

Oddities in the News All Over the World

Gold and other fishes instead of oil will be used to exterminate the mosquito pest in New England if the advice of Dr. Samuel German of Harvard and other scientists is followed.

Gold fish are very fond of mosquitoes and their larvae, but some of the breeding places of the insects cannot be reached by the larger fish, so smaller species are to be introduced.

It is claimed, but not scientifically, that the mosquitoes not devoured may be scared to death by the terrifying names of the fish.

There are many gold fishes in the Charles river, but among the smaller and less sluggish varieties proposed to help in the work of preventing 300,000 deaths annually from germ infected mosquito bites are the cyprinodonts, the fundulus magala, zygocetes nottil and the zygocetes olivaceus.

If these don't do the work they can trot out the heterandria formosa and the gambusia holbroki, which are said to be capable of putting on the finishing touches.

EIGHT MONTHS' OLD BABY WEIGHS 48 POUNDS.

Helen Mantle, eight months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mantle of Belleville, Ill., is the fattest baby of its age in the world.

The child weighs 48 pounds, and is healthy, and still growing rapidly. All its ancestors were of normal weight. At its birth it weighed but eight pounds.

FRAISES THE ERIE FOR "MEANING WELL."

The Erie railroad, estimated to have been responsible for 37 per cent of all the bad language in the United States, has been officially praised by the village of Ridgewood, N. J.

The village sent out through its board of trade a letter expressing the kindest feeling for the railroad, one of the phrases being "The Erie railroad means well."

TOOK RIDE ON A BEAR AND BROKE RECORDS.

By negotiating a 100 yard dash in six seconds (estimated), T. C. Wilson of South Robinson, Me., copped the record for riding a bear bareback.

It was an impromptu affair, and was pulled off without any preliminary training or rehearsals.

Wilson and a friend were serenely treading an old, secluded footpath in the woods near Bangor, Wilson leading the way.

When they came to a fence Wilson lightly vaulted it, but failed to reach terra firma on the other side. His friend saw a streak and then no more Wilson for a while.

What happened was that Wilson landed on the broad back of a bear taking a siesta. The bear was off with a bound and a rather disconcerting "woof!" Down the path they streaked it, Wilson clinging aboard his steed until he came to his senses.

Notwithstanding the speed at which he was going, the hunter then dropped off. The bear did not wait for him.

HAIRPIN SAVES 200 STALLED ON RAILROAD.

A hairpin enabled 200 persons to ride into Coney Island after they had been hopelessly stalled for some time by a fuse blowing out on an electric train at Eighty-fourth street, Brooklyn.

John Brady, the motorman, tried on three trains that came up to get a fresh fuse, but there was not one to be found. Then he entered a car and asked which lady would give him a hair pin, so the train could get a fresh start.

One facetiously said she would give her hair itself to be on her way—it didn't cost but \$2.39 anyhow. Three offered hairpins and Brady selected the longest. Fashioning it into a sort of horseshoe, he produced a new fuse and the waiting trains were off again.

CITY WILL DRAIN RESERVOIR TO AVOID POSSIBLE FLOOD

After spending about \$70,000 for the Hood street reservoir the city now finds it is not only practically useless, but actually dangerous. It is in danger of going out and precipitating a flood down the gulch that would do great damage.

TACOMA WOMAN DAUGHTER OF JUSTICE FULLER

Mrs. Hugh C. Wallace of Tacoma, daughter of the late Chief Justice Fuller, received news of her father's death yesterday, and with her husband and son, Melville Wallace, who is a namesake of the chief justice, left last evening for Chicago to attend the funeral.

"The More Children, the Better Behaved They Are," Says Mrs. Lewis, Mother of Fourteen



The Lewis Family: Top row, reading from left to right—Pa and Ma, Katherine, John, Theodore, Marie, Marguerite; second row—Geraldine, Helen; bottom row—Eloise, Pauline, Raymond, William, Dorothy.

COLUMBIA, O., July 5.—The Lewises of 434 N. Jefferson avenue don't go in for race suicide. Anything but that. In 25 years of married life Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lewis have been blessed with 14 children, 12 of whom are now living.

THE LEWIS THEOREM

One child in a family, being the whole cheese, becomes, in his own estimation, the center of the universe.

Therefore, he becomes self-centered, selfish and hard to manage.

A dozen children in a family, being each but a small fraction of the filial fold, becomes a sympathetic and docile dozen, because each is surrounded by 11 others with equal rights and privileges, and is thus led to look upon self as having fraternal relations that carry with them fraternal duties.

Since one child is selfish and rambunctious while a dozen are self-sacrificing and docile.

Therefore a dozen children are better than one.

plies to the Lewises. Mother Lewis thinks that a big family regulates itself automatically; that 12 children can be kept in order with less exertion than one or two. She says:

"I believe in big families. The more children the better behaved they are. When you have 12 well-fed and healthy youngsters under one roof they don't find it necessary to go outside hunting for playmates; they are not apt to be reached by evil influences from the outside, either. If there is anything that make a child unselfish it is to have 11 brothers and sisters around."

Father Lewis thinks very much as does Mother Lewis.

STABBED IN FIGHT OVER FIREWORKS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) SPOKANE, July 5.—In a struggle over a pack of firecrackers, James Murray, aged 50, an old soldier, drew a knife and stabbed John Toomey, aged 23, four times. Toomey is in a serious condition.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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Dementia Praecox--What It Is

Dementia praecox, which Porter Charlton, who killed his wife in Italy, is said to be afflicted with, is one of the most dreaded mental affections known to the medical profession.

The patient, in the final stages, is unable to care for himself, and must be fed, washed, and cared for like a baby.

In its earlier stages and during the development of the disease, the patient is characterized by abnormal emotions, lack of co-ordination of ideas, violent outbursts of temper with little or no provocation, hallucinations, and is haunted by uncanny fears.

Systematized hallucinations are common. The patient believes the whole world is handed against him for the purpose of bringing about his destruction. Every man who looks at him on the street is a party to the absurd compact. An unexpected sound emanates from some hidden ene-

my near by. Every sight or sound is an indication of the plot, and the whole world is a conspiracy to which everyone is a party but the patient himself.

A case recently came under the observation of the Johns Hopkins hospital. A young man, who previously enjoyed the best of health, was married, and the next day returned to his wife, after drinking with companions. The next morning he jumped out of bed, seized his wife, almost strangled her to death and threatened the lives of all who came near him. This case was thought for a time to be of spontaneous development, but insanity was later found in his father's history.

As an example of the lack of co-ordination of ideas, this is a sample of conversation of a young girl suffering with dementia praecox:

"How are you?" "I am tolerable, I am sick, I need a care, I need to go to heaven." "Where do you think you are?" "I do not know. Oh, yes I am here, I am here on the bed." "How long have you been here?" "I have been here a long time already—I want the bible in my hands." "What do you want in your hands?" "I guess it would be illies. Oh, no, she must not; oh, yes, the bible. Hand me the pencil and the paper, let me write, write the other way. Won't you please send for a watermelon? That would do me good. I want some water." "Are you hungry?" "Yes, I want something in my stomach, I want someone to kiss me."

After giving way to acts of violence inspired by uncontrollable passion, the patient will frequently express regret, but there is no true penitence. All moral sense vanishes from the patient, and he cannot distinguish right from wrong.

Frequently those who are suffering with this type of insanity give their disconnected thoughts expression in verse, usually doggerel, the style of which is stilted, bombastic, or inordinately foolish, such as were found in Charlton's satchel.

A NEW HOUSE PET--GO TO IT



Carl B. James, professor of biology at Western Reserve University, thinks snakes should be taken into the household and treated as pets; they're great snake catchers.

HOSKA'S FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of Conrad Hoska will take place from the residence at 11 o'clock tomorrow, and will be private. From 11 o'clock until 1:30 the body will lie in state at the First Presbyterian church, and the obsequies at the church will be held at 2 o'clock. They will be under the direction of the Masonic lodges.

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