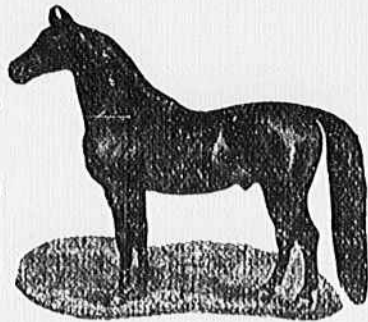


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TOOK FOXES IN NEAT TRAP

Probably Only Instance on Record Where Youngsters Were Caught in a Horse Blanket.

How four foxes were caught in a horse blanket is a quaint tale told by R. A. Huttmacher in the Hunter-Trapper-Trapper of Columbus, O.

"I happened to be driving south of Rapatee, Ill., with the implement dealer of that town, making business calls on several farmers of that section, when, to my surprise, I saw on a very steep hill in the distance several young foxes playing about as if no human was near," says Mr. Huttmacher. "My partner and I decided to try our luck at catching them, so driving on a little farther, we tied our horses and set out across the field after them.

"When we reached the hole, they were all up over the hill chasing each other, so telling my companion to go around the hill and chase them my way I threw a horse blanket over their hole and waited. As they came rushing for the hole I raised one end of the blanket just enough to hide myself and at the same time form a trap of it for them to run into.

"They all got to the hole about the same time, when I threw one end of the blanket over them, the other end being over the hole. In the excitement I succeeded in catching all four in the folds of the blanket.

"We went back to the buggy and drove to town, my companion taking two of the foxes and I two. Possibly the explanation of our good luck is the fact that the foxes were not much more than six weeks old when captured."

WHERE THEY FOUND THE HAT

Joe's Use of Brother Agent's Headgear, to Say the Least, Had Not Improved It.

Attorney General Palmer instructed the New York branch of the department of justice recently to gather all the German propaganda evidence it had accumulated to prosecute enemy aliens during the war and forward it to Washington, where it could be stored in the state department vaults. The books, papers and documents were placed in a wooden case five feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep, which was put in a special baggage car accompanied by two special agents of the department.

One of the agents became tired of sitting watching the case and said he would take a nap on it. He turned the case over on its side and laid down on it, using his handbag as a pillow, while the other laid on the floor of the car alongside the big box. In the morning Special Agent Joe, who slept on the box, awoke and found Agent Bill searching all through the car for something. He asked what he had lost and Bill said that he certainly had a hat when he entered the car but it was missing. They could not find the hat and finally turned the case right end up and there lay Agent Bill's new fall derby under it mashed perfectly flat. Tabern.

Regulating Immigration.

Until 1882 congress did not make any law restricting foreign immigration. On the other hand, everything was done to encourage immigration without regard to its character or quality. In 1882 a law was made excluding escaped convicts, idiots and persons likely to become a public charge. Since then laws have been passed excluding persons afflicted with any dangerous contagious diseases, persons guilty of serious crime in their native country, anarchists, paupers and professional beggars. Foreigners deterred by law are sent back to the country from which they came. During 1914 the report of the commissioner of immigration shows 5,256 aliens, morally, mentally or physically below the standard were returned, 4,257 of whom were barred from entering, the remainder having been arrested and expelled.

To Breed Rabbits for Their Fur.

An organization known as the Beveren club has been formed in London, England, to breed rabbits for their fur. The scheme is being run on co-operative lines.

The blue Beveren and the Havana rabbits are the strain which the club intends to rear. The fur of the blue Beveren is of lavender blue and is long, lustrous, fine and silky. That of the Havana is of a rich chocolate color and is thick, fairly long and fine.

It is hoped to produce from these rabbits natural furs the color of which will not fade.

Women Build Roads.

Five hundred Armenian women employed by the American Red Cross have built 100 miles of stone roads and reconstructed several steel bridges in this section within the last four months, an Associated Press dispatch from Marash, Mesopotamia, says. The roads were rebuilt in order to facilitate transportation of Red Cross supplies. There were no male laborers to be employed, so Capt. Edward Bickel of Seattle, who had charge of the engineering work, engaged the women, who were glad to have employment of any kind.

Wastage of Coal.

In a statement to Pennsylvania householders urging sifting of anthracite ashes, the Anthracite Operators' association says mining experts estimate that an average home wastes about three buckets of coal a week by not sifting, the loss a month being about \$2.

HAS HIGH PLACE IN HISTORY

Magellan Famed as Man Who Found the Pacific and Completed the Work of Columbus.

Four centuries ago Ferdinand Magellan sailed from Seville, Spain, on the voyage during which he discovered the Pacific ocean, named the Straits of Magellan and opened the islands of the Pacific ocean to the people of Europe. His was the first circumnavigation of the earth. Had he not been imbued with the desire to be the governor of a new world, in keeping with the promise accorded him by Charles V., the great geographer might have attained even greater heights. Instead he died, before the three years' cruise was completed, while in battle with natives of a group of the Philippine islands. He had discovered them, along with Ladrones and Gunn islands, and was intent on making them Spanish.

The discovery of America by Columbus had not completely convinced Europeans that the earth was round, but the findings of Magellan clinched the argument. He started with a crew of 270 men and five vessels, but the one ship that survived the cruise only took back a remnant of that party. Many died of scurvy, and some fell during mutinies and battles with natives. Magellan added much to the world's geography. He outlined the entire eastern coast of South America. His discoveries offered the Spaniards new opportunity, and they started to further explore the Pacific. Spaniards found and named California, after a character in a Spanish novel. Then for some unaccountable reason they rested on their laurels.

BALD HEADS AT PEACE TABLE

Many Diplomats Had Whiskers and Mustaches, but Lacked Hair on Their Craniums.

An amusing sidelight on the recent peace conference at Versailles is thrown by a correspondent, who not only reported the proceedings proper, but took notes regarding the hair, mustaches, beards and whiskers of the peace-makers.

Two-thirds of the delegates were more or less bald. Perhaps some of them made up for this by wearing mustaches. Out of 65 men who sat round the peace table, all had mustaches but 14.

Whiskers, on the other hand, were not popular. Only three people wore them, and by a curious coincidence the names of all these three people began with V. They were Venizelos of Greece, Vandervelde of Belgium and Vassitch of Serbia. The latter's whiskers were particularly prominent.

In regard to dress, there was less formal attire than one might have imagined. The English paid no special attention to dress. High hats and frock-coats, once a combination that would never have been sanctioned, were quite popular; but there were some countries which put all they knew into their attire. These were, notably, the Japanese, and some of the South American states.

The New Age.

A pretty Philadelphia girl at a Newport dance wore a rose-colored gown of the new "bareback" fashion.

Very décollete in front, the gown's bodice in the rear opened in a broad V almost to the waist. There were no sleeves to the rose-colored gown; on the contrary it was cut out under the arms like the jerseys worn by athletes. It had, to be sure, a dainty wisp of a train, but nevertheless the flimsy skirt was so exiguous that as the girl whirled about the ballroom to the wild strains of the jazz band it was frequently possible to see that her garters had ruby buckles.

A Philadelphia matron said to George Gould as the girl floated past: "Joan is a lovely creature, but all her interests are wrapped in clothes." "Evidently her interests only, ma'am," said Mr. Gould with a cynical smile.

Please, Doctor, Make Us Pretty!

Dr. Seymour Oppenheimer of New York writes to the Medical Record expressing the hope that the long strides made in what is called "cosmetic" surgery during the war may not be lost to the civil population.

He says that this surgery for the sole purpose of beautifying ugly persons was always considered "rather a shady business" in which no reputable surgeon would engage.

But there are so many ugly faces and their beautification would make their owners happy, some surgeon the richer by a fee, and the world at large happier for not being obliged to look at ugliness, that this is the auspicious moment for taking cosmetic surgery out of the hands of charlatans and quacks and putting it into those of skilled practitioners.

A Drawback.

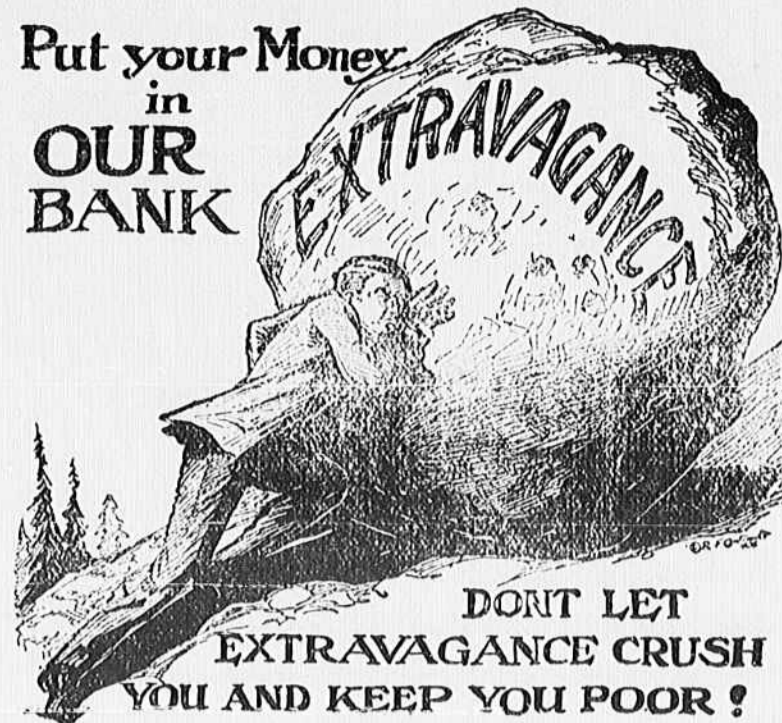
Jacob Ruppert, the New York brewer, told at a luncheon a story about a war profiteer.

"He gave a dinner one night," said Mr. Ruppert, "and when his wife entered the drawing room he was astonished to see her in a very décollete dinner gown—no sleeves, very low in the front, and lower still in the back. His wife had never worn a décollete gown before and the profiteer stared at her in bewilderment.

"'Well,' she said, 'don't you like it? Don't you like this Paris confection, darling?'

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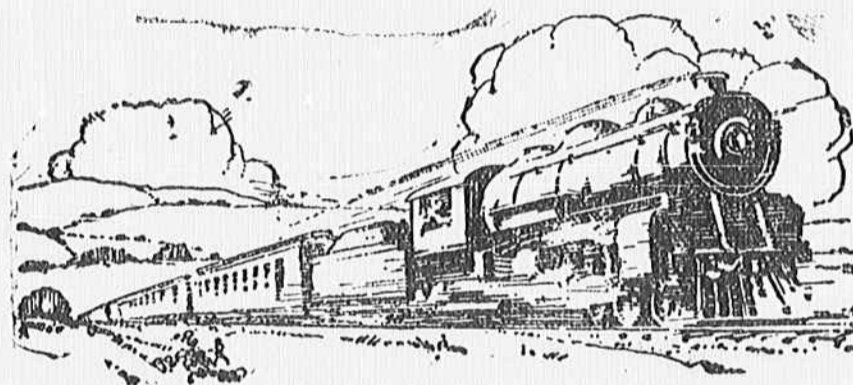
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