

LAMB ONCE A JOURNALIST

At One Time He Was Actively Engaged on the Staff of the London Post.

In connection with Lord Glenesk's recently published history of that old-established London journal, the Morning Post...

In his essay "Newspapers Thirty-Five Years Ago," Lamb seems to have been rather pleased with the "attacks" of that he contributed to the press...

HOW SHE GOT RID OF THEM

Discouraged Visits From Her Niece's Children by Teaching Them Verses From the Bible.

"What has become of those two children who visited you so often?" asked one West side woman of another...

The Boss.

President McGree of the Pennsylvania railroad, in his study of all classes of men who are under him...

Knew She Was Right.

An auction was announced of the library and household effects of a man who had once entertained in a lavish way...

Couldn't Come Back.

Enoch Arden crept softly up to the window and peered in.

Resentful.

"Miss Passay is furious with that society reporter."

A Hero.

The Player—You're a lover of music, aren't you, Mr. Smith?

CAT CAUSES UPROAR

Panic Ensues Among Musicians When Kitten Takes Stroll.

Little Black and Gray Feline Walked Inquisitively Across Stage at Denver During Opening Concert of Musical Festival.

Denver, Col.—When the little black and gray cat strolled inquisitively about at the Auditorium during the opening concert of the musical festival...

"The little cat came out just as Norell was singing. She will never know how near she came to robbing the audience of some exquisite little runs from the oboe or how near one man came to a dead faint."

"But I almost fell from my stand when I noticed one of my men. It was the oboe player, an Italian, and one of the best performers in the company."

"Then I noticed his fingers. They appeared to be engaged in an act of truancy. One second they would slip from the instrument and the next they would leap guiltily back."

And the little cat roamed serenely about.

"My oboe player was approaching the point in the accompaniment at which he was to execute several arpeggios. They are beautiful and quite an essential part of the composition."

"I'm superstitious about cats," he gasped. "I'll be all right now that she's gone."

CAPTURE BIG BROOK TROUT

Mouth of Five and One-Half Pound Fish Shows Marks of Many Fishermen's Hooks.

Lewistown, Pa.—Howard Filson of Reedsville, one of the champion fishermen in this part of the state, has a five-pound eight ounce trout on the ice at the John Taylor farm...

Filson is an old worm fisherman, and just at sundown took his hook and line, with the old style birch pole, walked over the bank and made a cast in the creek.

Arrested for Spitting Tacks. New Kensington, Pa.—Accused of spitting tacks, E. L. Milligan was fined eight dollars by Justice of the Peace Reynolds Langhals.

Lifts Ban on Benzene. Pasadena, Cal.—Action taken last year, condemning the use of benzene as a food preservative, was rescinded by the American Institute of Homeopathy the other night.

LOVERS COURT BY WIRELESS

Young Couple Learn Telegraph Code and Mystify Girl's Parents by Rappings on Pipes.

New York.—After a courtship carried on by wireless telegraph and communications transmitted over steam pipes connecting two apartments...

Connelly, who is twenty-two years of age, was graduated from the Cascon Point Military academy a year ago. There he learned wireless telegraphy, and when he returned to the place where he boarded on the floor above the apartment occupied by the Rooney family...

Cut off from any other communication with each other, the young lovers exchanged messages by wireless when Connelly went back to the military academy to pursue his special Marconi studies.

Annabelle's father and mother were mystified by the strange rappings and when these continued in the summer after the steam had been turned off...

The rappings ceased when Annabelle eloped with Connelly two weeks ago. They were married at St. John's Baptist church and immediately took themselves to a furnished flat.

FINALLY RETURNS TO FAMILY

California Veteran, Long Mourned as Dead, Reveals Identity by Asking for Pension.

Suisun, Cal.—After an absence of thirty years, during which he was mourned as lost, William Bullard has returned to California to join his family.

William had been a veteran of the civil war and had written from England to the pension office at Washington for his papers.

Bullard is the eldest son of Mrs. Elizabeth Bullard and the late John Q. Bullard.

ONCE A HUNTER'S PARADISE

Noted Game Preserve of Tolleston Gun Club to Be Subdivided and Cut into City Lots.

Hammond, Ind.—Orders were given the other day to plat 1,700 acres belonging to the Tolleston Gun club of Chicago, near Gary, into 16,000 city lots.

Wonderful Mexican Gun. City of Mexico.—Gen. Manuel Magon, chief of the department of artillery, has secured a patent for an improvement in his Porfirio Diaz gun...

Death Laid to X-Rays. Philadelphia.—Dr. Mirran K. Kasabian, one of the best known X-ray specialists in the United States, died at a hospital here the other day from skin cancer contracted from burns received during many years of practice with Roentgen rays.

ELECTRICITY IS AID

Sir Oliver Lodge's System Supplies Artificial Sunshine.

Weighted as Business Proposition Method Has Justified Itself and is Now Being Taken Up on Commercial Lines as Practical.

London.—In spite of the obstinate conservatism of the average farmer much has been done to carry out Sir Oliver Lodge's plan of utilizing electricity for re-enforcing the fertility of plants.

Lionel Lodge, who has control of this department of Sir Oliver's work, has explained the development of the past year or two and the hope they afford of further progress.

"Have you ever noticed what a remarkable impulse is given to the growth of crops by a thunderstorm?" asked Mr. Lodge.

"The electric current can be generated either by a small dynamo or from the nearest supply company's mains, and by means of a transformer it is raised to the high pressure required (about 100,000 volts)."

"The action that the electrical discharge has on the plants, Sir Oliver suggests, may be considered as artificial sunshine, and as in no way taking the place of fertilizer."

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MILKMAIDS' IN TROUSERS GO

Machines Take Place of Girls in Model Dairy Where Japs Once Were Employed.

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NEEDLE IN GIRL FIVE YEARS

Gave Her Little or No Trouble Until Finally Her Spinal Column Was Reached.

Toms River, N. J.—The thirteen-year-old daughter of Charles Clayton, a farmer at Pleasant Plains, half way between Toms River and Lakewood...

Rains Sulphur Near Vienna. Vienna.—A heavy fall of rain at Wiener Neustadt, during a thunderstorm, left the roads powdered with sulphur and the air was pervaded with a strong sickly odor.

Wren Files Across Country. Woodburn, Okla.—J. C. Martzoff the other day picked out of his watering trough a little dead bird of the wren family, that evidently had made the long journey from New York to the Willamette valley.

Mr. Martzoff will have the bird mounted.

GIRAFFE THRIVES ON BOTTLE

Mother Ignores Her Offspring and "Provisionally Peter Pan" Finds Good Friend.

London.—Maternal care is not everything at the Zoo, for Peter Pan, the baby giraffe, whose mother will not love him, is thriving on the bottle; whilst the chaotic baby, whose mother lavished love on him, is dead.

But to his rescue came a mere man, and Peter Pan immediately fell deeply in love with him, for he brought a bottle full of all that life holds dear for a baby giraffe who may never grow up—milk.

And poor, neglected Peter Pan found that there are moments worth living for at intervals of two hours, and when they do come round again he feels, to judge from his conduct, like embracing the bottle bringing man.

So keen is his interest in the bottle, indeed, that he has again been called Provisionally Peter Pan, for there is every chance that he will grow up to be a big 15 feet giraffe like his father, and then the name Peter Pan will not fit.

EDISON TELLS WAY TO FLY

Suggests Improved Airship to Drop Bombs and Escape Hazards—No Hope in Guns.

New York.—Thomas A. Edison is watching the development of the aeroplane with keenest interest. He commented the other day on Glenn H. Curtiss' dropping of "bombs" on a target resembling a war vessel.

"The experiments give us an insight into some of the big problems which must be solved by the aeroplane inventors," said Mr. Edison.

"I do not think that a gun would be the ideal plan. I rather think that some way should be invented by which the missile would be released down a tube as soon as the object to be hit had been sighted and the aim properly regulated."

"On the other hand a question arises as to the destructive efficiency of such a bomb if it actually struck the deck of a heavily armored battleship, simply striking the deck would not, to my mind, do any tremendous damage, unless a special explosive were used."

"Another thing: The aeroplane such as Curtiss uses is very delicately poised in the air. Travelling at great speed its ability to remain in the air is dependent solely on the maintenance of the speed and of equilibrium."

"I am absolutely convinced, however, that the future of flying lies in the perfection of the helicopter machine, which will not be under such a handicap."

GIRLS ARE REPLACING BOYS

Object of Innovation is to Reduce the Number of Messengers Who Are Later Unable to Get Work.

London.—London is soon to have girl postoffice messengers.

The innovation will probably be tried first in some of the large provincial offices, and if successful will be extended to St. Martin's-le-Grand and the rest of the kingdom.

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STEP IN CHEMISTRY

Progressing Very Close to the Secret of Life.

Physical Function of Green Plants Reproduced—Synthesis Made by New Physics Presented by Venerable Prof. Jungfleisch.

Paris.—The Academy of Sciences was started at a recent meeting by the announcement of a great step forward that has been made in the chemistry and physics of living things.

More than half a century ago the famous Berthelot won his renown as the greatest living chemist by his compounding of what naturally are organic products, from inorganic matter—the synthesis of organic compounds. His son, Daniel Berthelot, has now made the synthesis by nature's own process—"chlorophyll assimilation." This is the physical function exercised by green plants in sunlight, namely, the transforming of carbon existing as a mineral into carbon existing in an organic state.

Plants do this by feeding on air; they get the material which they transform from the carbonic acid and water vapor of the air around them. The organic compounds of carbon which plants produce serve as food for higher living beings.

For this purpose they use purely physical means and not chemical reactions. Under the influence of the ultraviolet rays produced by a mercury vapor lamp, they have obtained exclusively from the air, that is, from its carbonic acid and water vapor, a number of organic compounds. They have thus accomplished the synthesis of binary compounds, beginning with methyl aldehyde, whose condensation gives sugars and starches; and they have gone on to the synthesis of quaternary compounds, beginning with formic amide—and this is the very starting point of those albuminoid bodies which are the basis of protoplasm or living matter.

This means that we have come close to Huxley's physical basis of life. We have not overstepped the dividing line between living and non-living things. Nature has still a process by which these carbon compounds enter into the cellular, automatically assimilating state; and this is the resultant of their own assimilation by the living cell. This, too, is physical, like everything in nature, but whether the process shall be eternally limited to the cell itself—some vivum evolvit—is still the mystery of life.

The new discovery marks an epoch in science for another reason. The elder Berthelot used the physical sciences known to chemistry in his time, particularly light and heat. His son has successfully harnessed to his uses the wonderful energy newly known but commonest of all in universal nature—the radiant energy which nature herself uses in transforming inorganic elementary matter into organic living tissue.

This new synthesis made by the new physics was presented to the Academy of Sciences by the venerable Professor Jungfleisch, who wrought for a lifetime with Berthelot and succeeded to his chair at the College de France. It would be intensely interesting to know if the dead master foresaw these new lines of research along which his son proceeds so triumphantly. It is difficult for us, even now that we have been told about it, to foresee how far the new road will lead.

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