$31,000,000, with 37 creameries and 1,777 cheese factories, and 35 Government dairy institutions. Three-quarters of the dairy product of Canada comes from Ontario. Milk delivered at cheese factories, 1,661,039,751 lbs.; cheese production herefrom, 120,624,436 lbs.; value of cheese, \$13,106,919. Butter made at creameries, 9,856,209 lbs.; value of butter, \$2,355,170. Value of milk and butter made on farms, over \$10,000,000.

Average value of Ontario dairy products for the past 5 years is at least \$20,000,000, and in two or three banner years, \$35,000.

Railroad Ticket Printed White You Wait.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company has installed a Sanborn automatic machine at Sandhills Station, Liverpool, by which, on dropping a penny in a slot, a ticket is printed, dated and numbered. The machine is worked electrically, the roller being supplied from the live rail. When the supply of cardboard is running short, the clerks in the office are warned by the ringing of a bell.

Cannot Export Feathers.

Plumage skins or eggs of native birds of Australia and New Guinea can no longer be exported, this having been prohibited by the Australian Commonwealth Government.

Average value in farm crops and fruits in Canada, 1901, \$10,323 per acre; United States (including sub-tropical products), \$9.41.

Canada's Fishing Fleet.

Canada has a fishing fleet of 1,723 vessels, and 41,170 boats, manned by 93,663 men, and 2,234 employed on shore. Total, 96,367.

A Big Investment.

Capital employed in manufacturing industries, 1909, \$446,916,457; in 1908, \$388,686,073; 1911, estimated at \$5,000,000,000.

He raised only \$12 and was wondering who the fellow was who gave a dollar to a poor man.

The story is told of a poor man who had only \$12 and was wondering who the fellow was who gave a dollar to a poor man.

SHACKLETON'S EMPHATIC STYLE

The great explorer not always choice in his words.

When Sir Ernest Shackleton was in the depths of the Antarctic regions on his trip toward the South Pole, he kept a diary describing the adventures he had every day, the kind of country he traversed, the weather, and all the details of the journey. He wrote his notes in a free and emphatic style, using the adjectives and phrases which seemed best suited to impress his meaning on those who might read the volume at a later time. After he had just missed reaching the pole and had returned to civilization as the man who had gone "northwest south," he was asked to print a book about his experiences. He hurriedly edited his diary and turned it over to the publishers. A few days after the book appeared in the shops he began to get letters from religious folks, upbraiding him for a sentence he had used in describing a certain stretch of country. Here is what it showed: "The snow was so deep that the dogs were unable to make their way through it." "The surface of this section plays hell with the feet."

BOSTON VS MONTREAL

A Montreal Journal Investigates Farmers' Prices.

A newspaper of Montreal compiled a table of comparative prices in that city and Boston for the week ending August 1st. This statement was prepared with the assistance of prominent produce dealers and food experts. Cheese, eggs, live poultry, cranberries, lettuce, onions, squash, tomatoes, beans and corn-blossoms all cost considerably higher in Montreal than in Boston. The best creamery butter was then a cent and a half per pound higher in Boston than in Montreal, while storage creamery butter was one cent higher in Boston.

Waterways of Canada.

Canada has 6,000 miles of waterways from the St. Lawrence to the Mackenzie, with only 150 miles of a hard break. The Mackenzie is with its tributaries, 2,600 miles long, equal to distance from Liverpool to Halifax, draining a region three times as large as Boston. The Saskatchewan is 1,600 miles long; the Columbia 1,400; the Churchill 1,000; the Fraser and the Red River each 650 miles. The Saskatchewan basin is as large as that of the St. Lawrence.

Laws.

Laws are what some chap, or collection of chaps, wrote in a book in an attempt either to approximate or side-step public opinion. This is true of all laws except unwritten laws, in which case you are entitled to as many guesses as you wish, and the last guess is right. All laws, both written and unwritten, may be viewed according either to the letter or the spirit. The legal profession supports the letter and is in turn supported by the spirit. That is why a poor man seldom gets a box seat where he can see the spiritual light. In spite of the excess of legal verbiage, the letter of the law is supposed to be plain, so a poor man is supposed to know all about it without hithering the judge with extenuating circumstances. The spirit of the law, on the other hand, is as shifting as the sands of the sea, so that the Supreme Court may divide five to four without humbling.

Last Call.

Professor Lawlor tells the following story of a young man who was very drunk one night. He was sitting at a table in a restaurant, and a waiter came over with a tray of food. The man looked at the tray and said, "That's a very nice dinner, but I don't think I can eat it. I'm a little tipsy."

ON A GRAIN OF WHEAT.

A Prayer Containing 386 Letters Inscribed and Four Figures.

Prayers have been written and engraved on many very small objects, but only one person ever has been patient and painstaking enough to inscribe a complete prayer on a grain of wheat. One day Sir Moses Montefiore, the great Jewish financier of England, received a small tin box in the mail. On the cover of the box was written, "A prayer for Moses Montefiore, by Bauch Mordecai, son of Zebi Hirsch Scheinmann, of Jerusalem." The box contained a single grain of wheat, on which was inscribed, in characters so small that they could only be read with the aid of a powerful microscope, the 386 Hebrew letters of the prayer, and the date of the year (Hebrew reckoning), 5645. Sir Moses kept the prayer in the box until he died and it is now preserved with religious care by one of his friends.



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