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### SOME ODD ANIMAL CONTESTS.

At Huddersfield, England, is an association for the promotion of cock fighting which has achieved a more than local fame. The association has now been in existence for about twenty years, and so many as three hundred and twenty-five birds have been entered for the various competitions at one meet.

As a rule, the birds are kept for a considerable time in the dark, and when the competitor's turn comes he is brought in to his darkened cage before a mirror. Light is thrown on the mirror, and when he sees his own reflection, he takes it to be a rival. He is allowed about half a minute in which to catch the "enemy," after which his cage is taken in front of a window. At once he bursts into song, spreading his wings, and singing for quite a while. The rules of the contest require all spectators to remain absolutely quiet and motionless as far as possible. The cock is extremely sensitive while singing, and the least noise, such as taking out a pocket-handkerchief, or making even a slight noise, may put an abrupt end to his song. Last year three birds each sang for about ten minutes without cessation, thus gaining the championship.

#### COCK-CROWING COMPETITION.

A cock-crowing competition open to the world, was held in Paris in 1902. In this competition the birds were brought by their owners in darkened boxes. At each competitor's turn into the light of day and taken out on a platform. The bird imagined he was there to herald in a supposed dawn, and began to crow vigorously. At the same moment a special timepiece was started. The utterer of the greatest number of cock-crowings in a quarter of an hour was the one proclaimed champion chanticleer.

#### BULL AND TORTOISE RACES.

A form of sport very popular in Burma, is bull racing. These contests are largely attended by the natives, who bet considerable sums of money on the result. A native sportsman who owns one of these bulls, values it at twelve thousand dollars, and it is said to bring him in an annual income of five thousand to seven thousand dollars.

#### PUGILISTE FISHES.

A few years ago a well-known sportsman of New York imported several of the famous fighting fishes of Siam, in order to furnish sport for his friends. The natives of Siam devote great care to the cultivation of these fishes, which are called plakat. The interest in the fights is so great that the houses to exhibit them bring a considerable annual revenue to the King of Siam. The Siamese are inveterate gamblers, and stake large sums on these contests.

For some time before a contest the fishes are fed, among other things, with the larvae of mosquitoes or aquatic insects, which seem to increase their naturally pugilistic dispositions. When ready for a contest, two fishes are placed in a large glass bottle. It is curious to note each fish's attitude when it becomes aware of its adversary's presence in the bottle. Spelling with rage and pride, they circle round and round the narrow space, pretending not to notice one another, until suddenly one fish makes a savage dart at the other, biting his fins and body.

#### HARE AND HOUNDS.

One of the most ancient of field sports was coursing, or the pursuit of a hare by dogs. It is a sport which is by sight and not by scent. There are two kinds of coursing—"open," or haphazard pursuit of any hare that can be discovered and "close" coursing. In which the course is determined case, the hare is kept in a pen, and released, and after sufficient time or distance has been allowed them, the dogs are slipped and the pursuit begins. The judges follow the dogs throughout the course and their decisions are based on the dog's kill, as well as on various actions of the competitors in the contest.

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of a piece of paper, and the one that proved most adept in making a speedy bee line to the edge of the paper was matched against the pick of a rival stable. Some of the fastest could not be induced to travel in a straight line; in racing pastimes they bolted, and were bad betting propositions. But when two came together that showed a disposition to race straight and true the betting on the result was lively enough to stir up the anti-gambling enthusiasm.

#### TURTLE RACING IN FLORIDA.

In Florida the turtle fishermen occasionally have races with turtles as their steeds. A pair of loggerhead turtles weighing each several hundred pounds, are generally selected. Wearing bathing costumes the contestants mount their steeds, grasping the front part of the animal's upper shell with both hands; the contestants then give the signal to go.

As soon as released the turtle makes for the water. Ordinarily the animal would at once go to the bottom; but the rider prevents this by throwing his weight on the back part of the shell and at the same time pulling the forward part up with his hands, which keeps the animal's head above the surface. It is easy to guide a turtle, as it can be forced, either to the right or left simply by pulling at the shell on each side of the head.

In some of these contests the turtles cover several miles and do it in remarkably fast time. The races are generally guided parallel to the beach, which allows spectators to follow the race to the finish.

In the eighteenth century an odd sight occasionally seen on Newmarket Heath, the scene of many of the great English stake races was the sight of two geese racing between birds of that day. Great care was observed in the training of these birds, and a champion frequently sold for a large sum.

#### AROUND THE SOUTHERN EXTREMITY OF SOUTH AMERICA.

South America is to be found a very large duck which bears the common name of "steamer duck" or "race horse," owing to a peculiar habit it has of slipping and pursuing the surface of the water at great speed. This is said to be due to the remarkable fact that the duck's power of flight is very common, and sailors derive great pleasure from witnessing what look like the "Great Game" between ducks, and large sums are sometimes wagered on the races.



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### BULGARIA WANTS TO BE RECOGNIZED

PARIS, Feb. 19.—Bulgaria has notified France and the other powers of Europe that she is now convinced that the moment has arrived for a formal recognition of her independence. She calls attention to the fact that she has patiently followed the advice of the powers and maintained an attitude of dignity and she expresses the fear that the internal troubles in Turkey will retard greatly the settlement of her pending questions with that country. Further delay would be dangerous to all interests, it is pointed out, and likely to bring about a breach of the peace in the Balkans.

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### LAST EVENING A GALA ONE FOR KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

All previous festivities conducted by the Knights of Pythias were eclipsed last evening at the celebration of the 4th anniversary of the order in their rooms, Germania street. Over 300 members were in attendance and the evening was one of much enjoyment. An excellently rendered programme and some masterly addresses assisted in making the evening a success.

## AYLESWORTH IS TO HANDLE THE CANADIAN CASE

Terms of Anglo-American Treaty ANNOUNCEMENT MADE

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick to Represent Canada on Arbitration Board

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Announcement was made here tonight of the terms of the Anglo-American treaty for the reference to the Hague court of arbitration of outstanding disputes between Canada, Newfoundland and the United States relative to the rights of American fishermen in the coastal waters of British North America under the terms of the treaty of 1818. Through the instrumentality of this reference it is expected that an authoritative settlement will be obtained of disputes which have been outstanding for close on a century.

The court of arbitration will have a membership of five. Dr. Lamarche of Vienna, a well known authority on international law, has been agreed on as umpire. Canada has nominated Chief Justice Sir Charles Fitzpatrick as its representative. The United States will probably be represented by one of its supreme court judges, whose name is not yet announced.

It is stipulated that in the case of any future differences regarding the exercise of the rights accorded to American fishermen by the court they shall be referred informally to the permanent court at the Hague for decision by the usual summary procedure.

One of the most important issues to be decided is as to the definition of the three-mile limit in question along the treaty coast. The American contention has been that this should closely follow the bays and indentations of the shore, while Canada has held that in the case of bays whose entrance is less than six miles wide that the three-mile limit shall be three miles from a line drawn from cape to cape. An important supplementary agreement reached by the negotiators is that the treaty is to regard to the fishing privileges of Americans in the Bay of Fundy and in the Gut of Canso. In 1845 Lord Elgin, on behalf of the British government, conceded to the United States without prejudice the privilege of the sea waters outside of the three mile limit. Canada maintains that as a matter of right the Bay of Fundy and Gut of Canso waters are exclusively Canadian and that American vessels could be altogether excluded therefrom. It is agreed, however, in a formal exchange of notes between Ambassador Bryce and Secretary Root that the convention existing since 1845, which obviates any friction in this regard, shall be continued. The question of legal right to be unaffected by the present treaty.

### HIGH HONOR FOR PROF. WOODMAN

HALIFAX, Feb. 19.—Dalhousie is furnishing another man to a big university. Dr. J. E. Woodman, professor of theology, has been appointed professor of theology and curator of the geological museum at the New York University, beginning his duties with the next academic year.

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