

GOOSE FIGHTS FOR ITS OWNER.

Fallows Master Through Crowded Streets of Washington

Washington.—A large Chinese goose was seen wandering along Pennsylvania avenue and up Fourteenth street a few nights ago, apparently following its own inclinations in taking a stroll. Its owner was near, but the sign of his presence was given only to one friend greeted another by placing his hands on his shoulders. At this movement the goose suddenly started forward in defense of the man thus approached.

SPOILS ENOCH ARDEN TALE.

Husband Comes Out of Hiding When Wife is to Wed Successor.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Had John Wallace, of Collins avenue, arrived home one day later he would have been another Enoch Arden. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Wallace, is sorely disappointed because John is not dead, which she believed him to be.

WHOLE AUDIENCE SNEEZED.

Joker Scattered Snuff to Give Realism to Moving Picture.

Middletown, N. Y.—A joker the other night caused much annoyance to a large audience at the Stratton theater and came very near breaking up the show. There were two exhibitions of moving pictures at the theater during the day. One of the pictures shown was that of a man eating a raw onion, while a number of persons stood around him holding their noses and wiping tears from their eyes.

REGAINS KIDNAPED CHILD.

Finding Husband Had Taken Six-Year-Old, Mother Pursues.

New Egypt, N. J.—A double kidnaping, with the mother of the stolen child as the heroine, occurred here because of domestic troubles Charles Hopkins and his wife separated some time ago, the latter retaining possession of their six-year-old daughter, despite demands on the part of Hopkins that she surrender her to him.

KNOCKED THE OFFICER DOWN.

Muscular Woman Astonishes Audience in New York Court Room.

New York.—While Magistrate Corrigan looked on Peter McCrone, a detective of the tenderloin station, was floored in the night court during its last session by a woman, who struck him a right-handed blow on the point of the jaw with force which would have done credit to a pugilist.

SAYS WE LIVE TOO LONG.

English Physician Accounts for Increase in Insanity.

London, England.—The annual report of the lunacy commissioners shows a disquieting increase in the population of Great Britain's asylums. At the beginning of this year one out of every 282 persons in England and Wales was reported to be insane.

Romance of a Diamond.

Sima.—The romance of a diamond valued at \$150,000 is just now occupying the attention of the Indian courts. It is said to have been stolen in 1842 from Shah Suja, then Amir of Afghanistan, by an old Afghan chief, Amir Uddowah, who has just died, his possession of the gem therefore coming known.

Hidden Gold in Mountain.

Mauch Chunk, Pa.—Somewhere on Flax Staff mountain there is \$340 in gold in a coin bag. This amount of money disappeared from the Madouse home when Mrs. Madouse, suddenly bereft of reason, left her home and family one recent Sunday evening, and roamed the mountain until the Monday night following.

YANKEEES "LIFT" ANYTHING.

Souvenir Craze Jeopardizes Whole Continent of Europe.

London.—There are loud cries of protest from the custodians of national institutions against the extreme methods employed by American and other tourists to get souvenirs of their visits to England. There is no showplace of any importance which has not suffered from their ravages, despite the vigilance of the officials.

FLYING LEAP RESTORES MIND.

Plucky Man Bandages Broken Leg and Seeks Succor.

Joplin, Mo.—His reason restored by a leap from a flying train that broke his leg Fred Dubois, of Grove, I. T., bandaged the member in weed splints and crawled two miles to a farmhouse, eight miles south of here. He was removed to a hospital here and will recover.

"MARRIAGE FOR LIFE A CRIME."

So Says Prof. Larkin and Urges Time Contracts.

San Francisco.—In a lecture before the San Francisco Sociological Society Prof. Edgar Larkin, an astronomer, said: "Marriage for life is the greatest crime that can be committed in the world, from either a physiological, psychological or anthropological point of view and the third party who joins a man and a woman in a marriage for life, whether he acts in civil or religious procedure or as witness to the contract, is the greatest criminal in the world."

Held Up With Scissors.

Beaver Falls, Pa.—The other night as Miss Carmichael, a trained nurse, was walking on an unfrequented street a man sprang out of an alley and attempted to catch her. She eluded him, and pulling a pair of glittering scissors from her pocket, stood on the defensive. The fellow, evidently thinking the woman had a revolver, threw up his hands and yelled, "Don't shoot."

Shortest Will in Record.

Lancaster, Pa.—Two wills that hold the record for brevity have been recorded in this county. The one was that of John A. Kuntz, which read: "Leave all to my wife." The will of Archibald F. Bonine, probated the other day, was almost as brief. It said: "Everything goes to my wife, Katie."

DOGS TO AID POLICE.

SECRET TESTS BEING MADE BY NEW YORK OFFICIALS.

European System May Be Adopted—Animals Will Be Used in Tracking Criminals Through Crowded Streets.

New York.—Bloodhounds are to be introduced in New York City to run down criminals. Experiments have been made by officers connected with the department here in various upstate villages and cities. They have been so successful that, under orders from Commissioner Bingham, a large number of trained dogs will be brought to this city and installed in the station houses, to be rushed out to scenes of crime and put on the scent.

The suggestion that these manhunters would greatly strengthen the police department came from Fourth Deputy Commissioner of Police Arthur Woods, who for the last year has been studying the police conditions in the continental cities of Europe.

Mr. Woods told his chief that the dogs had proved most effective in tracking criminals, especially in the outlying districts of Paris, but that a dog with an especially good nose could follow the tracks of a man throughout the crowded streets of a city, if conditions of weather permitted, when the footsteps were hours old.

The plan of Commissioner Bingham is to have at least 100 dogs in New York police department. In station houses in the criminal districts two dogs will be kept constantly, and in the other houses one dog will be sufficient. Dogs will be kept in every borough ready for action the moment a crime has been reported when the criminal has escaped. In the outlying districts except in cases where the criminal takes a vehicle to cover his tracks or where there is a path of water, which will wipe out the traces, it is believed that the dogs can hunt down a man in short time.

Great care will be employed in teaching the dogs. In the south, where bloodhounds are frequently used in tracking criminals, many of the dogs are ferocious when they come upon their man, and in most instances the fugitive is compelled to climb a tree or seek some other refuge to keep from being torn to pieces.

The best trained dogs, however, will not attack the man the are tracking. They will simply keep at his heels, uttering fierce growls and deep barks and howls until he is joined by men in pursuit.

Commissioner Bingham is expected to begin buying hounds at once, and then after thorough training they will be assigned to the station houses. Except when the dogs are tracking a criminal or are being exercised they will be kept in leash. Trainers will be selected from among the men in the department whose duties will be to see that every dog is in perfect condition.

Bees in His Windpipe.

Lexington, Ky.—B. F. Ferrill, a farmer living near Danville, narrowly escaped death after he had sucked a mouthful of bees into his windpipe while removing honey from a beehive. He was using a large wooden pipe, blowing smoke into the beehive to keep the bees from stinging him. While inhaling through the pipe he accidentally sucked in several bees, choking almost to death.

Fisherman Finds Old Wreck.

Dunkirk, N. Y.—Gus Ormsby, a fisherman, while lifting his nets off Van Zuren Point, in Lake Erie, discovered the wreck of the Dean Richmond, which was lost with all on board in October, 1893. The Dean Richmond has a cargo of lead and copper ore valued at \$200,000.

WOES OF TELEPHONE LINEMAN.

He Was Ambitious, but Grew Dizzy and Fell Into the River.

"Nearly anyone can become a good telephone lineman after three or four years," said a Kansas City electrician. "A few men, though, never can learn the trade because they grow dizzy when they get to the top of a pole."

"Safety belts have been worn only about ten years. Just a little while before they came into use I had a man working with me who couldn't learn to control himself when on a pole. He could climb all right, but after he got there he couldn't do anything except to hang on so tight that he left his nail marks in the wood.

Trouble at the Moore Cottage.

In the Adirondack Cottage sanitarium, at Trudeau, N. Y., the patients are supposed to be in bed at ten o'clock each night. The lights at that hour are supposed to be extinguished, and talking is strictly prohibited. Any violation of these rules is reported to the resident physician.

Miner's Hard Fate.

A Welsh colliery fireman named Evan Howell died recently as the result of terrible injuries he had sustained in a fire in the Rhondda valley. While the men were working at the pit bottom the pit "knocker" clanging gave warning that something was wrong. Howell went up in the cage to see what was the matter, and near the top of the shaft he found a fire had broken out. The cage was drawn up into the middle of the flames, and just as the man arrived in the heart of the fire the "knocker" wire broke, and the signal to stop the cage was given automatically.

The Favor He Asked.

The second floor people had often been annoyed by the running back and forth of the little boy upstairs, but being peaceable folk with an infant of their own, they didn't want to complain. One day a package of laundry was left with the second floor tenants for the upstairs people, who were out. That night the man of the house took it up.

Boxer Chief Well Treated.

Duke Ian, one of the Boxer chiefs, who is supposed to be in prison at Siskiyaw, on account of his share in the rising of 1900, seems to be having a very good time. It is reported that he is using the Chekiang gild house as his residence and, as he regarded the grounds as too small, he extended them by taking in the adjacent land. He draws from the treasury a large monthly allowance for his maintenance, always goes out in an official chair borne by four persons, with a large number of bodyguards, and is very fond of theatrical performances. The officials, from the governor downward, are in the habit of going to his house to pay their respects twice a month.

Results Are the Same.

Singleton.—A scientist claims that the drinking too much coffee will eventually make a man bald. Wedderly.—Yes, and telling his wife that her coffee is "slop" produces the same result.

SNAKES SWAYED BY TUNES.

"Wearing of the Green" Charms One, "Boysie Water" Another.

There are some residents of the Soho section of Belleville, N. J., who are said to believe this story, which is being told there, says the New York World.

Mrs. F. P. Scully was hanging clothes on the line in her yard when she happened to whistle a few bars of her favorite air, "The Wearing of the Green." To her amazement a whip-snake glided from the woodpile near by, halted and seemed fascinated by the music. When Mrs. Scully ceased whistling the snake vanished in the woodpile.

On her husband's return from the copper works, where he is employed, Mrs. Scully told him how unwittingly she had played snake-charmer.

The Home People.

Most of us might and ought to find in our own household much more than we look for. It is necessary for those who would live happily together that they should try to show their best to one another.

A Substitute.

The Buxton Belle.—Why does the tattooed man run about the stage at every performance? The Tiny Tot.—The manager advertised moving pictures, and the apparatus didn't arrive.—Harper's Weekly.