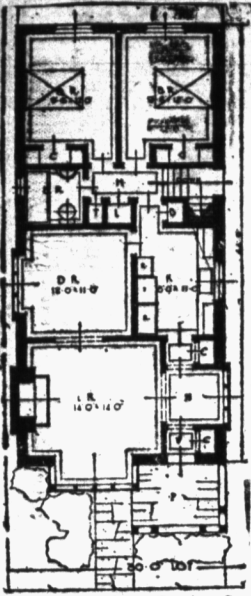


What You Should Know About Houses

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PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Preliminary plans, embodying the adjustment of the owner's requirements with the chosen type of architecture, are a wise precaution. A sketch by the architect will include the number of rooms required, fireplace, bookcases, cupboards, baths, shower, sleeping porch, service stairs, etc., and be a scheme from which ultimate plans may be evolved. Materials affect design and

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THE ORDER OF INSECTS (15)

The Trichoptera or Caddis-flies. Often in looking into a clear shallow pool, or a slow-flowing brook one may observe what seem to be pieces of old brown twigs, about an inch long, rolling and tumbling over one another. Examination will show that the "twigs" are hollow, and that each has a little occupant. These are the cases and larvae of the caddis-flies, a group of insects somewhat related to the Lepidoptera, but unlike that order, of no economic importance. The caddis-flies are most abundant in the colder parts of this continent, and often appear during a winter thaw. I have caught two adults already, which invaded the house during February and March of this year. Probably the eggs are deposited in the water, but nobody seems to know anything about that stage. It is known, however, that the larvae may be found from June to the next - May. As a protection from fish and other enemies of which they have many they clothe themselves with cases on which they stick pieces of pebbles, sticks, or leaves, for camouflage. These cases have well developed thoracic legs but no prolegs; and they pupate in the water in their tubes or

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Jack Miner And The Birds

By Jack Miner Himself—A His story of this notable Bird Lover's Life

I am here reproducing one letter from the South which gives us a fair explanation as to when the geese come to, and leave, their winter home.

Swan Quarter, N. C., Nov. 15th, 1917.

Dear Sir,— I killed a goose yesterday, the 14th of Nov., on the Lake of Mattamuskeet, Edge Co., N. C., with a band on his left leg with your address on it. It said "Write to Box 44, Kingsville, Ont." So at your request I am taking pleasure in doing so. Inside of metal band was a Bible verse: "Keep yourselves in the love of God, Jude 1: 21." You will please write me and tell me how you caught the goose, and when you put same on him and all about the geese in Canada, and their raising there. They come on our lakes about October 15th, and stay here until March 15th. Then they all leave and go north to places unknown to us. Lake Mattamuskeet is a great place for hunting geese. There were about three hundred killed the day that I killed this one. Will close. Write me soon and a long letter, and tell me all you know about them. With best wishes for you and yours, I am,

Yours very truly,
C. S. BOOMER.

One of the most recent and interesting of the letters I have received is the following:

Hudson's Bay Service, James Bay District, Canada, Fort George Post, July 26th, 1923.

Dear Mr. Miner,— I am enclosing herewith five tags taken off geese killed by my hunters in the vicinity of this post this year. Should you ever desire further information I shall ever be glad to assist you in the excellent work which which you are doing, to the best of my ability.

I am, however, rather afraid that some of the birds which recourse to your sanctuary are lured there into a greater trap in mankind than is well for their continued well-being, as undoubtedly some of these birds, on leaving the sanctuary you afford them, fall very easy victims to gunners.

With great appreciation, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,
E. RENOUF.

In 1919, Mr. Sainsbury of Toronto, one of our Canadian explorers, was in Baffin Land. There he ran across some Esquimaux with a goose that had my tag on it. They were superstitious about the goose, but when Mr. Sainsbury explained it to them, they were its skin off, and ate the goose. This is away north of timber line, where the Esquimaux eat their meat raw.

CHAPTER XXIX CATCHING AND TAGGING THE WILD GOOSE

This was a proposition that tested my staying qualities to a standstill, although it is true I had tagged lots of smaller birds, including the wild ducks, but that was like coaxing candy from a baby, too easy to be interesting.

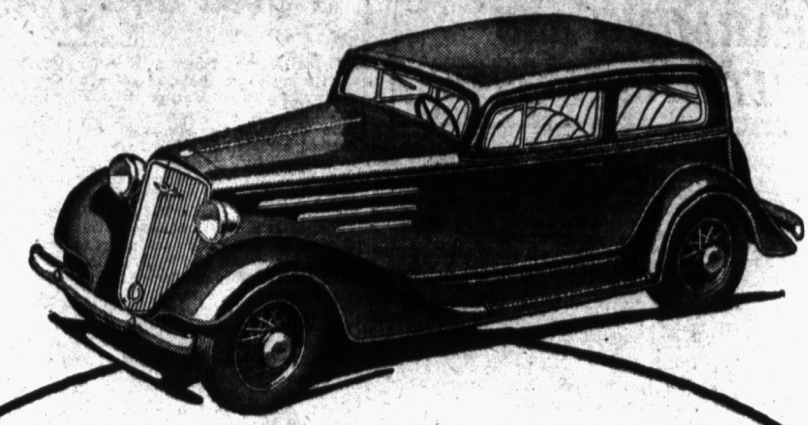
Yes, some one said, "the silly old goose!" But bear in mind that it is through this silly old goose's ability to outwit his human race that there is one living; we would have killed and eaten them all, long ago but they outwitted us and went to the top. So if they are silly, what is the lumber, if you please? Well, silly or not, my little, single-cylinder brain over seven years to outwit them. Actually I studied them more than I did my financial obligations, and that's saying a whole lot. Very true, they will allow me to walk among them, and, odd, wounded ones have eaten from my hand. But don't hold him or interfere with his liberties, as one note from his beak will alarm all the geese within a mile.

In November, 1919, there were fifty-five ducks feeding here when I pulled the trip-wire I caught fifty of them; but the "silly old goose" would walk by and say "A-h-h! A-h-h!" and my family would say "Ha! Ha!" The words "contrivance" I made during those seven years! And the blisters there caused from cutting and fitting gas pipe frames and trap doors and stretching poultry netting over the same, are blisters I will long remember. Then to see the geese come, glance at it and walk away, would make any human being feel small enough to pass a secret in a gun-barrel. In fact this got to be a family joke. Little Jasper said, "Papa, how many goose nets are you going to make this summer?" "Yes, I am a firm believer in the words, "Let man have dominion over all," but in this case I have surely been a poor actor, mum beauty.

At last a thought germinated that proved a success. I dug a canal forty feet wide and sixty feet long between two ponds. This canal was made at the mouth of the drain pipe that supplies the ponds with spring water, the last water to freeze and the first to thaw out. A high gas pipe frame was built to cover the whole canal, with a trap door at each end. This was neatly covered with two-inch mesh poultry netting, stretched good and tight to prevent its bagging and flapping in the wind. The trap doors were left constantly up, and our domesticated geese were educated to winter under this, in the open water at the mouth of this drain pipe. This contrivance is at the north ponds, where the geese remain quite wild.

It was completed in December, 1921, and March, 1922, found me away from home on a lecturing tour. When I opened a letter from my boy saying, "Father, your goose-net is a success; we saw fully twenty-five follow ours under this morning." Can you really blame me for reading it twice?

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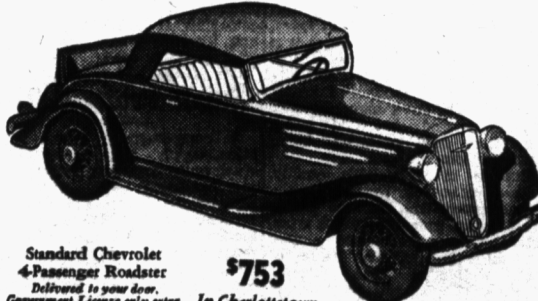
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POST MORTEM CASES

In looking over the data from these articles are built up, I find a large number of unusual cases of disease, etc., some of them being cases in which post mortem examinations were conducted by the veterinary in charge of the case. These will be of interest to the fox men and ranchers who are following these articles on fur farming. Each week I purpose submitting at least one of these or perhaps two. Here is the first—The subject was an adult male fox, four years old. For several weeks previous to death, this fox had been lame, occasionally in the right hind leg. At first the lameness was slight, and would soon pass off. As time went on this fox appeared to be much more lame, and the periods of normal locomotion were getting shorter. Finally he was found to be unable to walk, and seemed to be suffering intense pain. Up to this time the appetite had been good, now the animal refused to eat and died in 48 hours after the last acute attack.

TAKING MALE AWAY

Many ranchers have the mistaken idea that it is necessary to take the male away from the female before the pups are born. This is not at all necessary, and many of our most successful breeders leave the male with the female during the entire season and find the male very solicitous for the welfare of the mother and young. His carriage of food to the family, helps clean the pups and enjoys playing with the pups as much as they do with him. Of course there are cases where the male had best be removed shortly after mating as his presence seems to distress and worry the female in some instances. Then, too, there are male that have been known to deliberately destroy the young soon after birth or when they are several days old. If the female seems nervous in the presence of the male and she tries to drive him away, it is safe to take him out before the pups are born.

Other instances have been known where the female became greatly excited when the male was taken away from her, so much so that it was necessary to put the male back with her to prevent her injuring herself.

WOULD DISPENSE WITH LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

EDMONTON, March 16—(Can. adian Press)—A suggestion that the services of Lieutenants-Governor be considered here today. The proposal came from D. M. Duggan, Conservative leader, who thought Chief Justice of the Supreme Court could act as administrator for the time being.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS BELIEVE MOTHER OF HOUSEWIFE

SEATTLE, March 16—A lot of mothers in this city and all over the United States will have a holiday Tuesday. Their daughters are to do all the housework. It's one of the ways some 2,000 girls are celebrating the 22nd birthday anniversary of the Camp Fire Girls.

Baby Has Tail Two Inches Long

CHICAGO, March 16—Birth of a baby with a two inch tail has been reported in the journal of the American Medical Association by Dr. London, Eng., correspondent.

The rare condition of a baby born with a tail has been observed at the Metropolitan Hospital," the correspondent reported. "The tail is about two inches long, tapers to a point, and is curly and normally sensitive. Removal is proposed."

"Prof. Julian Huxley has remarked about the case, that different parts of the body develop at different rates during embryonic life. Usually, the tail does not develop at all, but in this case apparently it has grown at almost the same rate as the other parts of the body."

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