

MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL

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Bumps Into the Real Thing



Man Leads in Endurance. Man is a truly wonderful animal. Although the majority of the human race ruin their strength and constitution by unwise eating and drinking, by lack of fresh air, and by unnecessary exposure to all sorts of infection, yet, even so, man can more than hold his own with the brute creation. Not, of course, in muscular strength. A tiger with one pat of his paw can reduce a human skull to pulp; a hare can run two yards to a man's one. It is in endurance that man beats the lower races. For a short distance a racehorse can gallop nearly 35 miles an hour, but in a 500-mile race a trained man will easily beat any horse that ever lived.

HOW EOHIPPUS GREW UP INTO A HORSE



According to Prof. J. N. Gidley of the Division of Paleontology, United States Museum, the horse at one time was a little animal, known as Eohippus, shown above. Through the ages it slowly developed into the Mesohippus, Hypohippus, Merychippus, Hipparion, and then to the well-known animal of today, the Equus, or better known as the Horse. Now it looks as though our Equus were going to develop into what will be known to future ages as the Autohippocombibus.

Natural Explanation. "Why is it that the dark horses in a political convention always keep so quiet?" "Because under the circumstances, the word with none of them can be say."

WHEN IN DANGER OF FIRE

Walk, but Don't Run, in Burning Building or in Business Frenzy —Keep Cool.

When some one shouts "Fire!" in a theater those most likely to be trampled down are those who start a wild stampede. Those who keep their heads and act rationally stand better chance of escaping injury. "The cry of "Fire!" was recently raised in the business world and started a stampede in many quarters. Now, it cannot be doubted that the war time frenzied boom has reached its zenith and that prices are moving downward. It remains to be seen, however, whether it was wise to attempt to force goods on the market at greatly reduced prices and to cancel orders for fresh supplies on the assumption that producers would also cut their prices drastically in a mad effort to get from under. It is worth noting that woolen, shoe, silk, and certain other manufacturers promptly curtailed operations, thus refusing to gamble to the limit in futures. If production be curtailed on all sides, then some merchants may find that they overplayed the cancellation game. Goods cannot be produced for some little time at any tremendously lower cost than formerly because it takes time for raw materials, labor, taxes and other expenses to fall drastically. The advice prominently printed on New York theater programs is: "In case of fire walk to the nearest exit. Don't run." This advice might be worth heeding by the business community at this moment.

RECOGNIZES VALUE OF PEAT

Its Use for Commercial Purposes is Becoming More Understood Throughout the World.

Peat is extensively used as fuel in northern Europe and as fertilizer in the United States. In Europe gas, charcoal, coke and a number of valuable by-products are produced from it. Owing to the scarcity of raw materials in Europe, peat and peat moss are employed also as substitutes for absorbent cotton in the preparation of surgical dressings, for wool and for cotton and woolen cloth. In the United States peat is utilized chiefly as fertilizer filler, as stable litter and as an absorbent for the uncrystallized residues of beet and cane sugar refineries in the manufacture of stock feed. Peat has long been used in fertilizing the soil, having been either applied as a direct fertilizer or used as a filler for commercial fertilizer. Analysis of the peats of the United States show an average nitrogen content of about 2 per cent, a proportion somewhat higher than that found in some commercial fertilizers. The value of peat in soil fertilization is found in its nitrogen content and in the beneficial mechanical effect it produces upon certain lands. Black, thoroughly decomposed peats are most satisfactory for fertilizer, as such peats are generally heavier and more compact and contain more nitrogen and less fibrous material than the brown types.

Deer Climb Up Ladders.

The three miles of concrete-lined flume which brings water to the Cherry creek power house on the Hetch Hetchy project lies in a territory abounding in deer. When water was first turned into the flume there was a good deal of trouble with deer which got into it and could not get out unaided. As many as thirty to forty deer have been taken out of the flume in a single month. To relieve this condition deer ladders made of planks were built in the flume line at intervals. The ladders extend below the water as well as above, so that the deer can find a footing on which to climb out. Since the ladders were put in there has been no further trouble with the deer.

Remarkable Animal.

One of the strangest animals known is the platypus, a creature inhabiting the river banks of Australia and Tasmania. It resembles both an animal and a bird in that its body and tail are like those of a beaver, while its web feet and bill remind one of a duck. It has teeth for chewing its food, but it has no external ear, although its hearing is acute. It lays eggs like a turtle, but suckles its young. A specimen of the animal has been placed on exhibition in the National museum, Washington.

Searching for the Point.

John George, executive secretary of the High street M. E. church of Muncie, who is a Scot, was listening attentively to a story about two fishermen who had been having good luck fishing from a boat in a lake. They wished to remember the spot where they had caught the fish, but looking shoreward they saw no landmark that would assist them in finding the spot on another day. "Finally," said the story teller, "one of them had a happy thought and cut a notch in his boat at this spot." The crowd laughed, except George, who appeared puzzled. Finally, he too burst out laughing. "I was just thinking," he explained, "what a good joke it would have been on those fishermen if the next day they were unable to get the same boat!"—Indianapolis News.

Incendiary Bullets.

The incendiary bullets used during the war, mostly fired from machine guns carried by airplanes, were in effect miniature high explosive shells. Those supplied to our armies (millions of them were made at the Frankford arsenal) were of brass, hollowed out to hold a composition of which the principal ingredient was barium nitrate. To set this off, each bullet had a priming charge of magnesium and red lead. An ordinary rifle bullet, of course, is solid. The incendiary bullet is of wholly different construction, though of the same caliber, being meant to carry flame. Its discharge sets fire to the explosive stuff contained in it.—Kansas City Star.

Rats Overrun English Town.

Millions of rats are overrunning Aberthillery (Monmouth), England, and neighborhood. While the congregation was leaving a Baptist church in Tillery street on a recent Sunday an army of rats ran among them. One woman collapsed. All means have been used, but the rats have not only survived, but also thrived. The medical officer of health, Dr. Rallie Smith, says the rats are of two kinds—brown and black. The black rats, as a rule, keep to the sewers, but the brown rats climb anything—telegraph poles.

Its Nature.

"Isn't it too bad, this dispute they're having with Germany over coal?" "Yes; it is a burning shame."

Nothing Left to Eat.

"A telegram from your husband. What's the matter?" "Nothing much. He simply wired me: 'Come home. I've run out of sardines.'"

No Retreat in Righteous Cause

"Let the true purpose of the Democratic party be understood," says Senator Homer Cummings. "We stand squarely for the same ideals of peace as those for which the war was fought. We support without flinching the only feasible plan for peace and justice. We will not submit to the repudiation of the peace treaty or to any process by which it is whittled down to the vanishing point. We decline to compromise our principles or pawn our immortal souls for selfish motives. We do not turn our backs upon the history of the last three years. We seek no avenue of retreat. We insist that the forward course is the only righteous course."

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