

Dog Is Master of Smell; Sight Is Not Important

It came with something of a shock to people of the Occident to discover that their personal odors made it somewhat difficult at first for the more delicately sensitized orientals to remain near them.

It is a fact, asserts a writer in the Minneapolis Journal, that every one of us, whether of the Orient or Occident, has his own aroma, as distinct and personal as his carriage of countenance. The dog recognizes his master not entirely by his appearance, but by something else peculiar to him.

A biologist, who has made something of a study of these facts, points out that we constantly exude products of metabolism and that in the composition of these products we all differ. Not only do we differ from one another, but in no individual are these results constant. No chemical laboratory is sufficiently equipped to distinguish such minute differences. The only experts on the subject, the biologist continues, are the dogs. With their highly developed olfactory organs, they are impelled to confirm their vision, when they see their masters, by making a searching investigation directed toward confirming their impression. Of their two senses, for complete knowledge, they prefer the sense of smell to that of sight.

The Basques Speak Most Difficult of Languages

What is the most difficult language in the world to master? Prof. Watson Kirk Connell, of Wesley college, Winnipeg, Canada, has studied the problem for years and asserts that the language of the 800,000 Basques, who live in the Pyrenees mountains, between France and Spain, is the hardest to learn. More than that, he says its origin is unknown, learned professors having tried for decades to relate Basque to Hebrew, Japanese, Celtic, Arabic and other tongues, but without success.

Professor Connell, acquainted with 55 languages, asserts that Basque has such a complicated grammar that only the natives can handle it correctly.

The Basques do not merely button their words up the back like other people do," he says. "They also have prefixes and suffixes and infixes, and exceptions are more numerous than rules. By the time a word gets out, nobody can recognize it, not even its own mother."

In fact, the Basques are as much a mystery as the language they speak. They are a distinct ethnic group, rugged mountaineers, with customs, folklore and folkways peculiarly their own.

Early-Day Travel

On June 27, 1527, Panto de Narcaez sailed from Spain under orders to explore and subdue Florida, then believed to be rich in gold and other treasure. Landing at Tampa bay in April, 1528, with 400 men, he struggled overland to the mouth of the Appalachicola, where, in September, the survivors built five frail barges and in these attempted to reach the east coast of Mexico. All perished except Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca and three companions, who made their way inland and, after indescribable suffering, emerged, in 1536, on the Pacific, in northern Mexico. The story of their eight-year journey is one of the most dramatic chapters of the early history of travel and communication in America.

Historians say Cherokee Indians had 64 populous towns as early as 1775.

POTATO FIELD DAY COMES IN AUGUST

About 10,000 Growers Expected to Attend—Wyoming County Host

New York State potato growers have their annual field day August 6th on the farm of David W. Mote, in Wyoming County. More than 10,000 growers are expected, as compared with an attendance of 7,000 last year at Camillus.

Everett H. Clark, Wyoming county agricultural agent is general chairman of the event, and several committee chairmen met recently in Warsaw to plan each part of the program.

Various departments of the New York State College of Agriculture have planted test plots on Mr. Mote's farm so potato growers may see at first hand new varieties, the results from curing cut seed, and the effect of spraying. Other educational exhibits are planned. A machinery display attracts much attention each year, and every piece of equipment is put into operation for growers to watch.

Another potato meeting is of special interest to northern New York growers. A rally is scheduled for August 12th on the farm of E. G. S. Gagner and sons of Cherubusco, northeastern Clinton county. This is the first potato rally ever staged in northern New York.

Mr. Gagner not only grows the standard varieties of potatoes, but also two new varieties, Katahdin and Warba, not yet generally grown in New York. A test on potato spraying, using the new potato spray mixtures, is being conducted on his farm by the Clinton County Farm Bureau in cooperation with the College of Agriculture.

Lining felt is used under linoleum floors to protect against surface wear and against the expansion and contraction of wood floors.

WANTS FACTS ON GOOD OLD DAYS

Attie May Yield Faded Account Books Sought in New York Study

Twenty-one counties in New York State will be visited by James D. Toy, agricultural economist with the United States Department of Agriculture and graduate student at Cornell, to make a study of retail prices to farmers in the years preceding the world war, from 1909 to 1914.

Mr. Toy visits the following counties: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

He expects to consult old account books, such as journals, ledgers and daybooks, newspapers, old documents, and store records; and he would be interested in seeing persons who have records that list retail prices of food, clothing, house furnishings, farm equipment and supplies, fuel, lumber, fertilizer, or feed during the years 1909-14. Persons with such records who do not see Mr. Toy may communicate with Professor F. A. Pearson at the New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, New York.

The study is undertaken by the United States Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the State College of Agriculture. It covers twenty states, including New York. The purpose, according to Mr. Toy, is to determine farm expenditures, living costs, and the buying power of farmers' incomes during the years 1909-14, for comparison with similar figures collected by the department within recent years.

Mr. Toy says he would welcome a chance to see persons who may have account books of "the good old days" stored away some place in the attic.

Poetry Society Announces Contest

The Cuba Poetry Society announces its fourth annual contest, the rules being:

Any resident of Allegany county may enter and submit as many poems as he wishes on any subject or subjects. Poems may be from two to 32 lines in length and must not have been previously published.

Poems must be typewritten and unsigned, the name of the contestant and titles of poems submitted being sent in a sealed envelope with the manuscripts. Entries must be mailed to the Cuba Poetry Society, care of Victor Hammond, West Clarksville, not later than Sept. 1, 1936. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Poems will be read in the order of arrival and a prize of \$2 awarded for the one showing the most originality and best expression. A copy of Richard Le Gallienne's "Book of English and American Poetry" will be awarded as the second prize.

What Every Man Should Know

His wife is boss at home—No suggestions from him are wanted about running the place. Complaints about the icebox and the garbage can are particularly resented—Her friends are always welcome, but his friends are on strict probation—If she reads trash that's her business—She likes the furniture just where it is—She likes the curtains—That goes for the lamps, too—If he can afford a new suit of clothes, then he can afford to have the downstairs walls cleaned—She chooses the menu with other people in mind besides him—If he doesn't like whipped cream on his salad he doesn't have to eat it—He once told her she looked like a frump—That's why she spends plenty of money for clothes, facials and permanents, see?—She likes a temperature of 75 in winter—There aren't any leftovers in the icebox any more, because he once said there were too many leftovers—The maid is overworked as it is, without bothering about his old socks and shirts—If he'll give her the money, she'll show him how to run a house—She breaks even at bridge—She gets the last cent of value for every dollar she spends—She takes credit for the fine things the children do—She blames him for their weaknesses—She can't be intimidated by any man—So make the best of it!

SEND IN YOUR

Laffs

To This Paper and They Will be Published Weekly

Submitted by Miss Jean Stitz and Miss Mary Ellen Young

"Well, Mrs. Johnsing," a colored physician announced, after taking her husband's temperature, "Ah has knocked de fever outen him."

"Sho' 'nuff?" was the excited reply. "Am he gwine git well, den?"

"No'm," answered the doctor. "Deys no hope fo' him, but you has de satisfaction ob knowin' dat he died cured."

The circus acrobat found the clown in tears.

"What in tha world are you crying about?" he asked.

"The elephant d-d-d-died," sobbed the clown.

"What of it? You didn't own

him."

"N-no, b-but the b-boss says I've g-got to d-dig his g-g-grave."

"Fast!" hissed the inmate of the asylum. "I've made a great discovery."

"Ah, I knew you were a wonderful man," the keeper humored him. "Sssh! I've found they take the holes from doughnuts and use them to fill macaroni."

"Who was the unluckiest man in the world?"

"Adam, because he couldn't flirt with Eve and say, 'Haven't I met you before some place?'"

Teacher: "Now, if I lay three eggs here and five eggs there, how many eggs will I have?"

Skeptical Pupil: "I don't think you can do it."

"Say, Jim," remarked a plumber to his "assistant" as he viewed a tuba being played in a band concert. "Couldn't a guy have a swell time fixin' a leak in that horn?"

Wooden Shoes to Measure



The Belgian shoemaker, John Vrombaut, in the Streets of the World at the Great Lakes Exposition in Cleveland, makes wooden shoes for visitors to buy as souvenirs. His wife, Matilda, helps him the shoes out of rough wood. The Vrombauts were born in Eckloo, Belgium, 58 years ago and since they were old enough to work they have been practicing their trade.

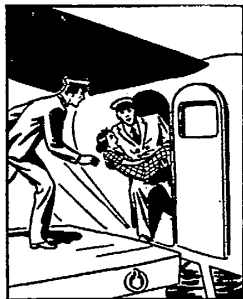
SAGAS OF THE SKIES

By R. C. Oertel
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MANY of the dramatic aerial pictures which are seen in the newspapers are the work of Bill Cleveland, aerial photographer for a New York paper. But Bill Cleveland is not only an expert photographer. He is also an ace pilot and as such he was the central figure in a Saga of the Skies as dramatic as any of his pictures.

It was late in November. A stiff wind was blowing along the Atlantic seaboard and the waves were running six to eight feet high. From a Long Island Sound boat, beating its way down the coast toward New York, came a radio message asking immediate help for a 15-year-old girl passenger who had swallowed an open safety-pin. Her immediate removal to hospital was imperative, the message said.

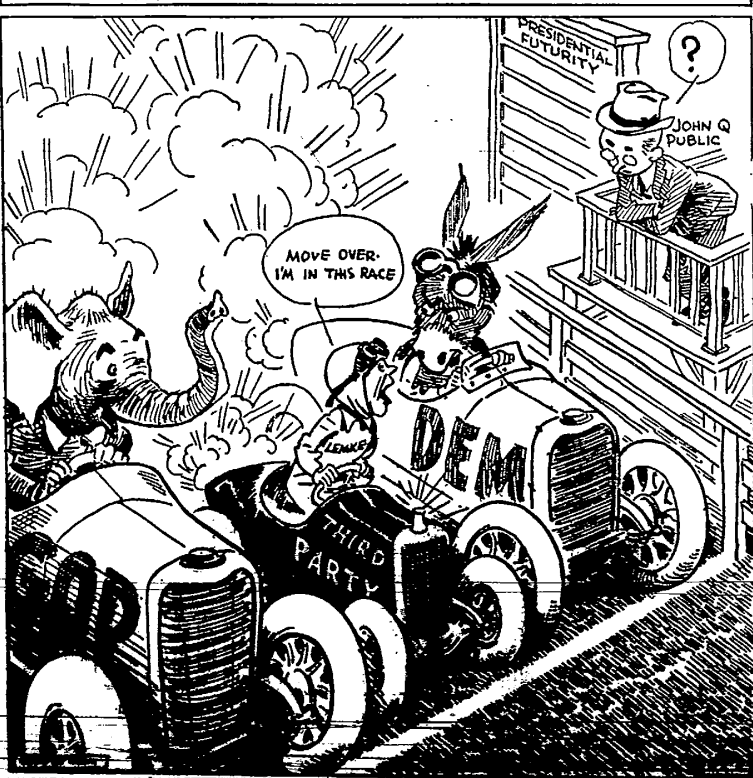
Cruising above Cambridge in search of pictures, Bill Cleveland picked up the message on his short-wave radio set and turned the nose of his plane seaward. Spotting the boat, he brought his plane down into the teeth of a 35-mile an hour wind and settled upon the white-capped water a short distance from the vessel. Sailors quickly launched



a life boat and brought the suffering girl and her father from the ship to the plane. Hurriedly but safely they were put on board. Twelve minutes later Bill Cleveland landed his plane at the Midtown Skyport in Manhattan and in another fifteen minutes the suffering girl was being operated on successfully in a hospital.

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by A. B. Chapin



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