OWLS SPOIL DINNER PARTY

Mother Bird Angry Because Man Res cued One of Her Little Ones-Attacks Him Savagely.

St. Louis - Owls broke up a dinner party at the home of Bransford Clark

In Webster Groves. Though it was a bright starlit night six women and six men guests had to carry umbrellas when they went home Otherwise the owls would have puled all the flowers and feathers of The women's bats, Mrs. Clark says.

The battle with the nightbirds start ed when Clark found that a baby owl had tallen from a tree in his rear yard. He picked the little bird up, intending to care for it until it should be able

The mother owl saw him from her mest in the top of the tree and swooped down on him. It lit on his shoulder and tried to tear his face with its beak. Clark fled into the house.

The Clarks were entertaining the next evening. Clark stepped on the rear porch. Instantly the mother owl gave battle. She dropped out of the tree and pulled two clawsful of hair from his head, Mrs. Clark says Clark's face and scalp were so badly lacerated that he went to a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Trant, two of the guests, went to Clark's rescue. Both the father and the mother owl attacked them and caused them to retreat. Mrs. Clark had planned to entertain her guests in the yard, but this was out of the question.

The party was broken up and the guests went home holding umbrellas ever their heads while the angry owls beat a tattoo on the silk coverings of the rain protectors.

Mrs. Clark next day sent for Marshal Knickman, who issued a permit for Mrs. Trant to try to kill the owls.

Mrs. Trant shot one of the owls and Clark shot the other. The orphased baby owls are still in the nest.

DISCOVER CURE FOR LEPROSY

Doctors Discharge Two Patients and This Disease Hold Less Dangerous Than Tuberculosis.

New York.—That leprosy can be gured is apparently demonstrated by the discharge of two patients at the Blackwell's Island hospital here after several years' treatment in isolation. The first patient an American, was allowed his freedom eight months ago, but no announcement was made until this week, as it was feared if any publicity were attached to the case life would be made unbearable for the pa-Ment.

The second patient, a woman, also was discharged some time ago, and deported to her old home in the West Indies, where she has since married. There still are six leners under the well's island. sare of the city physicians at Black-

years past has welcomed the lepers. who are driven out of other cities. While the public still labors under the eld delusion that legrosy is highly dangerous, the Blackwell island doctors declare that the legrosy cases are far less dangerous then tuberculosis cases, of which there are more than nine hundred on the island.

BUTTONS WIME MAN'S HEART

Woman Captures Manufacturer of Garment Factoriere Because of Versatisfy in Domestic Arts.

Now York.-Infatuated with her grace at the dance given at the home of Miss Marguerite Pitch, at 52 West Eighty-second street, a year ago, Josoph Haag, a representative of a Rochester button manufactory, sought and obtained an introduction to Miss Josephine Julian of No. 57 West Fiftyeighth street. Mr. Haag's infatuation was increased a few days later when he called and discovered she was versatile in domestic arts and particularly skilful in replacing missing buttons on garments. This appealed to his business interests and increased his

fondness. Three months ago their marriage engagement was amounced, and a wedding date was set for next fall. Mr. Hang received a sudden summons to make a four months' strip through the country for his firm. He and his fiance were appalled at the prospect of separation and decided to be married at ence. They then left for the west.

Queen's Gift Long Lest. London.-After 11 years of wandering, one of the bosse of chocolate sent by Queen Victoria in 1900 to the wounded soldiers in South Africa has been received by Alfred Cussell, a grenadier guardenan, now living at High Wycombe, Bucks.

There was hardly an inch of the wrapper containing the box of chocolate without a postmark of some kind or other, meetly English.

Teaches 66 Years: Quita Quincy, Mass.-Miss Julia Underwood, who claims to hold the country's teaching record, has resigned after completing 54 years of service in the local public schools. Miss Underwood taught in one school 54 years. the same school in which she herself received her early education. She was born and always lived in Quincy.

In Jall 1,000 Times. New York .- Peter Evans of Warmaw, stxty-three years old, who was Tound dead the other day, had been arrested 1,000 times. He passed haif of the last twenty-five years in jail. All of his trouble was due to drink. Once he was wealthy, but for years he had lived a hermit's life on the shore of Pike's lake.

CROWING FOR PRIZES

Training Roosters for Competition in England.

First Event of its Kind to Be Hold is: the Old-Fashloned Essex Town of Dunmow-Meant for Fun and Instruction.

London.-The first cock-crowing competition ever held in England will take place during the coming summer at the old-fashioned Essex town of Dunmow, famed for its association with the historic flitch of bacon.

J. W. Robertson Scott, an author of books dealing with poultry matters, is organizing the great event, and a committee of 12 Dunmow men has been appointed to select the jury. Mr Scott points out that the idea of the competition originated in the fact long noticed by poultry keepers, that young cockerels which crowed the most developed into the most vigor ous birds.

"In Belgium and east Germany," he continues, "the poultry fanciers have siready fastened on the knowledge by holding crowing competitions for young cockerels, which provide ax traordinary good sport, and also develop the strongest birds by a prin-

ciple of natural selection. "My idea is to utilize this knowl edge in England. The Essex poultry keepers and farm laborers who have been approached warmly support the crowing match, which will provide good fun without the slightest cruelty to the birds.

"The cockerels will be arranged in rows facing each other, with a judge In front of each bird. The test will be to see which cockerels crow most in half an hour. A prise crower abroad has been known to give tongue 250 times in 30 minutes.

"Then there will be prizes for deeptoned crowers and shrill crowers like Leghorns, and a championship for the longest crow of all.

"We mean to have some good fun and instruction in the countryside," concludes Mr. Scott, "although I don't suppose that cock-crowing, when fully developed, will add a charm to rural places for those who are attracted there in search of quiet week ends."

Inquiries made in poultry circles about Dunmow elicit that preparations are already being made to coach the likely crowers among the young chickpas recently hatched. The cockerels are being specially fed and trained for the sport, and parent birds which are most inclined toward crowing are being run among the younger ones to give them the advantage of a good example.

BIG CAT PLAYS PIPE ORGAN

Methodlet Church at Greensburg, Pa-Was Thought to Be Haunted-- Mystery Cleared.

Greensburg, Pa.—"The mystery of the pipe organ" has been cleared. The vocal music at the Methodist Episcopal church here is furnished by a male quartet, and for several Sundays its members have experienced creepy feelings during the sermon at sight of the organ keys keeping up a regular movement, as though being played by an invisible hand.

It became so nerve-racking that John M. Young, hist tenor, spent three days in a fruitiess investigation. Finally a tuner was brought from Pittsburg and, with Milton R. Shumaker, organast, he went to the sanctuary.

When the door leading into the workings of the organ was opened. both men were startled to see lean from the recesses of the instrument a

ASTOR GIVES SON PROPERTY!

Deeds One-Half of Well-Known \$10. 2 000,000 Hotel In New York to * Waldorf Astor-Saves Taxes.

New York.—For a consideration of \$1 half of the \$10,000,000 Waldorf-Astoria hotel has been transferred by William Waldorf Astor to his eldest son, Waldorf Astor.

The transfer, just filed here, is in the form of a deed to a trust company, which will hold the property in trust

for the son. The value of all the New York holdings of the father is estimated by experts at \$300,000,000. He has resided abroad for many years, and unless he disposes of his holdings during his lifetime they will be subject to a five per cent. inheritance tax at his death.

Tree Disease is Costly.

Treuton, N. J.-The chestnut bark disease, a blight which appeared in this state a few years ago, has thus far cost property owners and municipalities in New Jersey more than \$4,500,000, according to an estimate prepared by State Forester Gaskill for the United States department of agriculture. About \$3,000,000 of the loss falls on property owners and the remainder on municipalities.

- Plane Exchange of Students. Stockholm.--Prof. W. H. Schofield of Harvard has arrived here to negotiate with the authorities of Upsala and Stockholm universities for an exchange of students between Scandingvian and American universities. The necessary stipends will be paid from the liberal funds provided for the purpose under the will of Neis Poulson, the wealthy New York steel manufac-

HOODOO IN A SCHOOL ROOM

Pennsylvania Town Has One Celling That Keeps on Falling-Several People Hurt so Far.

Easton, Pa.—Room I, in the Easton high school building, appears to be hoodooed. Two years ago, when ar addition was being built to the high school, a water pipe burst, and room I was flooded, valuable books and fix tures being badly damaged by the

Early last term, when a number of the high school instructors were enjoying their luncheon during noon hour, a section of the ceiling fell and Professor Savre P. Uhler was so badly injured that he was laid up for some time.

Several months later another section of the ceiling fell, but this time no one was injured. The same thing occurred and two students were injured. The ceiling had been inspected several times by contractors and disinterested parties and pronounced safe, but the school controllers, rather than run further chances, ordered a new ceiling to be placed

The contract was awarded to Thomas J. Heller, who visited the building the other day. He had been there a short time, when a piece of

plaster fell and cut open his nose. Today Heller was supervising the erection of a scaffold in the room when it collapsed and he and two workmen were thrown to the floor. Heller injured one of his ankles to such an extent that he will be laid up several weeks. His two employes were badly shaken up, but escaped with minor hurts.

HIS FACE WAS HIS FORTUNE

New Jersey Man Presented With \$10,-000 in Stock, \$170 in Currency and a Bank Book---Is Nervous.

New York.—Saying he liked the looks of his face, a man, who called himself "Colonel Watson," presented \$170 in cash, a bank book and \$10,000 worth of stock to Arthur J. Mitchell, while both were in a Chicago hotel recently.

Mr. Mitchell, who is a salesman for the Leo Elastic company of Bayonne, N. J., and who lives at 239 Avenue A. that city, met "Colonel Watson" at the hotel and had a long conversation with him one evening. Next morning when he asked for his mail the clerk handed him an envelope which, besides the property mentioned above contained a note, which read:

"You have a nice face, so I am leaving this for you. Do not try to find me. The whole world is my home.

"COLONEL WATSON." Mr. Mitchell left the money and the bank book at the office of the hotel and asked to have the hotel detective try to find the stranger. The stock he kept until he reached New York. when he found it was negotiable and worth \$10,000. It consists of ten shares of a tobacco company stock.

"I'm nervous with all that property around Bayonne," said Mr. Mitchell. "I want to find this Colonel Watson before my hair turns gray."

REUNITED AFTER 45 YEARS

Brother and Sister, Long Separated, Meet Through Death of Sister-Believed Sister Dead.

New York.-After a separation of 45 years, Mrs. Bridget O'Leary of New Hampshire met her brother, James Pendergast of No. 61 Scotland street, Orange, N. J., at his home. The reunion was due in a measure to the death of a sister, Mrs. Margaret Thornton, of Cone street, Orange. A letter sent to her by Mrs. Q'Leary reached the family home six months after she passed away. Mrs. Thoraton's son opened the letter and turned it over to his uncle, Mr. Pendergast, who communicated with Mrs. O'Leary. The meeting the other day was a se-

After leaving England, Mrs. O'Leary resided in Orange for a short time, going thence to New England. Correspondence between brother and sister ceased about twenty-five years ago. Mr. Pendergast went to Orange from England and was surprised to find no trace of his sister. He made his home there and believed his sister no longer alive. Mrs. O'Leary's welcome was participated in by ten nieces and nephews she had never seen before.

Turtle Bites When Dead. York, Pa.-Itemising "snappers" under a too general classification as fish. an alley cat which investigated the contents of the Baughman house refuse can the other day made an unpleasant discovery.

Half a dozen Chesapeake bay turties had been cleaned in the hotel yard and the heads thrown into the can. Scenting fish, the cat pawed the contents of the can, and a moment later was performing contortions all about the alley, with a "snapper" head grimly fastened upon its right forepaw. Unable to free itself, the cat made

a deah for the nearest fence and disappeared, with the head still hanging

Dog Saves Sparrow. Upper Sandusky, O.-A common English sparrow fell to the ground here the other day, and for awhile was unable to fly. A yellow dog nosed the bird, then withdrew and sprawled in a pointing position eyeing the bird. Presently a prowling cat made a dash for the bird, only to be met by a savage attack by the dog. For half an bour the dog protected the bird until it was able to fir away.

INFERIOR TO WOMAN

Man Not Equal to Wife In Business World.

Race Betterment League Debaters Place Masculinity in Spendthrift Class-Can't Use Money Intelligently.

Chicago.-Woman as compared with man in the business world is not only his equal, but vastly his superior Women can and do succeed where men fail. Give woman a business education, and she will displace man in any line of business which she chooses to follow.

These were the sentiments ex pressed at the regular weekly meeting

of the Race Betterment league. The subject under discussion was, "Are Women Canable of Handling

Money in Lump Sums?"

Mrs. Minons S. Jones, president of the league, said: 'It is an insult to women that they should be questioned as to their ability to handle money to a good advantage. The laws are wrong when man is given superior power and control through the privilege of the ballot and men show that they despise women as a class when they deprive them of the privilege and opportunity to invest their own money. Much domestic discord is caused because womon have money in the home and won't give it to the husband to squander Toolishly, when he himself has demonstrated that he is not fit to take care of it."

Mrs. Mary I. Engler, vice-president of the organisation, was asked for her opinion on the subject and spoke sharply and to the point.

"Are women capable of handling large sums? Well," she asked and continued: "I should say they are. Take for example Mrs. Hettle Green, Helen Gould and Mrs. Mollie Netcher. It is a fact that most of the palatial homes that we have in this country today are built through women's frugality and ability to handle money with discretion."

Rev. Mrs. H. M. Mulleneaux of Ravenswood, demonstrated man's inferiority to women by instances of poor men marrying wealthy women. "Is it not a fact," she asked, "that when a man marries an heiress; as soon as he has gained control of her fortune he will run through it as soon as possible and leave her practically penniless?

"Equip women with a business education and there is no question but that in the long run she will outstrip man in the conservative handling of finances."

Mrs. Jean Butler Wallace asserted that with small capital a woman can do more than a man, and that many successful women of today have startd with practically nothing and have built up fortupes.

BABIES PUT IN NEW DANGER

New York Charitable Societies Fight Practice of Dressing Them in Tight Swaddling Clothes.

New York.—In an attempt to end the practice of binding very young children in light swaddling clothes, prevalent among women in the foreign settlements here, one of the prominent New York charitable organisations has placed nurses in various parts of the east side to start a campaign of educa-

tion among the mothers. The swaddling clothen a sort of long bandage, is wrapped tightly about a obild's lower limbs and is often allowed to remain for six months at a time. The mothers believe the treatment prevents the child from growing "bow legged," and have opposed attempts to check the practice.

Investigations have convinced the association that instead of preventing malformation of the limbs, the swaddling clothes increase it,

MANY KINDS OF MOSQUITOES

Experts in New Haven Report Twenty-Two Variation, But All Are Engaged in Same Business.

New Haven, Coun .-- The annual "mosquito census" of the New Haven board of health shows that there are this year 22 varieties of mosquitoes in this section. The number of the posts is steadily decreasing, and the present plan of ofling the city streets is held largely responsible. Oil from the streets washed into the sewers. whence it finds its way into the harbor and eventually is deposited by the tides upon the marshes where the mosquitoes breed.

Snakes Rule World. Cambridge, Mass.--Professor Maymard, educator, in a rather startling statement here declared that as a result of a study of snakes he is convinced that had they been able to develop hands and feet instead of being obliged to crawl their brains would have enabled them to dominate the world. In that event, he asserts, man would probably have remained in a primitive, savage state, or possibly, even as an ape.

Finishes Her Last Veyage. New York.-One of the last of the famous American dipper ships, which once showed their besis to the merchantmen of the world, sailed into partithe other day after a voyage from the Pacific coast that lasted 292 days. She is the Alexander Olbson, and was built in 1877. This was her last voyage under sail, for she comes here to be converted into a coal barge.

RAT CHASE QUITE EXCITING

Woman Shrieks, Porter Flees and Passers-by Hunt Rodent in Vain --- It Finally Escapes.

Chicago.-A big gray rat raised all sorts of com...otion in West Madison street early the other day. It scared a woman pedestrian, made a colored porter "turn white" with fear and caused half a dosen pedestrians who kicked at it to bark their shins. Then It escaped.

It was about 6 a. m. An early morning pedestrian—the woman—was passing a building between West Dearborn and South Clark streets, when the rat jumped from behind a sidewalk signboard. The woman gave one shrick-a shrill and a loud oneand ran to the middle of the street. A colored porter at work cleaning the sidewalk heard the woman's cries, but did not know what was the cause of them. He and several pedestrians rushed to where the woman stood.

"Under there! Under there!" the woman shouted, as she pointed to the signboard, under which the rat had ran again.

The porter advanced bravely and thrust his long handled brush under the sign. The rat gave a bound and jumped directly at the porter.

"Wow!" he yelled, and took to his heels.

The rat ran east a few yards, with at least six full grown men in hot pursuit. One, who had dashed sheed of the animal, stood prepared to deliver a death dealing kick. He made a mighty swing, but missed the rat and his shin struck heavily against an iron hitching post. The man yelled in pain and the crowd in laughter.

Others tried hard to kick the rat. but none succeeded, although the toes of half a dosen boots were scuffed where they had come in contact with the curbing. Then a citizen with a cane came along and prepared to take a mighty swipe. He apparently had the creature cornered in the entrance of one of the West Madison street nickel theaters. His club was uplifted and it looked bad for the rat, when the creature suddenly dropped out of sight behind some refuse paper.

Carefully the crumpled sheet was removed, the man with the cane standing to deal his blow, when it was discovered that under the paper was a hole, and into this the rat had gone and escaped.

PINE SNAKES AS HOUSE PETS

Missouri Promoter Inelets Reptiles Are Better Than Cats-Reptiles Harmless and Inoffensive

Kansas City, Mo.-Will Kansas City families take kindly to pine snakes and yellow bull anakes, nonpoisonous, as Dets?

By way of testing out the willingness of Kansas City people to substiin the extermination of rate and mice. J. S. Edwards of the Edwards animal show has placed an order for 300 bull snakes with a reptile firm in San Antonio, Tex.

As soon as the snakes arrive they will be distributed free of charge to those applying for the strange peta, who will agree to report the result of the snake-instead-of-a-cat substitution

in their homes. The yellow bull is the largest snake native to the United States, sometimes growing to nine feet in length. Edwards declares the snakes to be harmless and inoffensive and mildly disposed towards nearly everything but rate and mice. He professed to believe that many Kansas City people would be giad to permit the glossy pollow anakes to coll into the best parior chair, completely usurping the

LAKE TROUT CALLED SHARK

place of the family cat,

Suffalo Man Inaugurates War of Extermination on Species That He Says Preys on Others.

Buffalo, N. Y.-A campaign for the extermination of lake trout has been begun by Charles Bullymore, president of the Erie County Society for the Protection of Birds, Fish and Game. He declares that the trout, which he valls "ministude sharks," are a menace to all other lake fish.

Speaking of carp, Mr. Bullymore save in his annual report that in his opinion the present law regulating the use of nets to within one-half mile of the shore should be modified, allowing carp to be caught with nets at any distance from the shore.

These fish, he explains, are enemies to all others that spawn near the shore.

Finds \$700 Ring.

New York.-Workmen repairing a tile flooring in a bathroom connected with a suit of rooms in the Waldorf-Astoria, have just recovered a dismond ring worth \$700, which was lost four months ago by a prominent woman of St. Paul, who stayed at the hotel a week. The jewel had lodged in a crack and might have remained there for years.

Scotland Has 4,759,445 People. London.—Scotland has a population of 4,759,445, according to the provisional figures of the cousus made publie. This is an increase of 287,342 over 1901 and is the smallest increase in any census since 1861.

Limits Racing in Sombay. Bombay.—The governor of Bombay has notified the turf club that no horse racing will be allowed at Bombay or Poons, unless the meetings are limited to ten days and bookmaking

LOOK LIKE INDIANS

Modern Life Molding Faces Into Hawk Type.

Facial Resemblance of Race and Heredity Will Become as Nothing Compared to That Made by Social Conditions.

Los Angeles, Cal.-There is an entirely new type of face being created through the mode of present-day American life, according to Major Paul von Rautenberg Gerozynski. well known writer on the manners and customs of the countries of the world. Irrespective of race origin and other hereditary mediums of facial resemblance, the faces of Americans are becoming more and more alike, says the major. His knowledge is gleaned from frequent tours of the globe, years spent among different races to study their characteristics and a thorough grounding of medical knowledge and anatomy.

"The facial resemblance of race and heredity will become as nothing compared to that made by remarkable social conditions," said the major. "In a few conturies the American man and woman will have the features of the American Indian, with a few subtle changes brought about by higher mental development.

"The hawklike face of the first Americans was developed by constant anxiety over the uncertainties of existence. The visage was characterised by a tension—a rigidity which not only affected the muscles but molded the bone. That tension—that hawklike appearance—is once more becoming a characteristic of the faces of American men and women.

"After other races came to America faces of all types and formations were found. There was no similarity. Every nationality brought some distinctive feature to America. Those distinctive features are blending more

and more every year. "The blended features of nearly all of the races are now being molded by the conditions of living and earning in America. The high strung expression caused by a constant rush and endeavor is sinking deep deneath the

"The American Indian was characterized by a high cheek bone, a promment brow a narrow solid chin. These marks were the result of conturies of scanning vast areas with eyes half-closed, brows puckered, laws firmly set.

"Once more the American lives his life with the same half-closed eyes. constantly scanning the future; the same worry-puckered brows and the same firmly set jaw. The Indian looked into the distance literally. The today looks into th tance figuratively, but with the same facial result.

"The American woman, also, who is constantly fighting for social recognition, wears the mark of her combat. The placid face of the housewife is fast disappearing. The cry of Americe is attainment, and upon the face of the American is found the imprint of that cry."

The major has been retired from active military service in the German army for many years. Since then be has traveled around the world many times to gather material for his books and magazine articles. Some of his works have been taken up by historical societies in Germany as valuable to posterity.

Lendon Speciallet Declares Playing Mournful Instrument Will Assist Materially so Remedy.

SURE CURE FOR WEAK LUNGS

usually a grave, sedate person, for whom one has great respect—but now some of them have declared that the flute is a medical as well as a musical instrument. One of these physicians, who is said to be a lung specialist, announces that

London.-The London physician is

where there is a weak spot in the lungs flute-playing ought to be beneficial, as the inspirations necessary for playing the mournful instrument make numerous little lung cells work which otherwise would be unemployed. This specialist, however, has consideration enough to say that he would not recommend playing the flute in-

sit in the parks and play it will help him. The flute, he contends, should not prove objectionable to the neighbors if a man plays it in his back Played Plane 38 Hours. Richmond, Ind .- Shorman White, a local piano player, has broken the

doors, but if a man has the courage to

world's record for endurance plane playing. White played without a stop for 38 hours and declared afterward: that had it been necessary he could have played for 50. During all that time White played distinct tunes and not merely chords. The record heretofore has been 37 hours and 36 minutes, made by Roy Harding of Ham-Liton, Ohio.

Finds Kin Missing 25 Years. Lenox, Mass.—Twenty-free years ago Charles Wheeler left Leaox, and as no word ever came from him his relatives supposed him dead.

Three months ago his brothes, misworth Wheeler, drifted down to Panama and got work on an engine, and been doing similar work not more last week he met his prother, who had then one hundred feet away for elx

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