BACKERS ARE KEPT GUESSING

About One of the Most Uncertain Sporting Events Imaginable Is a Cockroach Race.

Russian refugees in Constantinople turn their hands to all sorts of money-making devices. The latest and most successful are cockroach races. These are held in rooms which the Russians hire along the Grand Rue de Pera. The story as told by Kenneth L. Roberts in the Saturday Evening Post, is that in the center of each room is a large table with a miniature race track built on it. The owner places a box at one end of the track and waits until his patrons have made their bets on five contestants. Then he opens the box and discloses five enormous cockroaches attached to diminutive sulkies. As the box is opened four of the contestants may start briskly around the track, while the fifth may turn abruptly and canter in the wrong direction amid heart-breaking groans from those who are backing his colors. Then the leader of the four racers who are headed in the right direction may stop short and twiddle his feelers pensively, and the other three may also stop and cluster around him to investigate the cause of the delay. While the conference is in progress the cockroach that started the wrong way may change his mind, turn and come dashing past the four idlers with his eyes flashing and his tail up. Then the four idlers may recover from their momentary ennui, start briskly up the track again and pass the fifth contestant, who has probably fallen into a brown study and leaned up against the race-track wall with crossed legs and weakly waving feelers. And so it goes, until one of the cockroaches finally pulls himself together and scuttles across the finish line.

SEES POSSIBLE FALL OF MAN

Scientist Points Out How the Race May Sink to the Level of Lower Savages.

"Some millions of years from now an entirely new and more highly organized animal may spring from some ancestral stock now relatively obscure and rise, at first slowly and then more rapidly, to even greater heights of achievement than anything which lies within the capacity of the human species."

After tracing the geologic evolution of the earth so far as man knows it, Dr. Eliot Blackwelder of Harvard university, at the meeting of the geological societies of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in Toronto, Canada, in these words suggested the possibility of a future usurper of man's pre-eminent place on earth.

"As our modern civilization becomes more and more specialized and diversified, our relations to our environment become more and more complex and our adjustments more delicate," Doctor Blackwelder said.

"Eventually, after all the latest possibilities for advancement possessed by the human species have been exhausted, the race may conceivably sink back to the general level of the lower savages, which are but little above the other mammals."—Kansas City Star.

When Ingenuity Triumphed.

Caught short on time with a New York opening date booked, and facing a huge loss for each day's delay, a moving-picture producer made arrangements to edit, title, and cut the play en route between Los Angeles and the eastern metropolis recently. With a special car equipped as a laboratory and attached to a limited train, the work was found entirely practical even while speeding eastward at a mile a minute or more. Twenty-eight heavy steel containers carried the original film, which remained in the "can" all the time it was not actually in use. Editors and cutters worked continually, stopping only for meals and for a few hours' sleep at night, and on these occasions every scrap of film was returned to its proper container. The work was entirely successful; and by the time the train arrived in New York the film was finished and ready for delivery. —Popular Mechanics Magazine.

On the Jump.

"I reckon you had a right lively time in Kansas City?" insinuated an acquaintance.

"Tolable," replied Gabe Gosnell of Grudge, "but nothing like what I probably would have had if I wasn't considerably lively on my feet. You see, up in Kay See, if you meet a respectable looking man after four o'clock in the afternoon anywhere the least bit off to one side, he's a holdup and robs you.

"And if you meet one that don't look respectable, he's a plain-clothes policeman, and pounds you because he thinks you're a holdup. So I was practically on the keen jump all the time I was there, dodging one or the other." —Kansas City Star.

Would Have Helped Some!

Nick Slick, the latest acquisition to the town, had done the "heavy" in no half-hearted fashion.

Smart, and glib of speech, he had found the townspeople of Little Litville very simple folk and easy game.

He had obtained credit right and left, and then he had flown gently away, without ever disturbing the dust or the pile of unpaid bills in his lodgings.

"By gosh!" muttered Wilkins, the grocer, who was hard hit by the defaulter, "if I'd known he didn't intend paying, I'd have charged him doubie, I would!"—London Tit-Bits.

To the old maid there is only one marriage problem.

The flapper vamp is rarely as dangerous as she is painted.

What the farmer needs most is an auto that will eat oats.

And now China wants to scrap her navy—naturally as junk.

You can pull yourself together by pulling together with your fellows.

About the only thing that scares a horse in town now is another horse.

Divorce statistics suggest that they still are scrapping on the matrimonial sea.

The reason many have to walk is because they cannot afford both taxis and taxes.

The champion cow of 1921 has been chosen and it's all right. She won't go into vaudeville.

Next war might not impose such heavy burdens on us. We might have the luck and lose it.

Anybody who can waive all conscientious scruples can become a sort of "financial wizard."

The twenty-eight Princeton freshmen who say they have never kissed a girl don't say what girl.

Even in this era of changing values it appears that three of a kind are still better than two pairs.

Blue sky is excellent, but overcredulous citizens should not be allowed to spend their good money for it.

One nice thing about the disarmament conference: It gives everybody a chance to say, "I told you so."

It would appear that among the least lucrative professions in Europe is that of collecting war debts.

A doughboy with the bayonet is still the most effective instrument of war if the enemy will fight that way.

There is little likelihood of a man building his house on the sands these days. It requires too many rocks.

If ever we get ambitious and start out to break a record, it will be the one the neighbor plays about 11 p. m.

In the Sudan it costs eight spearheads to buy a wife. In this country a single bonehead often secures a fine wife.

At ninety, a doctor attributes longevity to proper food. Other doctors add that enough of it is also as important.

Driven to the wall though it may be, jazz can at least claim credit for having brought the cowbell into the orchestra.

There has been considerable talk for a year or so of reforming the dance, but have you looked on at one lately?

A brunette has been declared the prettiest woman. Pedestrians are warned against flying bottles of peroxide.

The wireless is taking the country by storm, but there are signs already that it will not be a wireless campaign.

The world is facing a shortage in olive oil this season. There's another calamity to be laid at the door of the boll weevil.

The law of compensation is what balances the average between the bobbed hair crop and the feminine "switch" output.

Another evidence of return to normalcy is the report that poker players are more afraid of holdup men than of the police.

If the movement to print restaurant menus in plain English gains too many adherents it will take the glamour out of commercial eating.

A Massachusetts professor says the metal coffeepot is unsafe. Yet the old tinpot helped settle this country west of the Alleghenies.

A young lady to whom $60,000 was left in a will if she did not marry, has married. That is what many would look upon as will power.

London doctors claim that it is bad for the health to jump out of bed as soon as you wake up. Most of us are very careful of our health.

Profiteering in wives has begun in Central Africa, showing how long it takes for the savages to adopt the customs of Christian nations.

The United States propaganda bureau might find a way to correct the British impression that polygamy is quite general in this country.

"Debauchery in dancing" among young persons is declared by an educator to presage the ruin of civilization. What does he mean, "civilization"?

Bachelors are up in arms against the proposed tax on them. They declare that the strain on them now is as great as it is upon a single suspender button.

PROFITABLE DEAL IN FOXES

Treasury of the United States Benefited and the Value of the Breed Increased.

In the spring of 1921 the bureau of biological survey directed attention to the fact that the blue foxes on some of the Aleutian islands are deteriorating through inbreeding, and that there was a desire on the part of the natives and others to secure animals from the Pribilof islands for restocking purposes.

In order to assist in building up the blue fox industry of the Aleutians, where climatic conditions appear to be favorable, the introduction of new blood from the Pribilofs was accordingly undertaken by the bureau of fisheries, and eight live blue foxes were placed aboard the coast guard cutter Bear at St. George island September 15, 1921. One pair went to L. A. Lavigne, lessee of Unalga island; one pair to the Unalaska Native Brotherhood, lessees of Avatanak island, and two pairs to N. E. Bolshanin, lessee of Kavalga and other islands. The purchasers supplied shipping cases and transportation was at their risk.

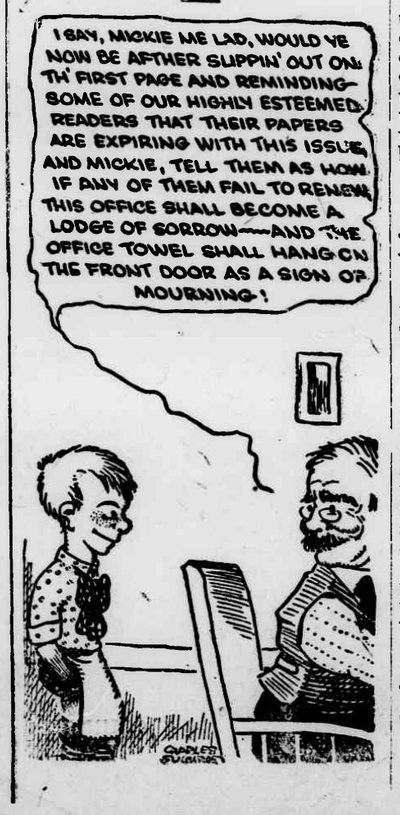
All the foxes were received at Unalaska in good order and were promptly placed on the islands under lease to the various persons concerned. The price charged for each animal was $88.12, this being the average realized for Pribilof blue fox skins at the sale at St. Louis February 21, 1921. The amount received for the eight foxes was $704.90; $5 was allowed natives of the Pribilof islands for each fox secured, and the net proceeds, amounting to $664.96, were turned into the treasury of the United States.—Fisheries Service Bulletin.

New Cape Breton Salt Bed.

The first rock salt deposit ever found in Cape Breton has been made near Whycocomagh, Victoria county, where a thin upper vein of a salt bed has been pierced at a depth of 120 feet below the ground's surface. A number of natural springs rich in salt have also been discovered and a company of Cape Breton has been incorporated for the purpose of developing the salt production industry in the district.

A nation gets rich by going to war much as a bear gets fat by sucking its paw.

MICKIE SAYS



NOTICE

North Carolina
Transylvania county
George L. Pegues
vs.
Ruth Flora Pegues
Inthe the Superior Court
July term, 1922.

The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior court of Transylvania county by the plaintiff to obtain a decree of absolute divorce, and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the 6th Monday before the first Monday in September, 1922, at the Court House of said county in Brevard, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

This the 13th day of June, 1922.
N. A. MILLER, Clerk Superior Court
July 7.-D. L. E.

NOTICE.

Having duly qualified as Administrator of the estate of L. E. O'Kelley, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present them, itimized and verified, to the undersigned, on or before May 25, 1923 or this notice will be plead in bar for their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This May 25th, 1922.
Mrs. Flora O'KELLEY Administrator
June 30—pd.

NOTICE

North Carolina
Transylvania county
A. J. Hamilton et al.
vs.
Merrill Pickelsimer et al.
In Superior Court
Before the Clerk

The defendants in the above entitled action, to wit: Merrill Pickelsimer, and wife—Pickelsimer, J. C. Fullbright and wife, Jamie Fullbright James Norman and wife, Dovie Norman, John H. Allison and wife, Bessie Allison, Jeff Pickelsimer, Lemuel Pickelsimer and Daisy Lee Pickelsimer, will hereby take notice that a special proceeding entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Transylvania county, N. C., before the clerk of said court for the purpose of selling a certain lot of land lying in Boyd township, Transylvania county, N. C., near Blantyre station, and dividing the proceeds of said sale among the various parties entitled thereto.

The said defendants will further take notice that they and each of them are required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior court of Transylvania county, N. C., on the 22nd day of July, 1922, and then and there answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiffs, or the relief demanded in said petition will be granted.

This June 21st, 1922.
N. A. MILLER, Clerk Superior Court, Transylvania county, N. C.
July 21-4t.-W. G.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON

North Carolina,
Transylvania county
Application for pardon
of
Sherman Owen

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Sherman Owen convicted at the November-December term of the Superior Court of Transylvania County for the crime of murder and sentenced to State Prison for a term of fifteen years.

All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This the 19th day of June, 1922.
MRS. SHERMAN OWEN
June 30-W. E. B.

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