

DIDN'T KNOW DOGS

Mrs. Binks Classed Them All in One Tribe.

Anyway, the Animal Was Evicted From the Sacred Precincts, and Dignity of the Home Upheld.

Mrs. Binks must have had a disappointing afternoon at the bargain counters, for she returned to her Capitol Hill home with the quick, decisive tread that indicated a highly irritable mental condition to those who knew her well. This condition, Glenn Farley writes in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, was not improved by the discovery that her ten-year-old son Willie was entertaining practically all of the neighborhood children in the house, and that one of the most effervescent of the guests was a large, woolly, strange dog, whose booming bark assailed her from the depths of the dining room on her arrival.

Willie and his guests and the dog poured out of the front door like an audience from a burning theater, shortly after mother arrived, and it became apparent that she was in the background, with a large, able-bodied broom.

Binks arrived home and sat down to dinner in great exaltation. It appeared that Seattle had won a game with somebody.

"Class is bound to tell," he began enthusiastically. "I predicted from the beginning of the season that the boys would—"

He was interrupted by a Roman howl from Willie. His mother had reached him finally, in an unguarded moment, and she had a firm grasp on the slack of his trousers. Two decisive whacks were administered amidst howls that would have put a normal welkin out of business.

"Before you eat I want you to go out and lose that dog," she began. "I have told you before that I won't have these stray, worthless curs about the place and, above all, in my house. A boy has no business with a dog, anyhow."

"Why, ma," Binks interposed, "when I was a boy no family thought of raising a boy without a good, husky dog for a—"

"I have no doubt of it," broke in Mrs. Binks. "Your whole conduct indicates that you were exposed to that atmosphere."

"But the dog—" began Willie.

"Not a word from you," said his mother. "You've got to get rid of that dog. I won't have him around."

"But the dog—" insisted Willie.

The boy evaded a swipe that would have put him out of business, but he got out of the danger zone and finished the sentence.

"The dog belongs to Bennie Gunn and he is a St. Bernard and a prize winner," he said. "He's worth more than a thousand dollars. Bennie has him chained up now."

Binks was about to smile discreetly, when his wife said:

"George, if you're through your dinner you may be excused."

Her husband looked around doubtfully:

"The question is," said he, "have I had any dinner?"

Joke May Prove Serious.

Viscount Mayeda and Viscount Aoki of Tokyo, Japan, both very prominent members of the house of peers, were considerably surprised, as were their friends, when they received elaborate mourning cards announcing their death. The cards were gotten up in the usual formal style employed on such occasions, chief mourners, among them Premier Hara, were named, and everything was in regular shape except for the fact that the persons whose deaths were announced were entirely ignorant of their decease.

The authorities in Japan do not take jokes of this kind, however, and after a searching investigation it was found that the perpetrators of the hoax were members of a political organization of radical young men. The wish was father to the thought. Several of them have been arrested and prosecution will proceed with all the gravity in the world.

Runaway Ship Captured.

Believing their ship would fall victim to the treacherous quicksands that infest the North Carolina coast from Hatteras to Cape Lookout, the crew of the schooner James E. Newsom, consisting of eight men, took to the life boats when the vessel struck the beach.

The schooner, however, refused to let herself be swallowed up and got off unassisted. The party in the life boat, fearing to make an attempt to reach shore before daybreak, saw the schooner get off the shoals and start to sea. They set out after her, but she was too fast. A coast guard cutter took part in the chase. After playing hide and seek with her pursuers for a whole day the Newsom was captured. Only two sails were damaged. She was towed into Norfolk, Va.

Cigarette Filter.

A new kind of cigarette has just been patented. It has a piece of sponge inserted at one end.

One does not light the sponge; it might not taste good. It is to the other end that one applies the match.

The bit of sponge, cut in the shape of a short cylinder, is fitted into the end of the cigarette for the purpose of absorbing moisture and to furnish grip for the teeth of the smoker.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

JUST BURROWS OF ANIMALS

Mystery of What Was Known as the "Devil's Corkscrew" Has Been Considered Solved.

Of the many fossils which have come out of the mountains and plains of the West, few have excited wider interest than the "devil's corkscrew," found in rocks of the Miocene period, in northwestern Nebraska. They are usually white, and stand out clearly against the blue background of the rock which incloses them, often attaining a length of 15 feet, with many twists and turns, ending at times in a large bulb, with occasional side passages. When first discovered it was thought that these gigantic "corkscrews" were huge petrified vines or roots of some strange plant. Study of the "corkscrews," however, failed to reveal any traces of plant structure. Later the skeleton of an animal like the badger was found in a large bulb near the end of the "corkscrew," and bones of a small camel and small deer were found in others. After that it was discovered that many of them contained bones of a small burrowing animal about the size of the western prairie dog. Excavation of actual recent prairie dog burrows, after filling them with thin plaster of paris, showed an interesting fact; the burrows of the prairie dog and the prehistoric "corkscrews" were closely similar. The mystery is considered solved.

OLD MYSTERY OF THE SEA

What Became of Fine Liner President Which Disappeared in the Year 1841?

Among the modern sea mysteries none is more baffling than the vanishing of the liner President in 1841. The vessel was the latest word in luxurious ocean travel, having but lately been launched. And that day in March when she sailed from New York for Liverpool every vessel in the North river paid tribute to her size and superiority. She was 268 feet long and of 2,360 tons.

Early in April reports began to filter into America from Liverpool that the President had not arrived, and as the days sped on far into the summer the agony of suspense on both sides the ocean grew. On her passenger list had been the names of many prominent persons, among whom were the celebrated comedian, Tyrone Powers, George G. Cookman and the duke of Devonshire. A few more than 100 passengers were aboard the President.

Whether the President foundered in some violent gale, or was sunk or crushed by icebergs, or was destroyed by fire, no man to this day has been able to tell, for not even a splinter of wreckage was ever reported seen.

Paradise of the Hunter.

Kamchatka forms a peninsula at the extreme southeastern termination of the great Siberian continent. Game is pursued by the inhabitants all the year round except in May, June and July. Sable trapping is a favorite pursuit of the native hunter, the skin of this little animal being accepted as the gold currency of the peninsula.

The business of buying and selling is carried on with the natives through middlemen—Siberians, Chinese and well-to-do Kamchadals—who, while faithfully serving their masters, make a fat living out of it for themselves.

A veritable paradise for the big-game hunter, Kamchatka contains reindeer, caribou, big-horn mountain sheep (Ovis nivicola), the great gray wolf and many varieties of bear, all in quantities unknown, says an exchange, in any other quarter of the globe.

Antiquity of Porto Rico.

Ethnologists have reason for thinking that Porto Rico and the adjoining islands may have been peopled from the valley of the Orinoco instead of from Yucatan. When first occupied by man Porto Rico may have been a part of a peninsula connected with South America. Its fauna and flora are of the South American type, and it contains relics of a forgotten race which show evidence of a high grade of culture. Few traces of these aborigines are now to be found except in the interior of the island. Among the curious remains are stone-enclosed plazas, on which ceremonial dances were performed. The remains of carved idols and pottery show no small degree of skill and taste. No traces of stone buildings resembling those of the Mayas are found, but the houses are of the South American type.

The Apple of Eden.

From time immemorial the apple has been blamed for being the cause of man's downfall in the garden of Eden. We have even gone so far as to call our Adam's apple by that name in memory of the incident.

As a matter of fact, the word apple does not appear in that part of Genesis treating with the Garden of Eden, the "fruit of the tree" being the words always used. The fallacy arose from the fact that the word apple has in many languages the general meaning of fruit, and that before an English translation of the Bible was permitted the story was incorrectly spread by ignorant churchmen, and this took root too deeply to be eradicated.

Potent.

He hugged her in the shadowy hallway.

"Oh," she giggled breathlessly. "I never realized the power of the press until this moment."—American Legion Weekly.

NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL REPORT AND PETITION FOR DISTRIBUTION

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Whitman. In the Matter of the Estate of Hannah Kimball, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that Ida M. Taylor, the administrator of the estate of Hannah Kimball, deceased, has filed in the office of the clerk of said court her final report as such administrator, together with her petition for distribution of said estate, asking the court to settle said report, distribute the property to the heirs or persons entitled to the same, and discharge said administrator and that Friday, the 21st day of October, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the court room of our said superior court, in the city of Colfax, in said Whitman county, has been duly fixed by said superior court for the hearing and settlement of said final report and petition for distribution, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file objections thereto and contest the same.

Witness, the Hon. R. L. McCroskey, judge of said superior court, and the seal of said court affixed this 14th day of September, 1921.

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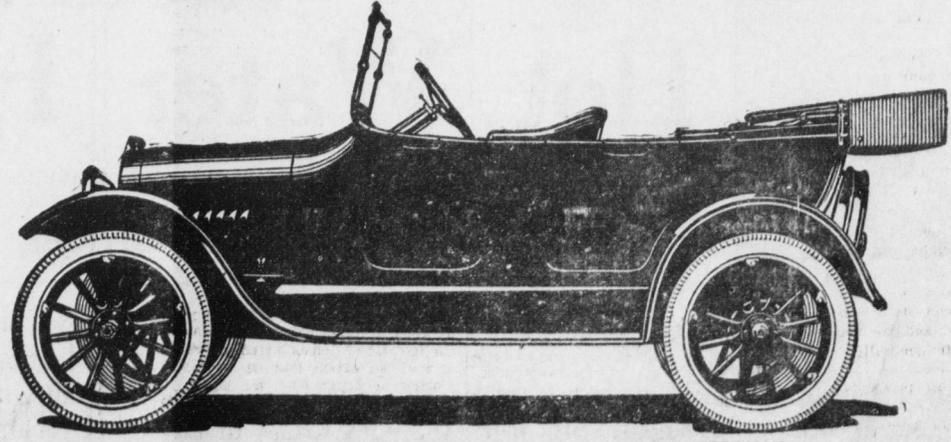
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