

Free From Smallpox How smallpox has been kept away. from Australia by the accident of her being far away from the rest of the world. Is explained in a study of re cent statistics of this disease pub lished by the American Association for Medical Progress, in New York dity, the Literary, Algest reports. Dr E. E. Free explaits in his Week's Science (New York) : "Smallpox usually requires about twelve days to develop in the body of a person who has been infected. This gives time enough to travel between Europe and America, for example. before realizing that one has the disease. Accordingly, smallpox passes the usual quarantine barriers and has sprend throughout all the larger con given to their favorite crickets, tinents. In Australia, however, the long ship journey between this continent and other centers of population gives time for the infection to appear on shipboard, to be recognized and quarantined. This time-barrier around the continent has operated, the association states, to protect Aus tralia very largely against this exzine. tremely infectious disease. For other parts of the world, the association urges, the only protection is compulsopy vaccination of the entire population. A statistical comparison shows that in American states where vaccination is in any degree voluntary the smallpox cases between 1921 and 1926 averaged 102 for each 100 000 of population, while in states in which compulsory vaccination is enforced rigidly only between nine and children. ten cases occurred in proportion to the same population during the same period." Why Some Trades Give the soldier. **Exemption From Ills** Tanneries and printing ink factories confer exemption from tuberculoris and employees in turpentine factories

never have rheumktism. Copper mining excludes the possibility of typhoid among the workers. Shepherds enjoy remarkable health. The odor of sheep appears to exercise some influence tending to the prevention of disease. Sheep are said to be especially good for whooping cough, so that in a sheep country, when a child is taken down with that malady, it is the custom to put it among sheep to play.

Men and women working in laven der, whether gathering or distilling it. are said never to suffer from neuralgia or nervous headache. Laven der, however, is as good as a sea voyage for giving tone to the system. Persons suffering from nervous breakdown frequently give their services gratis to lavender plants, in order that they may build up their vitality. Salt minere can wear summer clothes in blizzard weather without fear of catching colds, for colds are unknown among these workers.

Why Elephants Obey Permanent dens for "the cats"

Set Training Tables for Fighting Crickets The sporting element in China has

been training fighting crickets for hundreds of years. Huge sums are still bet on cricket fights and the owners of champion crickets are nationally known. In his booklet, "Cricket Champions of China," Dr. Berthold Laufer, famous sinologist of the Field Museum of Natural History, discloses the interesting methods used by the Chinese in training these scrapping insects. Even in ancient times the trainers prescribed strict diets for their battlers. The usual diet consist. of a dish of rice mixed with fresh cucumbers, boiled chestnuts, lotus seeds and mosquitoes. Some of the owners and fanciers allow themselves to be bitten my mosquitoes, and when the mosquitoes are full of blood they are

The fighting clickets are kept in specially devised jars, which are made to serve as both summer and winter homes. The jars are furnished with tiny beds and water jars. The champion crickets are transported in finely wrought cages, some of which are filigree gold .-- Pathfinder Maga-

Now Cast Doubt on

Myles Standish Tale Capt. Myles Standish may have asked John Alden to propose to Priscilla Mullens for him, as Longfellow wrote (there is historical doubt on the point), but despite the means he may have taken the redoubtable soldier was married twice and left many

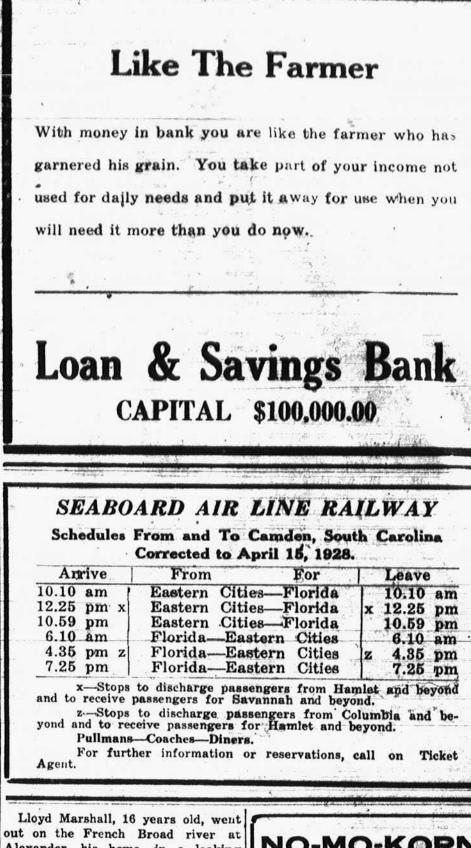
Proof of this has been found through twenty-one years' record searching by Dr. Myles Standish of Boston, eighth lineal descendant of

"The legend about which Longfellow wrote 'The Courtship of Miles Standish' is not very convincing," said Doctor Standish. "Before coming to America, Captain Standish was in Holland and there he married his first wife, Rose. Rose died the first winter in America. Later the soldier married Barbara, who is said to have been a first cousin of Rose. They had several children. It is between the death of Rose and his marriage to Barbara that the captain is supposed to have courted Priscilla. It is a pretty story."-Miami Daily News.

Brotherly Love

A large crowd was waiting breathlessly on the beach. In the distance a small black object could be seen bobbing up and down on the crest of the waves. It was a bottle-and inside was a message!

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(lions, tigers, panthers, cougars, etc.). the performing horses and the elephants are maintained in circus winter quarters. They are put through their stunts every day. Green ani-mals are trained with experienced beasts.

"It takes many hours' practice every day from November to April to train an elephant to stand on his head," says a trainer. "At least 40 men are present to manage the network of ropes, pulleys and tackles that are used to show the animal what he is expected to do. The pupil trumpets and squeals, but sooner or later he learns to associate the command with the act enforced on him at first by complicated apparatus,"

Why Old Guns Are Liked

"The most fascinating marksman ship of all is that practiced with a good, old-fashioned muzzle-loading firearm," according to one gun enthusiast. "An automatic, or even a pump or lever gun, gives one a surfeit of shots so that he soon loses his appreciation of individual hits," this man said. "A. muzzle loader, how ever, forces one to make every shot count, thus discouraging promiscuous and careless shooting. There is a thrill of satisfaction in assembling and loading every charge, ramming it home, and fishing around for a musket cap, that is an enjoyable part of shooting with these old guns."

Why Called "Belladonna"

According to the historian Matthiolas, Italian ladies in the Middle ages used the dark red juice of the deadly nightshade as a paint, the distilled water of the plant as a cosmetic and the juice to dilate the pupil and enhance the luster of the eye, in spite of its detrimental effects. Belladonns (nightshade) means "beautiful lady" in Italian.

Why "Artesian" Wells The word "artesian" means per-taining to Artols, a province is France. It came to be applied to cer tain wells because they were first known in that region. An artesian well is a well bored to a depth where the water pressure is sufficient to

Why Potatoes Are "Spuds" The origin of "spuds" as applied to potatoes is unknown. One writer thinks they were so called originally from the initials of the "Society to Prevent Unwholesome Diet," since po-tatoes were first thought to be poleson s were first th ht to be

in Aberdeen and tell him to take it to the Pig and Whistle. There is twopence on ft."--London Answers.

Too Much Pep

Norma, age seven, was visiting her grandma, and they were telling jokes. Grandma told Norma the one about the boy who went to the grocery and bought some pepper for his mother, and when he arrived home and opened the package he found the pepper was half peas (p's).

Norma was gulet for a few moments, and then she said: "Grandma, here is one for you:

"A little boy went to the store to buy some pepper for his mother, and when he came home and opened it he found it was half pep."

Appropriately Named

Little Rock, Ark., was named from a rocky promontory which rises on the south bank of the Arkansas river some 50 feet above the river and now used as one of the abutments of one of the four bridges which span the river. This rock is the first seen ascending the river, and was called "Little Rock" in contradistinction to the bold precipice about ten times higher which rises some three miles above upon the opposite bank and is called "Big Rock." This is now the site of an army post.

Movie Star

Five-year-old Ethel had never attended a picture show, but had heard her brothers and sisters talk a great deal about the "movie stars." One evening Ethel was out riding with her parents after dark. It was a new experience to Ethel to be out driving late enough to see the stars, and she was very much interested in watching them. One bright star in particular attracted her attention, and as the machine moved Ethel thought the star was moving and said, "Mamma, that must be a movie star."

One Thing Missing

Mrs. Newlywed rushed in from the kitchen, a smoking ple dish in her hands. She placed it on the table in front of her husband.

"There, dear," she cooed, "that's a cottage ple." "I'd have known it was cottage ple," he remarked after the first few mouth-

"You would?" she asked, dolighted "Yes," he replied. "I can taste the intched roof and the grany paving, at what did you do with the bricks?"