

PEST IN LIBRARIES

Silverfish an Enemy Universally Dreaded.

Housewives Will Be Glad to Learn That There Has Been an Effective Method Discovered of Doing Away With Nuisance.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

One of the most troublesome enemies of books, papers, card labels, starched clothing and occasionally of stored food substances, is the insect known as the silverfish. This pest, commonly known by such names as the silverfish, silver louse, silver witch, sugarfish, etc., is especially annoying to housewives from its habit of eating into articles containing starched clothing, linen or curtains, it will frequently cause wall paper to scale off, by feeding on the starch paste.

In libraries considerable damage is done by the insects to the binding of books, and it will frequently eat off the lettering on labels to get at the paste beneath. Heavily glazed paper seems very attractive to this insect, and it has frequently happened that the labels in museum collections have been disfigured or destroyed by it, the glazed surface having been entirely eaten off. In some cases books printed on heavily sized paper will have the surface of the leaves a good deal scraped, leaving only the portions covered by the ink.

An effective means of getting rid of this pest is to spread a poisoned paste upon bits of cardboard, and tuck these into crevices in bookshelves, back of mantels, under washboards, and in the bottom of bureau and bookcase drawers. A thin, boiled starch paste should be prepared by adding to the flour from 3 to 5 per cent powdered white arsenic (poison), and then using sufficient water to boil into a thin paste. This should be spread upon cardboard and allowed to dry. The preparation, however, is poisonous to human beings as well as to insects and it must be used with the utmost care. The silverfish readily succumbs to pyrethrum, and wherever this can be applied, as on bookshelves, it furnishes one of the best means of control.

Sodium fluoride, now recognized as one of the most efficient roach powders, will doubtless also be equally effective against silverfish. Where such course is possible it may be dusted by hand or with a powder blower in the situations where silverfish occur.

For starched clothing and similar objects liable to injury by it, frequent handling and airing and the destruction by hand of all specimens discovered is to be recommended, in addition to the remedies noted above. Little damage is likely to occur in houses except in comparatively moist situations or where stored objects remain undisturbed for a year or more.

Over half the newspapers published in the world are printed in the English language.

To be good, according to some people, is to be a hasbeen.

EFFECT OF WAR ON BOOKS

Idea is That Novelists Will Be Called Upon to Do a Great Deal of Reconstructing.

"Practically the world in which we were born came to an end at the beginning of last August and a new world was created," says St. John G. Irvine, the Irish novelist. "We shall have to shed many beliefs and acquire many new ones before we are able to move about again in the comfort we had before the war began.

"The process of adjustment will be difficult and tortuous for all of us, but it will be a thousand times more tortuous and difficult for the novelist and the imaginative writer, who has not merely to fit himself into the new world, but has to discover the readjustment made in the lives of other people.

"Men can go on producing machines and buttons and clothes and knick-knacks after the war is over very much in the way in which men produced these things before the war began, but the novelists will not be able to write novels in the old way.

"The man who produces patent medicine will be able to continue producing it as if there never had been a European disaster, but the man who writes novels dealing with his own times must take the war into account; and because of this the novelist of today is at a disadvantage compared with the novelists of other times.

"Jane Austen was able to write six novels without mentioning the Napoleonic wars, during which she lived, although they must have touched her intimately, for two of her brothers were in the navy. A modern novelist, dealing as realistically with our time as Jane Austen dealt with hers, simply must let the war into his story."

How to Win Her Heart.

We know a boy who knows girls, all right.

He's only six years old, but he observes things. We heard his mother calling him down for rudeness at play, the other day, and our eavesdropping was rewarded with this:

"Billie," called the mother, "I want you to quit teasing that little girl! Aren't you ashamed of yourself?"

"Well I got to tease somebody, an'—"

"You've got to tease somebody? That's a fine idea, I must say! And so—"

"Yes, 'n she wants to be teased. If I quit, she'll go play with some other little boy."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Landford Likes Chess Players. "Are you a chess player?" a landlord asked a prospective tenant. "I much prefer to have my house occupied by chess players."

"No, I am not a chess player and I can't account for such a singular preference," replied the would-be tenant.

"It is simple enough," said the landlord. "Chess players move so seldom and rarely without great deliberation."—New York Globe.

Important. "He seems to be a man of some importance in this village."

"I should say he is. He's the only chap we've got here who owns a silk hat and a frock coat, and we have to use him for all state occasions."

It is more blessed to extend the hand than to point the finger of scorn.

GET LEADING MAN OF HOLDUP GANG

Told Police He Held Up So Many He Could Not Remember All.

CAUGHT WHILE ASLEEP

Mysterious Telephone Message Leads to Arrest of Robber—Has Large Assortment of Plunder—Tells of His Deeds.

Kansas City.—In the capture of A. W. Brown the police got the "leading man" of a holdup gang that has been operating here since last September. Brown made a statement in which he confessed that he had committed so many holdups here that he could not remember all of them.

A telephone message from a source not learned, which was sent to the Westport police station, was the cause of Brown's arrest. Patrolmen Michael Halligan and Edward Wilson went to Brown's home. Mrs. Brown and her two-year-old child were in the back yard when the officers arrived and entered the house to search for Brown. They found him asleep in bed. From beneath his pillow they took an automatic revolver and a flashlight, and on a stand near by they found another revolver.

After taking possession of the weapons the officers awakened Brown, who jumped from his bed and reached under the pillow for his revolver. When he found it was gone he held up his hands.

The patrolmen searched Brown's home and found many watches, rings and clothes that did not belong to any members of the Brown family. These were taken along when the policemen took Brown to the Westport police station, where Brown made a statement.

Tells of Holdups. "The first robbery I committed in Kansas City was some time in September, 1914," Brown said, according to the police.

"A short time after that I held up an Italian named Paul Lang on Twelfth street between Broadway and Washington street. I robbed him of a revolver, a small diamond ring and ten dollars.

"In October I held up a man and a woman near Forty-first street and

Warwick boulevard in front of their home. From them I took seven dollars, a diamond ring and a wedding ring. I sold the diamond to a jewelry company and received one hundred and seventy dollars for it. I sold the wedding ring to a pawnshop for one dollar and seventy-five cents."

He gave a long list of names of people he held up, also their addresses. When Brown came to Kansas City last summer he was unable to find work, he said, and resorted to highway robbery to get funds with which to keep his family. About two hundred dollars' worth of jewelry that Brown had taken from persons he had robbed has been recovered, and in most instances he remembers to whom they belong.

Brown told the police that he came here from Texas. He refused to name the town, but said he had been the city marshal there. He claims he did not commit any robberies outside of Kansas City.

36 YEARS IN CELL, GETS RIDE

Five Oldest at Michigan City Institution Given Outing in an Automobile.

Michigan City, Ind.—The five men who have served longest in the state prison here were taken on an automobile ride to Laporte by Warden Fogarty. One of the men has served 36 years, and the average period spent in prison by the convicts is 28 years. All are serving life sentences for murder. The 28-mile trip was intended as a reward for the prisoners' good behavior.

Ira A. Sankey Sued by Wife. Bridgeport, Conn.—Frances W. Sankey of Greenwich was granted a divorce from Ira Allan Sankey, a wealthy resident of the same place and son of the late Ira Sankey, the famous evangelist and song writer, on the grounds of intemperance and intolerable cruelty. Mrs. Sankey was allowed the sum of \$10,500 and \$40 a week.

This Was Too Much. New York.—Mrs. Arthur Horwitz said she didn't care when her husband bought silk socks and let her go with holes in her stockings. Nor did she care when he bought an automobile and refused her money for groceries. But when he brought his mother to live with them, Mrs. Horwitz sued for a separation.

BUILT FORTUNE ON THUMB

German Surgeon the Fortunate Possessor of Digit That Had Remarkable Peculiarities.

Not long ago a famous physician in Saxony, Doctor Metzger, celebrated his seventieth birthday. He had been retired from active practice for some years, owing to the fact that he had become immensely wealthy through the use of the wonderful thumb of his right hand. This thumb stands out at a right angle from his hand and, it is said, cannot be bent back automatically. He soon found it of great service in massage, and when he became a specialist in intestinal disorders he was called as assistant to the greatest surgeons of Europe, bringing relief to many illustrious patients.

The queen of Roumania sent for this doctor with the curious thumb when she suffered from facial neuralgia, while the late king of Sweden once drove a beautiful span of horses over the border of his kingdom to consult the doctor and on returning left the horses as a token of gratitude to his preserver.

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No Place for That Boy. "Joseph," said the grocer to his new boy, "what have you been doing in the back room so long?"

"Pickin' the dead flies out of the currants, sir," Joseph answered briskly.

The grocer's lip curled. "So that's what you were doing, is it, Joseph?" he said. "And your father told me that he knew you were out for the grocery trade. Well, Joseph, you'd better study for the ministry."—London Opinion.

Hazy Ideas. "I have been promised a job in the forest service," said the politician. "What are your duties to be?"

"I don't know much about the proposition. I have been told that I may be sent out to inspect government preservers."

"For what purpose?"

"To see if they comply with the pure-food laws, I suppose."

He Couldn't See. Bill—I see among several wrinkle-removing devices recently patented is one consisting of a head harness to pull back the ears and slightly draw up the skin of the face.

Jill—But even then I can't see how that proceeding is going to influence the wrinkles in a man's trousers.

Up-to-Date Idea. Miss Tango—Been away? Miss Bunny—Yes, over to Philadelphia to see my aunt.

"Oh, indeed?"

"Yes, she told me all about the old-time dances—the money musk and the Virginia reel. She's living in the past."

Restricted Sport. "I feel the call of the wild this morning," said the head bookkeeper.

"What do you think of doing?" asked his first assistant.

"Of course, I can't get away now, but if my present mood lasts long, I shall certainly drop into a shooting gallery during the lunch hour."

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Not Her Lord and Master. Coroner—We found nothing in the man's pockets, ma'am, except three buttons, one handkerchief and a receipted bill.

Sobbing Inquirer—A receipted bill! Then 'tain't my husband.—London Tit-Bits.

Luck. "Have any luck on your fishing trip?"

"Yep. Not a single native insisted that I should have been there a week before."

A Germ Crank. The Author (describing his play)—And then the villain is made to bite the dust.

The Lady—How very insatiable!

A Suggestion. Mrs. Scrupp—I've talked to you till I'm worn to a frazzle.

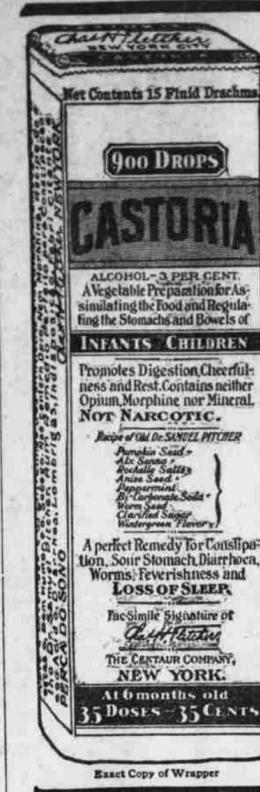
Scrupp—Why not shut up for repairs?

Its Origin. "Pa, what started the saying that a man's wife is his better half?"

"Some man's wife, I reckon."

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So individuality is simply individuality; and the attempt to discover some further meaning for the word can only lead to error.

We might be tempted, for instance, to suggest that a man's true ego is nothing more than his character.

But individuality goes deeper even than character. Character changes; the individual remains the same.

Thus a man who in his youth is honest may meet with temptations that make him a thief; so, too, the sentimentalist may become a cynic.

The changing character is no more than a manifestation of the individuality beneath.

Tommy Set Right. Corporal (to soldier reporting sick)—What's the matter with you? Tommy Atkins—Pain in my abdomen.

Corporal—Habdomen be 'anged! Stomick, you mean. It's honly hofferers as 'as habdomens.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Luck. "Of course," said Noah, "this deluge is going to be attended with a vast amount of danger and discomfort. But there is one thing about the situation that may be regarded as very lucky."

"What's that?" asked Japhet. "Submarines haven't been invented yet."

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Talking Shop. "I don't like to wait on grouchy customers."

"Nor I."

"I hate to have a customer growl at me."

"Mine don't growl," said the dentist, "but they all show their teeth."

Her Regret. She—If I'd rejected you would you have given me up? He—Not much! I'd have kept right on trying to win you if you'd turned me down a hundred times.

She—Ah, what a lot of fun I missed.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Resemblance. "Why do you call him the human pinwheel?"

"Because he gets up so much spectacular speed and always finishes just where he started."

Discretion. "Do you believe in ghosts?"

"I decline to answer," replied Mr. Erastus Pinkley. "I ain't gnetter talk about nobody behin' 'is back; not even a ghos'."

Starting Trouble. "My husband says he has an idea—"

"Your husband is always boasting."—Houston Post.

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