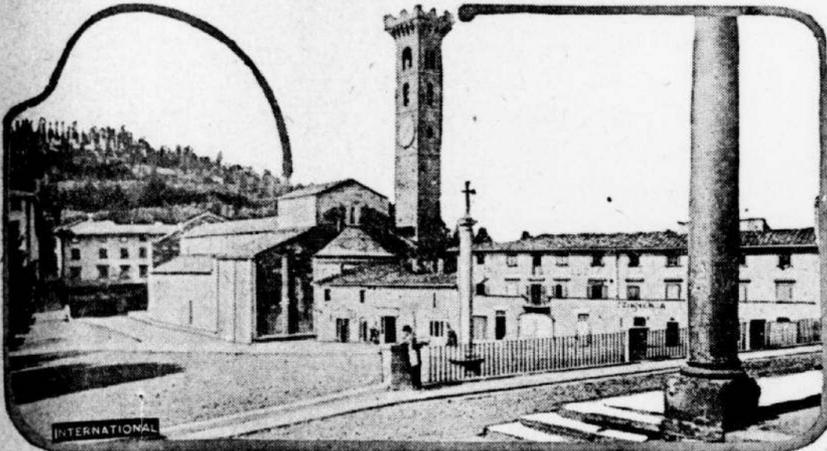


Princess Mary Selects Her Honeymoon Home



The Princess Mary, daughter of the king and queen of England, who is soon to marry the Viscount Lascelles, has already selected her honeymoon home. It is the beautiful Villa Medici, at Fiesole, near Florence, Italy. The villa is the property of Lady Sybil Scott, cousin of Viscount Lascelles. A general view of the piazza and cathedral at Fiesole is shown here.



MR. SNAKE

"Gather about me, Snakes," said Mr. Snake, "and I will talk about ourselves.

"Some creatures don't like to talk about us, so it is well that we like to talk about ourselves. If we didn't, it would be very sad indeed.

"What if one were a snake and didn't even want to talk about snakes. Luckily I've never known such a snake, and I don't believe there is such a snake.

"It is enough that so many people shudder and say, 'Oh, dear, don't let's talk about snakes.'

"Yes, that is the way many people act when any one speaks of us. It is very rude of them I say.

"When any one speaks of people I do not hiss and say, 'Oh, dear me, don't let's talk of those horrid two-legged creatures.'

"I never say anything like that at all. I am too polite. In fact I consider myself too well-bred to say anything of that sort.

"We're really very interesting. We have lovely colors at times. Lovely indeed.

"We have interesting relations. There are our sea relations, the Sea Snakes. What a fascinating family they are.

"They can make their own light in the water and can swim along by using their bristles. They use their bristles just as people use paddles when they go canoeing or oars when they go rowing.

"They can really make the sea look bright with their power of showing a wonderful light at times.

"They are very wonderful. They go through the water so quickly and yet they swim only with the aid of these bristle-like fins.

"They have many enemies, too. The sea spiders and the lobsters hate these relations.

"Yes, they hate them, but then the lobster is a very snobbish creature.

"Too many people have spoiled Mr. Lobster. They have said he was so delicious and marvelous to eat that Mr. Lobster thinks that the sun rises and sets with him."

"Hiss, hiss, hiss," said the other snakes, "what in the world do you mean?"

"I mean," said Mr. Snake, "that he thinks he is of more importance than anything or anyone else. When a



"Gather About."

creature thinks he is so wonderfully important people say of him that he thinks the sun rises and sets with him."

"We see, hiss, hiss," said the other snakes.

"Well," said Mr. Snake, "the sea snakes breathe through tiny gills which are along their backs. They don't need anything else with which to breathe.

"People say such untrue things about us, too," continued Mr. Snake. "They say that we can fascinate birds and creatures so that they just stare at us, and so they can't do anything to help themselves.

"That is a foolish story and it is nothing more or less than gossip.

"Now if I were free I'd sleep for the winter, but because I'm in the zoo where it is warm I do not sleep for the whole winter. I will say though that I have been drowsy and sleepy lately and have had some nice snake dreams."

"So have we," said the other snakes. "Yes," said Mr. Snake. "I've dreamt of changing my skin and the dream was as pleasant as a person's might be who was dreaming of a new suit.

"I was dreaming of how fine and handsome and big I was becoming and that I'd need a new suit for I was outgrowing the one I had.

"My dream will come true, for I am going to get a new suit before long."

"So are we," said the other snakes. "And I had the same dream, too," said the snake in the next cage.

"So did I," said another snake.

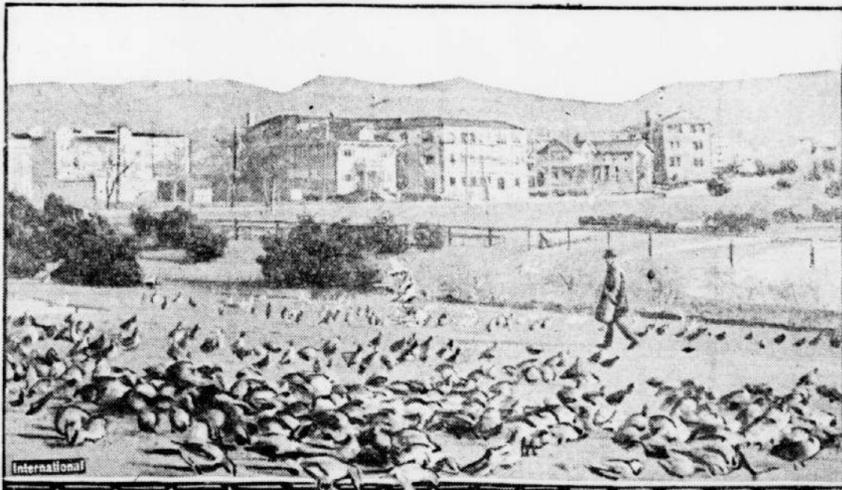
"So did I," said all of the snakes in turn who were awake then and who had been listening to Mr. Snake's talk.

Of course when he had told them to gather around him he had meant that he wanted to have them all listen to him, for they couldn't get much nearer because they were in separate cages.

"A new suit," hissed Mr. Snake, "a beautiful new suit, and yet creatures can dislike us when we're so neat and so drowsy!"

"Hiss, hiss, it is hard to understand," said the other snakes.

Wise Wild Ducks Resort to Lake Merritt



It's a wise wild duck that knows enough to light in Lake Merritt, Oakland, Cal., because here he is free from being shot or shot at by the hunters who frequent most every other pond where a duck would be likely to take a swim. Thousands of ducks come annually to the hospitable waters of Lake Merritt, where the city of Oakland feeds them until the duck season closes, when the birds return to wilder resorts.

Balfour Renews His Pledge to the Zionists



Arthur James Balfour, head of the British delegation to the arms conference, receiving the members of the Zionist Organization of America at the British embassy, where he repeated his famous pledge made in November, 1917, in favor of a Jewish Palestine. The reception was attended by more than sixty representative Zionists from all parts of the country.

Florida Scouts Enjoying Themselves



While their brothers of the North are enjoying the sports that the cold weather brings, such as skating and sleighing, the boy scouts in Florida enjoy themselves in the warmth and sunshine. Here we see Florida scouts at their annual encampment in the Everglades near Musa Isle, gathering coconuts.

Polish Orphans Taught Fine Arts



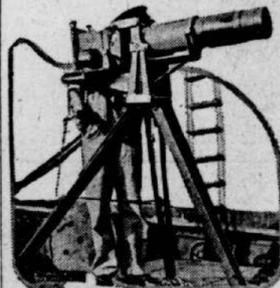
Polish orphans are being taught the fine arts in their schools and whenever one displays marked talent in any of the arts special instruction is given him. Here are two boys, whose parents were killed by the Bolshevists, working on their clay models in a Warsaw school.

IS BACK FROM CUBA



Brig. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, Judge advocate general of the United States army, who has just returned from a long stay in Cuba. He was appointed by President Wilson as American advisor to the Cuban government on political and financial matters.

NAVAL MOVIE CAMERA

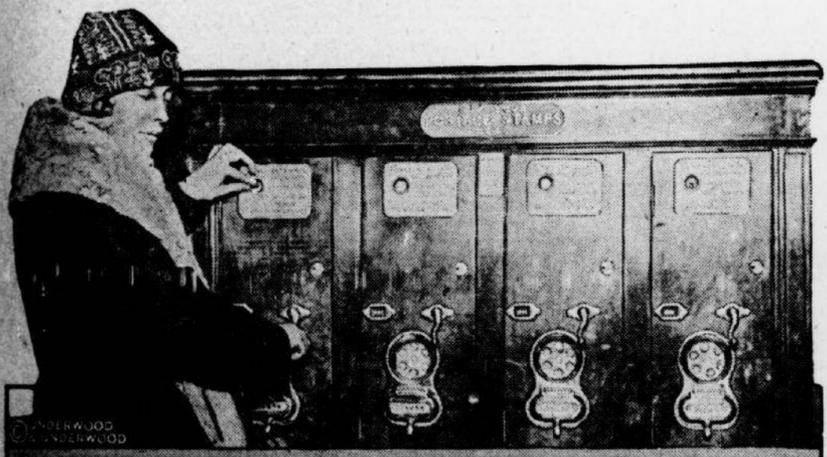


This looks like a cannon, but actually it is a long-range movie camera used to take pictures of shells landing on targets during the navy shooting practice. It pictures the results as far as 300 to 20,000 yards range.

Dad Was Having Trouble.

"Sonny," said mother, "you run upstairs and see how soon dad will have that electric light fixed and be down to dinner." Sonny obediently went upstairs as fast as his small legs would take him. Then he came down to report. "I don't think he will be down for a long while. He's up there saying: 'Dog-gone electric light,' and a lot of that!"

Stamp Machine Gives Full Money's Worth



Here is a machine, now being installed by the post office department, which vends stamps and gives the purchaser his full money's worth. Put a coin in the slot and the stamps come out at once.

GORE'S DAUGHTER IS WED



Mrs. Eugene Luther Vidal, who became her marriage to Lieutenant Vidal, United States air service, was Nina Gore, daughter of former Senator and Mrs. Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma. The wedding took place in Washington before a distinguished company representative of diplomatic, senatorial, congressional and resident society. Owing to the illness of the bride's father, she was given in marriage by Representative William A. Rodenberg.

Japanese Women Alert.

Japanese women are insisting upon the same civil and moral rights that their husbands possess. One of the most significant occurrences was a women's gathering of 5,000 women from all parts of the country in Osaka, on November 18. They adopted a resolution for disarmament and they elected Mr. Hughes to express congratulations for the opening of the disarmament conference at Washington. These Japanese women are awakening slowly but surely.

Art.

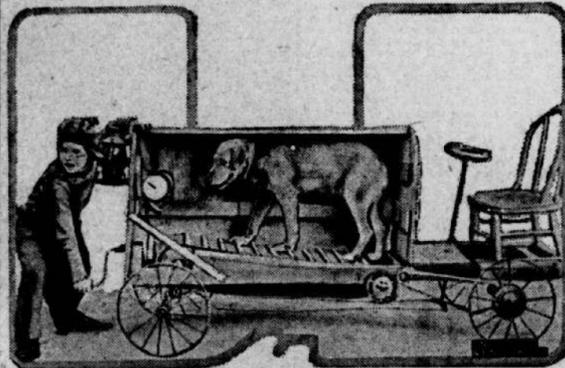
He painted a scene in Venice, and it looked so wonderful. Mr. Marmontel and they wouldn't hang it. Journeying to the Far East, he made the picture speak across the ages, in art, but they couldn't see it. "Oh," he exclaimed one day. "I have it!" He painted a picture that made women buy corsets, and became famous and rich.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Blood Tests for Officers of Army



For the first time since 1917 army officers were subjected to blood tests recently at Governor's Island, New York. Failure to pass successfully meant enforced retirement from active service. Three hundred officers underwent the examination.

Coy Watson and His Dogmobile



Coy Watson, Jr., a boy actor, is the proud possessor of this unique machine. It is known as the model 1922 Dogmobile and is one bow-wow power.

GATHERED FACTS

There are 322 varieties of wheat which have a botanical difference from each other.

Of fifteen alarms of fire in London in one day recently, ten turned out to be false.

Of European invention is a stove intended to warm a room of fair size which burns but a single fuel briquet and a handful of wood at a time.

Umbrellas numbering 20,000 were left in the Paris underground railway last year.

The railway from Durban to Glencoe will be electrified in the near future as the first step toward using that power generally in South Africa.

All the movements of the earth, sun and moon are shown with mathematical exactness with a hand operated machine constructed by a British scientist.