

## Taking Wild Animals' Pictures

CAMERA SUBJECTS FOUND AT THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

The London Zoo is the happiest hunting ground in the country for the camera enthusiast.

If the camera be a small one, say quarter plate, or smaller, no permit is necessary, but if larger instruments are used, or if it is desired to set up a tripod, it is necessary to ask permission, and a fee may be demanded.

As the majority of pictures taken at the Zoo must be pure snapshots, because of the life and movement there, the restriction mentioned does not hamper anybody. There is, indeed, no need to use a larger camera, because the small ones do much better work in the circumstances. The use of the long-focus lens demanded by a large camera would necessitate stopping down of the lens and long exposures. With the short focus lens of the smaller camera, it is possible to use the lens at full aperture. This enables one to give the rapid exposures necessary when live animals are the subjects.

### Leave Lions Alone

The novice should not allow himself to be tempted to snap at any animals kept under cover, such as lions in the Lion House. In no such case will the light be sufficient to provide adequate exposure. Pictures of animals in outdoor cages may be taken, but those of animals behind iron bars are seldom satisfactory, and they are never very attractive, even if successful in other respects.

Thus it is hardly worth while to waste films and plates on the dangerous animals, with one notable exception. The bears on the Mappin terrace have no bars before them, and they can be photographed at close range in perfectly natural surroundings. Moreover, they seem to like the process if encouraged by tit-bits in the form of biscuits.

Fortunately many of the cages contain striking animals or birds which are quite safe, and in these cages an effort should be made to push the lenses of the camera through the bars or wire netting when taking a snap. In this class may be mentioned giraffes, wild horses, many kinds of deer, ostriches, peacocks, and eagles.

Quite apart from these, however, there are lots of subjects of great interest which can be photographed in the open, the seals being possibly the most useful for the purpose. A short time spent by the pond, preferably just before feeding time, will enable one to bag half a dozen pictures worth having. Later, when feeding takes place, there may be a great temptation to "fire-off" quite a number of snaps, but it should be resisted. The animals swim much too quickly for the ordinary snapshot camera. Those who possess high-class cameras with focal plane shutters, however, will have fine opportunities here to test their skill in high speed snapshot work.

The ponds containing the larger water-fowl provide a series of really beautiful pictures throughout the day. One or more flamingos in a picture will make the most ordinary water scene attractive.

On a trip of this sort it is well to be armed with spare films or plates, and those who wish to reload their cameras during the day may be interested to know that if they consult the keeper of the wolves' den they will be allowed to use a photographic dark room, next to the den, on payment of a small fee.

## Words That Make Us Wonder

Have you ever wondered how some of the queer words and expressions we use to-day first came into the language?

The expression "raining cats and dogs" originated in the days when seamen used to refer to waves on the water before a storm as "cat-paws," whilst the dog has always been regarded in northern mythology as a symbol of wind. Consequently, when a heavy rainstorm was accompanied by high winds, sailors would say "it was coming down cats and dogs."

We still use the expression "big wig," although these tritones are a fashion of the past. In other days, however, a person's importance was judged by the size of the wig he wore, and therefore the highest in the land were known to the less fortunate as "big wigs."

"Pin-money" is an expression that serves to remind us of the days when pins were expensive, and husbands allowed their wives special sums for that purpose. Later on the expression was applied to a wife's pocket-money.

Another word that has an interesting origin is "handicap." This is probably derived from "hand in the cap," as in former times it was the custom to draw lots from a hat or cap.

### Re-Count Rumored

Owing to so many entries coming in for the Sports at St. Mary's Garden Party on Wednesday next at Lester's Field, it is rumored that the Committee will require a special man to re-count the Competitors. — 1924, 11

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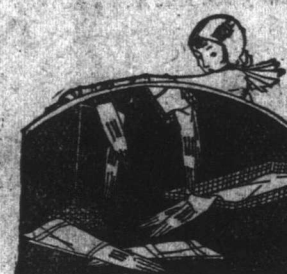
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### Smile Awhile

#### Her Idea

A big race meeting the following conversation was overheard between a sporting man and his old fashioned mother, whom he had invited up from the country.

"What on earth have you brought?" said the son, eyeing the parcel his mother carried.

"Well," replied the old lady, "you said in your letter to bring something to put on the horses, and here's an old quilt, but I want it back afterwards."

#### Why He Worried

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#### It Wasn't Wireless

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He pulled the receivers away and the music swelled—he put them back again and the music faded.

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