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Practice ship of the cadets at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis.

CAT BOARDING-HOUSE

HOW A DES MOINES (IA.) WOMAN MAKES PIN MONEY.

As Fond of the Felines and Takes Pleasure in Her Calling—Cares for Animals While Owners Are Away.

Des Moines, Ia.—Mrs. Katherine F. Steele, a University place woman, has opened a boarding house for cats, and finds that it is even more profitable than one of the ordinary kind.

She sent notices to her friends that she would care for their cats while they were away on summer or winter vacations for a dollar per week.

The idea took, and Mrs. Steele soon found that she was compelled to turn away cats, they came so thick and fast.

Mrs. Steele is a godmother to her charges. She watches over her large cat family as tenderly as if they were children.

Mrs. Steele never turns away a cat, so matter whether it has an owner or not. Stray cats of all sorts and sizes and breeds are given a home and cared for along with the aristocratic boarders at one dollar a week.

Divorce Figures in Big Total. Washington.—The speed of the divorce court during the last two decades is strikingly illustrated by a census report, which shows that from 1887 to 1906 1,300,000 unhappy married couples or 2,600,000 luckless individuals have stirred their troubles in the divorce courts.

BEES AND A JERSEY CHURCH.

Honey Stored in Old Steeple for Years Will Be Sold.

Burlington, N. J.—The little busy honey bees will contribute the nucleus of \$40,000 which the members of the First Baptist church, Burlington, will raise to build a new edifice.

1 A YEAR FOR A GRUDGE.

Man Who Hated Barber Three Years for Hair Cut Is Fined.

Hamilton, O.—A fine of one dollar a year for cherishing a grudge was the penalty Mayor Thomas assessed against Philip Schmitt, a prosperous book-binder, in the most unusual assault case that has ever come before the local police court.

COW ATE THE WARRANT.

Animal Took Document from Constable's Coat Pocket.

Mount Holly, N. J.—Mrs. Ella F. Crane, of Englishtown, had Archie Emmons arrested, and he gave ball for his appearance at court.

Vision Saves Engineer's Life. Corning, O.—A freight train on the Kanawha & Michigan road ran into a train on a siding at Tangville.

CAPITAL IN MEAT HUGE.

\$10,825,000,000 Engaged in Industry, Says Government Report.

Washington.—A capital of \$10,825,000,000 is directly concerned in the raising of meat animals and their slaughtering and packing, according to a report on meat supply issued by the department of agriculture.

This amount is five-sixths as large as all capital invested in manufacturing in 1904. Seven-eighths of the meat and meat products was consumed within this country.

There was a total of 93,502,000 meat animals slaughtered and exported in 1900, of which the exported live animals numbered 276,000.

The dressed weight of the 93,502,000 meat animals constituting the meat supply of 1900 was 16,549,921,000 pounds, of which 14,116,836,000 pounds entered into domestic consumption.

The report adds: "That meat consumption per capita has declined in this country since 1840 is plainly indicated."

How important meat is in the diet of different countries is shown in the following meat consumption per capita in 1904 in dressed weight:

United States, 185 pounds; United Kingdom, 121; Australia, 263; New Zealand, 213; Cuba, 124; France, 79; Belgium, 70; Denmark, 76; Sweden, 62; Italy, 46.

CANDIDATES ARE SO POLITE.

Each Wears the Campaign Button of His Opponent.

Hackensack, N. J.—Brotherly love and the Golden Rule are the principal planks in the platforms of both parties in Cliffside, where the contest for mayor is being waged with a politeness that has assumed Chesterfieldian proportions.

Lawyer Sammis appeared at a smoker the other evening wearing a McClave button.

GOAT STARVES HIMSELF.

Fine Mountain Specimen in Pittsburg Refuses to Eat.

Pittsburg.—Intended as a gift to the zoo of Riverview park, Allegheny, a fine mountain goat, brought from British Columbia by D. C. Byers of Sewickley, will instead, as the result of an incident, go to the Carnegie museum.

The death of the goat was directly due to starvation. He refused to eat a bite while in captivity.

Mr. Byers says the goat has a fine pair of horns and is a magnificent specimen in every way.

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WOMAN BUILDS HOUSE

ERECTS NINE-ROOM STRUCTURE IN KANSAS CITY UNAIDED.

Plans Also of Her Own Making—Hires a Four-Dollar-a-Day Carpenter, But Found That He Botched Things.

Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Lillie M. Johnson has completed and moved into a nine-room house at No. 2448 North Eighth street, and she says with pride: "I built it all myself, except a little bit of botched work done by a four-dollar-a-day carpenter."

Miss Johnson began work on her house in the fall following the flood in the Kaw valley in 1906. She was a Salvation Army worker in Armourdale at the time of the flood.

In May, 1904, Miss Johnson built a two-room box-house, doing all the work herself and getting the lumber on easy payments.

Then she reared 50 chickens, hoping to make a payment on the ground. She peened up the "springs" to fatten them, but a thief stole them.

But Miss Johnson was not satisfied. She graded her lot with a spade and wheelbarrow, laid the foundation, put up the frames, roofed, boxed and weather-boarded the addition.

But she was forced to hire a carpenter to make her window frames. She has finished the entire interior of the house, laying the floors, lathing, plastering and papering the walls.

The grounds about the house are well kept. A large grape arbor, fruit trees and flower beds with the blue grass lawn make the place attractive.

"I had only three tools when I started out—a hammer, hatchet and saw. As I made more money I was able to buy more tools, till now I have a complete set."

Collects Buttons 40 Years. Aged Man Who Has Gathered 80,000 Specimens Dies.

Reading Cal.—John C. Hepler, superintendent of Charles Evans' cemetery, died here, aged 78 years.

The collection starts with the cheap, humble shirt button, next the trousers button and so on to the expensive buttons on women's dresses.

Mr. Hepler knew the history of many of the gems in his collection. Some were secured through friends visiting or living abroad.

The 80,000 buttons are all classified and systematically arranged. In design or color they are all different.

Bachelors' Marry-All Pact. South Bethlehem, Pa.—Members of the Emmett Social club have organized the queerest bachelor's club.

DEATH TALE ON TOADSTOOL.

Loveless Michigan Man Writes Suicide Message in Unique Way.

Traverse City, Mich.—Plodding along through a field in the outskirts of the village of Kingsley, 18 miles southeast of here, Clarence Workman, looking for his cows the other evening, found a big toadstool with a death message written on it.

Everybody who has roamed the fields in his youth knows that the viscous leathery surface of the toadstool is as good as birch bark to write upon.

Joseph Allen is not known at Kingsley nor in this vicinity. The uncle, W. Allen, was called up by the authorities, and said: "I have a nephew, Joseph Allen, whom I heard from ten days ago in British Columbia."

GOAT'S DINNER COST \$50.

Animal Lunches Off Wad of Greenbacks Hidden in Clothes.

New York.—Thomas Haggerty, of Great Neck, N. J., had \$50—five \$10 notes—stowed away in the pistol pocket of his Sunday trousers.

Mommer, mommer. Finnerly's goat's eating up all the clothes."

To partly appease Mrs. Haggerty's wrath Mrs. Finnerly washed the clothes again and Finnerly killed the goat.

STICKS TO HALF HIS HOUSE.

In Spite of Jeers, Finneran Lives in What is Left of Home.

Worcester, Mass.—William Finneran has the courage of his convictions in spite of the laughter and jeers of his neighbors, for he is living in one-third of his former house.

Finneran lives on Shrewsbury street and the city engineers were forced to take two-thirds of his house in constructing the new boulevard.

They left him in a miserable, narrow one-third of the home in which he had lived for years.

Spider Weaves "LUCK" WEB. School Children Watch Spider Spell Out Words in His Trap.

Waynesburg, Pa.—Much has been said about the spider, but it remained for this county to have one that shows its talent and possibly takes its copies in lettering from the West Waynesburg school.

The web woven was so beautiful that it attracted the attention of the pupils and teacher, and while admiring it all were amazed to see the word plainly lettered as type could make it, "LUCK."

A storm came and destroyed the work. True to instinct, the spider went to work again to construct the net, and placed in it this time three capital letters—"W A T."

ASK FOR BUMBLEBEEES

FILIPINOS NEED INSECTS TO FRUCTIFY CLOVER FIELDS.

Government Is to Send Five Hundred Long-Tongued American Buzzers to Help Out the Farmers of the Islands.

Washington.—Now a wild clamor comes from the Philippines for a colony of American bumblebees. The Filipino farmer declares these insects are indispensable in his business.

The American bumblebee has a long tongue, and likes to dig down in a juicy clover blossom.

The wall of distress from the Filipino farmer has been heeded. The first shipment of bumblebees will consist of 500.

The bees will travel in two "queen" baskets. Two hundred and fifty will be placed in each basket.

Two Filipino students who have been in this country securing points on advanced agriculture will take the bees in custody.

The two students will sail November 5 from San Francisco in a transport. It is predicted the bees will become properly acclimated and that their multiplication will be rapid.

Some complaint is made that the Philippines as a rule are careless and do not make any undue haste in planting the seeds.

A bureau of agriculture was established in the Philippines in 1902 and for the first year 50,000 packages of vegetable seeds were sent to the islands from the agricultural department.

Experimental farms were started in different portions of the islands. Since that time efforts have been scientifically made to ascertain just what varieties of American seeds are suitable for planting in the Philippines.

BIG ESTATE GOES TO STATE.

Lawyer's Production of Will Causes His Indictment for Forgery.

Newark, N. J.—On application of Attorney General McCarty, acting for the state, a Sheriff's jury, with Sheriff Sommer acting as commissioner, decided that the late John W. Russell of East Orange, who died two years ago, left no legal heirs.

At the time of his death Russell, who was past 80 years old, was possessed of property in East Orange valued at about \$75,000, with additional property of equal value in New York city and Canada.

Goose Guards Princess. Middleboro, Mass.—The strangest guardian known in this section is owned by Princess Teeweelma, one of the three aged living descendants of that Indian chieftain, King Phillip, who once ruled the southern Massachusetts domain.

Teeweelma, with her sisters, makes her home alone on the promontory, and their guardian is a big goose. It has done service for 12 years now, and is as good as an alarm clock.

The approach of a paleface the goose sets up a long continued squawking, warning the Indians of the stranger's approach.