

CRAB'S WALK OF 98 MILES

Moming Instinct is Shown by Some Recent Experiments in England.

Some remarkably interesting details regarding the movements and the homing instinct of the edible crab were presented to the Eastern Sea Fisheries Committee.

In the course of an exhaustive report he stated that between July and September, 1910, nearly two thousand crabs were captured, and after being labeled were again set free along the Norfolk and Lincolnshire coasts.

Rewards were paid to fishermen upon returning the crabs when recaptured. They were returned to the sea at varying distances from the shore, and up to the present 21 per cent of the labeled crustaceans had been recaptured and full data tabulated.

With regard to the Norfolk crabs liberated in the places from which they were originally obtained, fifty-two were recaptured within one mile of their first home, but one traveled as far as Flamborough Head, a distance of ninety-eight statute miles.

MARK GRAVE OF HEROINE

Clubwomen to Preserve Memory of Woman Who Gave Life to Help Smallpox Sufferers.

Clubwomen, assisted by the doctors of North Billerica, Mass., are taking steps to preserve the memory of Sarah Hodgeman, who gave her life more than a century ago in her efforts to help neighbors who were suffering from smallpox.

Within two weeks it was noticed that the customary smoke did not curl from the chimney. Some of the townsfolk finally mustered up courage to investigate. It was found that the entire household, Sarah Hodgeman included, had died of the disease.

Hope Not Realized.

Dean Sumner of the Cathedral SS. Peter and Paul related the following story at the recent banquet of the Chicago Association of Commerce at the Hotel Sherman.

A Polyglot Playwright.

M. Dario Nicodemai is a citizen of the world. He was born in Italy. He was reared in the Argentine Republic, where he was initiated in Spanish culture.

Recovers Ring 18 Years Lost.

A class ring lost 18 years ago by Mrs. J. H. Reese, when she was a pupil of the Lancaster high school, was restored to the owner.

A Cruel Retort.

"I'm afraid of woman suffrage," said Little Binks. "My wife is a militant suffragette, but up to date I am Julius Caesar in my house."

She Talked Too Much.

Mrs. Benham—Money talks. Benham—Keep the change, please.

FEWER STORKS IN ALSACE

System of Registration is Being Tried to Learn About Migratory Habits.

Every year the number of storks to be seen in Alsace becomes less. Of the four nests perched on the big chimneys on the old roofs of Strassburg, only one has been occupied this year.

In many of the villages the great migrators have ceased for a long time to relieve the landscape, and it seems only a question of time when the stork in Alsace will be a memory.

In Germany for the better study of storks there has been created a sort of service in connection with the Education Department which tends to set up an "etat civil" for each bird, or, in other words, to register them after the manner which obtains for citizens in France.

Each bird is captured where possible and a metallic disk affixed to its leg, and German officials, wherever the birds are believed to migrate, have instructions to send to the department any information they can gather concerning storks who are German subjects.

A point of interest relative to the scarcity of the stork has been brought under the notice of the German authorities by a doctor at Port Elizabeth, who suggests that they have been poisoned through eating grasshoppers or locusts which have been killed by arsenic.

ADDING DAYS TO HIS LIFE

Paradoxical Problem is Solved Through Obvious Point in Circumnavigation.

A correspondent sends to the Herald a paradoxical problem which, he believes, originally appeared in Plessee's "Chymical, Natural and Physical Magic," published some 50 years ago. Two persons were born at the same place, at the same moment of time.

Home Life in the Windy City.

Gustav H. De Kolkey of Chicago had his wife arrested on the charge of robbing him in his own house. "My wife, her brother and a boarder," he declared, "sneaked up behind me and bore me down to the floor.

Seafaring Races.

The portraits of Captain Amundsen show a certain likeness to Dr. Nansen. Both have in a marked degree the long narrow skull of the Vikings.

The Beautiful Moonlight.

The fresh air children were camping beside a small lake in the Jersey hills. There was a full moon rising and trailing its light across the water.

Should Fix Their Drains.

Twenty-six states have streams which drain into the Mississippi river. If those commonwealths would set about the business of conserving their waters, the floods which are now causing so much fear in the south would not be in evidence every spring.

MUCH ADD ABOUT A PENNY

Sample of Extent to Which Red Tape Methods Prevail in Germany.

Germany, declares Mr. S. Baring Gould in his book, "The Land of Teak," is absolutely swathed in red tape. In illustration, he tells an experience of his own while journeying by rail from Ober-Leningen to Owen.

I asked at Ober-Leningen for a third-class ticket to Owen, and supposing that I had got what I asked for, stepped into a third-class carriage. On these branch lines nearly everyone travels fourth.

"That will not do. You have infringed the law, and must pay six marks," the man insisted. "I got out at Owen, and will explain matters to the station master," I said.

"The fine is six marks," said the official, peremptorily. "But, said I, 'I demanded a third-class ticket, and was given one for which I had not asked. This was an oversight on the part of the clerk.'"

"What is it?" I asked. "One penny." "The train was delayed five minutes while we threated out the question on the platform in great detail, and the other passengers craned their necks out of the windows of the carriages and listened with lively interest.

FIRST OF ANIMAL HOSPITALS

More Than 2,000 Years Ago One Was Established in India, Says an Authority.

The New York women who have opened a free animal dispensary in this city are regarded as pioneers in a good work. As a matter of fact one must go to the Orient and look back more than 2,000 years to find the first animal hospital known.

The famous Buddhist emperor of India, Asoka, whose long reign from 264 to 227 B. C. abounded in many good works, was probably the earliest to establish a hospital for the treatment of animals, says Our Dumb Animals.

He gave up his desire for conquest and the rock inscriptions, which are still extant, record such beneficent edicts of his as the counseling of planting shade trees, the digging of wells, sending out of missionaries, appointment of special officers to supervise charities, the establishing of hospitals for human kind and animals.

It is of interest to know that the last remaining of Asoka's hospitals was devoted to animals. It covered twenty-five acres and was divided into proper wards and courts for the accommodation of the patients.

Uncle Joe's Reply.

Some members of the house heard a few days ago the strangest combination of sacred and profane language which had ever been uttered on that floor. During a debate Uncle Joe Cannon went after A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, and handled him without gloves.

A Clear Case.

"You claim that the wheel of the defendant's car passed over your stomach," said the defendant's attorney to the plaintiff on the stand. "Yet, here is your open-faced watch which you testify to having carried in your vest pocket at the time, and the crystal isn't even cracked. How do you account for that?"

House Cleaning Time.

Woman of the House (answering third ring)—Are you trying to pull the house down? Book Agent—Beg pardon, madam, but have you the "Life of Grant?"

Teacher.

Teacher—There is no glass in the windows of the Eskimos. Jimmie—Ain't that great? I'll bet the kids up there play ball the whole year round.

THRIFT OF OZARK COUPLE

Took Matter of Presents Into Their Own Hands on Silver Wedding Anniversary.

Everyone who has got several gifts exactly alike will appreciate the shrewdness of this Ozark couple who, in the matter of presents, took things into their own hands.

"Speakin' of being thrifty," said Hi Buck, "reckon Cy Wasson and his wife, that came here from Iowa, about take the prize."

"How's that?" asked the stranger who was waiting in front of the blacksmith shop while his horse was being shod.

"Well, you see Cy and Mirandy wanted to celebrate their silver wedding. They had never celebrated any anniversary before because, as Mirandy told my wife, the silver wedding was the first one where the presents would be worth more than the victuals."

"Even then they worried a good deal for fear everybody would bring pickle forks or butter knives. But after a while they hit on an idea that worked first rate."

"They wrote at the bottom of the invitations, asking the folks not to buy presents until they got there, for the jeweler from Buckeye Bridge would be in the yard with a full line of silverware, and no two pieces alike."

"That was clever," said the stranger. "Picked out their own presents, you might say."

AMERICAN DRY FLY FISHING

The Angler Fishes the Water and Not the Rise as They Do in England.

American dry fly fishing may be defined briefly as the art of displaying to the trout a single artificial fly floating upon the surface of the stream in the exact manner of the natural insect.

On occasions, somewhat rare indeed, but nevertheless of sufficient frequency to render the fact noteworthy, the American dry fly man casts consciously to a rising and feeding trout—the invariable custom of the English dry fly "purist."

In America, owing to the fact that the dry fly angler fishes the water and not the rise, wet and dry fly fishing are far more closely related than is the case in England, where the orthodox sportsman stalks the trout, casting exclusively to a rising and feeding fish.—Outing.

Bishop Blames His Hair.

Father William J. Dalton of the Annunciation church tells this story of a Catholic bishop well known in this locality, but at Father Dalton's request, nameless here:

"The bishop is a large man with bushy back hair," the priest relates. "He often on his tours through Kansas wears a silk hat. His crozier he carried in a large leather case."

The Gloom of English Clubs.

Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, at a dinner in New York, was talking about English clubs.

"There is something very triste, very depressing," he said, "about the really fashionable clubs of Pall Mall, St. James' street and Piccadilly. The stiff dignity, the somber quietude of these clubs, gets on an American's nerves."

The Probable Bread Winner.

Representative Henry of Texas was talking, at a dinner in Washington, about an impecunious nobleman.

Their True Sphere.

Wife reading from a headline in a Toronto paper—Here's an article on "Women's Work for Feeble-Minded." Husband (with a grunt)—I'd like to know what women have ever done for the feeble-minded.

The Way of Portraits.

He—Why is Caroline having her portrait painted? She—Well, she has reached that age when she doesn't look well in a photograph.

DIVORCED FROM DEAD MAN

Queer Requirements Made in France That Official Records May Be Completed.

In France, as in some other countries, every citizen has an official history. Not as varied and interesting as his real history, but still important. From this there follow at times quaint consequences.

Consider the case of the painter who went fishing on Antille bay. He has not since been seen. The body of one man who went with him was washed ashore lifeless. You would call this tolerably convincing proof that his wife had been made a widow.

There was a way round. The bereaved woman applied for a divorce on the ground of desertion. Since death is beyond dispute, the court of Montreal decided that she could not be denied. So the widow is recognized as an independent woman and apparently both the law and she are satisfied.

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WHY THE PLANETS COLLIDE

Gravity and Other Agencies Are at Work in Bringing Stars Together.

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On the trout streams of this country, however, the orthodox manner of fishing and floating fly is to fish all the water as when wet fly casting.

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Starving Out Troublesome Pigeons.

City hall pigeons are once more under the ban in Philadelphia, and Director Porter is the man who is trying to get rid of them.

Pampered Too Much.

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Woman Bootblack.

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His Sacrifice.

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IT IS NOT TO LAUGH AT

Playwright Has Wholesome Fear of Ridicule, Most Powerful of Intellectual Weapons.

The playwright's eleventh commandment is, "Thou shalt not get thyself laughed at." Ridicule has always been a most powerful intellectual weapon and one against which, when skillfully used, it is difficult to offer an effective defense.

Once I wrote a novel. I never did so much work before or since for \$135.75, and yet I sometimes envy the novelist. At all events, he is master of his own pages. No cat can walk into the middle of page 158 without his consent.

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TWAIN AND THE OFFICE BOY

How the Late Humorist Rebuked by His Wit an Officious Youth.

Mark Twain did not cherish a fondness for the average office boy. He had an idea that the genius was insufferable, and invariably when the humorist sallied forth into some business office there was immediate armed hostility between him and the boy.

One day Mark went to see a friend at his office, and the office boy on guard, in icy tones, said: "Whom do you wish to see?"

Mark Twain immediately froze up and then with a genial smile he said: "Tell him, please, I want to ask his hand in holy matrimony."

Change for the Better.

The care of the African population in the Belgian Congo in the past has been so murderously indifferent that it is a pleasure to note a change for the better. An order has gone into effect to prevent hereafter the importation, manufacture and transportation of saccharine sweets in the Belgian African territory.

The parasitical woman will be extinct in a generation or two. Then a certain witticism of Lord Swale and Sele's will be unintelligible.

"Lord Swale and Sele attended recently a book dinner. At this dinner everybody had to represent some book title. Well, Lord Swale and Sele just carried on his arm a petticoat."

The Future Woman.

"Woman is today a parasite. But the woman of the future will work." The speaker, Lady Warwick, was narrating her views of the suffrage question to a New York reporter. She continued:

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