MUSKRATS OVER-RUN BOHEMIA

American muskrats are overwhelming Bohemia, says Dr. E. E. Free. Twenty years ago a few families of these animals were taken to that country and established on a farm near the city of Prague, where it was hoped that they might breed in captivity and provided muskrat skins, then in fashionable demand for furs, says "The Pathfinder."

The experiment succeeded all too well, for some of the muskrats escaped and proceeded to make excellent livings for themselves and their families up and down rivers of Central Europe. It is now calculated by Dr. Hjalmer Broch, a Norwegian naturalist, that millions of muskrats are living in Bohemia and adjacent countries. Great damage has been done to vegetable gardens; native frogs and fish are being exterminated; even roads, dykes and railway embankments are suffering from the muskrat burrows. In parts of Barvaria close to the Bohemia border special muskrat catchers have been hired to stop the advance of the animal hordes.

Naturalists believe it not improbable that all Europe will be overrun by these costly muskrat armies, just as the whole world has been overrun in the last four centuries by Asiatic rats which do damage estimated at more than a billion dollars a year. Bohemia's experience with muskrats is another example of the danger of introducing any plant or animal into a new country where its natural enemies may be lacking and where it may become a serious pest, as has happened with the English sparrow in America and with the catcus in Australia.

"Crackers" First Baked by Massachusetts Man

As far as any authentic record shows, the first cracker bakery in the United States was that of Theodore Pearson at Newburyport, Mass. He began business in 1792 and his specialty was a large cracker which was known both as a "pilot" and as ship's bread. Joshua Brent was Pearson's first great business rival. He erected an oven for cracker baking at Milton, Mass., in 1801. He was succeeded by many other cracker manufacturers. The crackers were first made by hand. During the years between 1840 and 1865 the mechanical process employed in making crackers underwent a remarkable development. Prior to 1840 the use of machinery in the cracker-making process was practically unknown. Even then the dough was still worked up and put into the oven one piece at a time. Machinery was finally invented which took the dough after it had been prepared by hand and rolled it into a thin sheet which, as it passed over a sort of endless belt, was cut by a stamping machine which works automatically.

Colder Spots in Refrigerator

Some sections of the household refrigerator are colder than others. Locate and reserve these for meat, milk and other exceptionally perishable foods, advises the United States bureau of home economics.

Leprosy Not Incurable

Lepers have been cured. In fact, there have been at least 50 cures at the government institution at Carville.

COMMON SENSE NI RAISING PIGS

The following principles are listed as essential to raising pigs free of the handicap of round worms. Those engaged in 4-H Clubs or competing in the 150 day-1500 pound litter contest will do well to observe them as is true of all who desire thrifty shoats.

1. Thoroughly clean the farrowing pen—then a thorough scrubbing with hot lye water.

2. Scrub the sow's udders with soap and water just prior to farrowing.

3. Haul the sow and litter to clean pasture (not to old hog lots which are sure to be worm infested.)

4. Keep the young pigs on clean pasture until they weigh 75 to 100 pounds (when danger from round worm infection is largely over). Forage crops are essential also for economical gains.

A number of Kent county farmers are entering sows and litters in the Litter Contest. It will be recalled that O. E. Yerkey was the Kent county winner in this State-wide contest last year. He won a $25 prize and had the satisfaction of producing a splendid litter of pigs very economically. The County Agent has entry blanks and rules for the contest.

Any Kent county poultry raiser desiring to enter a pen of ten pullets in the Maryland State Egg-Laying Competition, beginnning next fal, may get entry blanks from the County Agent. Only one hundred pen are accepted — first come, first accepted. The present contest is halfway completed. It will be recalled that the 1000 birds in the 100 pens last year averaged 202 eggs per hen, which is far above the State average. It demonstrates the merit of the ration and housing plan advocated by the Maryland Experiment Station.

Tropical Fish

The difference between a sailfish and a flying fish is that the flying fish flies, after a fashion, and the sailfish does not. Flying fishes, of which there are a number of species, are small and light but have long wing-like pectoral fins. The fish works up speed in the water, throws itself into the air, and the "wings" are able to carry it for some distance.

The sailfish is a very large deep sea fish, related to the swordfish, but having teeth, and characterized by the large, high dorsal fin, which is suggestive of a sail.

And So Sure of It

Lies are made in a hurry—the truth awaits its turn.

Nothing to Boast Of

"He who owes no man," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "should hesitate to boast if his freedom from debt is due to the fact that no one considered him worthy to be trusted."—Washington Star.

Operatic Concert Monday, May 12

An interesting and varied program will be presented at the concert to be given in William Smith Hall, at Washington College, Chestertown, at 8.00 P. M., next Monday, May 12th.

Helen Jepson, soprano, will be the soloist at this concert. Miss Jepson although still in her early twenties has had tremendous success in operatic and concert work.

She made her debut last year in the Philadelphia Civic Opera Company, appearing in several different operas last summer. She sang in concert work in New York and in the fall was given a contract with the Philadelphia Grand Opera Company, where she has appeared with great success in "Carmen," "Butterfly," and "Lakme."

This winter she has also appeared as soloist with the Philadelphia and Baltimore Symphonies Orchestras and has been enthustically received not only by the audiences but the press.

Some of the press comments are here quoted:

"Miss Jepson brought to her interpretation an appreciation of its poignancy and deep-lying melancholy that marked the performance as an occasion above the ordinary. The song achieved an eerie beauty," Philadelphia Public Ledger.

"Miss Jepson's rich soprano voice appeared to good advantage."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Miss Jepson won the audience not only by her melodious voice, but by her dramatic abilities. — University of Delaware Review.

"Miss Jepson's singing was altogether delightful." — Newark, N. J., Post.

"Miss Helen Jepson's fresh soprano voice wos exquisite in the role of Countess."—Jamestown, N. Y. Post.

In addition to the three groups of songs which Miss Jepson will render there will be numerous numbers by the County Music Society, as well as by the Washington College Double Quartette and a short dance in connection with one of the group numbers, will be done by young girls under the direction of Miss Doris Bell.

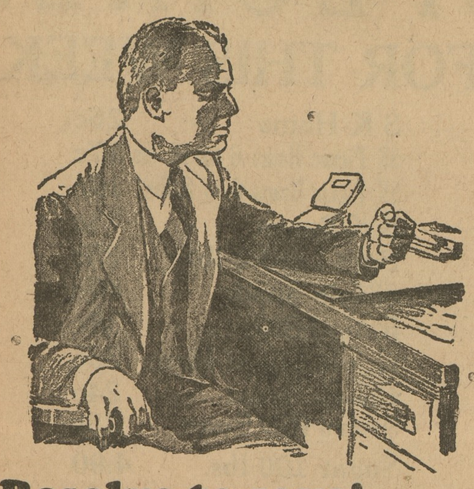
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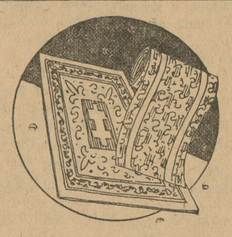


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