

TOP OF SNOWDON IS SOLD

Group on Britain's loftiest Mountain Has Recently Been Purchased by Farmer.

Frank purchases are heard of from time to time, but it is not often that the sale of a mountain is announced.

Mount Snowdon—in Carnarvon—is the most famous peak in the southern part of Britain; it is well known to all holiday makers, and is of a bold and rugged outline and form, with its subsidiary peaks, an impressive range.

The view from summit of Snowdon on a fine day makes the hill worth while, for spread below is Anglesey, the Mona straits, and a great curve of ocean from the far-off extremity of Cardigan bay to Rhyl.

UNIQUE IN ANIMAL WORLD

Elephant Has Survived Because He Has Been Able to Adapt Himself to Conditions.

These is nothing else like the elephant. He has come down to us through the ages, surviving the conditions which killed off his earlier contemporaries, and he now adapts himself perfectly to more different conditions than any other animal in Africa.

He can eat anything that is green or even has been green, just so long as there is enough of it. He can get his water from the moss plants on the arid plains or dig a well in the sand of a dry river with his trunk and fore feet, and drink there, or he is equally at home living half in the swamps of better watered regions.

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Results of Hybrid Mating.

Here is a strange set of facts, proven by three different investigators in three different parts of the world at three different times.

In matings of so-called "pure" races, that is to say, Englishman with English woman, Frenchman with French woman, German with German woman etc., 104.54 more males are born than females.

In hybrid matings, that is to say, of different nationalities, there is a more significant excess of male over female births.

In matings of United States whites the ratio is about the same as that of European hybrids.

In matings of United States colored folks there is a significant excess of females over the ratio of British West Indian colored who are relatively pure bred.

Slept Thirty-Two Years.

Surely a subject for the speculative psychologist is the record sleep indulged in by Caroline Olsson, a Swedish girl. In 1875, when only a child of fourteen years, she fell into a long trance in the island of Okubo, in the Baltic, and remained unconscious for 32 years.

Earth Not a Perfect Sphere.

The diameter of the earth from pole to pole through the equator is shorter than that at the equator. Though in popular language the earth is said to be round, like a ball, it is really an irregular sphere, slightly flattened at the poles.

BIRDS IN FASHION

Feathered Family Used to Embellish Milady's Wardrobe.

Decoration Extends From Dainty Bedroom Slippers to Chic Chapeau and the Handbag.

The scaly dragons and the finny creatures of the deep that have embellished feminine wardrobes for the past months have been assailed by birds. The fashion world, writes a New York correspondent, is all agog over the war between the cold bloods and the warm bloods.

Neither is it a case of birds of a feather flock together, for designers are using everything from the red rooster's tail feathers to the fluffy down of a swan's breast. Little birds are in a position to rattle more than ever before. They have a better chance than the mouse in the corner ever dreamed of. To summarize the things of which they may speak as those having authority, and beginning with the most lowly, let us mention shoes and slippers.

The winged scardal that flew across from Paris last spring has not lasted. But it did give inspiration to the use of fluffy ostrich tips as pompons, or gay colored feathers applied upon ribbons and leather as straps for shoes. One house is showing a pair of turquoise-blue satin brocaded evening pumps with a huge swirl of opal-hued feathers at the toe.

For afternoon wear there are slippers of dark fabrics and leathers banded at the instep with edgings of little overlapping colored feathers. The same vogue is found in bedroom mules and slippers. Matching feathers are found upon the negligees that go with the slippers. Thus, one house shows a set in colors of rose and silver. The mules are of silver cloth and feather rosettes of rose or trich.

Evening gowns bear little tufts of feathers dyed according to the color scheme of some feathered creature. These tufts are placed at shoulder, corsage, or catch a drapery of the skirt. Fans and head dresses match the gowns. Tufted feather pieces for the culture are taking the place of gems and rose garlands that have been used so long. Aside from depicting a bird, tiny colored feathers are being used to outline designs of flowers and fruits.

Feather handbags are helping put the winged idea across in the realm of street wear. Tiny curled feathers over a body of stiff fabric are attached to a celluloid or metal top. Sometimes little chenille or silk flowers nestle among the overlapping feathers.

As for the hat realm, the "bird on the hat" is very much in evidence. Although the feather craze has been noted for several seasons, it is only recently that milliners have been using the entire bird. Parrots and diminutive peacocks led the flighty procession.

THE WINTER GIRL'S OUTFIT



This is a charming combination set of turban, muff and scarf. The Russian turban carries an Egyptian ornament set with varicolored stones. The muff is adorned with ruching of hax-plaited coral duvetyne and the scarf is faced with the same material.

Black and Rust Colors.

Black is much in vogue for hats, and also rust color in several tones. Pendant trimmings remain the preferred ones, placed on one side, usually over the right ear.

MONKEY FUR TRIMMED WRAP



Black monkey fur attractively trims this wrap of brilliant flowered taffeta, especially designed for the opera season.

TULLE SCARFS IN FASHION

Dainty Neck Piece Twisted Around Bare Throat Adds to Jauntiness of the Evening Costume.

The gauzy tulle scarfs, twisted around the bare throat with evening gowns, promise to be just as popular this season as they were last, and there is no prettier fashion. The airy tulle scarf is exceedingly becoming. It adds a bit of extra formality to the costume. And light as it is, it protects the bare throat and neck from draughts. Many of these tulle scarfs are observed at the theater and one sees them also with dinner and dance frocks. Bright green tulle and deep blue tulle look well with black evening gowns and give a certain dash to the whole costume.

This is used for sashes, too, and some of the Paris dance frocks have huge sashes of tulle in contrasting color. The full width of the tulle is used, crushed around the waist to form a close sash or girdle and then pulled out in the big fluffy loops and streamers of the sash. One couturier has let the wide tulle streamers trail in a short train, edging the lengths of tulle with very narrow fur banding.

IN NEW, STYLISH BLOUSES

Garments Developed From Materials of Brilliant Color—Applique Work One of the Popular Trimmings.

Brilliant colors are in great favor for the development of blouses this season. citron, capucine, mandarin and rose being popular shades. Very sheer and rather heavy fabrics share honors. The range in fabrics includes nets and laces and runs the gamut to embrace various velvets and velveteens as well as duvetyne. One modish blouse recently displayed was made of raspberry colored duvetyne. It was trimmed with gray chenille embroidery and a silver cord girdle.

Applique work is one of the popular trimmings used on blouses. The applique design may be worked out in a self fabric in contrasting color or in different material may be used. Georgette blouses often have motifs of taffeta or velvet, and one extreme novelty recently displayed was of this sheer material with applique motifs of kid.

BREECHES FOR FAIR SKATERS

Winsome Suits Displayed for All Who Enjoy Winter Sports—Flannel Shirts, Silk Ties.

Very good looking suits for mountain wear, skiing and skating are appearing in the shops. They consist of a knee-length coat and breeches. The best materials for these are home-spuns, tweed and camel's hair cloth. One suit has a honna colored camel's hair coat and tweed breeches that exactly match it in color. Gay linings are used in the coats of such suits. The model referred to above has the coat lined with rust colored silk figured in bright blue. It is smart to wear a wool scarf to match the lining of the suit in color.

With these suits are worn striped flannel shirts and silk ties, the tie also matching the lining of the coat in color. There is great variety in the shirts. They come in plain colors, such as pale grays and light blues, and in stripes, white with blue, white with black, brown, tan or orange. They have soft convertible collars, some of which are detachable. Such a costume is usually topped by a soft velvour hat. It is best to select one in brown, tan or black.

JUST JOTTINGS

A woman with good looks is nearly centered as a man is with money. There are times when the absence of crumbliness shows the absence of sense. The evil that men do often lives after they have been defeated for office.

The woman of the hour is the one who says she will be ready in a minute. The things people want to know the most are usually none of their business.

Every dog has his day, but he is not as certain of it as the old turkey gobbler. Contentment has one advantage over wealth: people don't try to borrow it from you.

Time isn't exactly money, but some people spend one just as foolishly as the other. The dash of poetry in a man's nature seldom prompts him to leave his hair uncut.

Women are naturally given to self-denial. No one ever heard of "Jennie the Kissed".

The most unnatural thing in the world is a woman laughing through the telephone.

Any old bachelor with plenty of money can obtain a situation as an ideal husband.

The man with a narrow mind usually makes up for it in the length of his arguments.

You can't judge books by their covers—especially after the shortage has been discovered.

The stock operator who buys and sells for future delivery evidently believes in a hereafter.

During a recent morning fog about two hundred tons of solid matter were deposited on London.

Be honest if you can—otherwise your partners will purchase their common goods elsewhere.

Sometimes in after years, when they talk of their wedding, the wife cries and the husband groans.

Boys grow up and find that they have to take the wings and the back instead of the drumstick.

Most of a man's scrapes are not topics in his conversation until at least ten years afterward.

As many as 25,000 people have appeared in a single motion picture production, 20,000 in one scene.

A New York firm makes a business of supplying typewritten sermons ready for use to clergymen.

The more you stick up for other people's rights the less it will be necessary to stick up for your own.

Every woman who hears of a woman later believes she would alter her views if she were to meet him.

Some men have such a hatred for greed that it worries them if others make more money than they do.

Preved. Edward Charles was a logical sort of person. Incidentally, he was in love. But love wasn't strong enough to swamp his logic.

Thus it was that Eve Maude, his adored one, received the following strange love letter:

"Eye Maude, I love you." "To prove you love me: "First, I love you. "Second—All the world loves a lover.

"Third—But I am a lover." "Fourth—Therefore, the world loves me.

"Fifth—You are all the world to me." "Sixth—Therefore, you love me." London Answers.

Courtesy Overdone. It happened in London about the time that the jamboree was held at Olympia, and boy scouts from all over the world attended.

A highland soldier, on entering an underground train at Paddington, found himself in the center of a party of the boys.

There were no vacant seats, but a tiny "wolf cub" got up and said: "Will you please take my seat, miss?"

The Highlander blushed, smiled, and replied, in kindly tones: "Thank ye, me lad, but I'm as a girl guide yet."

He Took the House. Mr. Flatbush I was looking at a house on Pleasant avenue today.

Mr. Flatbush: Good! And can you get it. "Why, yes; I took it."

"Splendid, Henry! Does it look better than our present habitation?" "I'm afraid it won't to you, dear. I took it with my camera."

A Poor Guess: "And you think you love my daughter, do you?" asked the father of the sweet young thing.

"Well, I just guess I do," was the young man's reply.

"You've never won a prize at guessing have you?"

Not So Easy. Goldlocks—Can you really grant any wish one can make?

The Fairy Godmother—Yes, dearie. Goldlocks—Then, why don't you wish yourself young and pretty like me?

Something Elfs. "That dog, your honor, wouldn't hurt a flea."

"No, I can see that he is dwelling in perfect amity with fleas. He is charged, however, with biting a man."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Natural. "Pop, what do they clean the teeth of a winter gale with?"

"I don't know, unless it is with an ice pick, sonny."

THE LAST STORM

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The fields of nodding daisies brought a swift smile to the lips of the tired traveler, and pausing in the middle of the dusty road, he breathed a sigh of deep content.

"The last turn in the road," he murmured, "then—then—home—to Letty and the boy."

His hand stole involuntarily to his breast pocket as he mused, and he fingered the fat wallet he found there with a caressing hand. Then, with a keen feeling of satisfaction, he started on his way with quickened pace.

The familiar landmarks brought memories, and with a feeling of shame and remorse his thoughts dwelt on his unhappy past. He wondered if Letty would find it in her heart to forgive him—his face slackened again as his face saddened.

But the smile returned when he saw a sturdy little blue-overalled youngster, wading through the fields, his arms filled with daisies, and the man called out, "Hello, Sonny!"

"Hello," replied the little boy with friendly grin, dropping his daisies.

"What's your name?" inquired the traveler, smilingly watching the youngster as he rearranged his flowers.

"Bob," returned the boy briefly, intent upon his task. "What's yours?"

"My name is Bob, too," answered the man promptly.

"Gee, that's a co-co-incidence," the little fellow exclaimed.

An amused expression overspread the man's face.

"Of course," the little boy went on, "that's only my nickname. My business name is Robert V. Merwin. That's what my business papers say."

A lump arose in the man's throat and the green fields swam about him.

"And what are your business papers, my little man?" he finally asked.

"Oh, my vaccination certificate and my report cards and so forth," the boy airily replied. "Of course, they aren't like mother's business papers, 'cause I haven't a desk like hers or a real business."

"A real business," the man echoed, "and what sort of business is that?"

"Women's shop, pretty things for women," the youngster glibly replied.

"You live near by?" the man fairly jerked out the words.

"Yes," answered the boy. Then looking curiously at the man he added, "but I guess you don't."

"Why not?"

"Well, 'cause I guess everybody 'round here knows me. You know, they used to call me 'poor Letty Merwin's young one.'"

"And your dad?" the words fell from the man's lips as though he had not the power to stop them.

"Ain't got one," answered the boy indifferently. "leastways, he's never been 'round here, I guess. P'haps he'll be sneaking back now, though."

The man caught his breath sharply. "Why do you say that?" he asked.

"Well, that's only what Miss Henderson and Emily says. Emily says the other day when I went over in my new suit, I s'pose Merwin—that's my dad—will be sneaking back, if he hears Letty—that's my mother—is don't so good."

The man turned sadly away and buried his face in his hands.

"And your mother—" the man murmured, "what does she say?"

"She never says nothing, 'cept once when I asked her and she said, 'Well, Bobbie-boy,' she says, 'guess we're better off without any Daddy, so let's never, never talk about him.'"

"And she was just right," the man said, slowly arising to his feet. "You are better off without him—she was just right."

The man closed his eyes for a moment. "C'min' down the road?" the child was asking.

"No," the man answered wearily. "I guess I'm on the wrong road. I wanted to get to the railroad station."

"Then I should say you were on the wrong road," emphatically declared the boy. "Good thing I met you, else you'd be wa... of your way."

"Yes, it was a good thing," choked the man. He paused a second then added, "Going right home to—mother?"

The child nodded.

"Can I trust you to bring an important business envelope to her?"

"Try me. I bring the rent money to Mr. Tribble loads of times."

The man turned aside, and, taking the huge roll of bills from his wallet, placed the money in a large envelope. Hastily sealing it, he turned to the child and said:

"Tell mother that this will help her in her business—"

"Then she'll be glad to get it," the little one answered confidently. "Pin it right inside my blouse and it'll be safe all right."

The man knelt and with trembling hands pinned the envelope inside the little blouse.

"Good-bye—dear little Bob," he said, bravely attempting to smile.

"Good-bye, Mr. Bob," answered the youngster.

Absently jingling a few coins in his trousers' pockets, the man, with head bent, walked very slowly for a few paces. Then he turned and gazed after the retreating figure of the little child, the long streamers of the daisies trailing after him in the dust, until the bend in the road hid him from view.

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