FARMER OWES MUCH TO MULE

Animal is Hard and Rugged Worker and Almost Indispensable in Many Localities.

The mule, like everybody else, has his place. He is considered a had actor. Fathers caution their cons about going near any animal with long ears and ropy tail. The sons know what the animal will do because they have been looking over the "funny paper" each Sunday and were delighted in seeing the mule fold up and let foose with a kick that sent a man through the side of a barn or over the fence. But in spite of this undesirable advertising the mule is with us today on more farms than ever before. He is a hard and rugged worker and is especially adapted to the more hilly farms of our agricultural sections. Even through the Middle West there are some counties that have more mules than horses. In 1867, the mules of the United States numbered 822,000, with an average value of \$66.94. In 1890 the number was 2,321,000, valued at \$78.25. By 1914 the number had increased to 4,123,000, with a value of \$119.84 per head. On January 1, 1920, the number was 4,995,000 and the value per head was \$147.

The mule has gained rapidly in popularity, in many localities taking the place of the horse, and has also prevented the introduction of the tractor in many places. There are not a few mule ranches over the United States, the owners finding it a paying kind of stock to raise. The demand is increasing and those having them for sale cannot supply the market.-Thrift Magazine.

CONDEMN TERM "FAIR SEX"

English Women Go on Record as Opposed to Phrase "Belonging to a Bygone Age."

It has been officially declared in misland that women, en bloc, are neither "week" nor "fair." At least the Women's Freedom league, under the leadership of Councilor Margaret Hodge, has put a ban on the terms "fair sex" "Spinster" and "weaker sex." "mother-in-law" have also been put on the feminine index. Further, it is averred, once and for all time that: Woman's 'judgment is as good as

man's. Women talk less than men.

Women can keep a secret. "One irritating custom," said Miss Hodge, "comes from an age when to be fair was woman's first and foremost duty. The only women who counted were for ornament rather than for use. Women may be the weaker sex physically, but certainly not morally. The name mother-in-law is still the standby of farces and comic literature. It is an idea from some bygone age."-London Chronicle.

Chinese Art.

The applicability of Chinese art for interior decoration of any period is being strikingly illustrated in a recent gallery opening in New York. The idea that anything Chinese is gaudy is being gradually displaced. In the carving of gems, the working of metal and in tapestry designs the Chinese are without rivals. The owner of the new gallery has fitted up half a score of rooms in period designs—there is the old French and English, the during the war. American colonial, the early Italian and the Holland rooms. Fitting snugly into the general tone of the room are marvels of Chinese craftsmanship in the form of hangings, carved woodwork, tapestry and lamps. It is a revelation to many and has a new conception of Chinese craftsmanship .- St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Big Task.

One of the big causes of delay in the movement of freight is the heating of the journal boxes of car axles, commonly called "hot boxes." When one journal box in a train gets seriously hot it is necessary to stop the whole movement of traffic until the condition can be remedied. This makes very timely a series of tests now being carried on at Purdue university, to determine accurately the benefit to be derived by using ventilated lids instead of the solid lids now almost universally used on the axle journals. The tests consist of eight-hour runs with heavy loads at high speed, during which accurate records are kept of the temperature attained in each class of apparatus.

Perfume Hunters.

There seems to be no good reason why in this country the gathering of sweet-smelling herbs and flowers for the perfumery trade might not be found profitable. It has recently become a considerable industry in rural parts of England, a great many women and children having taken it up.

In April the picking of cowslips begins, those flowers being in demand as a cure for sleeplessness, and also for "potpourri" and sachets. Broom and elder flowers follow. Mullein and mallow, bergamot, peony petals, rose petals and red poppy petals bring good prices; likewise raspberry leaves, sage, mint, balm and thyme.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Telephone Statistics.

Telephone wires in the United States have reached the enormous total length of 22,827,188 miles, the new government census reveals. There are 11,716,520 telephones, connected through 53,234 organized systems or lines. The total number of messages in 1917 was 21,845,722,335, or 211 per

"HONOR" A THING FORGOTTEN

Prussian Officer Unable to Understand Idea of Any Obligations of Hospitality.

A typical illustration of German rule in Poland before freedom came to its people is given by Mrs. Cecil Chesterton in the New Witness. The German military authorities had issued a command to the people of Warsaw that they should furnish a list of their metals and plate, from door handles to samovars.

A German officer billeted in a Polish household, says Mrs. Chesterton, found himself lonely on Christmas day. The family was keeping the festival, and the officer sent a note asking if he might join the party. The hostess was compelled to assent, and Herr Lieut. Grunsbach partook of a lavish supper. It happened that his hostess had kept back a silver samovar, which, usually secreted under the bed, on Christmas day shone forth in all its glory.

Some one suggested that it would be wiser to remove the samovar before the Herr Lieutenant entered, but the hostess insisted that he was there as a guest and not as an enemy, and that even a Prussian would respect the bread and salt. The evening following the party an unpleasant-looking man came to the house accompanied by two German soldiers. He had called to collect the samovar that the Herr Lieutenant had reported. Not only did he remove the samovar, but he assessed a fine because the law had been disobeyed.

Shortly afterward the officer asked his hostess why she avoided him. What had he done to offend her? She could no longer restrain her indignation and told him what she thought of him-to his profound astonishment. How could she blame him for doing what was obviously his duty? Hospitality entailed no obligation to forget one's fatherland. Germany had need of samovars. What mattered else?-Youth's Companion.

REFUSE TO SURRENDER RELIC

Citizens of Little French Town of Alan Offer Lives in Defense

of Stone Cow The famous stone cow of Alan, a little town in the Haute Garonne, France, is again the center of a fight between the peasants of the village and the Ministry des Beaux Arts in Paris. Twice the ministry has sold the cow, which dates back to the fifteenth century, and each time the villagers have fought with pitchforks and clubs all attempts to remove it from the front of the Episcopal pal-

After the war a Paris antique dealer, knowing the history of the stone cow, persuaded the Ministry des Beaux Arts to sell it to him. Once before they sold the cow, but all the gendarmes that they could center on Alan failed to get the monument. The purchaser asserts that he will remove it and place it in front of a Parislan mansion. The peasants of Alan have again armed, and this time with modern weapons, for little of the old village is left from the shells of the Germans, and they intend to protect their relic. There is little left of the Episcopal palace, before which the cow stands, but not a shell hit the cow

Blower Recovers Waste Cement. The bags in which cement is shipped have a considerable return value, because of the character of the material entering into the manufacture, so that all large consumers find it necessary to see that these are gathered up and returned to the cement

Heretofore it has been regarded as sufficient to turn the bag upside down and shake it as a means of emptying. But recently it has been found that this method is wasteful in the extreme, and the cement is now recovered by a blower.

By this means from one and onehalf to two sacks of cement are recovered per 1,000 sacks cleaned. Two men can clean 2,000 sacks a day, besides sorting, counting and bundling them. The cement recovered maks a credit to the cost of handling of about \$2.50 a day.

Sell Many Door Locks.

The crime wave is resulting in much new business for the hardware store man these days. Padlocks, heavy chains and burglar alarm devices are being sold like hot cakes, and persons who never before thought to lock their doors are now taking double measures against intruders.

"Until a few months ago," said a hardware man, "we sold door chains only occasionally. Now we can't supply the demand. New Yorkers, as a rule, are careless, but I think that the present activity of the crooks will teach them a lesson. My advice to persons living in apartments is to keep their doors well chained. Professional crooks will get into almost any place, but extra precautions on hall doors will keep the sneak thief out."-New York Sun.

Women's Hair Price Increases.

The price given by halrdressers for women's hair has increased enormously during the last 12 months. While some women in America and Britain sell their hair, the real trade in this commodity is done in Continental countries. Peasant girls in France. Belgium and Italy sell their hair at regular periods to dealers. This nair is mostle of the fair and black variety, while most golden hair is obtained from Scandinavians.

RICH ASIA MINOR PROVINCE CROSS CONTINENT

Smyrna, Blessed With a Fertile Soll and Temperate Climate, Is Pitasant Dwelling Place.

The modern province of Smyrna is the most favored of all the provinces of Asia Minor. It contains three of the most considerable rivers of the country, including the Meander, whose serpentine course has given the English language an expressive verb. Fertile soil and temperate climate have added to the region's attractions, while the possession of a port and city-the city of Smyrna-unequaled by any other in Asia Minor has contributed another immeasurably important asset. Though imperfectly tilled during its control by Turkey, the province of Smyrna has nevertheless been noted for its fine fruits. For a long time it has furnished the best figs and raisins which reach the markets of Eu-

Poets and travelers have sung and told of the beauties of the city of Smyrna throughout the ages. The nucleus nestles in the lowlands about its harbor, and behind, the city rises tier above tier against the neighboring highlands. Unlike many cities that have survived for long ages, Smyrna has retained the same name from the dawn of history. This city should be dear to the heart of the modern feminist for it took its name from an Amazon who is reputed to have played an important part in its early life.-National Geographic Society Bulletin.

FORTUNE AWAITS LUCKY ONES

Prospecting for Radium in Madagas car is Latest Lure Held Out to the Enterprising.

The exciting days of prospecting in Cripple Creek or Alaska may be over, but anyone who is looking for experience and is willing to suffer a few discomforts for the chance of gaining a fortune can do so in Madagascar, according to Secretary LaCroix of the French Academy of Science, who has completed an exhaustive study of radium-bearing deposits there.

M. LaCroix says that millions probably are there awaiting to reward the patient searchers who are able to start out with the proverbial shoe string as (ar as finances are concerned, but it is recommended that intending prospectors take along a few camera dry plates, developing outfits and, if possible, a gold leaf electroscope, although the latter is not absolutely es-

The principal radioactive mineral in Madagascar is known as betaphite and is brownish-black in color with irregular radium content. But even if only one milligram is obtained from each ton of mineral examined, it will mean 200 francs to the prospector, while certain deposits are so rich as to assay as high as 15,000 francs a

Patching the Czar's Trousers. In his recently published memoirs

Count Witte, a member of the old Russian regime, relates that Alexander III's prudence in government expenditure was matched by his personal thrift: "Alexander III was extremely economical with his wearing apparel. I had a curious proof of this when I accompanied the emperor on one his railway trips. Since I found it impossible, on account of my responsibility, to sleep of nights, I would often catch glimpses of his majesty's valet mending the emperor's trousers. On one occasion I asked him why he didn't give his master a new pair instead of mending the old so often 'Well, I would rather have it that way,' he answered, 'but his majesty won't let me. He insists on wearing his garments until they are threadbare. It is the same with his boots."

Huge Stone in Roosevelt's Honor. The greatest chunk of stone ever quarried or transported in the United States or anywhere else on earth is going to be hewn and brought to Washington for the monumental Theodore Roosevelt national memorial. The memorial is to take the form of a lion, some 36 by 40 feet in dimensions, and it is to be carved by Carl Ethan Akeley out of a solid block of rock.

Where the stone is to come from appears not yet to be determined. One authority suggests it may be necessary to build a special railroad and equipment to bring it to Washington. The memorial will be the biggest job in stone, it is said, since the sphinxes were set up on the plains of Egypt .-Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Floats for Boats.

S. E. Van Horn of Manhasset. N. Y., is the inventor of a scheme for making boats unsinkable. The safety boat is provided with a couple of umbrellas of rubberized fabric, one on the port and the other on the starboard side, attached to the gunwale by a sort of outrigger.

When not in use the umbrellas are collapsed and take up little room, the outriggers being swung alongside of the craft, out of the way. But in case of danger the outriggers are hastily swung outward into position, the umbrellas spreading automatically.

Harrowing Experience. "What's the trouble?" asked the sec-

ond assistant sporting editor. "I've just had a call from a woman who had written some 'free verse.' said the Sunday editor, who was shaking all over.

"That ought not to upset you." "Ah!" grouned the Sunday editor. "But she read it to me and threw in a lot of gestures."-Birmingham Age-

Herald

FLIER , FALLS AND

WRECKS HIS PLANE

Received Injuries That May Prove Fatal-Fell In Louisiana.

Monroe, La., March 26.-Lieut. W D. Coney, of the army air service, received probably fatal injuries today when his airplane struck a tree while he was attempting to make a landing near Crowville, La., on his return transcontinental flight from Jacksonville, Florida, to San Diego, California. The landing was attempted after engine trouble had developed and the plane fell about 75 feet. Lieut Coney was flying over a swamp wilderness in northeast Louisiana when the engine got into difficulties. His back is believed to have been broken.

The injured aviator is being moved to Natchez, Mississippi, for hospital treatment. He is being taken over swamp roads for a distance of eleven miles to Winnsboro, where he will be placed aboard a train.

The officer crashed with his plane and was unconscious when found. He regained consciousness some time later, however, but was unable to say anything except that he had engine trouble and was seeking a landing place when he smashed into the tree.

A village doctor who was called to attend the officer said that besides a broken back Lieut. Coney apparently had received internal injuries. Owing to his critical condition, the trip to Winnsboro was a slow one.

Crowville is a small town on Deer creek, in Franklin parish, in the northeast section of Louisiana. The country is swampy, roads are built of logs on dykes, making travel and communication extremely difficult. At this season of the year travel is

Crowville is several miles from a narrow guage railroad. The nearest town of any size is Winnsboro.

ery originated in a collection of 38 here. Black yesterday was acquitted pictures, 29 old masters and nine by of violating the Volstead prohibition British painters, purchased with publact, but that acquittal did not carry lic funds in 1824.

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MILLIONAIRE SEEKS RELEASE OF HIS PRIVATE PULLMAN CAR

Miami, Fla., March 26 .- A petition filed by Harry St. Francis Black, New York financier, for release of his private Pullman car seized by prohibition officers when sixty cases of intoxicating liquors were found aboard The British national picture gal- will be heard today in circuit court with release of the car.



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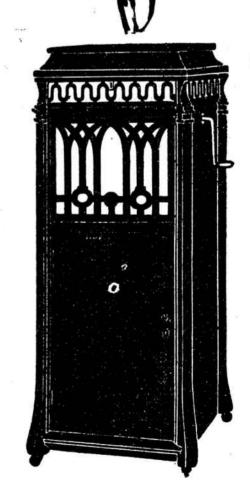
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