SPEECH COMES BACK

Nonagenarian Regains Sense Lost Over Five Years Ago.

Pennsylvania County's Oldest Man's Wonderful Experience Even for a Young Person-Treatment Was Unavailing.

Reading, Pa.-Just outside of the icity limits, on a 14-scre farm in Alisace township, lives the oldest farmer in Berks county. He is a man of the "old school," and his father having reached the century mark of life. many of his friends predict that Amos DeHart himself, now over ninety-six, will also reach the one-hundred-year mark.

This kind old man is a wonderful personage. Some years ago, while apparently in good health, a singular thing happened to him one night. When he arose in the morning he had lost his speech, and not a murmur could be utter. He was treated by specialists for a number of years, but ino one could help him. For five years this condition remained, when, just as suddenly and unexpectedly as the malady came, so it left the grand old man of Berks county. As he arose from his bed one morning recently he found that he could talk as loud as ever, and now that his speech is again restored. Mr. DeHart, with mental powers like a man of fifty, except a little difficulty in hearing, is attracting attention not only of his neighbors and friends, but of many others who have been interested in the wonderful preturn of his speech.

Mr. DeHart was born at Stonersville, Berks county, August 1, 1813. and when a lad he went to school in that well-known section of the country where the early Lincoln, Boone and Lee families lived, and had for his teacher James Lee, a well-known Quaker. School then consisted of only three months in the winter, and "a good education" was very limited. When he was still a boy his father, John DeHart, moved to Alsace township, and died there a little more than one hundred years old.

When Amos was old enough he beame a cabinet maker, and also learned to make boats, constructing some of the craft used on the Schuykill canal. Then he became a millwright, and for years helped to erect mills in Berks county. After all those years of work with the plane and chisel he bought himself a farm, and has followed farm life even to this day. He began to reap his grain with the sickle and cradle, and in his day was considered an expert at swinging either of them. For 50 years he awung the scythe to and fro at the head of his laborers.

Sixty series years ago he was married to Mary Lease, who shared life's tolls with him until three years ago. Twelve children were born to them, seven of whom survive and who chiefly live in Reading, though one lives in Illinois and another in California.

Four-generation groups are found in mearly every town in Berks county; but there is none other in good "Alt Berks," where the head is a greatgrandfather nearly one hundred years old, as in the DeHart family, and where the four generations live under one roof.

FIND CUPID IN SILK SPOOL

Girl's Dainty Little Note Draws Husband From Nevada-Other Girls Follow Har Example.

Pottatown, Pa.—A dainty note bearing her name and address that she wrapped around spool of silk some time ago is going to bring a husband to Miss Rose Report, a pretty, buxom maiden living at 812 North Evans street, this borough.

In a spirit of mischief Miss Rebert, who is employed at the Champion slik manufacturing plant, put the little manufacturing plant, put the little place of paper in the spool about aix wonths ago, and it fell into the hands of Edwin M. Baker, an official of the Esmiralda Mining company, at Columbia, Nev. He begal a correspondence fith her, photographs were exchanged and how she is warring a handsome angagement ring set with a ruby surfounded by diamonds. She expects her fiance soon, when the wedding will

take place. Since the other sirls at the Cham-tion silk works have heard of Miss Repert's good lung they, too, have be-un sending out botes in the same way, in the hope of winning husbands.

COOKING AN ART, SAYS WILEY

American Woman Must Learn It Is Not Drudgery, Declares Head of 🦟 Chemistry Bureau. 💢 🤄

Chicago.-- "American women must

be made to understand that the preparation of a meal is an art not a drudgery. When this is accomplished we shall live both cheaper and better." This assertion was made by Doctor Wiley, head of the chemistry bureau the department of agriculture, who of the department vicinity to ettand a reunion of the Harvard club. Dr. Wiley called fatness in persons of sedentary occupations a modern curse, and described with indignation how people get "stung" on many kinds of edibles put up in packages. These, he declared, are often short weight or diluted—canned goods included. He attacked vegetarians, declaring that a one-sided diet would makimately result in a complete

physical change.

PRIZE BEARD IS VERY LONG ONCE A ROMAN TOWN Judge Gates of Missouri Town Takes

His Whiskers to Town and Crop

St. Louis.-Judge E. K. Gates of

Curryville, Mo., holder of the world's

long distance whiskers championship,

was in St. Louis the other day buying

supplies for his general merchandise

store. Judge Gates-or, rather, Judge

Gates' whiskers-caused unusual com-

motion when they appeared simulta-

neously in the lobby of a local hotel.

ures 72 inches from tip to tip.

The longest of his whiskers meas-

Judge Gates-and, of course, his

whiskers are always included when

one speaks of Judge Gates-once was

the occasion of a stunning blow to

eastern arrogance in the halls of con-

gress. A representative of a Maryland

district was expatiating upon the

wealth of his clime and the fertility

of his native soil. There was scorn

upon his lips and irony in his voice,

when he spoke of the rest of creation.

"Why, do you know, Mr. Speaker."

he thundered, "in my district even the

whiskers are world-beaters. We have

a man who has a beard that measures

side. Champ Clark arose and asked

permission to interrogate the speaker.

With characteristically clean-cut, bi-

ting sarcasm, the gentleman from Mis-

souri tore figurative shreds out of the

Maryland birsute and branded it as

mere fuzz. When he told of the mar-

velous beard of Judge Gates of Cur-

ryville, Pike county, the Maryland

man retreated, abashed, before the

Judge Gates is one of the wealthiest

DENY WOMEN PREFER CIGARS

London Dealers Say Cigarette Is Still

Holding Chief Favor in Fashion-

London.-A statement that the cig-

arette habit is fast being replaced by

a general use of cigars in fashionable

feminine circles in England is not con-

firmed by cigar merchants in the West

end of London. The majority of them

ridicule the idea that cigar amoking

either is or ever will be general among

women, as they are not fitted constitu-

One firm which supplies many hun-

dred women customers in the West

end with cigarettes would own to only

three women customers who bought

Another noted cigar firm knows of

only two women customers who admit-

tedly smoked cigars. A brand most

favored by women smokers is a minia-

ture cigar about two and one-half

inches long and a little thicker than

Inquiries elicited the fact that one

firm numbers among its women cus-

tomers a pipe amoker. She is middle-

aged and has discarded cigarettes in

favor of a briar of ordinary size and

There seems little doubt that cigar-

ette smoking is largely on the increase

among women in the so-called "smart

set," the eigarette most in demand be-

GOBBLER IS GAME WARRIOR

King of Barnyard Violously Attacks

Full Grown Man and Lively

Allentown, Pa.-That a turkey gob-

bler in the height of his pride as the

king of the barnyard is no mean ad-

versary was illustrated to its owner.

former Councilman William J. Mor-

ton, in a lively encounter. The gob-

bler is a splendid prize White Holland

and weighs about 40 pounds. He is

as scrappy as a game rooster, being of

such an aggressive disposition that it

is unsafe for women or children to en-

ter the poultry yard, and every time a

To collect the eggs. Mr. Morton

went through the nests, holding the

gobbler at bay with a broom. The

big bird retreated to a corner of the

yard, and Mr. Morton started to de-

part with his back toward him. Just

as he was closing the gate the gob-

bler, which was quietly sneaking up

behind him, gave him a victous kick.

Mr. Morton is black and blue where

he was hit, and six white holland

eggs, worth about one dollar apiece,

The gobbler is a grandson of some

stack imported several years ago by

United States Senator Boles Penrose.

USES HORSE FOR AMBULANCE

Mounted Policeman Places Badly In-

jured Man Across Animal's Shoul-

New York .- The unusual spectacle

of a mounted policeman galloping

along with a badly injured man lying

across his horse in front of him was

afforded the throng on Fifth avenue,

between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-

second streets. Jacob Albogan, a tailor, was crossing Fifth avenue, when a

taxicab struck him a glancing blow.

throwing him beneath the wheels.

two of which passed over his chest

Mounted Policeman Fitzgerald saw

the accident and galloped at full

speed to where he lay, climbed down, litted Albogan across the horse's

shoulders, clumbed back into the sas-die and started on a dead run for

Twenty-second street and Fifth ave-

mue, where he tknew there was a phy-

burt and condition is critical.

gas ders—Hit by Taxi.

were amashed.

and abdomen.

man goes in he puts up a fight.

Fight Results.

ing of the best turkish tobacco.

a cigarette. One woman orders reg-

ularly 100 of these a month.

tionally for the practise.

cigars.

able Circles.

laughter of his colleagues.

men in Pike county.

There was a stir on the Democratic

three feet long."

Table Wonder.

Ruins of Ancient Settlement Found Near Voorburg, Holland,

Dutch Government Assists Society in Work of Uncovering Old Walls and Mosts-Fortress is Menitioned in Chronicles.

The Hague.-An eminent German historian has called the present century "the age of the spade," for the searchers of the past no longer confine their studies to musty archives, but pickax and shovel are called into requisition to reconstitute the history of bygone times. So far not much has been accomplished in that direction in Holland and it is generally by some lucky chance that any antiquities are unearthed. It is now some 80 years ago that a learned archeologist recognized as Roman antiquities some objects that had accidentally been dug up in a country seat not far from The Hague, in the small village of Voorburg. Now, popular tradition had always seen in Voorburg, a famous forum of Roman times, which, according to old chronicles, was situated somewhere on the great canal dug by the Romans in the time of the Emperor Claudius for military purposes. This, canal, the "Fossa Corbulanus," extended for many miles from where afterward was Delft to beyond Leyden, which was also a Roman settlement, thus joining the rivers Schie and Rhine, forming a continuous waterway for the Roman fleet. Eighty years ago there were only a few people, however, to take an interest in the unearthing of a few amphorae, tiles and vases.

But the owner of the country seat was full of zeal and did what he could with his private means, so that, in the course of a few years, it was impossible to doubt any longer that there, deep in the soil, was an important fortress or a city of Roman origin. Ever since that time excavations have been going on in a desultory manner, but a year or two ago a company was formed, which took the name of the Arentsburg society, after the county seat, which is most significantly Arentsburg, or "the Castle of the Eagles." It will be remembered that the Roman emblem, like the American, was the eagle.

The new company has been working more systematically and the walls and moats of an extensive fortification have been partly laid bare. These, archeologists declare, were built in the second half of the first century A. D. The Dutch government has now come interested in this impor tant historical document of stone and has voted a subsidy of 10,000 florins in installments, to be paid yearly during five years to the society, beginning with 2,000 floring in 1910. The provincial states have also appropristed 500 floring a year for the same purpose, while the local authorities and many private individuals contribute considerable sums.

As far as can be judged now it is probable that Arentsburg, once near the well fortified harbor for the Roman fleet, and a considerable Roman settlement, was built on an emplacement elevated with the soil that had been dug out of the "Fossa Corbulana," which was dug by Corbula during the reign of Emperor Claudius, after he had conquered the Frisians.

Old chronicles mention a fortress in these parts. They tell of the ruins of a great castle, which was destroyed by the Normans. Tradition wove many fables about these ruins, which, in the fifteenth or sixteenth century, still covered some eight acres of ground. After that time no further mention is made by them and in the eighteenth century the county seat. Arentsburg. was laid out on the same spot, so that it would seem that all the masonry above ground must by that time have disappeared. When next year the company doing the excavating work can begin in earnest, many an important "find" may be anticipated.

FINE \$5 FOR EATING ONIONS

Nebreska Barber Must Also Keep Fingers Out of Customer's Mouth and Eschew Gossip.

Waterloo, Neb,-An ordinance has been passed by the city council and signed by the mayor and is effective. at once, which among other things, regulates matters relative to the cleanliness of barber shops and then

providest "It shall be unlawful for any barber in this town to eat onions between weven a. m. and nine p. m. No barber while shaving a customer, shall insert his thumb or finger in the said customer's mouth; shall not discuss the gossip of the town and shall not use tobacco while working over a chair? shall not insist upon a customer having his neck shaved or his hair

singed." A violation of the provisions shall aubject the barber to arrest and a fine of not less than five dollars for each and every offense.

War on "Rats."

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Elgin, Ill.-Twelve senior girls at the Eigin high school appeared in their classroom with their hair combed tightly back over their ears and heatly braided. As a secret organization just formed they have signed a pledge to abandon "rata." They call their society the "Anti-Rat league," and expect that their attitude toward false hair will have an effect upon other girls in the school.

KEEPS FISH WITHOUT WATER

CONTROL OF THE CONTRO

Woman Makes Discovery of Great Importance to Government-Intoxicates With Oxygen. 🥆

Boston .- Mrs. Frank M. Johnson. wife of a local surgeon, has devised a method of keeping fish alive without water. Both Mrs. Johnson and her husband are deeply interested in fish culture and have at Springfield, N. H., a private fishery of their own. Mrs. Johnson, who is now staying in New York, gives this account of her de-

"I first took a large glass jar, much longer than wide, in the bottom of which I placed a thick pad of dampened felt. Then near the top of the jar I put in an intake on one side and an exhaust tube on the other. Midway in the jar I put a little screen shelf on which I laid the fish. After moistening its gills with water I closed the top of the jar and started oxygen to work, simply pumping it in the jar in the ordinary way. I not only kept the first fish alive, but experimented on others and they thrived for days and weeks."

"But what keeps the fish from flopping about on the screen in the manner of fish when out of water?"

"Because it is intoxicated. The fish is simply drunk with oxygen and lies there inflating its gills as regularly as when in water.

"You can imagine how valuable this discovery may prove to government hatcheries when you stop to think that in shipping fish across the continent to stock streams and rivers the government uses an especially arranged car for its purposes. This is so built that the water is forced round and round in the tank in order to supply fresh oxygen, which not only keeps the fish agitated but often results in great loss of life as well.

"A car built on the oxygen plan. which I have now proved to be practical, will keep the fish quiet and the oxygen will keep them alive until they reach their destination, when they can be returned to the water."

AVIATOR TO GET INSURANCE

Companies Take Note of New Mode of Travel-New Policies Exclude Accidents in Air.

London.-Insurance companies are recognizing that aviation has to be reckoned with in framing policies both with respect to death and accident. "Up to the present," said the actu-

ary of one of the leading companies in London, "we have not made any special provision for aviators. Our free policies at present in existence would cover any accident arising from a mishap to an aeroplane. But new insurers are specially excluded from any benefit when an aerial fourney is con cerned.

"We are, however, considering the possibility of issuing special aerial policies, as there will doubtless be plenty of people traveling in aeroplanes and airships in the neaf future. At present the proper medium for the issue of an aeroplanist's policy is Lleyd's, where risks of all imaginable kinds are undertaken. I have heard of such a policy being issued at 15 per cent. per annum."

Another large company has sent out the following footnote with its renewal notices:

"The directors are not prepared to cover accidents of aeronautics and renewal of this policy will only be granted subject to the exclusion of such risks from the insurance."

The whole subject will probably be the chief topic of discussion at the the next meeting of the conference of "tariff" companies, a body which regulates the premiums on policies relating to deaths and accidents.

WOODPECKER AS ONLY CURE

Dreaded Pine Beetle Has Affected Thousands of Wooded Acres in Blackfoot Park.

Butte. Mont.—Right on the head of the announcement that from 50,000 to 100,000 feet of yellow pine timber near the foot of Lake McDonald, in northern Montana, had become infected with the dread pine beetle, comes the announcement at Kalispell of A. Reynolds, veteran ranger in the service, that thousands of acres of fir and spruce in the Blackfoot National forest are likewise affected, and that the plague is rapidly spreading.

Mr. Reynolds says millions of feet on the south fork of the Flathead are also blighted, and he declares the woodpecker is the only practical cure, as beetles spread too rapidly for artificial means to check them.

There are few woodpeckers in the

Lake McDonald region. Mr. Reynolds declares if some natural disease does not take them off, the beautifully wooded hills of the Glacier National park will turn yellow and lose their heedles as the beetles are spreading in that direction from the lake.

Hen is Militant.

Prospect Park, Pa.-A hen owned by Mrs. T. J. Balley of Prospect Park has demonstrated that she is a strong exponent of equal rights. During the last week she has ably set forth her right to supremacy over any male fowl in the borough. This belligerent hen has fought with every rooster in the community over which she reigns with queenly power.

So badly did she whip one aggressive chanticleer that the fowl died from the effects of the injuries inflicted by the plucky hen, who uses her bill and wings in the fights.

So powerful a blow does she deal with her legs and wings that few roceters can withstand her onelaughts.

YANKEE HORSE BEST

Pick of American Stables to Compete at British Show.

Walter Winans, Well-Known American Millionaire Sportsman, Gives Private Exhibition of Animals to Friends.

London. - The keenest possible sense of rivalry has been awakened among British horse owners by the fact that horses representing the pick of America's private stables are to compete at the forthcoming international horse show at Olympia. Howard Frank, one of the English directors of the show said more horses are entered from the United States for this year's show than for any of its predecessors.

American millionaire sportsman, who lives over here, carries off the palm for no fewer than 147, which constitutes a record. He gave a sort of preliminary international horse show of his own at his palatial seat, Surrenden Park, Kent, recently when a large company of his friends were given a private view of the animals which are entered to represent him at Olympia.

Walter Winans, the well-known

Judging by the performances of these horses, the representatives of the Surrenden Park stud will stand a good chance of winning an even larger share of the prizes than has been the case during the last three years, First the company was given an exhibition in the spacious riding school of the methods adopted to break and train harness horses, backs and show jumpers. The horses were subjected to the terrifying effects of having scaffold poles hitched to either side of them, to having flags and pieces of paper blowing in the wind, to tin canisters tied to their tails, and to the beating of drums and other noises.

Interesting specimens of the effect of crossing the hackney with the American trotter were also paraded. while later on two animals of this cross showed their capabilities in harness, both being possessed of much of the action of the backney, with the speed of the trotter. Mr. Winans' old favorites, Barney F., aged twenty-two years, and Fide Stanton, a year older. caused quite a sensation by trotting a mile in double harness in the good time of 2:25.

A Russian troiks, to which three horses were harnessed, was another feature of interest, the center horse trotting and the wheelers galloping. Silver-mounted harness, with bells, and the costume of the driver combined to render the display attractive. Little Tobe, which holds the world's

record for a mile, was put through his paces alone, and also in company with Topsy, a fast 14-hand pony. Mamie H., Mirza, Rip, Bonny View, Kent and Rainstorm were other famous animals. sbown.

Perhaps the most novel exhibit was Tiny, a diminutive shetland pony not more than two feet six inches in height, which was harnessed to a small wagon to suit and driven by a little child. A puny footman, not much taller than the pony itself, completed the equipment. This turnout should go right to the hearts of the women who visit Olympia. It is a distinct povelty.

A highly interesting program was brought to a conclusion when some of the best jumpers in the stud were put through their paces. One of them, a magnificent horse called Gray Hawk, carried histrider over a wall of flame. A fence was set on fire and the fiames rose at least eight feet. Four times Gray Hawk took his rider over the blaze as quietly as if it were the most usual thing in the world.

FARM HANDS GETTING SCARCE

illinois Labor Bureau Reports Inability to Supply Frequent Calls for Laborers.

Springfield, Ill.-Secretary David Ross of the State Bureau of Labor. Statistics is receiving reports from officials in charge of the six free employment offices of the state of many openings for farm hands which the offices are unable to fill. Peoria has reported 156 reports for help of various sorts on the farm in anticipation of the beginning of spring work. In connection with the shortage of

farm hands it is reported that the tendency of applicants for places through the employment bureaus to refuse to register is growing. Many applicants enter the offices, ask for openings, and on finding none at the time, they depart without leaving their names. Sometimes they call again, sometimes not.

A list of unregistered requests for work is being compiled in the office of the bureau of lapor for reference. In connection with the list it will be shown how many of those who applied were at the time without employment.

Hen Mothers Kittens. Hanover, Kan .- A hen that mothers

three little kittens is the strange family combination of which Colonel William Schropp, a local auctioneer, boasts. The old hen seems to take as good care of the kittens as if then were really her own offspring. The kittens were born in a nest occupied by the hen. The hen offered no objection to their presence, and when Mother Tabby left them temporarily the hen assumed guardianship. The mother cat returns at regular intervals each day to furnish nourishment sor her kittens.

PIANO PLAYER IS CURIOSITY

Rare Specimen of Such Instrument Made About 1780-Mechanica Playing Device in Bottom.

Philadelphia.-A musical instrument which is, in all probability, the only one of its kind in this country. was presented to the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art and added to the collection of old planos in Memorial hall, Fairmount park. It is one of the earliest specimens of a combination piano and player-plano and was made about 1780. It is the gift of D. E. Woolley,.. treasurer of the Estey company, who secured it after a thorough search of the country for some of the earlier specimens of this form of piano con-

The instrument is a six-octave plane and resembles somewhat in appearance the old-fashioned style of bookcase. It stands about seven feet high and the case is of mahogany. Above the music rack is a soft, stationary drapery, which was intended to be both ornamental and provide a screen for the interior mechanism of the instrument. Age has placed its in lelible mark on this ornamentation and it is now torn in many places, being exceedingly fragile, although it attit preserves to some extent its original delicacy and design.

The most interesting feature about it, however, is its two-fold use, showing, as it does, that the idea of a selfplaying instrument is far from a recent conception. As a piano it conforms to much of the general appearance of the usual antique upright. Its mechanical playing device is contained in the base of the instrument, but instead of paper rolls, such as are now used the notes were produced by large wooden cylinders, into which were placed metal pins, much on the principle of the well-known music box Each of these cylinders contained three selections.

Three of the cylinders accompanied the gift of the piano. Although the selections that are played on it are. now barely distinguishable, they are quaint in musical form, suggestive of the compositions of Handel. The mechanism that moved the rolls is still in good condition. This is a spring motor on the order of a watch or music box and is wound up by a crank. As the cylinder is turned the little metal pins strike projecting jacks, which in turn raise the hammer from the strings of the instrument. As each one is released it strikes a string and the note is produced. Provision has been made for changing the time and also for producing various effects in expression, according to the will of the person manipulating it.

WOODPECKER ALARM CLOCK

New Jersey Preacher Crawls From His Bad at Call of Industrious Little Bird.

New York.-A novel alarm clock is the unprized possession of Rev. Dr. George A. Paul, pastor of the Upper Montclair (N. J.) Presbyterian church. He has to crawl unwillingly from bed at the call of a woodpecker. The clergyman was awakened one morning recently by a hammering on the roof of his home. He found the noise was caused by a woodpecker knocking on the sheet-from covering on top of the chimney. Dr. Paul frightened the bird away and went back to bed, but the noise was renewed. The clergyman gather papers and built a fire, the emoke of which effectually checked the bird for the time. Next morning: however, Mr. Woodpecker was there again trying to drill a hoft through the sheet-iron cover. The clergyman, again burned paper. After several mornings of this work Dr. Paul took to putting papers in the fireplace before he went to bed at night so as to be ready on the instant for his visitor in the morning. The bird now, calls regularly at 6:30 a. m. and compels the pastor to rise in order to start the smoke that will shut off the tapping alarm.

PAINTED SHOES NOW STYLE

Also Shockingly Short Skirts With Brilliantly Decorated Ankles as Been on Broadway.

New York.—A woman who does not paint will be out of style this season! That is to say, she must have her shoes highly daubed to be in fashion? Also to appear chic she must expose her ankles by wearing shockingly short dresses and garnish the expose with red stockings.

The brevity of skirts, the illuminated stockings and the shoes was the law laid down by the upholaterers of feminine humanity along Fifth avenue today. And just to show that it was all very serious the shope exhibited eamples of the custom extraordinary in their window. The new style is to picture the too of the shoe with flowers, coats of arms or lions rampant.

The new "mummy" type of gown is very narrow at the bottom and very short. Scarlet hose are to be all the rage, with modest lavenders, yellows and blues.

Use for False Bottom. Trenton, N. J.—Declaring that she nurchased a trunk with a false bottom

because the inner bottom would make a good ironing board, Mrs. Matilda M Chesbrough, on trial in the United States district court on a charge of smuggling costly jewelry and dresser, took the stand in her own behalf. To support her declaration, Mrs. Chesbrough exhibited a small sad-iron, which she said she used on board the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS