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BEAUFORT POLICE COURT.

Monday, 6th September, 1926. (Before Mr. H. P. Ellinger, P.M.) Wandering Cattle. Summoning officer R. McCormick presented against W. J. Stevenson...

Unlawful Assault and Threatening Behaviour. Josephine Lowe was charged with unlawfully assaulting A. J. Luff...

Off-color Teeth. Lighten quickly—Gums firm. Get Perfect—Works wonders by clearing film coat from teeth...

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USEFUL READY RECKONER. Every farmer should paste this table of weights in his pocket book...

WEDDING PORTRAITS. RICHARDS & CO.'S NEW BALLARAT STUDIO. THE LATEST AND MOST ELABORATE STUDIO in modern lines...

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The Riponshire Advocate. THE BEAUFORT PAPER. No. 2688. Published on Saturday Mornings at Beaufort.

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THE HUDSON-BUILT ESSEX SIX. Tourer reduced by £40 to £275. ESSEX COACH Reduced to £350.

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FOOTBALLERS ENTERTAINED. The Beaufort Football Club entertained the visiting team from the W. J. Hockey...

HOW BARK INVITES WORK. Through a number of men who had been employed in the past...

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BALLARAT HARDWARE CO. "Your Store Run at Our Expense"

STREATHAM. The Streatham footballers presented Mr. O'Leary with a 400-yd. clock on the occasion of his wedding.

BEAUFORT GOLF CLUB. Ladies and men's singles were held by the Beaufort Golf Club on Saturday.

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DISTRICT NEWS. SNAKE VALLEY. The recent fire at the Cambridge Road, which is reported in the "Advertiser", had some striking features.

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ICED SHOES. The Beaufort Rifle Club held a couple of matches for silver spoons at the 500 yds. range on Saturday.

NO REASON FOR IT... WHEN PEOPLE SHOW A WAY... CHEVROLET

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CONSIGN YOUR WOOL, GRAIN, SKINS, HIDES, TALLOW, TO THE AUSTRALIAN ESTATES & MORTGAGE CO. LTD.

BALLARAT STOCK MARKET. Kelly and McDonald report: Sheep—517 merino wethers from Brewster, Travalla; 215 weaners.

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RECREATION CARDS.

Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. Bell and family leave to thank their many friends for their kind and generous gifts, cards, telegrams, and personal expressions of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

BEAUFORT FOOTBALL CLUB.

There was an attendance of 19 members of the Beaufort Football Club at a general meeting at the Mechanics' Hall on Friday evening.

PERSONAL.

Sister W. Burgess, of Beaufort, has been undergoing a slight operation at the Beaufort Hospital.

BEAUFORT GOLF TOURNAMENT.

The Beaufort Golf Club's annual open day was held on Friday, 17th inst., and continued on Saturday, 18th inst.

BEAUFORT BOWLING CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Bowling Club was held on Friday evening, 24th inst.

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

SUPPLY OF FIREWOOD. SEPARATE tenders are invited for the supply of firewood for the Victoria Railway.

CLEARING SALE BY AUCTION.

WATER LOO. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, 1926. 2.00. ROOMED PIN E.W. DWELLING.

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Style Right and Price Right. Fashions for Every Hour of the Feminine Day.

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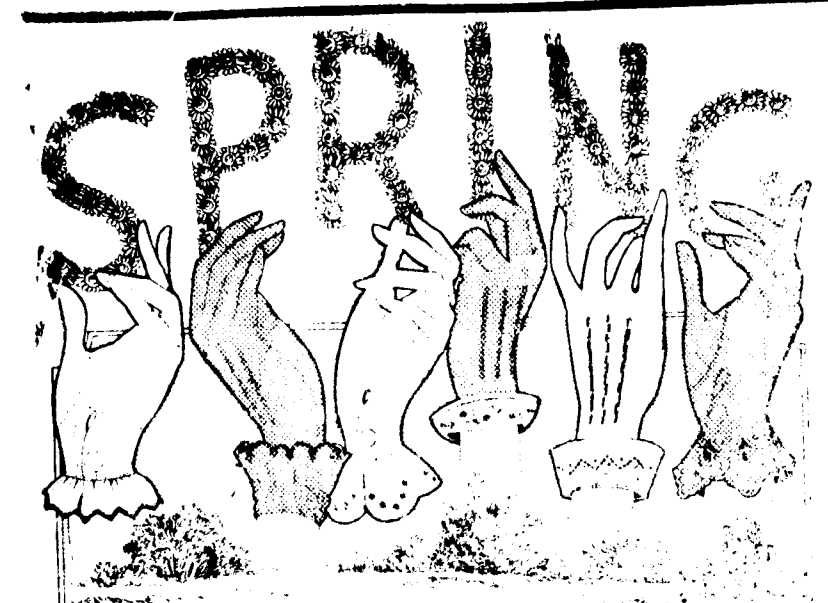
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COUGLE'S, Big Value Drapers, BEAUFORT. Ladies' Golf Match. The ladies members of the Beaufort Golf Club held a singles handicap match on Thursday afternoon.

ALADDIN. The light on the horizon. MANTLE LAMPS. No pumping, no pressure, no candle power, burn 95% air.

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FIRE WORSHIP.

The religion of fire worship, called Zoroastrianism, is a survival of a faith of great antiquity. It flourished during the fourth and sixth centuries B.C., and its adherents have always paid great reverence to the elements, especially fire.

The devout Parsee engages in frequent daily prayer and worship, and when he worships turns his face to some bright object. The name "fire-worshipper" was popularized by Moore's poem, "Lalla Rookh."

Recently worshippers, at the Temple at Hanksong appeared against the decision of the Supreme Court of Lower Burma to allow a woman, Bella, born of a Christian father and a Parsee mother, to worship there, pleading that her presence defiled the Temple and that they had had to reconsecrate it.

Bella had undergone the usual nine-months' washing by the priest, which constitutes initiation, and the Privy Council who heard the appeal decided that, as she was born of a Parsee mother and had taken the usual ceremonies which were sufficient to make her a Zoroastrian, Bella was therefore entitled to worship in the Temple.

WAR IN THE WOODS.

Is the British squirrel doomed? The red squirrel, which has been a familiar figure in England for next, and probably roamed its woodlands before the first of the ancient Britons appeared, is now threatened with extinction by a cousin in grey, whose original home was in Canada, and who was introduced into England from the Dominion some years ago.

The grey squirrel has multiplied rapidly, and in some districts has driven its red relation from its ancient haunts. Wherever the two meet, fierce battles ensue, and the superior strength of the grey squirrel usually enables it to secure the victory.

Apart from the natural sympathy felt for the native variety, those struggling for existence against a foreign invader, many country people feel that the grey squirrel is a nuisance which ought to have short shrift. It is a voracious feeder, and farmers and fruit-growers are alarmed at the extent of its depredations among their produce. Eggs are also among its favourite articles of diet, and it sometimes even kills and devours young birds. The red squirrel, on the other hand, is quite harmless, and no one makes any complaint regarding its habits or dietary.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

To keep lettuce crisp during the hot weather, cut a thin slice off the end of the stalk and stand the lettuce in a bowl of water. Cover the bowl with a damp cloth, which should be well tucked in so as to make it airtight, and the lettuce will keep for days.

To exterminate "the terriers that walketh by night," nothing equals kerosene or turpentine, either of which, if applied to their haunts, will effectually prove their undoing. About the best way is to use a small oil-can, and apply the contents to every conceivable crevice. A constant watch will need to be kept until the trouble is completely overcome.

To keep bread fresh and moist, spread a layer of common salt in the bottom of your tin, place a sheet of paper over it and then put your bread in.

A raw potato will remove mud stains like magic. Brush off the surplus dust, then apply the potato. Don't be afraid to rub, and take a clean slice as one gets soiled. Leave until dry, then brush off.

If you scorch clothes while ironing them, damp a clean cloth in peroxide, lay it over the scorched place and press with a hot iron. The scorched spot will disappear.

After using a bowl of starch there is sometimes some left over. Do not throw it away, but put the basin aside until the starch has dropped to the bottom. Then pour off the water and place the starch in the oven for five minutes. The starch will afterwards be found in cakes ready for future use.

Castor oil well rubbed into the leather of boots and shoes, about once a fortnight, preserves and keeps the leather soft. It will also prevent patent leather from cracking if rubbed over lightly with a soft cloth or the tips of the fingers. It puts a polish on patent shoes, doing away with the necessity of polishing with bought material.

When eggs are scarce and dear try a batter made of flour and water for coating cutlets and fillets of fish. Mix sufficient plain flour and water to a smooth cream and season with salt. See that cutlets, etc., are free from moisture by drying with a cloth. Then dip in batter and afterwards in dried crumbs. They will taste as good and look as well as when done with egg.

MUSICAL TREES.

In Barbados there is a whistling tree. It has a peculiarly shaped leaf, and all its pods have a split edge. The wind passing through the pods causes them to emit the sounds that have given the tree its name.

There is a long valley pecked with holes from which the trade winds blowing across the island, a continuous low-pitched whistle comes from the valley.

In the Sudan there is a species of acacia also known locally as the whistling tree.

SHAM SHOPS.

In almost every town in Britain there are certain shops that appear to be well stocked, yet if you entered to buy you would be met with discourtesy or complete indifference.

Recently a ham and beef shop aroused the suspicion of a police officer, who observed when he went to make a purchase that the sale of meat was discontinued. A watch was kept, and at certain hours of the day it was seen that scores of customers went in, but none came out with ham or beef. The shop was raided, and two tons were found full of rags and footballs. The proprietor confessed that neither he nor his wife cared for the ham and beef business, which was a screen for more profitable activities.

The receiver of stolen goods frequently hides his head behind an innocent-looking shop. A shop for men's wear that closed down recently was the camouflage of a notorious receiver of stolen goods, who is now serving a sentence of penal servitude.

Who would suspect the owner of a confectionery shop of hoarding valuable antiques and fine plate? Yet such a use was revealed a few months ago.

A man convicted of receiving stolen goods from railway companies and parcels vans evidently had a sense of humour. He was in business ostensibly as a haulage contractor and furniture remover, and although his stock-in-trade was only a small van and a decrepit horse, his painted sign read "Prompt Removals."

CARGOES THAT KILL.

Fruit is always a difficult cargo to carry across the sea, and of all fruit bananas need most care. An absolutely even temperature is essential, for if the bananas get chilled the whole lot turn black.

When shipping bananas to Britain, each bunch has to be wrapped in paper, then covered with straw, and the whole placed in a stout canvas bag. When they are being unloaded the bunches are not exposed to the open air, but carried down hooded gangways into closed vans, each of which is steam heated. From the time the bananas are cut to the time they are exposed for sale the bunches are constantly tended by expert nurses.

Coffee is not a nice cargo, but this is because of its effect upon the crew. The smell of green coffee, not unpleasant to the palate, becomes terrible on a long voyage. In the end it destroys the appetite of everyone aboard. Sugar is almost as bad. A holdful of sugar, steaming in a tropical temperature, must be smelled to be believed.

Worse than either coffee or sugar is yellow pine timber. The resin is all-pervading, the reek of turpentine goes into the drinking-water, and sometimes sailors become seriously ill from its effects.

Sugar has another disadvantage besides its smell, for it attracts thousands of black beetles and cockroaches, which grow to an enormous size and multiply very rapidly. The cockroaches smell abominably, they taint all food, and they have even been known to attack sleeping sailors.

I remember once going to see a steamer laden with brown sugar in bags, which had arrived in the London Docks from Buenos Ayres. The sugar had all melted and turned to a sort of toffee. The stevedores were using pickaxes to break up the solid slabs, and it took them no less than ten weeks to unload that terrible cargo.

Some cargoes of coal are dreaded by seamen because of their tendency to spontaneous combustion. Soft coals are the most dangerous in this respect, and have caused the loss of many a good ship. A fire of this sort is terribly difficult to tackle, as it starts in the centre of the hold, and it is therefore impossible to reach the seat of the outbreak.

Chemicals, too, are dangerous. Ammonia gives off deadly fumes, and ferro-silicon, which gives off different poisonous gases, caused four deaths on board the steamer Ashton, some years ago.

Calcium carbide is another difficult cargo. It is packed in metal drums, and if one of these gets punctured acetylene gas is given off. This gas burns with great heat if it comes into contact with a light. The steamer Mascof, carrying carbide, caught fire on her way across the North Sea, and the heat was so intense that the decks became red-hot. Yet the crew, with amazing pluck, managed to jettison the whole of the perilous cargo and came safe to port.

Worse than any of these, however, is metallic sodium, which burns fiercely when touched by water and gives off hydrogen, which is highly explosive in great quantities. The steamer Hardy was blown to pieces and several of her crew were badly injured as the result of the firing of her cargo of sodium.

Seamen are not fond of carrying lime. Quicklime heats terribly when it gets damp, and also gives off suffocating gas. The crew of the coasting vessel Sarah Jane, three in number, were all suffocated by fumes from a cargo of shell lime.

A vessel arrived in an American port loaded with three hundred casks of arsenic. The crew slept very near the barrels containing the stuff, and on the way across the Atlantic it was noticed that the men all began to put on weight. One man gained no less than twenty-five pounds, and the extra weight put on by the entire crew was no less than four hundred pounds.

"Why do you go with Jack—he's a bad egg?"

"I'm afraid to drop him!"

MEN ON MARS?

Several scientists have come to the conclusion that Martians actually exist, and are a race not very different from our own. They are said to have proofs that Mars is in the condition that the earth is approaching—that is, a desert.

Wind erosion has removed the mountains and hills and the seas have disappeared. The canals are not ditches nor water-courses, but vegetation on each side of conduits of water used as routes of travel.

These scientists also hope to prove that Mars is an intelligence and a civilization far in advance of ours exist on Mars.

A CITY OF MANY FIRES.

A great fire—once a great attraction for me—I have little to remember. Having seen some of the things, one has little relish for the second best. Constantinople is second to none as a city of many fires. The traveller entering the city by train has early evidence of this. No sooner is he through the ancient walls than he enters a great area covering many square miles in ruins. One third of old Stamboul is like an old rubbish dump.

I had not long to wait before I saw a fire. One occurred on my second night in the city. It was in Pera (the European quarter), and 300 houses were destroyed in six hours. Having heard the alarm, I waited in the thronged Grand Rue de Pera for the solitary and only one. We craned our necks and waited anxiously. Already the flames were dancing skywards over Kasim Pasha. The Golden Horn was at last really glowing with a lurid hue.

Still we waited. At last! A movement in the crowd. It began to press closer. It was coming—the fire engine. I expected to hear a rumble of wheels and see a motor-driven vehicle back past, carrying a berry of eager firemen, as it scattered the crowd to right and left. But, no. I forgot. This was the East. A man carrying a pole, on which is the inevitable Star and Crescent as a symbol of authority, came pushing through the crowd and shouting in a raucous voice: "Sakin! Sakin!" (Make way! Make way!) He was the herald, judging by his comportment and speed, I thought his mind was more on his much-medalled uniform than on the fire. Close behind him, on a horse-drawn vehicle, followed an assortment of things which, in the dim light, seemed to resemble the goods and chattels of an English farm labourer as he removed to another place at Lady Day, taking his accoutrements with him. It was the fire engine!

Behind it followed a group of firemen in red helmets and grey uniforms, headed by the Senior Fireman, who stalked officiously on, with a semi-goose-step, a revolver in one hand and a sword in his other, whilst the others adopted a half-running shuffle in order to keep pace with their leader.

Behind these were a dozen of the smaller fry. They were bare-footed and scantily-clothed men, whose duties were to carry the hand-hose on two poles laid across their shoulders and spray the fire until the engine should commence.

After much pushing and jostling with the throng, the cortege arrived at the conflagration. The fire was winning, and winning easily. As the firemen began to roll out their hose, the Senior Fireman planted himself in front of the spectators, brandishing his arms, and warned the crowd that all plunderers would be instantly shot.

I was advised by my English friends that to remain might be dangerous. However, three of us remained, thinking we might be of service. A loud noise suddenly rose in the air, then another, and another. "What is it?" I asked. "Are they shooting plunderers?" No. They were only blasting houses down in a large circle around the burning area to confine it. Turkish women looked sadly on as they saw their much-prized belongings disappear in the insatiable maw of the fire. In time of crisis human nature is ever the same, the world over.

Yesterday the women, bound by centuries of tradition, were heavily veiled, and would not permit a Moslem, much less an infidel, to view their visages. "Thank you, thank you, Effendi," said a Turkish woman, as she looked me full in the face, with tears in her eyes. I had helped to save some of her treasures. Unveiled and sad women stood about in groups. The "tetchardah" was forgotten in the common woe.

After a time I left. The thin stream of water which had been directed on the blaze had had little effect. Now the water had given out, and the firemen stood looking lazily on, whilst others carried on the blasting. Next morning I motored round the still smoking ruins of the devastated area. There, patently searching among the debris, were many Turkish women. Tradition had resurrected itself again. They were all heavily veiled.

But beneath the sombre appearance of one who was draped in a black "chador," I heard a smothered cry. "Never mind," whispered her friend to her. "Allah wills it. It is Kismet."

"How do you do, my dear?" said the pompous old lady to the shy little child, politely.

"Quite well, thank you," replied the child, politely.

"That's all right, my dear," said the old lady, with a brown, "why don't you ask me what I am?"

"Because I don't want to know," the child answered, stumpy.

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