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CATS THAT LIVE IN CLOVER

Ninety Felines Are Supported By A Wealth Milwaukee Woman.

The story of how a family of cats is keeping house in a flat right here in town sounds like one of Hans Andersen's fairy tales where royal princes and princesses are turned into cats by a wicked fairy and are destined to so remain until delivered by some person of kind, unselfish heart, loving them for themselves alone. But it is just such a cat's home in Milwaukee, where the inmates live like feline kings and queens, under the protecting care of a benefactress sufficiently kind and unselfish to wish to change them back to their original states, if they ever had any.

Miss Sarah Hathaway is the kind friend of these cats, which number about 90, and for several years she has rented the first flat of the house at 522 Jefferson street as the home for her pets. They are, perhaps, the most fortunate felines in the country and live on the fat of the land. There are black, white, maltese and yellow tabby cats and little cats, but no thin cats. For a while Miss Hathaway had a room in the same building with the cats, but she now lives elsewhere and only goes to the house several times a day to feed them.

She adds to her collection any poor stray cat she may find on the street, and is constantly on the watch for them, and the black bag which she always carries with her for bundles and packages has transported many a sick pussy to the cat home, to be nursed and cared for until well, and finally, to become a fixture of the place. Miss Hathaway pays \$16 a month for the "pussies" flat, and there are three fine, large stoves, which burn day and night in the winter time.

The cats breakfast, dine and sup most sumptuously and six pounds of chopped beef and a fine round steak, with milk and dessert, form their ordinary meals. Boxes of sardines and cans of oysters by the dozen are ordered from the wholesale grocers. Another item which counts up in the expenses is the cologne and perfume which is used to kill the strong odor inevitably attached to cats. The rooms are kept scrupulously neat and clean and there are transoms, which are kept open all the time, at the top of every window, except the front ones. The cats have not only a house to themselves, but a yard to play in as well, and they do come as they please through a hole in the door, such as Benjamin Franklin was said to have had for his cat. Miss Hathaway has the grass left to grow at its will in the yard, as her feline friends prefer it that way, and sometimes in the evening they all stroll out together to get the fresh air.

The cats are very fond of their mistress and show their love by rubbing up against her and purring or even clinging to her shoulder. Just at present there are some young kittens in the home that opened their eyes but a few days ago. Sometimes when there is an increase in the family and the number threatens to outgrow their quarters a doctor is called in to chloroform the new arrivals.

As a crowd they are not especially friendly and care for no one but their mistress. Most of the animals are of ordinary common breed, but there are among them some fine Angoras and other high-bred animals for which she paid a good price. Cats are often brought to her and offered for sale, and she sometimes buys, but none of her pets is ever disposed of.

The cats are usually quite peacefully disposed, but accidents are liable to happen even in the best of families and the whole family sometimes engages in a wrestling match, which sounds like the Cataract coming up the river.

The pussies are quite accomplished in the musical line, and in the summer time are noted for their alto voices, with a chorus of 40 or 50 voices. Their efforts, though, are not always appreciated by the neighbors.

There are catteries, cat hospitals and cat clubs throughout the country, but Miss Hathaway's cat home is the only one of its kind known. Visitors are not welcome, and the doors are barred to everyone but the cats and their mistress. It is not only to poor animals that Miss Hathaway extends her charity, but many a poor child has been benefited by her kindness. Cats with her are a hobby in which she is well able to indulge, and which she enjoys as others enjoy foreign travel or fine raiment.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Good for Mr. Ivey.

Some time ago the secretary of the treasury received unofficial information to the effect that J. W. Ivey, collector of customs at Sitka, had instructed his deputy at Unalaska not to permit Canadian vessels presumably about to engage in pelagic sealing to obtain supplies at that port. The collector was directed to send a statement of the fact to the department, and was informed that if such orders had been given they must be rescinded. Today the department received a telegram from Ivey, saying:

"My instructions were not against Canadian vessels actually engaged in pelagic sealing, which is illegal and criminal when committed within the marine jurisdiction of the United States. If there is an ancient treaty between the United States and Great Britain by which subjects can commit depredations destroying American property and depleting our revenue by tens of thousands of dollars annually, while our own citizens are denied these privileges, the sooner such treaty is abrogated the better. Your solicitude regarding international complications with Great Britain need cause you no uneasiness, as the poaching season is not yet opened. Your new collector will arrive in time to enforce your orders. My Americanism will not allow me to rescind an order which gives British subjects privileges within our marine jurisdiction which are denied our own people.

"There is another matter that may attract your attention. I have recently issued orders to the deputy at Skagway, a copy of which has been sent you, which has put the Canadian officers located there out of business and sent them to their own territory. You are aware of the fact that this officer became so offensive that he interfered with American officers in the discharge of their official duties, ordered United States customs mail, dominated over the railway officials, discriminated in the order of shipment in favor of Canadian merchandise against that shipped from Seattle, established a Canadian quarantine at Skagway, collected moneys and performed other acts of British sovereignty in a port of the United States, such as hoisting with bravado the cross of St. George from the flagstaff of his custom house. I have sent the concern, bag, baggage, flag and other paraphernalia flying out of the country.

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Growing Railroad Ties

Within five or six years there will probably be several rows of catapala trees stretching from Chicago to New Orleans, a distance of about 900 miles. They are to be planted by the Illinois Central Railroad, to provide the company with lumber for cross-ties in the future. Over 200,000 of the trees will be planted.

At first it was thought to set aside one or two tracts on which to plant the trees, but it has now been decided to string the forest over the entire system, placing hundreds of trees on every spot where there is any considerable room.

From Chicago to New Orleans the trees will be planted in profusion. They will not be set out after any pattern or design, but will be dropped into the ground around stations, around warehouses and every place where they may grow, and at the same time add to the surrounding with their shade.

The contract for planting this immense longitudinal forest has been let to a private firm. Agents of this company are now in the field locating places where the larger number of trees are to be planted.

Scarcity of timber for ties is the cause of the planting of these trees by the railroad. During the last two or three years much difficulty has been experienced by railroad officers in obtaining the proper timber for ties, and the great amount used for this purpose has drawn heavily on the lumber markets of the country for the right kinds of wood.

FEAST OF PASSOVER ONE MONTH LATE

Jewish Leap Year Adds One Month to the Calendar.

The celebration of the Jewish feast of the Passover will be begun this year on Tuesday, April 22, and will continue for seven days.

The spring festival of the Hebrews is one month later this year than usual, owing to the occurrence of leap year, which adds another month to the calendar.

There are 354 days in the Jewish year instead of 365, as in the civil calendar, and the difference is made up in a cycle of nineteen years by the addition of seven leap years, each one including an extra month, called the second Adar, or twelfth month.

The Jewish Passover is observed with no special formality. There are special prayers in the Synagogues, and unleavened bread is eaten in the Hebrew homes, though this observance is now kept rather in the spirit than in the letter.

The feast of the Passover belongs to the three joyous festivals of the Jewish church, the other two being the feast of Pentecost or the feast of weeks, and the feast of booths, or the harvest festival. The two solemn fast days of the church are the New Year and the Day of Atonement.

The Passover celebrates the exodus from Egypt; the feast of Pentecost, the delivery of the law on Mount Sinai; and the feast of booths the protection and sojourn in the wilderness. The new year and the day of Atonement are days of solemn reflection and introspection.

In addition to the five Biblical festivals there are two minor festivals on the Jewish calendar, not observed services in the synagogue, but in the home and the Sunday-school, they are the feast of Dedication, which commemorates the Maccabean victories against the Syrians, and the feast of Esther or Purim, which commemorates the saving of the Jews by Esther from the plot of Haman.

Political Secrets.

Immediately after the Senate adjourned Friday the committee on general laws met and by a vote of 5 to 3 reported unfavorably the Bland quarantine bill, which provided that the office should be alternately held by Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Mr. Bland created something of a sensation that night before the committee when he stated that Portsmouth had only had the place twice when it "caught two governors napping."

Chairman Barksdale probed a little along this line, and Mr. Bland stated that Governor Tyler had no delegates from Portsmouth before he was nominated, but when they voted for him at Roanoke he promised them "anything they wanted," and that they put the quarantine officer in an envelope and he opened it on his inauguration day and appointed their man.

He then stated that Portsmouth would not give Governor Tyler a vote for the United States senate against Senator Martin and then the quarantine officer was lost to them.—Richmond News.

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NEW ROAD MATERIAL.

Sticky Mud, Known as Gumbo, Baked Over Wood Fires, Almost as Good as Stone.

Nowhere in the United States are the present roads poorer or better ones more needed than in some parts of the Mississippi valley. The problem of improvement in this region, moreover, has seemed peculiarly difficult because there are no ledges of rock of a kind suitable for making good road material.

But now, behold! out of the very sticky mud—out of the sticky, clinging, almost bottomless mud into which the roads are converted every spring and autumn—comes the material which is to work their salvation. This material is burnt gumbo, the very mud which makes the roads so bad, baked over wood fires until it becomes one of the best road-building materials known.

The credit of making the first practical application of this discovery belongs to the railroads. For several years they have been using burnt gumbo as ballast for their roads in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and other states of the middle west. It was first intended as a substitute for crushed rock in regions where rock could not easily be obtained; but it demonstrated its superiority so plainly that it is now used extensively even where ledges are abundant.

The mud is really an impure, exceedingly sticky clay. The process of preparing it for use upon the road is very simple. Cord wood is piled in a low pyramid eight or ten feet wide. Over this is thrown three or four inches of coal slack, and on this again is piled from 12 to 20 inches of mud. When the wood is fired a slow combustion goes on, which converts the mud into small, sharp-cornered and exceedingly hard pieces, so that the product has the appearance of red gravel.

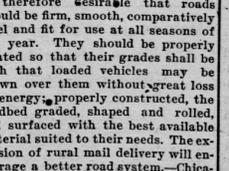
The railroads find that they can make and deliver the gumbo on board the cars at a cost of 25 to 35 cents a cubic yard; but when burned in more primitive fashion and on a smaller scale, as is usually the case on country highways, the cost is slightly greater.

Roads covered with this material are never muddy or dusty. They keep free from snow and ice, are slow to get out of repair, and weeds or grass will not grow on them. The supply of mud is unlimited, its preparation simple and cheap. A writer in the Review of Reviews declares that five years of systematic and intelligent use of burnt gumbo would make the principal country roads as passable all the year round as a paved city street, and at little more cost than the amount now wasted in "working the road."—Youth's Companion.

STAGING FOR CHIMNEY.

Light Framework That is Easily Slipped On and Needs No Nailing to the Shingles.

It is very often necessary to put a staging about the house chimney. This is usually done by nailing uprights to the shingles, at the great risk of causing leaks. The engraving shows a light and easily made framework that can be slipped over the top of a chimney



ARRANGEMENT OF STAGING.

in a moment, and that needs no nailing to the shingles. It is always in readiness for use, and will also be found very convenient as a table, or bench, for many other uses about the farm that will readily occur to anyone.—Orange Judd Farmer.

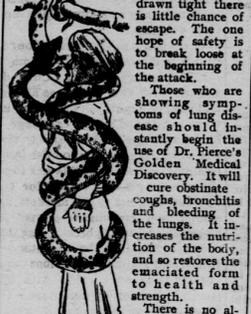
STILL HARD AT WORK.

Good Roads Association Considers Spring a Splendid Time for Missionary Work.

The Good Roads association is still active in its work of improving the highways of the country. Winter and spring is the time to make converts to the good cause, because then the roads are bad. This is a big country, and much of it is comparatively new. The expense of proper road building is great, but it will come gradually, as it has in the older countries of Europe. The aim in making a road is to establish the easiest, shortest and most economical line of travel, and that it is therefore desirable that roads should be firm, smooth, comparatively level and fit for use at all seasons of the year. They should be properly located so that their grades shall be such that loaded vehicles may be drawn over them without great loss of energy, properly constructed, the roadbed graded, shaped and rolled, and surfaced with the best available material suited to their needs. The extension of rural mail delivery will encourage a better road system.—Chicago Daily Sun.

CONSUMPTION

Is like the constrictor which drops its coils around its victim and slowly tightens them until life is extinguished.

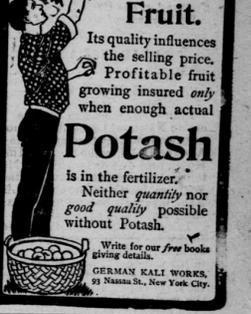


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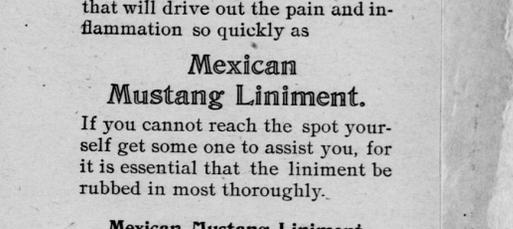
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