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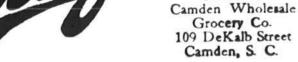
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WIII Give Tourists Access to Territory Where Nature Freaks Are Seen.

Cordova, Alaska.-Completion of a projected automobile road of 18 miles up the beds of "painted streams" is expected to open to tourists from all parts of the world the valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, in the Mount Katmat region of Alaska, about eighty miles north of Kodiak Island.

Enterprising motion picture producers, following scientific expeditions into the strange valley, have returned here with films of the myriad "smokes" and with reports of a shorter and eas ier route into the district.

When the Katmai volcano erupted in 1912 and covered thousands of square miles with ash and pumice, killing all vegetation and game and wiping out more than one settlement, it was regarded as a great calamity. But the eruption uncovered a strange formation which is declared to be one of the wonders of the world.

The "smokes," literally thousands of them, are clouds or jets of steam under various pressures, emitted from holes and remarkably colored caverns in the solidified volcanic clay. The entire valley, which is shaped somewhat like a clover leaf, seems to be gradually solidifying. The Indian who recently guided a motion picture party said many square miles, covered with semiliquid hot mud a year ago, are now crossed without difficulty.

In one of the three arms of the valley is a "live" glacier, at the foot of which is a beautiful cobalt-blue lake of hot water. In another arm is the Falling mountain, down whose face roll continually huge boulders broken off near the snow-capped peaks by va riations of temperature.

Besides the scenic possibilities the valley is said to possess vast deposits of virtually pure sulphur, arsenic and other chemicals. Black sand was found in the many streams indicating possibilities of gold.

...... Rheumatism Was Needle and Thread in Hip

Cape Girardeau, Mo.-Mrs. Helen Curry of this city has been relieved of a long-standing pain in her hip by an operation, in which a needle and thread were removed.

Some months ago she began to notice pain in her hip. She conseveral doctors, who treated her for rheumatism. An X-ray revealed the presence of the needle and thread.

VANISHES. TIES UP ESTATE

Soldier Administrator Disappears Be tween Brooklyn and West Point.

Brooklyn, N. Y .- When Surrogate Cohalan signed an order directing s missing man to show cause why he should not be removed as administrator of the estate of Thomas J. Gilbert, who died November 18 last, a family mystery that has tied up the affairs of the estate was disclosed.

The missing administrator is Thomas J. Gilbert, Jr., and the application for the removal is made by his broth er. William S. Gilbert. He states that when his father died he was in the army in Germany, and on his return his brother was appointed administrator of their father's estate.

He says that on the morning of February 1 last his brother bid the family good-by, saying he had been ordered to the army engineering corps at West Point. That was the last heard of him. Efforts to trace him through army authorities have failed.

GHOULS IN ANCIENT EGYPT

Grave Robbers Plied Trade 2,600 Years Ago, Famous Egyptologist Finds.

New York,-Ghouls flourished in ancient Egypt, plying their trade with enough cunning to put modern grave robbers to shame, according to Ambrose Lansing of the Museum of Art, who returned here from Thebes with personal effects of Pedu Bost, mayor and chief priest of that city in about 700 B. C.

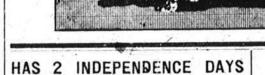
"After excavating in Pedu Bost's tomb," said Mr. Lansing, "I found evidences that grave robbers had cut their way there on their own account 2,600 years before us, apparently very soon after burial, and had made off with a number of jewels."

GIVE DRUGGED CIGARETTES

Scotland Yard Hunts Robbers Who Use Novel "Chloroform" on Victims.

London.-Criminals who rob their victims after giving them drugged cigarettes are attracting the attention

In one instance a man in a railway carriage was robbed after he had smoked a cigarette given him by a fellow passenger. A discharged soldier was robbed of his money and clothing and left naked by the road-



Republic of Ecuador Celebrater August Tenth and October Ninth as National Holidays.

The Republic of Ecuador celebrates two national holidays, and both are "independence days," according to the Pan-American Union

The liberty-loving patriots had to shoot two bolts at Spanish domination before they succeeded in gaining permanent independence. The first time they had a quiet but determined revolution in Quito, the present capital of the republic, the patriots assembling at the house of Manuela Canizares, a brave and beautiful woman, on August 5, 1809, when they prepared their declaration of independence and chose the officials who were to compose the provisional government. That night the conspirators gathered their forces in different parts of the city and Captain Salinas, who commanded the two companies of regular troops that guarded the city, went to their barracks, read to them the declaration and wonthem over to the cause of the patriots. They overpowered the bodyguard of Ruiz de Castilla, the Spanish governor, early on the morning of August 10 and thus established the first republic without shedding a drop of blood. It lasted only about a year, when Castilla succeeded in overthrowing the patriotic government and again brought the country under Spanish dominion.

The fires of liberty had been kindled, however, and the Ecuadoreans kept up their heroic struggle, notwithstanding many reverses, until in 1820 the people of Guayaquil, the leading seaport of the country, succeeded in rebelling on the ninth of October. With the aid of Gen. Simon Bolivar, the great Venezuelan emancipator, and of his compatriot, Gen. Antonio Jose Sucre, the Ecuadoreans, after many bloody battles, succeeded in completely annihilating the Spanish forces and established freedom in Ecuador forever. Therefore it is that the Ecuadoreans celebrate two "independence days," the tenth of August and the ninth of October.

Housecleaning Hedgehogs.

It is said that when in camp during the winter the woodsmen of Maine entertain many strange guests-bluejays, chickadees, wood mice and hedgehogs among them. One woodsman on leaving the camp on a Saturday afternoon used to neglect purposely to close the door of his shack in order that the hedgehogs might enter and clean his floor.

Inasmuch as the principal constituents of the camp menu are pork and beans, bacon and other dishes rich in fat, grease is spilled upon the floor in a week and a hedgehog will risk his neck for a bit of fat.

Just as soon, therefore, as this particular camp was deserted by its occupants the spiny gluttons would hasten in and begin to plane off the surface of the floor with their chisellike teeth, eating away all the wood that held a trace of grease. On his return to camp the owner could sweep up and enjoy the comforts of a clean house for another week. The only serious objection to this method of housecleaning lay in the fact that it was necessary to lay a new camp floor

Reindeder Meat.

The former United States commissioner at Saint Michael, Alaska, William B. Stephenson, writes in his new book about Alaska, "The Land of Tomorrow," that "the reindeer reaches of the far North are destined to solve the meat question for the United States."

"Reindeer breeding is fast becoming an important factor, and here again one must revert to the land. Reindeer need space, for they are the beef of Alaska and must have pasturage. This pasturage is always to Reindeer steaks been for a long time regularly quoted on the Seattle markets. That they will one day figure conspicuously in our meat supply cannot be questioned. Already the big packing concerns have sent their representatives to look over the ground. There is one drawback to this industry, however, which will have to be adjusted and regulated before it can become profitable. The cost of shipping is now prohibitive. Alaska now has 100,000 reindeer. Within the next ten years she will have 3,000,000."

The Lerot and the Snake. Every one has heard of the remark-

able combats of the Indian mongoose with venomous snakes, in which little rikkitikki-tavvi comes off victor. The fact that the mongoose invariably survives has led to the suggestion that it is immune to snake poison. Other animals said to be immune are the pig and the hedgehog. The experiments of a British naturalist show that an animal of the dormouse family must be added to the list of the immune. This animal is known as the lerot and is said to fight flercely with vipers. Large doses of viper's poison were injected into one lerot, from which injection no ill effects followed. On one occasion a lerot was badly bitten in the eye by a viper and no signs of poisoning followed.

Amen.

He was awfully wild. In fact, he was wildly wild.

"I tell you once and for all," he roared at his erring offspring, "if you marry Grace I'll cut off without a penny, and you won't have so much as a piece of beef to boil in the pot."

"Well," said the young man as he went in search of the parson, "Grace before meat."-London Ideas.

Placing Himself.

Luther Burbank, like Thomas A. Edison, has had his brain incorporated and capitalized. He has done many wonderful things, one of the biggest being the perfecting of the spineless cactus, which is a great cattle food staple. Also to his credit are the Shasta daisy, the stoneless prune and the seedless grape. His patience is wonderful and they say that at one time he raised 50,000,000 lillies to get a single half-dozen that were perfect. "No wonder they call you the 'wizard' of California," remarked a

Los Angeles reporter once. Burbank laughed, and replied: "They might better call me the gizzard of California."

STITI Upset.

"Wife finished house cleaning yet?" "Guess not. I had to go to the cellar this morning for a clean shirt and I found the garden spade in the

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The Engineer's Eyes.

The importance of the eyesight t is understood in a general way, few people realize the tax laid on eyesight of an engine driver dur a long ruh. It takes years for a di er to learn thoroughly all the sign on a complicated system, and he m be able to pick out his own at glance in the maze of a great ju tion. On the Northwestern rails alone more than 17,000 signals are every night, and a driver working fr London to Crewe and back is trolled by nearly 600 signals.-Lon Chronicle.

The Wonders of America By T. T. MAXEY

THE MOUNTAIN KINGDOM COLORADO.

A MONG all the mountain kingdon — "the Perpeudicu

state"-stands easily first in physi adornment. In Colorado 100,000 squ miles contain 155 mountain peaks t are more than 13,000 feet high. Co rado contains 103,925 square mi Of this vast area, as big as all N England with Indiana added, thirds is mountainous.

The state is traversed by the m chain of the Rocky mountains, the quoted "backbone of the contine the huge roof-tree of our reput Prolific mother of rivers, this g watershed gives rise to the Grande, the two Plattes, the Arkan many "lesser lights" and the Colors that, in Arizona, passes for 200 m between those sheer red walls that stitute one of the scenic wonders the world, and flows at last into eign seas. There are about 6,000 m of running water, born of snow filled with fish; 500 lakes, large small, some distinguished with a mous name; others still asleep in mo tain holiows, almost unknown.

It is a strange country. The name is a memento of the passing that, first of Europeans, saw serene, reddish-brown peaks less against the sky. The name means light brown, ruddy, florid and even be a synonym for joyous Life is more than an existence in rado. Nature seems ever becke one to come and romp with her. sun shines with almost the same larity as the dawn appears. Cold is one of the greatest heritages of American people.

