

## May Call on Fishes to Furnish Leather

The increasing scarcity of mammal hides in recent years has caused leather manufacturers to turn to the sea for their raw products, says Popular Science Monthly. Today, largely through experiments under the direction of the United States bureau of fisheries, the skins of sharks, porpoises and other fish have been developed into excellent leather. For this purpose shark skins have been established on the Florida and Gulf coasts, and new industries are being established to utilize the new product.

This has been made possible largely by a process of tanning developed in the laboratory of Dr. Allen Rogers in the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, N. Y. One company, it is reported, now is turning out 200 shark hides daily. The hides are made into high-grade waterproof leather that can be used just as ordinary leather. There is said to be as much leather value in a shark as in a cow, and the cost of a fish is far less.

## Hot Springs Account for "Tropical Valley"

There has long been current in the Canadian Northwest a tradition of a tropical valley in northern British Columbia. Now, it's reported, two aviators have penetrated the wilderness, prospecting for gold, and have actually come upon such a valley. Gladiolus ferns, bush grass, blooming flowers; and a patch of potatoes and onions planted a year ago by another prospector, greeted their sight. There isn't anything mysterious about this valley. It isn't a left-over from ancient days when the Far North is said to have had a tropical climate. The valley is warmed from below, not from above.

It is fall of hot springs which send clouds of steam up into the air, warming the whole sheltered region and supplying it with abundant moisture for vegetation. Now it is up to some one to discover a self-refrigerating valley down in the torrid zone.

## Myths About Snakes Decried by Rancher

Tex. A. Schubach, snake rancher and reptile expert of Berkeley, Cal., who was in Portland, Ore., the other day urging protection of nonvenomous serpents, declared himself on the side of the faction which vigorously states that the hoopesnake which rolls about the hills and attacks objects with its poisonous tail is nothing but a myth, says the Oregonian.

"There is no hoopesnake," said Mr. Schubach. "There is a stinger which goes along at times with his head and tail both up, and which can hit about like a hoop with its tail in its mouth and neither is its tail or head poisonous."

"On the other hand, there is a glass snake that can break up in sections, but it can't go back and join the sections again."

"And although there is a milk-snake it isn't milk cows, as some would have us believe. Although he frequents dairies he feeds only on rodents and the farmer should protect him."

"The blue racer is another snake credited with things he doesn't do, such as chasing people and of being of a constrictor nature."

## Arrange for Taking of Religious Census

How many men and women in the United States are church members; how many children are enrolled in Sunday schools; the number of min-

isters; value of church property—these and many other facts are to be gathered next year at the taking of the religious census for the entire country. This is done every decade, just as the general census is taken, years ending in six being chosen for the task. To get the desired information, the government sends out two sets of questionnaires through the census bureau. One calls for data concerning the church itself, and the other relates to the minister, priest or rabbi in charge of each congregation. The report of the last religious census, taken in 1916, is available in the larger libraries.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

## Why Sargent Left Paris

The origin of John Sargent's settling in London was his portrait of Mme. Gautreau, according to a writer in the London Morning Post. Mme. Gautreau was a great friend of Gambetta's and was very much admired and very popular in Paris with the Republican party. When Sargent's picture of her appeared at the Salon there was a tremendous outcry against it. The French people, chiefly the artists, took it up most violently, and said Sargent had purposely caricatured her. The press also was very abusive.

Altogether the whole thing was so unpleasant for Sargent that he left Paris. He went over to London and eventually made his home there.

## Stamp Collector's Prize

Charles Hinds of Utica, N. Y., paid \$132,000 for a stamp a few years ago, probably the highest price ever paid for a single postage stamp in the world. The stamp which brought this vast sum is known as the "Boscawen stamp," and so far as anybody knows is the only one of its kind in existence. It is a 5-cent

stamp and was issued by the postmaster of Boscawen, N. H., in 1845, two years before the national government adopted the stamp system in the Post Office department.—Boston Globe.

**Absolutely Awful**  
"I heard tell, over at Mizus Flooter's," related Mrs. Johnson, who had just returned from a neighborhood call, "that Jig Fiddlin took a few drams of moonshine licker that he got down in Booger Heller, and sawed and split up three cords of wood before he got sober."

"My good gosh!" howled Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "Some of that there bone-dry licker is terrible stuff, hain't it?"—Kansas City Star.

## His Modest "Snack"

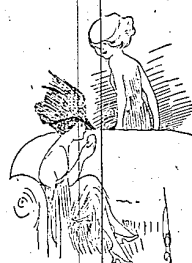
Thayer Wilshire of Augusta, Maine, claims the junior eating championship of Maine. After getting his pay the boy felt slight pangs of hunger. Before his appetite was appeased Wilshire had eaten thirteen 10-cent ice creams, six bottles of soda, two ham sandwiches, two hot dogs, two chocolate bars, a box of potato chips, and several glasses of water. And after this demonstration he ran half a mile to prove that he was physically fit.

## Famous Mound Becomes Property of Illinois

The great Cahokia mound, one of the most famous examples of the mound-builders' work extant, lying near the city of East St. Louis, has become the property of the state of Illinois. Preserved from the inroads of vandals and amateur excavators by the vigilance of the Ramey family, hereditary owners of the mound, it is still in much the same condition as it was when white men first saw it.

and it will now be permanently protected as a state park. The state paid \$32,119 for a tract of 114 acres, including the great mound itself and several lesser mounds nearby. A traditional name for the ancient earthwork is the monks' mound. During early French days in Louisiana territory a community of Trappists settled there and built their monastery on top of the artificial hill. Monks and monastery have long ago disappeared, but the name stuck long after they had departed.—Indianapolis News.

## ANSWER THAT!



"Then how is it the beauty doctors peel off one's skin to make one prettier?"

## Coming Motor Truck Age

I expect that motor-truck trunk lines will be built between cities with banked curves and grade crossings eliminated, with grades cut down as they are on railroads, so that gears will not be shifted so often. It will be done within ten years, and then over these specially constructed roads we shall see fast tractors hauling long lines of trailers. When the trunk line comes to a city it will go round it, and if the city is large enough to justify it there will be a belt around it, and the trailers will be dropped off and handled by a small tractor.—Elihu Church, Engineer of the Port of New York.

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## HORSES

1 black mare, 16 yrs; 1 bay team, age 10 yrs. wt. 2600 lbs; 1 black horse, 10 yrs; 2 sets double harness and collars; 2 single harness 3 table blankets.

## CATTLE

No. 1—5 yrs, due Feb. 5; No. 2—5 yrs, due Feb. 15; No. 3—7 yrs, due Oct 1; No. 4—7 yrs, due June 2; No. 5—6 yrs, due Feb. 15; No. 6—6 yrs, due Feb. 15; No. 7—6 yrs, due Feb. 6; No. 8—No. 9—10 yrs, due Feb. 21; No. 10—8 yrs, due Aug. 13; No. 11—9 yrs, due March 15; No. 12—7 yrs, due March 18; No. 13—7 yrs, due Mar. 18; No. 14—5 yrs, due Sept. 5; 1 2-year-old Bull.

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1 leather couch; 34 yds. ingrain carpet; 14 yds. ingrain carpet; 34 yds. ingrain carpet; 2 bersteads; 2 rocking chairs; 1 Morris chair; 1 6-ft. dining table; 1 old-fashioned drop-leaf table; 1 small heating and cook stove; 1 small heating stove; 1 churn; 2 30-gal. crocks; some picture frames; 1 cupboard; 1 hanging lamp; piano.

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