CAST OFF FROM A WRECK.

Tailless Cats Which Founded a Community on the New Jersey Coast.

Long Beach, the narrow strip of sand seven miles from the mainland on which the village of Beach Haven, N. J., stands, contains the only tribe of tailless cats in the United States. These cats were not detailed, says a correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. They were born without tails. Early in this century a large English brig was wrecked on that part of the Jersey coast. She became a total wreck, but the sailors' lives were saved, and so were the lives of a lot of cats. These felines came from the Isle of Man and belonged to a curious breed found only on that island known as Manx cats. At first the animals were quite tame, and frequented the vicinity of the lighthouse, where they nightly held open-air concerts that were not harmonious enough to merit the appreciation of the lightkeepers, and ultimately resulted in their being driven away. The felines took to the woods and managed to subsist during the first winter on birds, thousands of which lived in the swamps. The cats increased rapidly in number, and in a few years small packs of them could be found almost anywhere in Barnegat's woods. Their outdoor life made them savage, and the breed seems to have increased in both size and courage, for eventually they became so fierce that they would stand and show fight toward anyone who invaded their homes. They are curious looking creatures. The front legs being shorter than their hind legs causes them to make big jumps as they go about, yet it is said they can easily outrun an ordinary dog. The cats make good fishers, and when fish are plentiful they go along the beach, and, as the breakers run up on the shore, carrying with them small butterfish, mullets and silver bait, they jump into the shallow water and with their sharp claws pin a fish to the sand and the outgoing wave leaves their prey exposed. Then, before another breaker can roll in, they catch the fish and take it up on the dry beach and devour it. At times dozens of these strange-looking cats can be seen on the beach making meals off the surf clams that are cast up by the tide. For the past twenty or thirty years Long Beach has been a famous summer resort. Many of the cats have been killed by tourists or frightened back into the swamps. Occasionally some humane visitor endeavors to tame one of the animals. It is hard work, but when the effort is successful there is no more domestic or affectionate pet than a Manx cat.

WHISKY TRULY SANCTIFIED.

A Flask Is Walled Up in a New Jersey Church.

The distinction of having a quart flask of whisky walled up in the structure belongs to the Sacred Heart church of this city, says a New Brunswick special to the New York Sun. Although the church has been built for over ten years, this was not generally known until recently. Ten years ago last October the corner stone of the church was laid, and the work of building the edifice was pushed as rapidly as possible, so that before the dawn of the new year the walls were up to the first story. The cold was intense at this time, and some of the masons employed on the building acquired the habit of depending upon stimulants to keep their blood in circulation. Consequently a large quart flask was brought into requisition, and frequent trips were made from time to time to a hotel to keep it filled with the enlivening fluid. The men had their whisky with great regularity until an incident occurred unexpectedly one day that upset their calculations for the time being.

The flask had just been replenished, and the men were making ready to enjoy it, when they were startled by the sudden appearance of Father Mulligan in company with several other ecclesiastics, who had come to make an inspection of the progress of the work. The man who had the flask happened to be quick-witted, or the secret would have been out. Without a moment's hesitation he quickly stowed the flask in between the inner and outer walls, while the other men went on with their work, consoling themselves with the thought of the good cheer that awaited them when the visitors departed. They reckoned in vain. Father Mulligan and his friends remained close to where the men were working for a long time. Although the wall was gradually inclosing the precious whisky bottle, the masons did not dare stop work for fear of exciting suspicions.

When the party finally took its departure, to their dismay the masons found that the flask was out of sight, and all efforts to get it were unavailing. They did not dare tear the wall down to get it, so the whisky remained in the wall, and the filling of cement sealed it securely.

The men who were engaged in erecting the building lived out of town, and the story of the flask was recalled several days ago, when one of the men, who was visiting this city, went to the church to attend service, and thus had the incident brought to his memory.

He Ruined the Business.

American temperance agitators would not enjoy themselves in Austria. A native of a small village, after a long cataleptic trance, a year ago, declared that he had been to Heaven and had been commissioned by the Almighty to return and teach the peasants the wickedness of drinking spirits. Soon the entire village took an oath of total abstinence. The district governor committed the man to the madhouse, where the doctors kept him for six months and then declared him sane. He resumed his agitation and in a short time seven villages had taken vows of abstinence. The result was that a number of liquor dealers to whom the government had granted licenses refused to keep their contracts. The district judge gave orders that the dangerous agitater be arrested if caught preaching abstinence.

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FROM FARM TO BARROOM.

The Journey and Gradual Increase in Price of a Bushel of Corn.

Illinois is the great corn state and Peoria is the center of its most prolific belt. Peoria is a great grain market and especially for corn. Vast quantities of the golden grain are shipped into that city for general distribution and loaded into its mammoth elevators by the hundreds of thousands of bushels. A great deal of corn is shipped from Peoria, but a vast quantity is used there. There is more corn used in Peoria than in any three cities in the union, even though these cities be New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. The reason is obvious, says the Peoria Herald. Peoria is not only the center of the great distilling interests, but there are located two of the greatest sugar houses in the country. Down the capacious maws of the great distilleries are poured every day 20,000 bushels of corn. The sugar houses use from 5,000 to 10,000 bushels more each day in the year. To supply the constant demand the product of 1,000 acres of rich corn lands is daily shipped into Peoria for home consumption. Aside from these there are fully 5,000 bushels used daily for other purposes. So that it is safe to estimate that fully 9,000,000 bushels of corn are used in that city annually for manufacturing and other purposes. The greater part of this is manufactured into spirits.

It is wonderful to consider the changes made by a bushel of corn in its transition from the owner's crib to the glass of the consumer. These changes are various and far reaching. They are other than financial. But consider simply the mere element of value. Corn was sold the other day in Peoria for 35 cents per bushel. It came all the way from Nebraska, perhaps, where it brought but 25 cents. In transit two dealers received a commission of 1 cent each. The railroad company received 8 cents for its freight and other charges. The distiller paid 35 cents. He took and converted it into four and a half gallons of finished spirits and fed one of his steers on the refuse. The distiller sold the spirits to a local dealer for $5.12, of which Uncle Sam received $4.05 as a tax on the spirits, leaving a balance to the distiller of 72 cents after he had paid 35 cents for his corn. The spirits, after being well watered and compounded, are sold at a profit by the compounder and rectifier to the dealer, who sells out at 15 cents a drink. The four and one-half gallons have swelled to nine, and before it gets through it swells many a head and also the revenue of the city where its lines may be cast. So that, in its travels from the Nebraska crib to the Chicago saloon, that bushel of corn has increased in value from 25 cents to many dollars, and with its constant running mates has furnished employment to at least to fifty men or more and has contributed to both the national and municipal revenues. Such magic there is in the juice of the golden corn. Of the juice of that one bushel of corn, at least 100 persons have imbibed, from the pious old lady who took it for "la grippe" to the jolly old toper who took it for "the tight."

To resume, that bushel of corn was thus scattered on the highways of business and pleasure: Farmer, 25 cents; railroads, 88 cents; commission men, 2 cents; distillers, 72 cents, 72 cents; feeder, 10 cents; Uncle Sam, $4.05; compounder and rectifier, 25 cents; retail dealer, $10; city, $3. The consumer got whatever was left in the spirits, each according to his strength or weakness.

CAPABLE OF GREAT EXPANSION.

The Swell Toad Not Naturally Big—How to Have Fun with Him.

What is called the "swell" toad on the Carolina and Georgia coast is in his natural state only about six inches in length and four inches across the back, but he is endowed with wonderful expansive facilities, being capable of inflating himself like a Yale football on the slightest provocation. Many tales are told of his poisonous qualities and of the death-dealing fluids that are stored away at the base of his fangs, but all naturalists agree that the toad is nonvenomous, and that stories to the contrary are but bits of idle folk lore. Be this as it may, the coasters handle him (when they condescend to touch the ugly creatures at all) as charily as they would a live rattler. The under portions of the body of the "swell" are of a dirty yellowish white, corresponding almost exactly to the color of the true bufo's belly, but where the latter is smooth the former is as prickly as the pod of a "jimson weed." In order to see him swell out of all proportions it is only necessary to rub this prickly surface with a cane, stick or other object. To do this properly the creature must, of course, be turned upon his back, and the funny part of the whole experiment is this: He cannot expel the air which the irritation has caused him to inhale until he has been turned right side up. Although originally a six-inch animal, the St. Louis Republic says it has been known to expand until it is as tight as a drum and had lost all semblance to animated life. It has even been related of them that they would continue to expand under irritation until the body would finally burst from over-inflation.

The Greatest Pyramid.

The great pyramid of Gizeh is the largest structure of any kind ever erected by the hand of man. Its original dimensions at the base were 764 feet square, and its perpendicular height in the highest point is 488 feet; it covers four acres, one rood and twenty-two perches of ground, and has been estimated by an eminent English architect to have cost not less than £30,000,000, which in United States currency would be about $145,200,000. Internal evidences proved that the great pyramid was begun about the year 270, B. C., about the time of the birth of Abraham. It is estimated that about 5,000,000 tons of hewn stone were used in its construction, and the evidence points to the fact that these stones were brought a distance of about 700 miles from quarries in Arabia.

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Eskimos Find the Faithful Animal a Necessity of Their Miserable Existence.

"Without dogs the larger portion of the great Eskimo family peopling the barren northern coast of America would find it impossible to exist in its chosen home." So writes E. W. Nelson in his "Mammals of Northern Alaska." They are used in the winter for hunting, sledge-drawing and the like, but in summer are mostly left to shift for themselves. They receive much hard usage, as well as do much hard work, but are described, nevertheless, as a rollicking set, full of play, fond of human society and quarrelsome as schoolboys. Mr. Nelson credits them with a vein of humor and declares that their varying characteristics can be read in their faces. They are worth from two dollars to fifteen dollars apiece, according to age, size and intelligence. For sledge-drawing they are harnessed in teams of either seven or nine—three or four pairs and a leader. The load is from three hundred and fifty to seven hundred pounds and the course is mainly through unbroken snow or over rough ice. With a team of seven dogs and a load of more than three hundred pounds Mr. Nelson made a journey of more than twelve hundred miles in about two months. The last sixty miles were made over a bad road in a continuous pull of twenty-one hours. They are much affected by the moon. During full moon half the night is spent by them in howling in chorus. "During the entire winter at St. Michael's," says Mr. Nelson, "we were invariably given a chorus every moonlight night, and the dogs of two neighboring villages joined in the serenade." He speaks of its "wild, weird harmony," and seems to have found it agreeable rather than otherwise. The influence of the moon is also very apparent when the dogs are traveling. They brighten up as the moon rises, and pricking up their ears start off as if they had forgotten their fatigue. The fur traders take advantage of this fact, and sometimes lie over during the day and travel at night. The dogs endure an astonishing degree of cold. Mr. Nelson saw a female with two newly-born puppies lying upon the snow near a hut, with no sign of shelter, when the thermometer ranged from thirty to thirty-five degrees below zero.

OBEYED ORDERS STRICTLY.

How a Collector Secured a Six Weeks' Holiday and a Partnership.

"When I was a youngster of seventeen," said a successful business man to a Detroit Free Press reporter, "I got a job as collector with a man who was about as strict a martinet as I ever saw. He insisted on everything being done just as he said, and there were times when life was verily a burden, but I stuck to him for six months, then we had a difference. It was this way: One morning he called me up and handed me a bill on a man I knew and said for me to take it around and collect it.

"'It's one of our standbys,' he said, 'and every collector I ever sent to him reported him absent or not findable or something. Now you go and don't come back here till you see him.'

"'Do you mean that?' I asked, as two or three clerks looked up.

"'You know me,' was all he said in reply and I went out after my man.

"He wasn't at home, the people said, and wouldn't be for six weeks. So I stuck the bill in my pocket and went off up the country on a visit. The old man sent after me half a dozen times, but my folks could only tell I was out of town, and I never paid any attention to a letter I got from the boss, but went on enjoying myself. Then I came back and had a visit with some other friends and at the end of six weeks I called on my man again with the bill. I found him at home and told him what I had done, and he paralyzed me by paying the bill with interest. Two hours later I stepped into the boss' office.

"'There,' I said, before he had time to gather his wits, 'is the amount of your bill and interest. He was out of town for six weeks and I couldn't see him before. You told me not to come back till I did see him, and I was obeying your instructions. I had a rattling good time and the house owes me six weeks' salary.'

"The old man gasped, got blue in the face and I thought he was going to explode, but he didn't; he gulped it all down and stuck out his hand.

"'Young man,' he said, 'you ought to have been a soldier; I'm going to put you in charge of the collection department and double your salary, and,' concluded the merchant, 'when I was twenty-five I was a partner.'

A Ghoulish Hashery.

In Brussels there is a restaurant entitled the Cafe de la Mort, the walls of the subterranean chamber being hung with paintings of skulls, skeletons and crossbones, the chairs are stools, the tables coffins and the beverage, which costs six cents a glass, is called "microbes." A performance takes place nightly in an adjoining vault. On the black curtain rising a man is disclosed standing upright in a coffin. As the assemblage watches, his white bones are gradually seen to shine forth through his clothes until he becomes a grizzly skeleton. A death certificate is then presented to the principal actor in this optical illusion and the performance closes.

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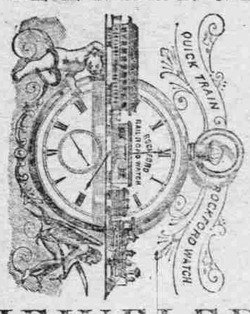

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Leave Weldon	A M 11 47	P M 9 51		A M	P M 1 18
Ar. Rocky Mount	12 55	10 45			2 12
Arrive Tarboro	2 35				
Leave Tarboro	12 07				
Lv Rocky Mount	12 55	10 45		6 10	
Leave Wilson	1 55	11 25			
Leave Selma	2 45				
Lv Fayetteville	4 25	1 15			
Arrive Florence	7 05	3 27			
	No. 47, Daily.				
Leave Wilson	P M 2 05			A M 7 50	
Leave Goldsboro	3 00			8 50	
Leave Magnolia	4 13			9 55	
Ar. Wilmington	5 40			10 10	
	P M			A M	

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATED Dec. 24, 1893.	No. 76, Daily.		No. 24 Daily.	No. 40, Daily.	No. 46 Daily.
Leave Florence	A M 7 40		P M 7 05		
Lv Fayetteville	10 25		9 50		
Leave Selma	12 10				
Arrive Wilson	1 05		11 18		
	No. 48, Daily.				
Lv Wilmington	A M 9 00			P M 7 00	
Leave Magnolia	10 40			8 35	
Leave Goldsboro	12 00			9 48	
Arrive Wilson	12 50			10 55	
	No. 78, Daily.		No. 44, Daily.		
Leave Wilson	P M 1 15		P M 11 23	P M 10 40	P M
Ar. Rocky Mount	2 05		12 05	11 25	
Arrive Tarboro	2 35				
Leave Tarboro	12 54				
Lv Rocky Mount	2 05		12 05		6 00
Arrive Weldon	3 15		12 55		A M
	P M		A M	P M	A M

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Trains on Scotland Neck Branch road leave Weldon 3:40 p m; Halifax, 4:00 p m; arrive Scotland Neck 4:55; Greenville, 6:37 p m; Kinston, 7:35 p m. Returning leaves Kinston 7:20 a m; Greenville, 8:22 a m; arriving at Halifax 11:00 a m; Weldon 11:20 a m, daily, except Sunday.

Trains on Washington branch leave Washington 7 00, a m., arrives at Parmele 8 40 a m, Tarboro 9 50—returning leaves Tarboro 4 40 p m, Parmele 6 10 p m, arrives Washington 7 35 p m, daily except Sunday. Connects with trains on Scotland Neck Branch.

Train leaves Tarboro, via. Albemarle & Raleigh R. R., daily, except Sunday, 5 00 p m, Sunday 3.00 p m; arrive Plymouth 9:20 p m, 5:20 p m. Returning leaves Plymouth daily, except Sunday 5:30 a m, Sunday 6:30 a m; arrive Tarboro 10:25 a m, and 11:45 p m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 6:55 a m; arrive Smithfield 7:30 a m. Returning leaves Smithfield 8:00 a m; arrives Goldsboro 9:30 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount 4:30 p m; arrives Nashville 5:05 p m; Springhope, 5:30 p m. Returning leaves Springhope 8:00 a m, Nashville, 8:35 a m; arriving at Rocky Mount 9:15 a m, daily, except Sunday.

Train on Latta Branch Florence R R leaves Latta 6 30 p m; arrive Dunbar 7 40 p m. Returning leave Dunbar 6 30 a m; arrive Latta 8:00 a m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday, at 4:10 p m. Returning leaves Clinton at 7:20 a m., connecting at Warsaw with main line trains.

Train No. 78 makes close connection at Weldon for all points North, daily, all rail via. Richmond, and daily, except Sunday, via. Portsmouth and Bay Line. Also at Rocky Mount with Norfolk and Carolina road for Norfolk daily and all points North via Norfolk daily except Sunday.

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