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PERSISTENT BEAVERS.
 A Battle of Wits Between the Animals and the Engineers.

When the Grand Trunk railway ran its line across a swamp in a game preserve on the line of the Alberta Rockies there was a wonderfully constructed beaver dam holding the water back to flood the swamp.

This in the eyes of the game warden was pure waste, and he ordered the engineers to prevent it without harming the beavers. Of course the dam could have been blown up with dynamite, but that would have meant the death of most of the little animals and death very likely in great pain at that.

So the engineers cut an opening in the dam. The mud had become almost as hard as concrete, and it took the men three days to get the water running steadily. Then, thinking their troubles with the industrious little fellows over, they started work on the railway through the swamp.

Soon the water began to rise, and the work was stopped in a few hours. The engineers made all haste to the dam and found the animals had repaired the cut and made it tight again.

A fresh cut was made, but after the men had gone the beavers busied themselves and made it stronger than ever. Work was again stopped on the railroad within a few hours.

Then a deep hole was made in the earth far under the dam. The beavers were much puzzled. Never before had they seen water go down into the ground and come up far away. But they lent their whole attention to the problem, and the work on the railroad was again stopped as a consequence and the foundations soaked with water.

Then followed an engagement of wits between the beavers and the engineers. But every time the men found a way to cut the dam in a new place the beavers found a way to stop it.

The road was finally constructed by working a few hours at a time, and the loss to the contractors amounted to more than \$5,000.—Detroit Free Press.

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Litigation isn't such a popular sport as it used to be. Following the opening of the March term of Washington court this week the newspapers published a list a half column long of cases that had been settled and discontinued. The disposition "to fight it out in court" is not so prevalent in Vermont as it was a generation ago and men who always had a case of some kind on the docket are not so numerous. Evidently we are learning that when two parties go to law for the sole purpose of getting back at each other both are bound to get ficked, no matter what the decision of the court or the verdict of the jury may be.

Barre school children are going to raise garden truck this year. With the assistance of the Barre Woman's club an extensive garden movement has been started in the public schools and free seeds have already been distributed. As soon as the frost leaves the ground the school children and their instructors will "get busy." The project is another feature in the big scheme of keeping the minds of boys and girls occupied in a healthy manner during a portion of the time when they are not engaged with their studies. A boy at work in a garden is getting just as much exercise as though he were putting in his leisure time throwing stones at the windows in a deserted house and a girl can breathe just as much fresh air while weeding the marigolds as she can parading the main streets of the town. The main thing and the difficult part of the scheme is to make the study of the vegetables and flowers interesting for the young folks.

THE USELESS ROOSTER.
 South Dakota has joined the anti-rooster campaign, and Saturday, June 6, was appointed by the state pure food department as a day for killing all roosters not needed for breeding purposes and converting them into potpie for the Sunday dinner. The move is a good one and should become general. Hens lay just as well and their eggs keep a whole lot better if the roosters are kept away from them. It is contended that there is not a single factor that is responsible for more rotten and addled eggs than their being fertile during warm weather. A few hours under a hen does the business, and the eggs are not fit to market and soon become unfit for anything but fertilizer.

SOME SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.
 Here are some interesting facts that ought to furnish a suggestion or two for corn growers. In no ten year period in the history of corn growing in the United States has the average yield per acre exceeded twenty-eight bushels, while no state has averaged for any year over fifty-four bushels per acre. In contrast to these figures is the significant fact that in most every section of the country that pretends to raise corn yields of more than a hundred bushels per acre have been secured. With such low average yields, it is humiliating to contemplate what the production per acre must be of those growers who bring the average for the country down to so low a level.

BATTLESHIPS AND BUGS.
 From the standpoint of the agriculturist it would seem good judgment to put the next \$20,000,000 which will be called for for the building of two new battleships in a campaign which will have for its purpose the waging of a war on the insect pests of the country. The work might be started in New England, where the gypsy moth is continuing its destructive work, and wind up with the chinch bug in Kansas and Nebraska. Incidentally the money spent in this fashion would be devoted to just as patriotic a purpose as if it were put into battleships, powder and sixteen inch shells.

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 An East Indian Prince Who Did Not Fear Losing Caste.

Mr. Coningsby Dawson, the well known English writer, tells the following anecdote of the East Indian prince Sir Pertab Singh:

A young English lieutenant had died of cholera in his palace. The boy was the son of an English friend. When the body had to be carried out to be placed on a gun carriage Sir Pertab Singh went forward to lift it up. Before he touched it he was stopped by some English officers. They reminded him that, by his religion, were he to touch the dead he would lose all his caste and perhaps, despite his wealth, never be able to buy it back. They advised him to send for the sweepers who are outcasts. In spite of their protests he picked up the body and carried it down the palace steps to the gun carriage.

A gasp went up at the sight. Every one of his subjects knew what he had done. The next morning, when he rose, 500 Brahma priests were waiting in the courtyard. He came out, a proud figure, to face them. He knew what they had come for—to make him the lowest thing in India, a man without caste. He asked them what was their errand, and they told him. They had come to make him of as little account as the humblest sweeper in his palace.

Sir Pertab Singh laughed. "I be long," he said, "to a higher caste than any of you have ever dreamed of, and you can't take it from me; you're welcome to all the rest. I belong to the same caste as the dead son of my friend—the caste of a soldier."

With that he walked back into his palace, and the Brahma priests went away, one by one, ashamed and puzzled.

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Quill Pens.
 The quill pen is not quite extinct in London. The legal profession, which is very conservative, clings to it tenaciously, and none of the courts would be completely equipped without a plentiful supply of good goose quills. Have you noticed what an indispensable accessory the quill is to counsel, whether in ostentatiously taking a note, making a speech or in helping to point a warning finger at a hostile witness?—London Standard.

By Internal Evidence.
 "Where do you suppose we got the saying, 'He laughs best who laughs last'?" asked Mrs. Binks of her husband.

"Probably some Englishman first said it," replied Mr. Binks. "He was doubtless trying to get a notion falling in a favorable light."—Youth's Companion.

Food For Gossip.
 "Where are you going?"
 "To call on Mrs. Wallyaby Wombat. Better come along. I understand there are some very interesting things to be heard."

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