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BIOLOGIST DENIES CHANCE EVOLUTION

Dr. Lucien Cuentot Says Insects' Mechanical Devices Evidently Result from Design-Cuttlefish an Exam-

(New York Times) The thousands of ingenious mechanical devices to be found in insects indicate that they were developed from design, not from chance variation and selection not from chance variation and selection, according to Dr. Lucien Cuentot, an eminent French biologist, who made the leading address yesterday before the Second International Congress of Eugenics

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Dr. Cuentot outlined objections to the theories of evolution by pure chance on which scientific atheism is based and indicated harmonies between recent studies of evolution and religion.

"All human devices except the wheel," he said, "are found in nature—the file, the anchor, the pick, the rail, the groove of guidance, the dovetailling, many musical instruments, &c."

He argued that the insect was endowed originally with the power of developing these elever contrivances in order that it could use these tools when it needed them. His position was apparently in conflict with the school of glologists who deny or doubt "intention;" that is, that an insect or other living thing should develop in a given manner preceded the actual development. Dr. Cuentot did not commit himself definitely with the biologists of the spiritual school and the theologians, but he said:

"One may boldly declare that none of the theories of evolution enables us to understand the genius of these organs of definite intention; perhaps there

gans of definite intention; perhaps there are, in addition to the active causes already known, other factors which have escaped the penetrating minds of our great biologists of the past century and of our own time, and which would enable us to understand the evident in-

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The sting of the bee was one of the French scientist's specimens of an organ of definite intention. Another was the ovipositor of the grasshopper, a kind of torpedo tube which it has developed for the purpose of planting its eggs deeply in bark of earth. The leading exhibit of the speaker was the cuttlefish, which has two organs of definite intention. One was its well-known faculty to blacken the water with ink while escapling, and another a system of snaps like those of gloves, which buckles on its outer skin at the throat. This device, apparently used by nature for many thousands of years was not patented by mortals until forty years ago.

Another specimen was an insect which killed its assailants with a deadly poisoned gas.

The scientist threw on a screen a picture of destroyers making a smoke screen, and compared it with the cuttlefish's escape.

"The inventions of the great war are all met with in animals and insects," he said. He proceeded to cite various examples of camouflage in animals built or colored to blend indistinguishable into their usual background or setting.

"Nature's solution differs from that of the craftsman," he continued, "only by its greater perfection, its greater adaptation and its security, and its elegance and, luxury of minute detail.

Theory of Modern Biologists.

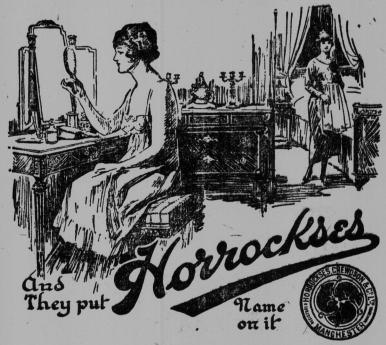
"But biologists since Darwin have been pure mechanics. If organs have an end, they say, it is because thy fulfill a useful purpose in the co-ordinated organisms; that they have an end, they say, it is because they fulfill a useful purpose in the co-ordinated organisms; that they have an end, shappend and the theologians, although accepting evolution, believe in a final casuality of natural causes (evolutional factors) in to the composition of the parents of the spiritualistic school and the theologians, although accepting evolution in the making by studying and pre-existing to nature, which jeeds the latter by the laws he has ordinated organisms; how this enthentically acquired character has been found transmissible to

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a Communist, for example, can't be convicted of murder without provoking combined efforts, assisted by assassination cr attempts at it, of his fellows to shield

him from the penalty of his crime. Again

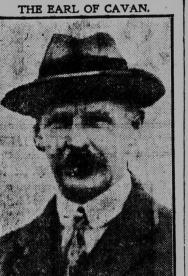
of the sometime British bomber who is Mr. Herrick's valet.

The Communists, indulging in their cheerful habit of forgery, have manufactured for the judge in the case a statement that the defendants were "guilty because of their ideas." By posters and by articles in the Red newspapers the Anarchists and Communists are urged to insist on the release of these "comrades" and "innocents." In Paris a mass meeting has been called for tonight. In Brest yesterday a mob of syndicalists amused itself by singing the "Internationale" and smashing the windows of the American Consulate. The Communists of Brussels have "demonstrated" before the American Embassy. All over Europe, apparently, the various congeners of the Bolsheviki are going to howl against a fictitious injustice; accepting their protests from time to time by little pleasantries such as infernal machines. Doubtless the faithless in this country will take up the lamentation. It is an agreeable state of things if members of the various societies of revolution and destruction can't be punished by the courts for their crimes; if a Communist, for example, can't be convicted of murder without provoking comvicted of murder without provoking com-

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of the City.

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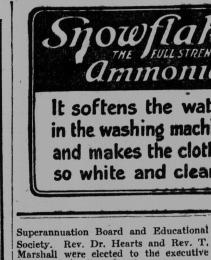
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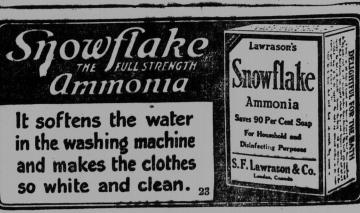
EDITH ROBERTS AND CHAPLIN AT THE UNIQUE

Edith Roberts will be at the Unique tonight, featured in a terrific tale of the astounding adventures of a little white tigress in the South Seas; and Charlie Chaplin in another re-issue, "His New Job." Both these pictures are well worth seeing.

METHODIST MISSIONS.

Rev. Thomas Marshall, who lately returned from a meeting of the board of missions of the Methodist church held in Toronto, said that a number of important matters were discussed. Financial matters were brought up and it was decided to try to raise twenty-five per cent. more money than last year. A resolution was passed approving of the union of the Protestant churches in China. It was decided to form a Chinese conference as soon as possible. Eight new missionaries were sent to China and two to Japan during the year. Forti workers were asked for China and eleven for Japan. The general secretary, Dr. Endicott, and the general treasurer, W. G. Watson, were appointed to attend a missionary conference in Shanghai and a conference in Japan in 1922. A committee was appointed to work with the Presbyterians in connection with the Chinese work in Canada and money provided for the building of a centre in Toronto. A resolution of appreciation of the work of Rev. Dr. W. H. Hearts was adopted unanimously. Reports were read from the Women's Missionary Society, National Campaign Movement, cided to try to raise twenty-five per





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