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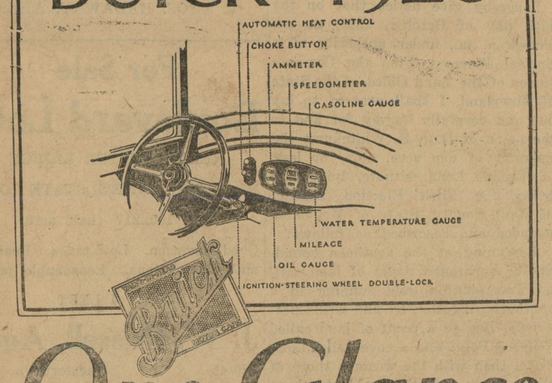

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Says Oil Prevents Rain

That lack of rain is caused by oil film spread on the surface of oceans by ships that burn oil fuel, is the theory advanced by L. A. Ramdas, a weather expert at Karachi, India. He says that this film, while less than a millionth of an inch thick, may be sufficient to retard the evaporation of ocean water, which is the chief source of rain.

Origin of Cricket

Cricket, like many of the other popular games in this country, originally hailed from the East. It came to this country from France in the Middle ages, and the name itself is derived from the French word, "criquet," which means on the continent the stick used in the game of bowls.—London Mail.

Grammar's Origin Lost

The earliest grammar known to the modern world is the Sanskrit grammar of Panini, who flourished about 300 B. C. This gives the rules for classical Sanskrit. The author refers to 64 predecessors. One cannot say definitely where and how grammar originated. It has been evolved from the necessity of systematizing the use of words.

Perfect Meal

London dietitians have demonstrated the "perfect meal." It included cold chicken and egg sauce, new potatoes, salad, cornflour mold, fruit salad with cream, whole wheat bread and butter and lemonade. All three vitamins, A, B, and C, are included.

Great Readers

An English critic says that Americans read more than five times as much as the people of England. Look at the classified advertisements that claim their attention. If Americans are not perusing anything else they are reading movie titles.

Learn as You Listen

"Ah!" remarked the fascinated bystander, after listening for a time to the moving man who had dropped a grand piano on his foot, "that's the phrase I was trying to think of yesterday on the links."—Detroit News.

Their Turn to Smile

New England farmers who used to bear the brunt of all the jokes about lightning rods, could certainly get a kick out of those thousand-dollar contraptions surrounding the oil tank farms.

Taking No Chances

A Rochester (N. H.) man, in preparing for a trip to Canada, had a cobbler insert for him $25 in the inner side of the rubber heel on his shoe, just to be sure of money for his return trip.

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Time Off

A Nottingham typist was observed by her employer to powder her nose fifteen times in one hour. The explanation that she was making up for lost time was not accepted.—Eve.

Word's Legal Meaning

The term "paraphernalia" in a legal sense means a married woman's property—dress, ornaments, personal belongings—according to Liberty.

Uncle Eben

"De man dat does his best," said Uncle Eben, "deserves credit, unless he's doin' his best to do somebody else."—Washington Star.

Trade Term

The term "foolscap" applied to paper is a corruption of the Italian words "foglio capo," meaning "a full-sized sheet of paper."

Suggested Slogan

For the dental association we suggest the slogan: "Be true to your teeth or they will be false to you."—Salt Lake Tribune.

In Explanation

Maybe nature sends a cyclone now and then in an effort to clean up the places where picnics have been held.—Birmingham News.

Kangaroo Outstrips Horse

In a recent race between an Australian race horse and a kangaroo, the latter far outdistanced the horse.

Ahead of His Times

A Greek astronomer in Egypt about 200 years before Christ, taught his students that the earth was round.

Early Biblical Division

The first division of the Bible into verses was made by Stephens, the printer, in 1551.

Charm of Power

The average boy wants to grow up and be an executive so he can spend two hours and a half at luncheon.—South Bend Tribune.

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DENIES KENT CRAB SCARCITY IS DUE TO BILGE

Assertions that the depletion of crabs and fish, except rock, in Kent county waters this summer was due to pollution from waste and oil bilge from Baltimore factories and steamships were denied yesterday by Swepson Earle, Conservation Commissioner.

Mr. Earle said that before his department, in conjunction with the State Department of Health, succeeded in having twelve factories in the Curtis Bay section stop dumping waste in the harbor pollution extended only as far as Fort Carroll. With this dumping of waste stopped by most of the factories near Baltimore, he asserted, it appears impossible that pollution could be caused as far away as Kent county from wastage in Baltimore city.

It was Mr. Earle's opinion that the disappearance of crabs in the waters complained of was brought about during the course of years before Virginia and Maryland passed reciprocity laws for the protection of crabs. Since 1899, Mr. Earle said, he has been studying crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and as long ago as 1911 predicted their extinction if measures were not taken to protect the sponge crabs during the winter season in Virginia waters.

The scarcity of crabs in the northern waters of the bay, he estimated, was caused by the refusal of crabbers to undertake such protection until forced by law. This year, he said, crabs have been found farther north in the bay than for several years. This, he asserted, was due to the crab protection laws passed in Virginia and Maryland.

Watermen Differ.

Watermen in Kent county, however, maintained that pollution caused by "acids" from Baltimore factories and bilge pumped from steamers bound to and from Baltimore had either killled crabs in Kent county waters or driven them back down the bay.

It was pointed out by the watermen that where, several seasons ago crabbers caught three or four barrels of crabs a day it has been difficult this year to catch two dozen.

"When I go out in my launch some days for fishing trip," Capt. Charles R. Kerr, former member of the House of Delegates and a resident of Rock Hall since 1871, asserted, "a ring of oil around the water line of the boat can be seen. I believe that the water is polluted and that an investigation would prove my belief correct. The gases from shells fired into the bay from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds are also instrumental in polluting the water and damaging sea food.

Cites Habits Of Crabs.

"Crabs either swim on top of the water or crawl on the bottoms, and I believe, are more strongly affected by pollution than other sea food because of that trait. They find oil on the surface of the water and refuse which has settled on the bottoms. Although the fishing has been good this summer, I think that polluted water has kept many varities away. Most of the summer only rock were caught.'

Watermen of Talbot county reported that crabs, which have been very scarce in other years, are beginning to appear there. At Crisfield hundreds of barrels are being shipped daily. Oysters are reported to be plentiful, but because of the warm weather there has been little demand for them. According to Captain Kerr discolorations on the oyster shells indicate that the water is polluted.

"I have followed the crab situation in Maryland closely," Mr. Earle said "In 1899 while on the Coast Survey ship Matchless, stationed on the Elk river, we could catch a basket of crabs on ebb tide from the gangway without putting a line overboard. In 1906, when I came back to Maryland as engineer with the Shellfish Commission working in the waters of Somerset county, I commenced to study the crab very carefully.

Refers To U. S. Investigation.

"At that time no thought was given to the female crab, or how crabs migrated from Maryland to Virginia and why the young crabs hatched out there returned to Maryland to grow. The Government investigation in 1917 proved that the entire waters of Cheapapeake Bay were necessary for the development of the blue crab. Since 1906 the zone of crab migration has been downward, especial,y on the Eastern Shore.

"While as late as 1912-15 crabs were plentiful in Chester river along the Kent county bay shore, they had ceased to be in Cecil county waters and it was always my opinion that this zone would increase until the entire waters of Maryland would be barren of crabs, unless protective measures were passed in the State of Virginia, which held the key to the whole situation, inasmuch as the female crab developed and hatched out her young there:"

Lights' Value in Disease

A noted English scientist who has conducted experiments with colored lights in the cure of disease has found that the three most useful colors are green, blue and orange.

Says the Grouch

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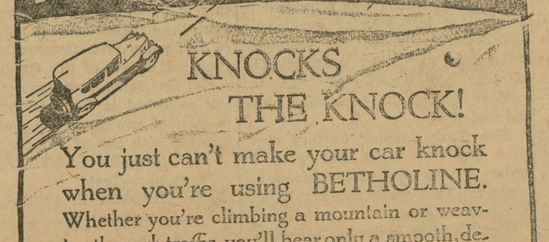
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