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#### **Canaries** From Home Habitat Vie for Prizes

New York .- The wild canary is due for its debut before the footlights in New York.

A company of these genuine Canary islanders is coming here to star in the bird chorus managed by the International Roller Canary Breeders' association at their show, December 14-19. Bird fanciers from all parts of the United States will bring their domesticated songsters to match the tremnlous trill of their blue-blooded ancestors. The New York Canary club

announces that more than 5.000 ca-naries will be in competition for prizes. The, wild canary is not more than five and one-half inches in length. five Some of its domestic relations measure eight inches. Most of the varieties, of which twenty-seven were recog-nized as early as the El theonth century by French fanciers differ merely in color and markings of the plum-

age. The natural song of the canary is light and clear, and in their native. groves, especially during mating season, the birds sometimes sing with sister, a little hesitating. "You're in such ardor that they burst the delicate vessels of the throat.

One of the most valued varieties has at first black wing and tail feathers, a peculiarity which disappears after the first molting. The less desirable are those on which the plumage is irregularly spotted and speckled. A native of the Canary islands and Madeira, the canary was first domesticated in Italy in the Sixteenth century. It soon spread over Europe and to America.

#### Princeton Students Earn \$255,575 Working Way

New York .- The 530 men who are working their way in part or entirely through Princeton university earned last year a total of \$255,574.33. These men constitute approximately one-routth of the student body, and the financial remuneration was obtained in a diversity of ways, varying from scholarship winners to lip-readers and majordomos at, club and private

In announcing the above facts, Norvell. B. Samuels, director of the bu-reau of student employment, cited an editorial in the Dally Princetonian, "When nearly 25 per cent of the

Princeton undergraduate body is self-supporting, either wholly or partially, it argues whealthy attitude of mind toward work of all sorts done by men to earn a part of their college ex-

"The preservation of an entirely democratic atmosphere is of the ut-micet imperiance in a community the size of Princeton."

#### How Wages Compare

The international labor office of the League of Nations makes the follow-ing comparison of the scale of wages of the United States compared with those of other countries, taking Phila-delphia as 100, showing the comparative real wages of other cities in the world at the beginning of 1925: Philadelphia, 100; Sydney, Australia, 70; Otta Canada, 68; London, England, 45; Copenhagen, Denmark, 41; Norway, 38; Amsterdam, Hol- early that his mother kn 87; Stockholm, Sweden, 36; could not possibly be out. land.

sels. Belgium, 28: Lodz, Poland, 27 Rome, Italy, 23; Vienna, Austria, 23; Warsaw, Poland, 23; Milan, Italy, 21.

# Criminals "Slip Up"

in Laughable Ways Criminals have almost invariably a ense of humor that proves their humanity. They especially relish a laugh when it is on themselves, Géorge 8. Dougherty writes, in the Saturday Evening Post. A rope ladder thief had successfully

inished one of his difficult jobs,. Fasening a rope ladder to a chimney on roof, he had to climb down to a window below, force an entrance, climb up with his loot and make his retaway.

Coming out of the door he saw his own shadow in the yard and was so nervous that he fired at it, thereby bringing about his arrest. A mishap of that kind will cause great mirth in criminal circles. A pickpocket worked all summer

without an accident. Every week he int a good proportion of his money ome to his sister and mother. Con ing home himself, after warm greetings, he wanted to know what had

"ween done with the money. "Why, Jim, I'll tell you," said the such a dangerous business that we often feel worried about you, so we gave the money to buy a stained-glass win-low in the church." tions.

After his arrest, a skillful counterfeiter told me how his undoing came about. He had been a sign painter and was decidedly artistic and skillful. Coming to New York he took a downtown office, painted "Real Estate" on the door, and used it as a workshop or painting imitation bank notes. salt. He said that though it took no more

time or work to imitate a \$100 bill hun a twenty, he had to make five entles to get change for \$100 beause the 20-dollar bills were more asily passed.

was a \$100 counterfeit that It led to his downfall. Finishing it ate one afternoon, he started for ome, but stopped in a saloon to buy a drink and a bottle of whisky. Laying his \$100 imitation bank note on the bar, it came in contact with a little whisky and the colors ran, spilled eading to his arrest.

#### A Bad Press

Edward W. Browning, the million-dire realtor, was held up the other lay by a New York reporter who anted to question him about a new hase in his ill-omened adoption of ary Spas. But Mr. Browning shook the reorter off dexterously. "Young man, I'll tell you a story."

ne said. "A realtor was lunching one hay when another realtor slapped im on the back and said: "Hello, old fellow! How are you

eeling? 'Rotten,' said the first realtor, 'All an down." "Ah, been working too hard, eh?

"'No. Papers been talking too nuch about me.'" And Mr. Browning nodded sig-ificantly and stepped into his li-

#### Wasting Time

nousine.

Little Billy Kent, four-year-old actor, was sent to kindergarten. For a few days things went along all right, but one morning he came home so early that his mother knew school

"Why, Billy," she demanded, "how Paris, France, 33; Berlin, Germany, 29; Prague, Ozechoslovakia, 29; Brus-is it that you've come home so carly "No, I has quitted," said the little fellow.

Causes of Fire Loss Divided into two classes, the chief causes of fire are: Strictly preventable —Defective chimneys and flues, fireworks, etc., gas, hot ashes, coals in open fires, matches, smoking, open light, petroleum and its products, rubbish and litter, sparks on roofs, steam and hot-water pipes, stoves, furnaces bollers and their pipes. Partly preventable — Electricity, explosions, sparks from machinery, incendiarism, lightning.

#### Grewsome Relic

The finger of Galileo is shown under a glass case in the Florence mu-It'stands, a mysterious-looking seum. bit of parchment, pointing towards heaven. The hand to which it belonged is supposed to have been put to the torture by the inquisition for ascribing motion to the earth, and the finger is now almost worshiped for having proved the motion.

Early Weather Prophet

The Shepherd of Banbury was the pseudonym taken by John Claridge in publishing, in 1744, his noted collection of rules for predicting weather changes. The book achieved immediate popularity and had many edi-

#### Queer Customs

The Zipas, chiefs of the Chibcha Indians, Colombia, were governed by singular rules. Each Zipa was the son of his predecessor's sister, was reared under special guardianship and was forbidden to see the sun or eat

#### First Newspaper

The first newspaper was the Gazetta of Venice issued in 1563 during the war with the Turks. It received its name from the small coin, called gazetta, the price charged for the privilege of reading it.

Foolish King William IV, who was king of Eng-land from 1830 to 1837, was known as "Silly Billy" on account of his eccen-trie ways. He had to resign the office

of lord high admiral because of his arbitrary conduct.

Survey of Niagara Falls The first thorough survey of the reat Niagara falls was made in 1764 by Capt. John Montressor of the Royal Engineers. The second was made 78 years later, by James Hall, for New

York state.

Famous Soldier Jose Dolores Estrada, a Nicaraguan general, was appointed in 1869, at the age of eighty-two, commander in chief against the revolutionists, whom he defeated in several encounters. He died before the campaign ended.

Second Huguenot Colony Laudonniere, who was sent by Co-ligny, in 1564, with aid for the Huguenot colony founded by Ribault, at Port Royal, S. C., finding the settlement abandoned, built Fort Carolina on the St. John's river in Florida.

Great Lombard Architect

Giovanni Antonio Amadeo, a native of Pavia, is considered the most remarkable of the Lombard architects. He was appointed chief architect of the famous Certosa of Pavia, in 1490.

#### HOW=

NATURE HAS PRESERVED TIMBER FOR CENTURIES .-Mining is generally associated with minerals and the getting of these substances out of the eart i, but there are some places where mining for timber is an importent and lucrative industry. In a wide swamp near'Chicago

quantities of white oak logs are being recovered, the remains of a great forest that was submerged seven or eight thousand years ago. Although the outer layers of wood have decayed. some chemical agent in the soil has made the remainder hard and durable and given it a delicate color, for which it is much prized. Gold prospectors in the Charlotte plains in Australia recently discovered in the bed of a river long since dried up a valuable deposit of timber known as the she-oak. Many of the logs unearthed had the appearance of having been cut and trimmed by human agency. This wood is also noted for its toughness, and is employed in the manufacture of or

naments and toilet articles. In the peat bogs in Ireland deposits of bog oak are frequently encountered. This substance is jet black and exceptionally hard, and provides a profitable industry for the inhabitants, who fashion it into ornaments, nines, crosses, and so on.

Certain New Zealanders obtain a livelihood by digging for kaurigum, an amber-colored, resinous substance derived from the kauri pine, and used in the preparation of special varnish. The fossilized vegetable resin known ds amber is also dur out of the earth and in some parts of Germany and in Jutland there are pits made spe cially for finding the substance.

#### How This Man Became His Own Grandfather

How a man is his own grandfather ts explained by a correspondent of the London Mail, in this manner:

I married a widow with a daughter. My father, who was a widower at the time, frequently visited us. He fell in love with the daughter and even tually married her. My father thus became my son-in-law and my step-

daughter my mother-in-law. Shortly afterward my wife gave birth to a son, who is naturally my father's brother-in-law and at the same time my uncle, for he is the brother of my stepmother. To make matters more involved, my father's wife also became the mother of a son. This boy is my brother and also my grandchild.

My wife is logically my grandmoth er, for she is my stepmother's mother. I am therefore my wife's husband and grandchild, and since the husband of anyone's grandmother is his grand father, I have to acknowledge that am my own grandfather.

How Red Pepper Can Save Red pepper that makes you sneeze has found a respectable and worthy use in the world, says Popular Science Monthly. It can save human life. Capt. Frank B. Gorin, secretary of the ly made this discovery. A volatile oil is derived from the red pepper. This can be mixed with the illuminating gas that flows through your gas mains. Then if the flame blow out, and gas escape into a room anyone breathing it is seized with such violent coughing and burning of the eyes that he has to run

Why Nature Has Made Famous Cheese Long Difference in Ankles

Why is an elephant's ankle so thick, and a mouse's se slender? The an-swer is bound up with the same facts that would make it impossible for a human giant 60 feet tall to take two Requefort cheese comes from the town of Roquefort perched high on a mountain in the department of Avey-ren. French historians tell us that as far back as "Bible times" cheese was carried from Roquefort to the Medi-terranean sea. The peasant people used to carry cheese to the top of the mountain and hide it in caves, which were found to be especially fitted by nature for the storing of cheese. The cool temperature of the caves made them excellent storehouses. This cheese is made of sheep's milk. Every moraing the milk is skimmed, strained steps without breaking both his legs. Explanations of some of the riddles of size and proportion in animals were set forth by Dr. J. B. S. Haldane, one of the most famous of Eng-lish scientists, and auther of the well known book of scientific prophery. "Daedalus," addressing the British As-sociation for the Advancement of Sci-

The 60-foot giant imagined by Dee-for Aldane would weigh about a thousand times as much as an ordi-nary man-say, ten tons while the space on his thigh bone where muscles could be attached would be increased could be attached would be mcreased only a hundred times. The poor egre would thus be vasify too heavy for his legs, and would infailibly collapse from sheer overweight. So that when we have a really heavy animal, like an infailing a statement her much here. diephant or a rhinoceros, he must have his bones and joints greatly thick-ened and strengthened to support his weight .- Science Service

With the object of encouraging ten-nis in Bulgaria an American diploment has the laudible idea of presenting a challenge cup for competition between members of the various tennis clubs throughout the country. The compo-tition will be conducted on lines simthe will be conducted in Davis cup ilar to those on which the Davis cup is run. Tennis, as a pastime, has not yet come into its own in the Balkans,

#### Complexities

William Lyon Phelps, the eminent critic, was discussing the new French

school of writers. "Marcel Proust," he said, "is prod ably the leader of this school. His work is complex beyond bellet. The complexities of Henry James' later manner are as simple as A B C beside Proust.

ed of gradation, the pepular mind in England and America clings to the Fabrenheit scale. Resumurs and Colsius thermom-"If Marcel Proust were writing an ordinary love scene he would make the eters, now termed centigrade, are in general use in the continent of Europe. -Chicage Journal,

"Bill, darling, am I the first girl who ever asked you if she was the first girl who ever asked you if she was the first girl you ever kinge?"

#### His Vivid Memory

food in cracked china dishes. "Ohina-ware," says a writer in the Wanhing-ten Fost, "can only be sanitary through the correct processes em-ployed during the baking and glaxing. If this is not done properly and the glasse contracts more than the body of the dish, the surface will then break into tiny cracks solar in all di-A local member of a secret fra-ternity sought to visit a strange lodge and found that he could not pass the examination at the door and knew no one qualified to youch for him. As he was turning away, a man from out is the state recognized him and spealled having been at his initiation a dosen years ago. "You wave in the class with Mr. So-and-so, warm't you?" he of the dish, the surface will then break into iny cracks going in all di-rections. Fruit fuices or any colored liquid placed in such a dish is bound to seep into these cracks, also grease and dishwater—one can readily see the unsanitary results." The imper-fections in the china form a resting place for bacteria and dirt. For this reases, plain white dishes are more satisfactory than those of fancy colors, and shapes. years ago. "You were in the cases with Mr. So-and-so, weren't you?" he inquired. "Yea," roplied the applicant, a little flattered; "how did you hap-pen to remember me so long?" "By pen to remember me so long?" "By the 'cowlick' on the back of your head," was the reply. Detroit Mawa.

#### Insulin Aids Growth

According to the result of observa-tions made by Boston specialists, chil-Banker in Embryo

#### Find Alaskan Summer Heat Hard to End Made at Roquefort

During the summer heat of the tem-parate some the Arctic regions look like a haven of rest and comfort from this distance, and it is hard to visual-ise the conditions which explorers do-

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North, but it is fiercer in properties to its limited time. Under a sun shining from twenty to twenty-four house a day, everything that grows and breeds comes to life with a rush. The land bursts in a very rist of flowers and the earth that in a fow weeks new will be ice and snow-bound is carpet-ed with delicate color. Seventy de-grees is cool for parts of the sub-arctic country. There are inland valleys in Alaska where the mercury rises to 100 de-grees in summer and men and animals wilt under the heat. There are places ing from twenty to twenty-four

wilt under the heat. There are places in the Far North of Canada in summer where the mosquitoes are so bad that neither man nor beast can face them but must flee for their lives.

Incident That Upset Dignity of Inspector

A quantity of milk had arrived in the North and was loaded on an ordi-nary trolley awaiting claim by the consignees. The trolley had on it about ten of the large cans in which milk is carried by rail.

Along came a dignified inspector, bent on taking samples of the milk for testing purposes. He mounted the troi-ley and proceeded to insert the special noo, about ten years arter he had made his name immortal by perfect-ing a device for registering heat. Be-fore his day crude thermometers had been invented by Galileo, Drebbel, Paeli, Sarpi and Sanetorio, but it was left to the bankrupt merchant of Dant-

ley and proceeded to insert the special implement he carried to mix the milk before taking out the samples. But the front bogey wheels were not well placed for such an operation. The wgight of the inspector upset the whole trolley. The contents of all the cans flowed freely over the stone pave-ment, and the dignified inspector was in the middle of it all. He must have bathed in about 100 gallons of milk bathed in about 100 gallons of milk and he had to be picked up and put nto a cab to go home and change clothes

The language of the milkmen waitondon Answers.

#### Prolific Tomato Plant

Prelific Tomato Plant The bureau of plant industry says that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility to produce one bushel of tomatoes from a single plant. This yield is received, however, by giving individual attention to the plant, al-lowing plenty of room, liberal feed-ing and fertilising. A trellis must also be erected over which the plant can extend its shoots. There is little advantage in trying to rest a mathadvantage in trying to get a m mum yield from a single plant, when the attention is centralized one plant rather than six the pl nt, for one plant rather than six the plant takes the space of five or six ordi-nary plants and the possible failures, due to insect pests or disease, is greater. As many as fifteen pound of tomatoes can be gathered from one vize without abnormal effort on the part of the grower.

#### Tribute to Teacher

Frank, age six, was a mischieven lad in school and along with several others, just as bad, managed to give the first-grade teacher no little

His schoolhouse was sit busy street, so that the teacher always went with the children to the street. some of the pranks they played and then began to explain how the teacher coached them never to cross the street without looking both ways for machines, for they might be killed. Frank exclaimed in surprise: "Yes, sir, dad, as mean as some of those kilds are she doesn't want them to be killed. What do you think of that?"

until the pores are filled. The cheeses Tennis in Balkane months, when they are shipped to Beariy all parts of the world. Fahrenheit Made First

yet come into its own in the Balkans, but every year the number of clubs fa-creases. The sporting associations are encouraging young beys and girls to take up the game. The initiative of the American diplomst is expected to go a long way toward popularising the same the game.

# moraing the milk is skimmed, strained and warmed almost to the boling point. Then it is put into pans and stirred with willow wythes. A little rennet is used to curdle the milk. After the curds are formed they are

mixed with a specially prepared bar-ley bread, which starts the green mold always to be seen in Roque and helps to give it its distinctive flavor. The cheese is allowed to remain in the press several days and is then taken to the caves and sold. There it is cured with sait. The out-side of the cheese is rubbed with sait

How to Drive a Screw

To drive a screw through soft wood take a nail slightly smaller in diameter than the screw and drive it through the first thickness. Then remove the nail with a hammer, put a bit of soap on the end of the screw insert the soapy end in the nail hole and use your screwdriver. The screw enter and turn easily without splitting the wood, as it would have been apt to do if no hole had been made for it to follow. In driving a screw into hard wood use a small dril ake the bole, then soap the end of the screw and drive as directed.

#### By Way of Suggestion

ndent in a contemporary wants to know how a jazz planist can be secured. The best way is to handcuff his hands behind his back and him m a room . with no piano .------

Fierce Fighting

In the battle of Friedland in East tor a grant

d Russian forces which cost over 25,000 killed and wounded.

> Prier William thankful

i irouble de be tettin Him so. He's they wills a "line on you. -At-"In n:o's infermation '

"You've quit !" exclaimed his as tonished mother, "You go right back this minute."

'What's the use of going back?' sobbed Billy. "They had a fire drill an don't wanta be a fireman-I'm s reen star."-Los Angeles Times.

#### **Taxing Bachelors**

The tax on bachelors recently imoosed by the Irish Free State, recalls the fact that William IIL to raise noney for the war with France, imposed a tax, which remained operative in this country from 1695 till 1706 making every unmarried man pay for his freedom in accordance with his status. The impost graded from £12 11s. per annum down in the case of dukes and archbis to 6s. for gentlemen, esquires, and loctors, and 1s. for "other persons."

Bores in Human Hand "here are no more bones in a child's nd fian, that of an adult. In the young, however, the ends of the bones have not been firmly attached to the shaft, which in an X-ray picture would give the effect of more bones than real-iv exist. Bones originate and develop e verat centers known as centers

mention.

No Power of Expansion There is no power of expansion in men. Our friends early appear to us as representatives of certain ideas which they never pass or exceed. They stand on the brink of the ocean of thought and power, but never take the

single step that would bring them Emerson.

Slightly Defective Memory "He's good at recalling names and faces." remarked the man on the car, "but his memory deserts him when it comes to small sums of money he borrowed of his friends."

Not Many Sea Burials There have been few burials at

sea for a great many years, as all large ships' are equipped with apparatus for embalming the bodies those who die on shipboard.

#### **Cleaning Leather**

To clean leather seats of chairs, try warm milk. Apply it with a soft rag and then polish with another soft cloth. Do not rub hard.

#### Earliest Boxing Glove

The cestus was a boxing glove bound to the wrist and forearm by loaded thongs. It was worn by Greek and Roman cestauril, or boxers.

#### Count the "R's"

From a story: "'I guess I don't need anybody put at my disposal,' he observed, the r's rolling from his Ho tongue with a hearty burr."

#### Slow Work

Such great care is necessary in printing banknotes that 30 days are re quired to complete the process, wheth-er the bill be \$1 or \$10.

Gave Name to Fabric Damascus was famous in the Middle ages for its silk and linen fabrics; hence the name "damask."

from the gas-laden atmosphere. Thu accidental asphyxiation is prevented.

#### Slow Growths of Oaks

England's famed oaks are disap-pearing. Many oaks were cut down during the war, as the wood was ur gently needed. Said a botanist : wood of an oak is not really any good until the tree is four hundred years old, and people today cannot afford to grow oaks for posterity. Originally large parts of England were covered with oaks. The tree is almost a rarity now in some places. It is said that an oak takes 400 years to grow to full size, is mature for another 400 years and takes 400 years more to decay In some cases I should say this h

#### How to Fight Mosquitoes

In fighting the mosquitoes in the South, a public health official hit upon the idea of saturating sawdust with oil composed of kerosene and waste crank case oil. The sawdust was then broadcast over the troublesome water or swamp just as a farmer would sow grain. In a short time it becom raterlogged and sinks, leaving a film of oil on the swamp or water. As the ground wood continues to give off the oil for several days the film is resewed during that time.

dren suffering from denotes gain in weight, if they are treated with in-sulin, is the same manner as do normal children, says the Journal of the American Medical association. The increase in height of the diabetic child treated with insulin, the casionally normal, is usually that of the normal child.

#### Super-Broadcaster

A new 100-kilowatt station is under construction at Herzegstand, Bavaria, which will enable crystal set owners to hear the programs throughout al Germany, says the Scientific Ameri Ican. This will be the most powerfu ut ell et right bright." broadcaster in the world. The second largest German broadcaster will be Koenigswusterhensen, rated at 50 kilo watts.

#### Fisherman's Odd Bait

"While fishing off Fire island with a party of men, women and children," says John J. Halloran of Flushing, L. I., "I ran out of bait. I berrowed a gundrop from a child for bait. A few minutes later I pulled in a through the later "

#### Too Much to Expect

He that would please all and him self, undertakes what he cannot do.-Dutch Proverb.

#### Void of Sunshine

There is no record that any one ever saw the sun shine on Agatha is land in the western Aleutians.

#### Wonder!

What did the weather do to get her-alf talked about?-Lafayette Lara,

the C.

hite wing took his l to the president of a large bank at said: "I want you to start my boy in the banking business, first as an office boy, next as messenger and on up the ladder as bookkeeper, teller, cashier, and so on, up to president."

Thermometer of Value

The first mercurial thermometer was the invention of Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, who died September 16,

1786, about ten years after he had

sig to produce a really dependable de

made with spirits of wine, but he soon found this unsatisfactory and adopted mercury, the medium that is used to this day. His instruments

speedily spread throughout the world, and, although the centigrade ther-memeter affords a more rational meth-

Watch Your Chinaware

There is a real danger in serving food in cracked china dishes. "China

Fahrenheit's first there

The executive, not very much ima-pressed with the lad, answered: That's a good idea, but why not start him in your own line, first as a swee er, then driver, foreman, superin ent and on to street con "Well," replied the old man, "I'd thought of that, but, you see, the bey's

#### **Chemical Affinity**

This is the attraction between difforent chemical elements which cations them, when brought together under proper conditions, to units and form compounds. For instance, if oxygen and hydrogen are brought together under the right conditions they will ns they will under the right conditions they will unite in the proportion of two atoms of hydrogen to one of exygen, which forms water. The attraction knewn as "chemical affinity" is supposed to be ejectrical.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Not Working Under Cover Grandma found little Allee, aged three, amusing herself one Sunday afternoon by ironing her doll's clothes with her toy iron and beard "Oh, Allee!" she exclaimed, "don't you know it is wrong to iron on the Subbath?"

Balaing her bright eyes to her grand-nother's face, she answered with sur-rise in her voice, "Why, grandma, on't you suppose Ded knows this little ton an't hot?

The Highest Mounta

"You see thim mountains?" em in Ireland to an American passenger. The tourist admitted that he did est

"Well, thim's the highest mou a Oirland

in Oiriand." "You don't say so!" "Oo do indade! An' you see thim mountains?" the driver went on, flick-ing the whip toward another range. "Thim's the highest in the wurruld!" The American expressed his in-credulity. "Surely not!" he protested. "Sure, it's thrue!" the driver ro-fured indiana "examits" as corretorted, bridling, "exceptin", av co for thim in furrin parts!"

#### Poetry Restored

Let poetry once more be m to her ancient truth and push her be inspired from heaven, a return, her incense ascend thith her exchange her low, yenal, subjects for such as are fair,

and magnificent; and let her

these so as at once to please, h surprise and astonish; and th necessity; the most inveterate ance and prejudice shall be dumb, and poets yet become it light and wonder of mankind,-