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**White Deer Scarce.**

Specimens Now Rarely Seen in the Adirondacks

An albino deer is so rare a sight in the Adirondacks that when one does appear it is regarded with superstitious feelings by some of the natives. Many of the so-called natives of the Adirondacks are French-Canadians. A white deer is never killed by the French-Canadian and he does not molest it, although he believes there is an evil influence about him while the albino deer remains in his neighborhood.

Some white deer have been killed in the Adirondacks in the last few years. In 1898 a white deer frequently visited homes of natives in the Keene valley. It appeared in the fall and became remarkably tame. It was a beautiful creature, having a neck and tail of pure white, while the upper parts of the body and the back were nearly white. The eyes of this deer were white, although usually the eyes of an albino are pink.

By common consent the albino of the Keene valley, a doe, was left unmolested, and it was decided to await a heavy snow, when it could be run down and captured alive. But the dogs got after it and chased it until it passed in an exhausted condition near a traveler, who caught it and cut its throat. The traveler was not aware of the agreement among the

hunters to preserve the doe as long as possible, and deeply regretted his act when he was informed of their plans.

The guides of the Adirondacks say that within their memory not more than a dozen white deer have been reported, and the appearance of one is sufficient to excite them greatly. Men of the steadiest nerves under most hunting experiences are sometimes upset at the sight of a white deer or an albino bird.

Many visitors to the north woods scout the idea that there is such a thing as a white deer. At the same time the superstitious prefer not to see one, as they believe it indicates danger. So deep-seated was this superstition among the natives at Wild Cat pond, in the Cranberry lake region of St. Lawrence county, that they left an albino deer alone when it appeared there three years ago. It was frequently observed, accompanied by a fawn of the usual color. What became of it has never been known, but the native there tells the inquirer that he did not shoot it, nor did any of his relatives. They all admired it too much to think of killing it, and, while they don't admit that they were superstitious about shooting it, they will say they preferred to take no chances so far as that white deer is concerned.

**Songs and Their Singers**

Fortunate People That Have Leaped to Fame in a Single Bound

The actors who have made their fame on one play, the authors whose reputation rests upon one book, or the orators whose celebrity is connected with one speech, are not nearly so numerous as the singers who have become known through one song. The recent death of "The Great McDermott," who will go down to posterity as the singer of "By Jingo, We Will," the song which made the term "Jingoism," a familiar term in the English language, recalls the story of many of these one-achieved individuals.

A song will sometimes be sung by a music hall singer which will seem to have in it no more of the elements of popularity than any other song. Yet suddenly it will become all the rage, and will be hummed and whistled by thousands of people all over the country who never heard the name of the singer, and perhaps never put their foot in the music hall.

It was Miss Lottie Collins who first sang "Ta-ra-boom-de-ay" in a London music hall. Few thought it was a song out of the ordinary, even those who heard it, yet within a few days all London was humming it, and it was

not long before it had become as familiar as "God Save the Queen."

It is said that there are at least a dozen singers of comic songs who are known in the profession as "one-song men." For instance, Charles Coborn, the man who sang "The Man That Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo," made more money out of other songs, but for one person who knows one of his other songs probably a hundred knew this one.

Other familiar instances of the one-song success are Anna Held's "Won't You Come and Play With Me?" and Ernest Hogan's "Who Said Chicken in This Crowd?" Both of these have sung many another song, but none of the others has had such extreme popularity. The authors of "Little Annie Rooney," "After the Ball is Over," and other equally well-known songs are almost unknown, yet in many cases their one song carried them to temporary fame.

The first submarine telegraph wire in this country was from Governor's Island to the Battery in New York, laid in 1842.

**Where Women Rule**

In Various Parts of the Earth Man is Secondary.

In a tiny island called Minikoi, off the southern coast of India, a most peculiar state of society exists, for woman is lord of all she surveys. The wife is the recognized head of the house. She owns it and everything in it, while anything that her husband, who works very hard, can earn goes to increase her wealth. Her husband belongs to her, too, and when she marries him she gives him her name instead of taking his.

The little town of Marmatow, Kan., is practically run by women. It has a woman school-teacher, a woman telegraph operator, a postmistress, a woman pastor in charge of its only church, and a woman letter carrier.

Woman coal miners are not unknown in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania, but that women undertook prospecting work also and conducted it successfully was learned only a few days ago. The discovery was made when six women were arraigned before Alderman Fallon on a charge of taking coal from the strippings without a permit.

When Police Captain Joseph Hampton came to one of the stripping holes the other day he saw signs of extensive business there, though no one was visible. Going into the trench he soon found something doing in a drift which had been opened near the basin of the trench.

He pushed on, and came upon the six women who were arrested. They were foreigners and were digging out the coal just like men.

The stripping usually exposes the vein or what is left of it. In some places the pillars, which are left to support the roof of the mine proper, have not been removed, and in such cases most excellent coal is available for the pickers. Since its removal is regarded as too dangerous an operation for the experienced miners employed by the company, it can readily be understood that for women it was extra hazardous work.

It developed at the hearing that the woman had been making a business of gathering coal in this way for years.

**Followers of Jainism**

Description of Ideal Religion Which Comes from the Mystical East.

San Francisco, having already become familiar with Theosophy, the mystic religions of Brahma and Buddha, and with the lofty philosophy of the Vedantian Swamis, it only remained to learn of Jainism, perhaps the sanest and most of all the ideal West Indian religions, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Yesterday, before a large audience in the rooms of the Laurel Hall Club, Jainism made its first bow to the people of California, the lecturer being Prof. Emlyn Lewys, until recently a resident of London. Prof. Lewys is a scholar of striking personality and the only English-speaking authority on this most ancient of religions.

Jainism, as explained by the speaker, is the Protestantism of India, as opposed to the Vedas, Brahmanism and the soul-paralyzing caste system. It aims at the perfection of character, not through faith, but through correct conduct and systematic intellectual activity or concentration as opposed to the Yogi system of intellectual vacuity. The speaker said:

"If a religion may be known by its fruits what shall we say of this one, which though now numbering 2,000,000 votaries and dating its origin long prior to the entrance of the Aryans

into India, in prehistoric times, has never yet produced a murderer? Though regarding kingship as the greatest injustice still the Jains do two-thirds of all the financial business of India. They never eat meat, and the monks often carry brooms and sweep the paths to avoid crushing the insects. They believe in the advancement of women, in reincarnation and the eternal persistency and progressive evolution of each ego and hold that the atrocities of the soul and intellect, such as sense knowledge, clairvoyance, telepathy, the emotions, the physical constitution and the power to achieve are all under the obscuration of Karma, which to the Jain is a substance. The object of their study and effort is to shake this Karmic clog out and to liberate the soul by vibrating in a certain way. This may be done by concentration on such ideals as benevolence, charity or wisdom, by analyzing the teachings found in their enormous and as yet untranslated libraries, and then by synthesizing and immediately acting on these truths. Jainism then is the religion of intelligence, utility and action. The Jains marry at the age of 9 or 10 and live ideal married lives, all unions being regulated through astrological alchemy."

**In the White House**

Financial Status of Our Various Presidents

The country has read with much satisfaction that the late President McKinley managed to accumulate at least \$250,000 during his lifetime of hard work and incessant activity to leave for the support of those dependent upon him. The amount is small gauged by modern standards of wealth and particularly so in comparison with the fortunes accumulated by many persons of less industry, ability and real worth in mercantile and industrial pursuits.

The sum mentioned is much higher than the average accumulations of our chief magistrates. Several of these have died poor and insolvent. Some through an apparent lack of saving habit and others through misfortunes in business. Among them were James Monroe, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Andrew Johnson and General Grant. Jefferson owned a large estate in Virginia and other property at one time, but lost it all and died comparatively poor. Johnson was rated to be worth \$150,000 when his presidential term expired, but he lost nearly all of it through the failure of the Freedman's bank.

The illustrious statesman who was "first in war, first in peace," etc., was also the first of our presidents in point of wealth, considering the purchasing power of the standard currency of his day. At his death Washington's estate

was valued at \$300,000. President Arthur's wealth was estimated at \$400,000, but he would hardly be considered as rich a man as Washington, for all this difference. Buchanan ranks pretty high in this regard, with a fortune amounting to \$250,000, which he left to nieces and nephews. Mrs. Polk was left with about \$150,000 and Mrs. Garfield \$40,000. Martin Van Buren helped to bring up the average with the handsome sum of \$300,000, which he continued to save from business investments, but not from his salary as president. John Tyler left the White House as he went into it—a comparatively poor man, but with enough to live in comfort.

The same might be said of John Adams and also of Millard Fillmore, but the latter became wealthy through a second marriage. Franklin Pierce's property was valued at \$50,000, and he left no one to inherit it. Madison was accounted rich among the men of his day, but his money was squandered by Mrs. Madison's son, Payne Todd, and the widow became a poor woman. How much Grover Cleveland had managed to accumulate at the end of his second term no one really knows. He is now estimated to be worth about \$250,000. These facts speak volumes in favor of the sterling honesty of men conspicuous in American public life. —Leslie's Weekly.

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