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-NEWSY NOTES-

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THE KOALA BEAR

The Koala Bear, *Phascolarctos cinereus*, is a native of Australia. They are about two feet in height and belong to the pouch-bearing animals (marsupials) which include wombats and kangaroos. In the eighteenth century there were millions of koalas in Australia. Their number has been reduced to less than one hundred thousand by hunters and settlers who slaughtered them for their extraordinary soft fur, which brought a high price on the market, and for their flesh, which is edible and sought after for food purposes. These animals could escape their natural enemies by climbing through the trees and by using their sharp claws, but were very easily killed by hunters. They are now protected by the government and live mostly in zoos and sanctuaries in South East Australia. One of these, Taronga Park, is just across the harbour from Sydney, Australia. The clearing of land and bush fires have also destroyed the great forests of eucalyptus trees, that were the home of these teddy-bear defenseless animals.

The koalas like the wombats have only a rudimentary tail. The toes of their forefeet are in two opposite groups of two and three; in this they differ from all other quadruped animals. Their arrangement of toes with sharp claws, like a cat, enables them to grasp branches of trees as they climb and travel from one tree to another and from one branch to another of the great eucalyptus trees, on which the koalas often hang, like a sloth, with

their back downward, facing up to eat the leaves and tender shoots of the eucalyptus, which is the only food that these teddy-bear-like animals can or will eat.

The 42 acre park near Sydney, is now a sanctuary for many koalas and other strange Australian animals that were almost extinct for years due to slaughter by the early settlers for food and hunters for their fur. The keeper of this zoo, Mr. James McGuire, a tall rangy Australian tells in forceful language that as recently as 1920-21 a total of 205,679 koalas were slaughtered for their fur. One of his mildest remarks was: "Dirty cowards, hunting these lovely little beasts that could not fight back". He mentioned that last year six koalas were born in Taronga Park, this was thought impossible previously, and the breed is now on the increase.

The baby koala is hairless at birth and only about the size of a tiny mouse. He is able, however, with strong forearms, which are even then well developed, to cling to his mother's fur and make his way unaided into her pouch, where he feeds and remains under her care for seven months, until he learns to eat eucalyptus leaves by himself and to ride pig-a-back on his mother. Under favorable conditions the koala lives about as long as a dog. Most of them are an ash grey in colour, but others are reddish brown and occasionally an albino is seen looking like a miniature polar bear.

These koala bears were favorite pets in the homes of many Australians before the enforcement of preservation laws which said "no killing" to prevent their extinction. They were said to become very affectionate and that they become very much a part of the family, running to the father and mother, like the children when hurt, to be comforted, and when one of the children of the home was injured and started to cry, the koala would cry, just like a human baby, with pitiful sobs. They made good playmates for the children but demanded a share of the toys, treats and like other adopted children were only happy when they fully shared the parent's affection.

FELIXSTOWE, England. (CP)—Melly Burton, 22, who lost her trousseau in the east coast floods, told of her troubles in a "woman's hour" broadcast on the BBC. She has since been offered 60 wedding gowns by firms across the country.



TIMELY NOTES ON TOPICS CONNECTED WITH Silver Fox And Mink Farming

A special sale of wild mink held last week by Lampron, Fraser & Huth, N. Y. showed 31 percent of the 13,151 pelts sold. The top price was \$31.50 for Minnesota, extra large. Other fur sold at the same sale included skunk, of which 25 per cent was sold at a top price of \$2.60 for a few lots of blacks.

A despatch from Paris to Women's Wear Daily has the following: Norwegian blue fox in its long-haired state is favored in Paris collections this season. The open neckline in coats is also endorsed by Paris couturiers for furs this Spring. The despatch is illustrated with a photo of a beautiful young lady wearing a Norwegian blue fox coat trimmed with a grey satin bow. Another despatch from Paris says the following: "The first black mutation mink coat has been made in Paris for a private customer. It is cut straight but with easy fulness. Its features is its push up sleeves, narrow on the forearm and wide on the elbow and upper arm."

Still another despatch has . . . Experiments are under way here to give Norwegian blue fox an entirely different aspect by shearing and dyeing the fur by a new process. It is hoped that the first of the furs so treated will be ready for the next fall collections of the Paris fur, which has been using this fur for the last few seasons. Featured color, if all goes well, will be mahogany. Annual production of the fur is put at 70,000 pelts, according to a Paris representative of the Norwegian producers. As soon as the new treatment is available, only one-third of the quality, of the best quality, will be kept for the longhaired fox furs; the other two-thirds will be shared and tinted.

The fox breeders feel that by restricting the amounts, and showing only top qualities, Norwegian blue fox will develop as a prestige fur. They are also conducting an educational campaign to instruct fur workers how to cut the skins to avoid subsequent hair shedding. Norwegian foxes are classed as polar animals and have, according to authorities, a closer softer under pile of hair than foxes in milder climates.

A visitor to our office the other day who had previously been a fox rancher, inquired about the state of the industry and we told him it was not at all prosperous, but if there is any truth in the statement that "the darkest hour is just before the dawn" then the dawn must be very near. The fact is that there might be quite a change in the public's estimation of silver fox within the next year and we hope it comes about. Our visitor, who is in his late 70's, recalled the scenes of other days when he and some neighbors in association with a couple of businessmen from Charlottetown, in the fall of 1912 visited a fox ranch in Prince George's County. They had arranged to buy two pairs of silver foxes, an old pair and a young pair for \$20,000, they to have the first choice of the pups.

When they arrived at the ranch the first of September they found upwards of twenty other visitors be purchasers waiting for their turn to pick a pair and everybody was talking fox and talking in the thousands. Just how much money the rancher took in that day he could not say, but it must have been in the vicinity of a couple of hundred thousand dollars. He remembers very vividly the various parties hauling out their wads of money, thousands and thousands of dollars and the rancher calmly counting it and putting it in his pocket and handing over the foxes. That was just one incident which could have been seen enacted on a smaller scale in many parts of Prince George's County, for it was that county

Standard Darks were awarded best mink of the show at three shows last year — Ohio International Show, Upper Wisconsin Show and Iowa Mink Show. No longer just a Standard mink of the breed and better type, the newer Darks are distinguished by a wonderful plushness of fur and by a uniformity of color which gets away from the two tone mink. Clear blue of the underfur covers the entire body.

Ranchers in different parts of the country are developing their own strains of Dark mink. Some of them have worked as long as fifteen years to attain high honor and many breeders who did not show also have reached a high state of perfection with Darks. Good Dark mink are never plentiful, they are scarce today. They have always been popular with women. In the opinion of many ranchers they are the backbone of the industry, as Standard silvers were of the fox industry, and since deterioration in quality of standard silvers was certainly a major cause for the decline in popularity of fox is a fine thing to see that quality in the Dark mink instead of decreasing is possibly on the up grade.

The red-breasted nuthatch, smaller than a sparrow, occupies the forested north in summer and goes south for the winter.

This Province was, in the writer's opinion, in its most prosperous state in 1912 and 1913. Mortgages had been paid off and the savings banks were full of money. Living costs were light and farmers all had nice carriages, horses and were very comfortable, also the city people, and income tax and other taxes were unknown. We will never see those gala days again but those who lived through them cannot easily forget them. The fox business kept booming right along through the year 1913 and before the end of 1914 the capitalization of companies had reached many millions of dollars. Then war broke out on August 4th, 1914, and the price of foxes dropped from \$14,000 for pups to \$4,000 and less. Ranchers adapted themselves to the changed conditions by increasing their breeding herds and producing pelts and by the end of the war pelts were bringing big money, many selling for \$1,000 and more in the United States, and one sold at the December auction in London for \$250, equal to about \$1,300 Canadian money.

Doc Collins, Editor of National Fur News in his March editorial has this:— Although glamorous mutations like Sapphire, Palomina, and Jasmine White are holding full glory of the spotlight, it is well worth knowing that a good old standby is making such progress that it may before long share that spotlight. We mean the Dark mink, also known as Natural and

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