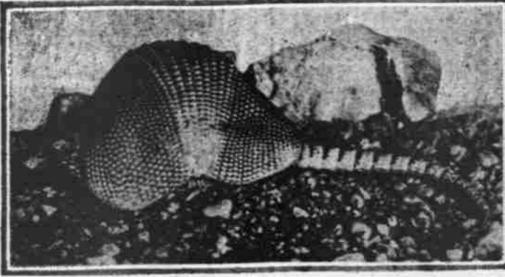
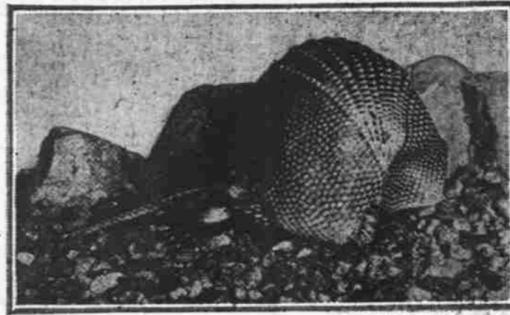
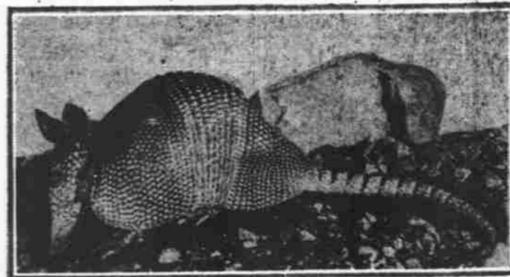


Armored Animals Rival Man-Made War Machines in Defense From Harm

ARMADILLO BEST EXAMPLE OF HOW NATURE PROTECTS



Upper left—The nine-banded armadillo in its natural state (much reduced). Lower left—Another view of the armadillo "rolling up."

Upper right—Starting to roll itself into a ball. Lower right—The armadillo asleep.

War vessels and the tanks now in use on the battle front are not the only things protected by armor. Various species of animals are effectively protected from assault by "armor plates" ingeniously arranged by nature.

Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, in an interesting article in the Scientific American, describes the different species and their habits. After calling attention to the fact that man is the most vulnerable of vertebrates, as far as suffering external physical injury is concerned, Dr. Shufeldt says:

"At the present time animals that possess armor of one sort or another are found all over the world. Only a few of the vertebrates can be considered in this chapter, for an entire volume might easily be devoted to such a subject.

"The possession of a complete armor is very common among fishes. As a matter of fact, the scales of fish, when of sufficient size and thickness and covering the greater part of the body, form a most effective protection against injury. "Coming to reptiles, we meet with quite a numerous array of species, belonging to widely separated families and genera, that possess some kind of an osseous coat-of-mail. Many lizards have a tough, leathery hide, the scales of which sometimes ossify or even support bony spines.

The Girdled Lizard. "Our Heloderma (Gila Monster), is possessed of an armor of very considerable effectiveness; but this is not nearly as much so as is the spiny armor of the remarkable 'girdled' lizard of South Africa.

"Then, among our well-known horned lizards (horned toads), various species of which occur in different regions of the West and Southwest.

"Passing to another group, we are all more or less familiar with the leathery armor of alligators, many of which are still to be found in certain parts of the Gulf States.

"Of all animals, none present a more complete armorature than do most of the chelonians, that is the turtles and the tortoises. Our common box tortoise, for example, are not only enclosed in a complete osseous box, but they have a hinged plastron that admits of shutting to the anterior and posterior parts of it in such a manner as to close out from view the occupants of the shell entirely. It is, when thus closed, actually water-tight, and, by the muscular action of the owner, it is not a feat to be easily performed to open the box even when an instrument of some kind or other is used for the purpose.

"Finally we have the mammals, a group represented in all parts of the world, and one that not only offers numerous interesting anomalies but quite a number which have their bodies protected by armor of the most efficient kind.

Armadillo Takes Lead. "Manifold as are the devices for bodily defense which have evolved and become more or less perfected among the Mammalia, there is no group in which this has been more effectively encompassed than among the armadillos and the pangolins—particularly the former.

"They are gentle, inoffensive creatures, having various accomplishments which they readily display in nature as well as in captivity. It is said that they are good swimmers; that they can run with great rapidity; burrow at a most incredible rate, and, with respect to some species, roll themselves up into a ball as round as you please, in which case all their vulnerable parts are thoroughly shielded by their beautiful coat-of-mail, with limbs and tail entirely hidden from view.

"If you are riding alone on horseback in the country where the burrowing armadillos occur, and you meet one where the soil is somewhat light or soft, and you desire to capture it alive, you must be quicker than a flash if you expect to succeed in your object; for the fellow will start to burrow the instant he perceives you. And however alert you may be in dismounting and getting over the ground, he will be well down into the ground before you can reach him. Then it is like lining up a young tree with one hand to dialogue him by tugging at his tail; he will allow you to almost pull it off before he will let go his hold.

"There are a good many species of armadillos, and they feed on everything from insects to the rankest carrion. One pseudo capybara catches mice by jumping on them, and catching his victims in the concavity of his armature, they are promptly dispatched and devoured."

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TOBACCO FUND OF TIMES WILL HELP YOU 'DO YOUR BIT'

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bacco scheme is one of the best to comfort our boys."

Fitzsimmons, chief janitor of the United States Senate, said:

"I commend your action very much for asking contributions from the general public with which to buy tobacco for the boys over there. I am an ex-army man myself, and know what it is to be without tobacco in the field. Give the boys all the tobacco and beans they want and good coffee, and they will show you something good in return for the same."

By actual figuring, the quantity of tobacco and cigarettes which The Times Tobacco Fund is enabled to furnish to this fund as early, as generously, Company through this special arrangement, is worth 45 cents retail.

What Packets Contain. Each packet of smokes, put up for individual soldiers contains the following:

One package of Tuxedo tobacco, with four books of cigarette papers, valued at 10 cents.

Three pouches of Bull Durham tobacco and three books of papers, worth 15 cents.

Two packages of Lucky Strike cigarettes, twenty cigarettes to the pack, sold at retail for 20 cents.

In addition each packet will contain a postal card, addressed to the contributor, on which the boy in khaki will write his thanks for the joy-giving remembrance.

Saves 20 Cents. A saving of 20 cents to the soldier or contributors is thus assured by the special arrangement. That can be considered as reason No. 1 for your donating to The Washington Times Tobacco Fund.

If you—or some one else—do not send tobacco to the soldiers they will have to buy it themselves. But tobacco cannot always be bought near the firing line. When it can be obtained, it is of French manufacture, and not the popular brands with which the American soldiers are familiar, and like. Consider this as reason No. 2.

The American soldiers have written home that they want and need tobacco, and have implored their friends and relatives to keep them supplied while they are 3,500 miles or more away from home. General Leonard Wood, and other high officers of the United States army, say fighting men must have tobacco for their comfort, contentment, and happiness. There's reason No. 3.

Transportation Arranged. The Washington Times Tobacco Fund was able to arrange for the transportation of the tobacco and cigarettes to the soldiers on steamers

General McCain Says Tobacco Is a Comfort For Soldiers



GEN. HENRY P. MCCAIN.

Gen. Henry P. McCain, adjutant general United States army, says of tobacco in the trenches:

"Tobacco is a great comfort and source of enjoyment to soldiers. It makes them happy and contented, and therefore is a good thing for the army, for happy and contented soldiers give a better account of themselves. When they come right down to it, there is nothing like a good smoke or a good chew for the man who is going to be shot at, or who has returned from the firing line. Practically every officer in the army approves of providing liberal supplies of tobacco for soldiers."

crowded with war supplies on the ground that "tobacco is regarded as a military necessity." Reason No. 4.

Every penny contributed to this fund will be spent for tobacco. Not a copper will be paid out for clerk hire, packing, transportation, or anything else. Each 25-cent piece donated will do double duty, and there is no trick in it. Reason No. 5.

From now until the church bells ring tonight good, substantial, irrefutable, and verified reasons could be given for urging you to contribute to this fund as early, as generously, and as frequently as possible. The Washington Times Tobacco Fund has received the highest commendation and indorsement from laymen and clerics, civilians, and army officers alike. If you know of any reason why you should not contribute to this fund, contribute anyhow.

Get on the Honor Roll!

A lot of people have already contributed, and gotten on the honor roll, as the first to extend their hands across the sea, and gladden the hearts of boys on the battlefields of France. There is room on the honor roll for you. Don't be crowded down the list. The boys in khaki want, and are going, across. It is not too much to ask you to come across.

If you would like a bit of personal testimony as to what the American soldiers think of tobacco, read this excerpt from a letter just received from one of them:

"You said something, when I was going away, about sending a little tobacco, but I guess you must have forgotten me. Anything you send would certainly be appreciated, as it is so near the end of the month that everyone is 'broke,' and when we do get paid, it will amount to about \$5. You know they deduct for your clothes from the first two months' pay, and give it back at the end of your term."

There will be tens of thousands of soldiers—1,200,000 according to the War Department—in the same plight. Of course Washingtonians are not going to forget those boys "over here." There is no use considering that, for a moment. The surest way

of remembering them, however, is to mail or bring a contribution to The Washington Times Tobacco Fund today.

If you know an American soldier overseas, send him your contribution, and he will receive a packet of tobacco with your name in it.

Do it now!

ISHII PAYS TRIBUTE AT TOMB OF WASHINGTON

Tribute to the memory of George Washington, one of the few Occidental warriors, whose name is generally known in Japan, will be paid by the members of the Japanese mission at Mt. Vernon this afternoon, when a wreath will be placed on the tomb of the first President by Viscount Ishii.

The Japanese statesmen and officials left Washington at 1 o'clock aboard the Mayflower, as guests of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels. The party expects to return to Washington by nightfall.

Besides Secretary and Mrs. Daniels and the members of the Japanese mission making the trip to Mt. Vernon, there were: Secretary of State and Mrs. Lansing, Secretary of War and Mrs. Baker, Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Field, Miss Bolling, Senator Hoke Smith, Senator and Mrs. Beckham, Senator Page, Senator and Mrs. Pomeroy, Senator and Mrs. Harding, Senator and Mrs. Kenyon, Senator and Mrs. James, Senator and Mrs. Hastings, Speaker and Mrs. Clark, Congressman Tower, Third Assistant Secretary of State Long and Mrs. Long, Consul General and Mrs. Miller, Brigadier General and Mrs. Irons, Captain and Mrs. March, Capt. and Mrs. Perry Belmont, Ambassador and Mrs. Morris, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Fletcher, Major General Banett, Brigadier General LeJune, Capt. and Mrs. Roger Welles, Captain and Mrs. Nulton, Colonel and Mrs. Pierce, Medical Director and Mrs. Nash, Medical Inspector and Mrs. Kennedy, Surgeon and Mrs. Dennis, Capt. R. A. D. Ford, Andre Tardieu, Miss Comegys.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson, John Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Rudstock, Robert S. Brookings, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baruch, Mr. and Mrs. Frayne, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hamline, Thomas D. Jones, Mrs. Ewing Glasgow, Judge Frank Thompson, Peter M. Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Martin, Samuel Gompers, Miss Gompers, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenwald, and others.

YOUNG OFFICER, DESPONDENT, KILLS HIMSELF IN CLUB

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Capt. Roderick Dew, army instructor at Fort Sheridan officers' training camp, committed suicide in his rooms at the Bachelor Club Friday night. News was withheld by military authorities until today.

At the close of the first training camp several days ago, his name was reported on the list for promotion. The expected promotion, however, failed to materialize. It is thought he brooded over his failure to advance.

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"Since you came to me in my dream you have seemed wonderfully dear to me, so dear that I wonder if it is possible to learn to love that which my eyes have never beheld. Yet, do we not love God whom we have never seen? Why, then, should we not be able to love one of his children unseen?"

Another, to "the woman of my dreams," was to convey this touching sentiment:

"I want to cover her eyes, her lips, her hair, her arms, her shoulders—every inch of her—with kisses—not once or twice, but throughout all the coming years. I want a companionship so complete that death could not sever it."

Her "loved boy" further on in the new series he writes how the woman who answers his "mating call" shall find him her "loved boy":

"She and I will be children in the Garden of Eden. She will be my queen to whom I bend in honor. I will be her king. There will be no measurement of time in her life and mine except by heart throbs."

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"Now go, little letter, to the one whose hand I would love to hold in mine. I will write again tomorrow and tell you of my successes and my failures."

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Shortage of Coal Due to War Rush Ties Up Subway

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The war hit New York yesterday. The entire subway system was tied up for two hours owing to a coal shortage at one of the power stations.

Officials declared the inability of railroads to deliver coal was responsible. The railroads expended troop movements and handling of war supplies caused the congestion on their lines.

When the power failed, trains were able to proceed slowly to the nearest stations, where the passengers were landed. Police reserves were rushed to express stations to handle the crowds.

Ten thousand people massed at the Grand Central Station, Brooklyn Bridge Station was roped off. Surface, and elevated lines were overwhelmed.

debt, and of using his literary ability in illegal ways to pay the debt.

As a scenario writer, Beckwith, according to his statements, wrote vampire plays for Theda Bara, love themes for William Hart, and thrilling, adventurous things which Douglas Fairbanks has enacted.

With the same and authority of a professor of literature, Beckwith, in his cell, discussed the modern poets. He praised the works of Alfred Noyes, and declared Robert Service a greater poet than Kipling.

Postal inspectors last evening received a letter addressed to Beckwith and written by a woman who told him she had found him out. "You can't expect me to fall for that love gush of yours all the time," she wrote.

Inspectors refused to give the names of women, many of whom are in Ohio and some, it is said, in Cleveland, who gave money to Beckwith after he had won their confidence through his correspondence course in love.

SLACKER HENS TO DIE, CALIFORNIA'S DICTUM

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—California hens must lay to live, according to a war order issued by the State council for defense.

The council has published a bulletin stating that in war times the efficiency mark for hens should be raised from 120 to 140 eggs annually. It says that hens failing to produce at least 140 eggs a year are not earning their way and suggests that the slackers be used for food.

MRS. HUMISTON BUYS HOME FOR FIRST GIRLS' CLUB

NEW YORK, August 26.—Mrs. Grace Humiston took the first important step yesterday in her nationwide crusade to protect young women. She purchased the big mansion known as the "Castle," in Beachhurst, L. I., where she will establish her first "club" for young women.

The venture at Beachhurst is the nucleus of a great chain of similar clubs to be extended throughout the United States. It is to establish these homes that Mrs. Humiston is starting a campaign to raise \$100,000,000 as the foundation for the Grace Humiston League.

To the Beachhurst "club" will be invited girls included in the designations wayward and incorrigible, the missing, and girls who are a problem to their families and to society. First offenders who would be turned over to reformatories or other institutions will find a haven in the clubs of the Grace Humiston League. The Beachhurst club will be called Ruth Haven, in honor of Ruth Cruger, who was slain by Alfredo Cocchi. Here the girls will find a home, where every one will be kind to them. They will not find a matron watching over them with a stern gaze. Instead, the house mother will be called "chaperons."

Each girl will pay a minimum of \$3 for board and lodging. The price will be fixed according to the girl's earnings, for the girls who live at Beachhurst will be required to live normal lives and earn their living. Every morning business will take them to the city to business.

The house is a great stucco building in the center of a beautiful estate. There are sleeping porches, homelike fireplaces and baronial halls. Already Mrs. Humiston has eight girls on her admission list.

In addition to the club work, the million dollar fund is to finance an increased police force that will conduct Mrs. Humiston's searches for missing girls. Commissioner Woods has offered Mrs. Humiston twenty additional policemen for her special work. It is probable that this offer will be accepted very soon. But the police department will not pay their salaries and the Grace Humiston League will have to foot all the expenses. When Mrs. Humiston gets special police squads working in every big city in the country the tax on the foundation will be heavy.

Mrs. Humiston also plans to wage campaigns in the various State legislatures to secure better laws relative to women.

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