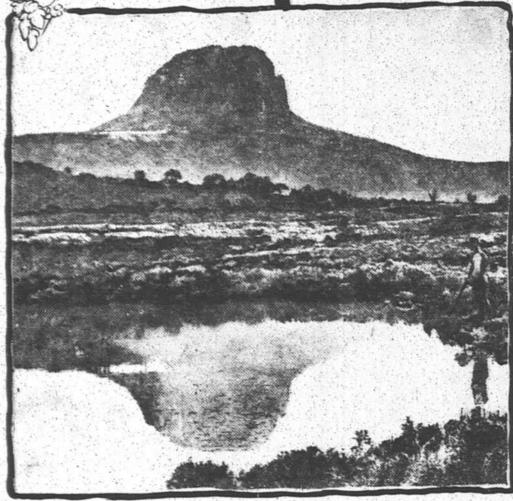
TASMANIA-"The Speck"



A Tasmanian Landscape.

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ASMANIA, one of the most pleasant spots touched by any part of the American fleet in its course in Pacific waters, is the only point visited which gave the sailors a taste of the southern winter while their friends back home were in midsummer. The island extends more than 300 miles closer to the South pole than Melbourne and reaches 200 miles farther south than Wellington, New Zealand. Its southern tip is in a latitude that corresponds with that of Portland, Maine.

Tasmania is a small island compared to Anstralia, and Australians sometimes facetiously refer to it as "The Speck," But for all that it hus an area of 20,000 square miles; which makes it larger than the state of West Virginia. Its northern shore lies

existence from woolen mills to chocolate factories-to add another extremely important phase to Tasmanian activities.

The belt of rich brown soil along Tasmania's northern coast has made this region the vegetable garden for southern and southeastern Australia. Shiploads of fresh vegetables are sent in season to help feed the concentrated populations of Melbourne, Sydney; and Adelaide. These northern plains are especially famed as pota- clever. to lands.

development of the island, however, has been in apple growing. It was found that the region around Hobart. the capital, produces this fruit to perfection. Now great orchards cover the countryside, and more than 2,000-(00) hushels of apples are shipped yearly to Australia, Great Britain, the European continent, and even Africal Blue Gum Its Best Tree. Henvy forests grow in Taspunia, most of the trees being of Australian types. There are some, however, un? like those of Australia, which are exactly like trees growing in Tierra del-Fuego, the southernmost tip of South America - a fact that has made gooles gists wonder. The most important tree of the island is the Tasmania "Tell Me, Won't You, Daddy?" Asked line gum a encalyptus; which is one if the strongest, densist and most n salt water for it is practically . Yes he would have known that! Street Will Course like those in Australia, chiefly mar- out of another, or in any way tries mossion ire the best known members | escape, of this order. The queerest of the Tasmanian mersuphils are the Tasmanian devi Somewhat resembling a ferossets little bear, and the Tasmainian tiger, in reality a marsuphal wolf. Both were exceedingly destructice, to sheep in the early days and have almost been exterminated by the ranchmen. Two slogans that have been applied to Tasmania-"Playground of Australia" and "Sanatorium of the South" speak of an "industry" that is growing more important every year. During the hot season in Australia thousands of tourists cross the Bass strait and make a thriving summer a wolfy person or of a woodchuckey hotel business in the towns and hill person resorts. So, too, the tonic climate of the southern island is being utilized in spite of all our greatness and clevmore and more at all seasons by con-



FOXY FOXES

"Daddy," said Freddy Fex, "why are you and all of our family called 'those cunning foxes,' and in such a way that it doesn't mean we are dear, and cunning, but that we are sly and cunning in that way?

"Yes, and I've heard them say when they looked at you?

" 'Oh, isn't he a sly fox ?"

"Ab," said Daddy Fox, "there is a reason for what they say. A fine and honorable reason, too." "Tell me, won't you, Daddy?" asked

Freddy Fox.

"I am only too ready to tell you," said Daddy Fox, "for we are famous for this reason. Yes, we have been famous for it for years and years and years and years and years and years." So Duddy Fox began:

"Ever since there have been foxes," he said, "and that has been a long, long, long time, we have been thought. cunning and sly.

"Sometimes, as you know, people speak of a cunning child, and they mean a pretty, attractive, dear little child, just as you have heard the word cunning to mean.

"But that isn't the way they use the word or make it mean when they speak of a cunning fox.

"Then they mean a crafty creatureone who can look after himself and fool the other fellow.

"That's what a fox is!"

"Fine," said the little fox, as his small eyes shone very brightly, and had a cruel look in them as well.

For he was thinking of the chickens he would catch if he were free, and that he would not be caught, for it and preserve the few somebodies to was the nature of a fox to be so

He might not have known before the The most spectacular agricultural meaning of the word cunning as it is



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Pride in Ancestry

It is urged in defense of the lowly and in disparagement of the well born that a man cannot select his ancestors, but as a matter of fact a man frequently does.

Take the case of the man whose great-great-great-grandsire was a noted general. This man had two grandfathers, four great-grandfathers, eight great-great-grandfathers and 16 greatgreat-great-grandfathers, of whom the zeneral was one. Each of the 16 had a wife, so that the man's cosmos contains but one thirty-second part of the general. When blood gets so thin It leaves little trace, and yet this man selects the general as his ancestor and says nothing of the others.

The reason is obvious. The others were nobodies. We have, then, a man who is one part general and 31 parts nobody; and yet in many ways he seems to be the general come to life igain. He has the general's pride and manners and love of decency.

At first glance this seems a puzzle, but the solution is simple.

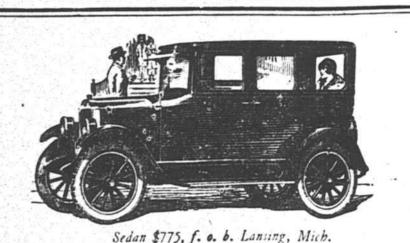
The general, being the one ancestor that family pride cares to remember, has been talked about and presented to children as a model for many generations. The gentleman is like the general because the general was used as a pattern in shaping his life.

The general's pride that he seems to inherit is not an inheritance. It is a homegrown pride, based on the fact of the general. The man says to himself: "I am descended from a general; that's who I am." Wherefore he carries his head high and looks the world in the face. But if there was no blood connection, and the man merely thought there was, his pride would be no less.

Which brings us at last to the point : "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." The well born have a tremendous advantage merely because they have something to live up to. And parents render a genuine service when they forget the nobodies on the family tree inspire the kils. An ancestor is worth while If he can stiffen the backbone of a modern who might not be worth a whoop without family pride teen, and seventy-three women of sixto keep him decent and set him a ty-five years and over. The oldest mark .-- Baltimore Sun.

Fast Travel to India

Ali-steel airplanes now under con- years gave birth to children. Refer struction in London, will make the ring to infant mortality, the president trip from England to India, roughly of the Health Association for Women



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Australian Child Brides Australia's child brides during 1923 numbered 483, under seventeen years of age, the youngest being only thirbridegrooti was eighty-six. Among the young mothers was a child of

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nearly 200 miles south of Australia across Bass strait.

When the Australian commonwealth was formed in 1901, the people of the mainland seemed to feel that Tasmania would be merely a banger-on. Its real role, however, appears to be, to furnish what Australia lacks. It is a vegnable fruit Larden for the prodnets of the temperate zone) producing to persection applest peaks, plums, pencies, apricots, cherries, and all storts of berries. Australia's climate is a little warm is produce some of these fruits at their best.

While Australia is deficient in externonce jossibilities. Tasminia has much of such potential power. There is heavy precipitation on the entral phasent of the island, which has an avyrage ledght of heast feel. that from this minerous streams pling, over short courses to the sea, one sig power plant has biready been completed 62 miles from Hobart, cup ital of Tasaanda, and the energy af high voltages's sour into the city, As r posint of this development Hobart has due of the chequest supplies of electricity of may city, in the world. As might be inferred from Tasminia's abandant water power, the island is well watered and, unlike, parts of Australia, nover knows a droughti-

 Λ third field in which Tasmania supplies factors taiking disewhere in the ommonwealth is in mining. Australiahas its own gold mines and certain other metals and minerals, but some metals that are lacking or insufficiently supplied are by good fortune furnished by Tasmania. In this list are included tin, copper, lead, coal and wolfram, an ope of tungsten.

Variety Its Keynote.

The keynote of Tasminia is variety. Although the island is only 180 miles wide and 200 long, it has a considerable range of climate, so much so that when crops in certain places are ready to harvest, plants of the same kind in other sections may be just starting their growth. Such contrasts are due to differences in heightabove sen level. Along the northern coast as a belt of low plains from tento forty miles wide: Along the other coasts the strip of lowhind is narrowor, and in some places the hills meet the sea. Hills cover a large part of. the next zone infand; and in the center of the island is an extensive plateau topped by mountains rising nearly 4000 feet.

A good part of the inland country is devoted to sheep ranching. The backward even than the Australian have many grown men and women, too, all with their great numbers and aborigines. The skeleton of the last nilld but bracing elimate is admirable. arrangements taking advantage of us. Tasmanian is preserved in the Ho for stock breeding, and some very fine strains of sheep have been developed. | bart museum, "We hunt for our food, but they hunt, as they call it, for 'sport.' They Australian ranches are constantly; When Tasmania was discovered in give us a place to live and wander 1642 by a Dutch navigator, Tasman, it drawing upon Tasmania for new blood. about in, and then they cruelly call was named Van Diemen's Land, a Tasmania's propensity for variety it sport when they come after us with name which stuck to it for several censhows itself by the fact that there is packs of hounds, and they do it for no dominant industry or crop. It is turies. The British hurriedly estab-'fun.' No, Freddy, foxes are not so about equally important as a grain lished the first settlement on the iscountry, a frust country, a wool coun- land in 1803 for fear the French were bad as people sometimes are." bry and a mining country; and the about to colonize it. Conundrums products of these industries are ap- The original inhabitants of Tas-Why is Westminster abbey like a of life must exist. proximately equaled by hay, vege- mania were black and woolly-haired. table and dairy products. In the sec- but differed from the Australian abotireplace? ond rank of industries such diverse ac- rigines. They are said to have been Because it holds the ashes of the tivities as lumbering, hops growing, the most primitive people of modern grate (great). . . . trust preserving and smelting are on times, having the development of mena level in importance. In the near of the Stone age, Only about 2,000 How does a spoon in a cup resemfuture Tasmania may expert power, strong in 1803, they rapidly disapble an attractive book? for the project of running an electric peared. Their going constitutes one It is in-tea-resting (interesting). cable, under Bass strait to southern of the most tragle chapters in the . . . Australia is being seriously consid- history of the white settlement of new, When is a pie like a poet? ered. The development of power, tho, hands. When it's Browning.

videscent' Australians. Hobart, the capital, like its sister capitals, Melbourne and Sydney, has na excellent harbor. The city lies on few miles from the sea. Ships of ordi- much greatness as we can stand." nary tonnage can tie up to the city quays, and just outside the estuary is the largest battleships can tind ample water.

Aborigines Are Extinct.

Near Hobert in 1876 the last of the Tasmanian aborigines died. These people were among the lowest types

Freddy Fox.

durable woods in the world. It is used when speaking of a fox, but he twices as strong as English, oak, and would have known how to not out the s used extensively for construction (meaning of the work,

inmine from glack by the feredo . "We always have three or four enwhich soon destroys ordinary diabers, trances to our homes, or our holes, Railroad dies of this wood last for when we are free," said buildy Fox. "That is so anyone who trues to The animal's of Tasmania are mustly, tran as through one hole or smole us,

similals, which earry their, young in the get us out or destroy us, cannot ponches. The kanzaroo and our own do so because we have other ways of

"Yes, fexes all build their homes this way. Never would a fex have less than three entrances to his home. "Isn't that sly of him? He has thought it all out every for hisand it's a good way to fool people. "And, too, Freddy, they have named a word after us. They speak of a foxy person, meaning the person is able to get ahead of some one else in a cunning, sly way.

"Isn't that an honor? I don't know ! of many other animals who have such mendous power in these countries," he an honor shown them.

"No one, for example, ever speaks of

"But oh, dear, we're very nervous, erness, and here in the zoo we're more nervous than we were outside."

"I suppose we can't have everything," said Freddy "but to be cunning" and sly, crafty and have a word the estuary of the Derwent river a named after our family, is about as

"That's so," said Daddy Fox, "But over." I could stand a chicken right now, or huge, protected Storm bay in which rather I could chew and swallow one, Laway?" asked the proprietor of the after killing it."

And the foxes smacked their hips at such a happy thought.

"But," Daddy Fox continued, "people aren't all se fine. There are people, Freddy, who have fox hunts and of humans ever found, much more they go after us with yelping dogs and

8,000 milles as the crow would fly, if and Children in Victoria, stated that to recent announcement of the Brit- and 1922 Family Herald, ish air ministry under whose supervision the machines are being built. The specifications provide that the Having cleared your skin keep it clear. five will operate each machine, which without them .- Advertisement. will carry 20 to 25 passengers. It is proposed that these guants of the air travel day and night there being sleeping accommodations, and hot means by means of an electric cooker.

Praises American Charity

The indeption of modern farm that finery in Mesopotantian wheat fields, where sickles and that's were in vegue only a year age, is only one of many widences of the Americanization of Bible lands, according to Dr. Isaac Yonan, a native Assyrian who won the title of the "Hoover of Persia" for his food economy campaign in that country during the armistice period. Doctor Yonan, in a report to the International Near East association. says that American agricultural methods as taught in the farm schools of the Near East relief during the past few years have begun to show results all over Armenia, Greece and Syria, "American charity has been a social and educational force of tredeclares.

Unsolved Mystery

"As I was coming back from Chickatanzy," in the crossroads store related Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, I seed an old feller with a gun across his hap setting on a specially big post in a wire fence. When I came along he just moked me over like a body does a shoat he aims to buy, and then without saying anything he glanced away and along the road I'd just come-

"What was his notion in acting that emporium.

"I hain't the least idy in the world. He didn't 'pear to be the kind of a gent that I wanted to pry into his business."-Kansas City Star.

Electricity and Growth

Tests with 1,000-watt electric lamps at the Cambridge (Mass.) Electric Light company have shown astonishing results in the growth of grass by artificial light, says the Popular Science Monthly, Dr. Andreas F. Christian of Boston claims that baid heads may be covered, beards coaxed on clean-shaven faces, and bobbed hair grown long in a short time, by use of strong artificial light. The only requisite in the cases of both lawns and heads, he says, is that the germ

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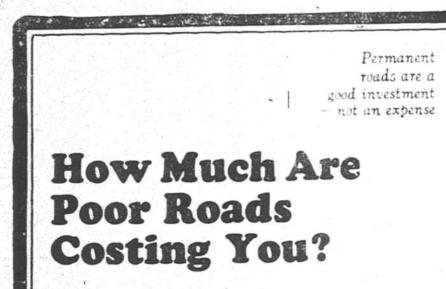
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