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## BIRDS CARRY MAIL.

NEW ZEALAND HAS THE MOST UNIQUE OF ALL POSTAL SYSTEMS

Carrier Pigeon Post is Daily Service Between Auckland and Great Barrier Island, about Sixty Miles Distant. Triangular Stamps Will Secure Prompt Service if On a Letter From Any Part of the World.

Unique among the postal systems through which have been developed means for communicating intelligence and aiding in the spread of civilization is the pigeon post which is in daily service carrying mail between Auckland, N.Z., and Great Barrier Island, known as the Great Barrier Pigeon Post. It affords an example of the work accomplished by feathered messengers more promptly and safely than it could be done by human means. Under its operation letters can be sent from any part of the world and delivered promptly at Great Barrier Island, whereas without the intervention of the winged letter carriers they might be delayed a week or ten days waiting for the sailing of a steamer from Auckland for the island.

The idea of establishing a pigeon mail service between the Great Barrier Island, which is 60 miles by water from the city of Auckland, was originated by Walter Fricker of that city, after the wreck of the steamship Wairarapa. On this occasion birds were used to carry dispatches from the island to Auckland, there



being no cable communication, and a steamer only once a week. The population at that time was limited to about 100. Then came the opening up of the gold, silver and copper mines, which industries were responsible for the increase in the population to 600 or 700. It was soon found necessary to obtain some better means of communicating with the mainland, and the Great Barrier pigeon post was inaugurated.

The training of birds from Auckland to the island, which is low-lying and often enveloped in haze seemed to present insurmountable difficulties, the birds being reluctant to leave the mainland on the long journey across the 60 miles of Hauraki Gulf, but with patience and perseverance this was overcome. The service now has a large number of these diminutive messengers traveling both ways daily.

On account of the extra risk and trouble the charge from Auckland to the island is one shilling a sheet. Correspondence is dispatched daily from the island as required between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., from Auckland up to noon daily. The time of closing is earlier from the island, owing to the difficulty experienced by the birds in "peking" up the island on account of the mists in the afternoon.

The birds are trained so that on arrival at either terminus they place their necks between two wires, raised these on their shoulders and walk forward into a box two feet square. The wires then fall back against a piece of metal, which rings an indicator bell and notifies an attendant who removes the message and permits the bird to enter the loft.

The messages are folded, sealed with a stamp and are then attached to the pigeon's leg. Around the outside of the message is placed a waterproof logging to insure it from wet should the bird meet with bad weather.

Triangular stamps have just been issued by the Great Barrier pigeon agency. If one has friends at Great Barrier Island and wishes at times to correspond with them without delay a stock of these pigeon stamps should be procured. Then he can post his message from any part of the world to the Great Barrier Pigeon agency, Auckland, N.Z., who will tie the copied message upon the leg of "Hauraki" or another of their swift messengers, and away it will go over the treacherous sea which separates Great Barrier Island from the mainland. If he includes a six-penny return journey stamp the reply will come winging its way back to Auckland without further trouble to him. From there, of course, the message would reach him by the ordinary post.

The smallest dog in the world, Cyclo, who claims to be the smallest dog in the world, weighs 11½ ounces, and is not as big as an ordinary rat. His measurement from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail is just six inches, and his height is 3½ inches. The miniature dog is of the Mexican hairless species.



THE SMALLEST DOG IN THE WORLD. known as a blue tan. Cyclo is a nephew of Chic, now dead, who was owned by Anna Held, the well-known French actress. Chic weighed 13 ounces, and was an inch longer than Cyclo. The picture here given is from a photograph.

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## LOVE'S LABOR LOST.

The Parliamentary Candidate Wanted to Kiss a Lady's Children

He Attained his Wish and Then Found he had Kissed a whole Orphan Asylum.

"Madam, may I kiss these beautiful children?" inquired a candidate for the coming by-election in the Midlands the other day who was on a tour round the constituency, as he leaned over the front gate.

"Certainly, sir; there is no possible objection."

"They are lovely darlings," said the would-be M.P., after he had finished the eleventh. "I have seldom seen more beautiful babies. Are they yours, ma'am?"  
The lady blushed deeply. "Of course they are, the sweet little treasures! From whom else, ma'am could they have inherited those limpid eyes, those rosy cheeks, those profuse curls, those comely figures, and those musical voices?"

The lady continued blushing. "By the way, ma'am," said he, "may I bother you to tell your estimable husband that Richard J. Spouter, parliamentary candidate for this division, called upon him this evening?"

"Excuse me, sir," said the lady, "I have no husband."

"But these children, madam—you surely are not a widow?"

"I feared you were mistaken, sir, when you first came up. These are my children. This is an orphan asylum."

Exit would-be M.P.—TH. BITS.

Walked 232,872 miles.

David Ramsay, a postman of the Kilmur Postoffice, Forfarshire, who is nearly 80 years of age, has resigned his position, owing to ill-health, after 37 years' service, and has been succeeded by his youngest daughter.

He was never absent from duty a day through sickness or pleasure, and regularly for 25 years he covered 24 miles daily, and 12 miles daily for the remaining 12, totalling what is believed to be the world's postman record of 232,872 miles. His walking speed, nine times the globe's circumference, and are 6,000 miles short of a journey to the moon.

Two Scottish M.P.'s attempted a few years ago to get Ramsay a small retiring allowance, but were only successful in obtaining from the Government a gratuity of a few pounds.

Sandwiches for Outdoor Lunches.

The rolls for sandwiches for outdoor lunches should be perfectly fresh, and should be rather small, with a tender, crisp crust. The round graham rolls are exceedingly nice for this purpose. Remove from the top of the roll a piece of the crust the size of a silver dollar, and with a blunt knife or spoon take out the centre. The space may be filled with any highly seasoned chopped meat, fish, lobster, crab, or even fruit, the lid replaced, and the sandwich served in a pretty basket. Tongue sandwiches may be made by either chopping the tongue or cutting it into thin slices. Where the tongue is chopped it should be rubbed as described in the receipt for chicken sandwiches, and highly seasoned—Ladies' Home Journal.

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## FUTURE OF SOUDAN.

WHAT KITCHENER'S BRILLIANT CAMPAIGN MEANS TO THAT COUNTRY.

The World Rejoiced When He Telegraphed That "The Sudan May Now Be Said to Be Open"—The Black Flagflies Scattered in the Death of the Khalifa, Never to Meet Again.

"The Sudan may now be said to be open." Such was the final sentence in the despatch of Gen. Kitchener announcing the brilliant victory of his army over the fanatical followers of the Mahdi.

The world rejoiced with England and Egypt over the brilliant victory that killed, captured or scattered the black army of the Sudan, and yet it is safe to say that the majority of the people of the world, aside from those who have closely followed Sudanese history, but little realized what such a victory meant.

Ever since before the death of brave Gen. Gordon there have come from the Sudan little dribblings of news telling of atrocities that have



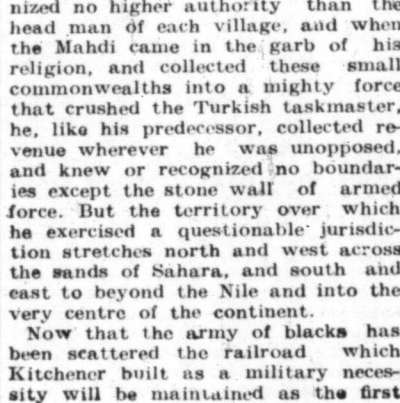
KHALIFA ABDULLAH.

startled the world for the moment and were then forgotten. During Gen. Kitchener's long campaign that has so gloriously avenged the death of Gordon, the telegraph has flashed back from across the desert bits of encouraging news to which the press of the world has given more or less prominence for a day, and then continued the constant scramble for something fresh, and so allowed Kitchener and his little band of English and Egyptian soldiers to be forgotten until they had won another victory worthy of a front page position.

But to-day their work has been completed. The army of black fanatics has been scattered, never to meet again, in all probability; its leader, including the Khalifa himself, have been slain with but one exception, and that one is a fugitive. England has touched the country with her magic wand and the result is peace after centuries of strife and oppression.

Geographers have never attempted to define the boundaries of what has been termed "The Empire of the Mahdi." It has been shown rather indefinitely as a broad stretch of territory around the sources and junction of the Nile river and the swamps of the Great Sahara desert. In fact it is an empire that has known no boundaries. During the reign of the Turk his soldiers collected tribute wherever they met with no resistance. Before the advent of the Turk the Sudan consisted of but hundreds of little scattered commonwealths which recognized no higher authority than the head man of each village, and when the Mahdi came in the garb of his religion, and collected these small commonwealths into a mighty force that crushed the Turkish taskmaster, he, like his predecessor, collected revenue wherever he was unopposed, and knew or recognized no boundaries except the stone wall of armed force. But the territory over which he exercised a questionable jurisdiction stretches north and west across the sands of Sahara, and south and east to beyond the Nile and into the very centre of the continent.

Now that the army of blacks has been scattered the railroad which Kitchener built as a military necessity will be maintained as the first



A BLACK FOLLOWER OF THE MAHDI.

link in the chain of Anglo-Saxon civilization which will rapidly supersede barbarism. The steel rails which have been used to carry men and munitions of war with which to conquer the country will now carry in to it traders and the wares from the factories of the world with which to maintain it and will carry out again the rich stores of ivory, of india rubber, of gold and silver, of cereals for which much of the vast territory is well adapted, of ebony and other valuable woods which abound in the forests, and of gum.

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