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HOW
IDEAL METROPOLIS WAS PLANNED FOR KENTUCKY
—Picture a coterie of Eighteenth century London gentlemen, fired with the spirit of the creator and pioneer, intently poring over a graphically illuminated chart of "the ideal city of the world," and visualizing o'er their mugs of ale the day when the virgin hilltops of that frontier region of the New World, called Kentucky—beyond the ragged edges of the lands assimilated by those recalcitrant colonists—should rise this wonder city—Lystra!
"The chief city of Kentucky" was the designation put to Lystra on a London map of 1794. But Lystra never materialized.
Ortis M. Mather, of Hodgenville, Ky., student of early Kentucky history, tells of the intended metropolis.
"The primeval forest still waves over the spot," Mr. Mather declared. "The site is located in the extreme eastern part of La Rue county, Kentucky, and the only thing that marks it is the post office and general store of Gleanings, a little village several miles away."
Muldraugh hill, a landmark in the vicinity, was to be the approximate center of the city and is still there.
Lystra was to cover 15,000 square acres, divided into 25 blocks, each block with its individual park. Streets were to be 100 feet wide, and visionary structures and improvements were located and planned—on a map in London.
But the Englishmen never came to Kentucky. In the days that have elapsed since, however, the Bluegrass country to the east of Lystra's proposed location has been transformed into a prosperous region known as one of the richest communities in the "New World."

IS ISLAND OF COMMUNISTS

How the Marxian Principle Has Been Made the Rule in Bit of Japanese Archipelago.
A Japanese contributor to *Politica*, a Rome review of public affairs, believes that the Bolsheviki, in their eastward pressure through Asia, may find one place at least where they will need to make no converts. This is the little island of Hatsushima in the Japanese archipelago.
Private property does not exist there. All movable and immovable wealth belongs to the community, and it is forbidden to buy or sell. The people live by fishing and cutting timber. There are some forty houses on the island. It is not permitted to add to their number nor is the population allowed to increase until it over-crowds these houses. When the number of residents becomes too large, the excess is forced to migrate.
Apparently this is an institution somewhat like the *vev sacrum* of the ancient Latins. There are no distinctions of rank and class but the heads of families select a governor from their own number. Japan directly exercises her sovereignty over the island only once a year, during a religious festival when the births and deaths are registered. So far as records relate, the people live in peace and amity.—*The Living Age*.

How to Foretell the Weather.

A reliable weather indicator may be found on the breakfast table, if you hesitate to call up Forecaster Conger. The bubbles which rise to the surface of a cup of tea after a lump of sugar has been dropped in are influenced by the atmosphere, and their behavior will indicate the weather for the day.
If, when a lump of sugar is dropped into a cup of tea or coffee, the bubbles accumulate in a mass, which in a short while disappears, the conditions may be expected. When the froth lingers and spreads over the surface of the liquid, settled weather is indicated. If the bubbles range themselves against the sides of the cup and remain it is probable that there will be rain in a few hours.—*Detroit News*.

How Italians Practice Thrift.

Italian savings deposits indicate the prosperity of the working classes. Between June 30, 1918, and June 30, 1922, deposits in the ordinary savings banks of Italy increased from 4,034,770,113 lire to 8,071,862,077 lire, while those in the postal savings banks increased from 2,919,270,390 lire to 8,301,136,984 lire, making a total of 17,000,000,000 lire. Employment is less restricted than a year ago, and there have been few radical reductions in wages. Deposits show that earnings have been kept at a sufficiently high level to support laborers and their families and to allow a considerable margin for savings.

How French Use Skimmed Milk.

It is said that in France 20,000 quarts of skimmed milk a day are used for making substitutes for horn, ivory, amber and such like things. The casein in the milk is precipitated by chemical process and then mixed with formalin. This produces galalith, or petrified milk, a hard, elastic, insoluble substance that is easily worked. The French dairy experts think that the demand for the skimmed milk for this purpose will be great enough to increase the profit to the buttermaking business by producing a ready market for the by-product.

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Chicago Woman Tells of Joys of Travel in the Klondike Region—Its Cats and Dogs.
Egyptian Idea of Beauty.
The Egyptians made the most exhaustive researches into the care and preservation of the skin. Their success in arresting the decomposition of its tissues as evinced by the mummies of their pre-Christian era kings defies modern science. Just as the secret of mixing paints of the old Italian painters has never been duplicated by present-day artists and their mastery of color remains supreme, so the embalming processes of the old Egyptians died with them.
The ancient Egyptians painted their eyes with a long green line and believed very strongly in applying to the eyes mesd'ant, which was considered to have the soothing and healing properties of kohl, which is still used by eastern peoples—where, incidentally, ophthalmia is very prevalent.
West Indian Women Work Hard.
In the West Indies the women carry enormous loads of bananas, oranges, yams and brown sugar, climbing mountain roads at a steady gait of four miles an hour. These women count a 40-mile walk a mere constitutional. They seem to love their tramp, and gossip along the road with as much enjoyment as many another woman finds in her Saturday night market chat.
South American coffee and cotton planters say the women and children work better than men, though their labor is rewarded with a lower wage. Women barter in fruit, vegetables and dress goods as "desk traders" on the steamships which ply between West Indian islands. In Grenada they act as blacksmiths, shepherds, carpenters and carriers.
It's pleasanter to be hopeful; that's why so few of us are pessimistic.
The man with the largest library usually has the least time to read.
At a musicale entirely of "records" no one has to compliment anybody.
Girls would rather sing soprano than alto because it is higher toned.
The man with more money than brains has more friends than enemies.
It is a popular notion that the Arabian horse is a peculiarly delicate animal, most sensitive to adverse influences. Such, however, is not the case. The wants of an Arab horse are few, and it is contended that he will maintain his health and spirits under conditions that no other species of horse could endure. Indeed, it has been pointed out, not only can the Arab stand under hardships at a pinch, but that he actually deteriorates if too carefully tended. This has been proved by the experiences of European purchasers, who have refused to believe that the usual three feeds of grain a day were too much, or that the morning hour of walking exercise was too little.
As a matter of fact, an Arab horse is naturally so high spirited and so difficult to tire that even a single feed of corn is excessive until he is being subjected to hard work. He will answer every requirement as a hunter if his food be restricted to hay, or even to grass. In the summer he thrives best when he has the run of a paddock and can regulate his own food and exercise.
These observations apply also to the ordinary Arab horse in everyday life. What a picked animal can do when put upon his mettle is almost beyond belief. A British officer in the Sudan found that after a ride of 800 miles his Arab horse showed no signs of overwork, although he had cast all his shoes before a quarter of the journey had been accomplished.
When a shiftless man dies it releases his wife of much responsibility.
A baby is good company in a crowd because it is perfectly willing to entertain.
Wise is the man who buys a return ticket when he wanders from his own fire-side.
Apparently, the restaurant world isn't thoroughly organized for vegetarians.
Here's a jolly note in a private letter to the editor from a Chicago lady who spent last winter and spring in the Bahamas and South Carolina, and then—"I got home with the flu baked out but no energy, so as soon as I got my clothes mended I started off again and had a glorious trip up to Dawson and an auto trip into the Klondike region. And now I am sorry I did not get on an ore boat and go out to St. Michael and over to Nome, but there will be a next time for that country, I am sure."
By the way—here is a natural history fact for you. All the cats in Dawson have beautifully thick fur and nicely rounded tips to their ears because they get the thin points ends frozen off in winter. I know, because I saw most of the feline population, and a black kitten told me the reason for the special style in cats' ears in Dawson. But those husky eyes, and a pelt and a size to make any ordinary klondike burst into a million pieces with envy and just as friendly as the malamutes are not. If I do not quit, I'll be weeping all over this page. I am so anxious to get back to the Klondike country—seems as if 80 degrees below wouldn't freeze me out!"
Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly we pay for its counterfeit.—Ballow.
As a general thing, the boss of the house is the one who can be most disagreeable.
It's difficult to convince the office-holder that one bad term doesn't deserve another.
Though the leopard cannot change his spots, the sun can; and that's what keeps us worried.
Old Job stood the gaff, of course, but he never had a blowout a mile from a shade tree.