

# Royal Oak

## Eatest From Our Sister Village

"Keep your eye on Royal Oak." Mrs. Mary Heavener spent Sunday at home.

Louis Erb, of Owosso, was home over Sunday.

Mr. Fournier is at Grayling visiting old friends.

Mrs. Clark, of Pontiac, visited friends in town last week.

Mrs. Corkins and son Charles are visiting at Goderich, Ontario.

Mrs. Bowers, of Clawson, was a Royal Oak caller last Wednesday.

Miss Saida, Hammond is home from a month's visit with relatives in Canada.

J. A. Merritt has the contract for erecting a large building at Bloomfield Centre.

Herman Dondero, of Grosse Pointe Farms, was calling on friends here Friday.

Mrs. Hitchcock and Mrs. Fitch are enjoying themselves immensely at Bay View.

Miss Estelle Wheeler is entertaining her cousin, Miss Sarah Sheldon, from Chicago.

It is said that a goose drinks water 100 times a day. Some geese don't drink water at all.

H. R. Russell and wife, of Leonard, are being visited by Mr. Russell's parents for a few weeks past.

Mrs. H. N. Lavery entertained her sister, Mrs. Kinghorn, and her niece, Mrs. John Waskins, last week.

A. W. Willson and son Robert spent Sunday with relatives in town. Mr. Willson reports good in Owosso.

George Spencer, of Battle Creek, was a Royal Oak business caller Monday.

Visitors at Dr. Morrison's last week were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Souby, of Milford, and Miss Flossie Render, of Southfield.

Mrs. Elmon Knowles returned Saturday from Greenfield, where she has been for the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. William Watch.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Smith and daughter, of Simcoe, Ontario, are the guests of Mr. Smith's brother, Dr. Ansley Smith, of this village.

The telephone company has installed a new switch-board in this office just double the capacity of the old one. That shows we are getting there with both feet as regards population.

A Chilcott has the foundation for his new house up, but has been unable so far to secure carpenters to go on with the work. There is so much building going on that the carpenters are all at work.

Mr. and Mrs. Lapham have gone on a two-weeks visit to friends in Canada. Mr. Lapham is the genial dispatcher for the D. U. R., and this is his annual vacation. We trust he will have a good time.

Dan McEwan, a trainer at the race track, was knocked down in Detroit, last week, and robbed of two watches and \$80 in cash. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, where he was found to be very badly injured.

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You don't have to go to war to be patriotic. Improve your locality, uphold your home town, enlarge its interests and lend a hand to progress, and you are a patriot—a lover of your country—as truly as the soldier who shoulders his musket.

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### SOME MEANING OF WORDS

Some Instances of How They Have Departed From Their Derivations and Original Definitions.

In the New York panic of 1857 a Frenchman declared that he should lose all his "property." It sounds like something to laugh at. Nevertheless "property" and "propriety" have the same French derivation. Words have a knack of shifting not only from their sources but also out of their own original meanings.

We accept an anecdote as a short, diverting story. Etymologically it means something as yet unpublished. To prevent, which is now to hinder, meant in its Latin original to anticipate.

A girl was anciently a young person of either sex.

Mountebank was the term applied to one who, without medical science, and who mounted a bench to proclaim his wares. It is from the Italian.

Paradise in Oriental tongues meant only a royal residence but came out of their own original meanings.

Astounded means literally thunder-struck, coming from "attorare."

A knave was once merely a lad and a villain only in a later sense.

To be silly was in its ancient sense to be blessed.

To be officious was to be courteously ready to do kindly offices.

If a man was facetious, in the early English, he was but urbane. An idiot was a private citizen, as distinguished from a public one.

Frontispiece, if considered from its Latin source, is not a picture in the front of a book, but the front of something. The Latin word is "fronspicium."

"Beldam" is not an abusive term. In its French source, but means a fair lady.

Shamefaced comes from a good Anglo-Saxon term which means not an exhibiting shame, but one protected by shame, being therefore innocent and modest.

Few Earth Mysteries Left.

An American naturalist, Col. Max Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, just returned from a hunting trip, in the continent that is no longer dark, declares from his luxurious resting place in a New York hotel that Africa is actually overrun with sportsmen. The hunters of Europe and America are following a distinguished example in their pursuit of a big game. The elephant has become as gun shy as the antelope and is a sagacious judge of safe distance. The traveler not long ago told shooting sportsmen from a railway train, obligingly halted for the purpose. That episode is a reminder of the time when the bison, now extinct, save for a few preserved, could be seen in vast numbers from the windows of tourist cars. Lassa, until recently the forbidden city, abounds in game books. The British explorer Robinson Crusoe and isolation and a solitude broken only by the capture and education of the docile Friday?—Washington Post.

Paved With Good Intentions.

A diplomat was talking in Washington about the late Hon. Atherton Herbert, son of the earl of Carnarvon.

"He was connected with the British Embassy here," said the diplomat, "but after a certain time he would have naught to do with diplomacy. Why, he once addressed a crowd in New York like this:

"The mad blind struggle for the dollar, with no thought of the higher life, is ruining your country. The hearts of your men are like the rocks that underlie our great city. It is a great city of hard hearts."

"Mr. Herbert was always original. I once heard him address a New York banquet of clergyman. He tried to repeat the address in his own words. It ran:

"Meeting this morning the gentleman called denigrate or Brelzebub. I greeted him politely and said:

"How are things down your way?"

He grimaced and shook his head. He pointed to the mud on his hoof and tail.

"We are in a deuce of a mess down there," said "This is the season, you know, when our pavements are being laid."—Washington Post.

Children's Food.

Certain little suggestions are always to be followed when planning the diet of the little ones. To keep healthy little stomachs in the nursery never serve hot stewed fruit to the children. Plenty of stewed fruit and baked apples they should eat, but they must be invariably cooked the day before and dished up cold. The baked or stewed fruit, or potatoes boiled without their skins, supply starch with a loss of all the wholesome potato salts that are lost during the process of cooking into the whigs part of the vegetable.

Low Pay of Welsh Ministers.

The lot of the average Welsh Non-conformist minister is not enviable. It was disclosed at the annual conference of the Welsh Congregational Union recently that many ministers receive as little as \$2.75 and \$1.75 a week. Taking the whole of Wales, an estimate of the churches has to be content with a stipend of less than \$400 a year, and 12 per cent. receive from \$350 to \$400 a year.

Would Be Popular.

"Why," said the surprised would-be-purchaser, as he struck the keys of an elegantly finished portable instrument makes no sound!

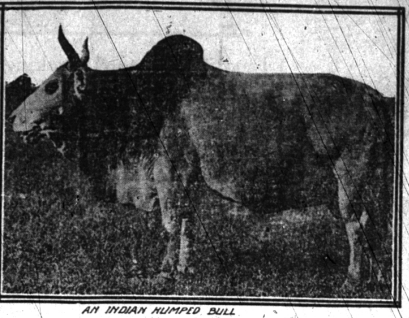
"No," replied the polite salesman. "It isn't intended to make any sound. It's a kind of your neighbor's piano."

Unnaturally Frugal.

Nellie-I don't see why Gertrude Kestonby is so determined to postpone the date of her wedding.

"Nora—You don't? Well, it's because she has a large supply of Gertrude Kestonby's wedding gowns, and she does not propose to have them wasted."

# THE COMPLETE FAMILY OF INDIAN



## AN INDIAN HUMPED BULL

CERTAIN popular names quite unknown to the natives of the countries whence these species come are commonly applied in Europe to various kinds of animals. A striking instance of this is afforded by the name "zebu," which is in almost universal use all over Europe as the designation of the Indian humped cattle, but is not a part of any of the numerous languages of India. Neither does it appear to be of African origin, although humped cattle are found over the greater part of Africa, as well as in Madagascar. How it had originated, and by whom it was first employed in literature, would be very difficult to ascertain; but there seems considerable probability that it was introduced into natural history literature by French zoologists, as it is employed by Buffon in the first portion of his "Histoire Naturelle," published from 1749. It is likewise used in the abbreviated English edition of that work, published in 1821, where zebu, or humped oxen, are erroneously stated to occur in the island of bison. "In the whole continent of India," it is there written, "the islands of South Seas; in all Africa, from Mount Atlas to the Cape of Good Hope, we find nothing but humped oxen; and it even appears that all the best countries, has many advantages over the others. These humped oxen, like the bison, of which they are the nearest ally, have the same softness and more glossy than our oxen; and the aurochs, are furnished with little hair, which is of a harsh nature. These humped oxen are also swifter, and more proper to supply the wants of a horse; at the same time, they have a less brutal nature, and are not so clumsy and stupid as our oxen; they are more tractable and sensible as to which way you would lead them. Later on, in reference to the zebu, it is stated that the hump does not depend on the conformation of the spine, nor on the bones of the shoulder; it is nothing but an excrescence, a kind of wen, a piece of tender flesh, as good to eat as the tongue of an ox. The wens of some oxen weigh about forty or fifty pounds; others have them much smaller; some of these oxen have also prodigious horns for their size."

With the exception of their presumed relationship to bison, and some details in regard to distribution, the account of humped oxen might almost have been written by a modern naturalist. The hump is still a favorite diet, either hot or cold, in India; and throughout the whole of the peninsula portion of that country these cattle are still the most common beasts of draught for both fast and slow traffic. So far as can be determined, the hump, although highly convenient for keeping the yoke in position, is quite useless to the animal, which are common to Asia and Africa. The excessive development of the dewlap in the Indian breeds is probably also the result of this appendage, as well as the presence of the hump, would probably be exceedingly inconvenient to a wild animal. In this connection it is noted that the presence of a big dewlap in the Indo-Burmesse cattle known as gaval, and its absence in their wild relatives of the Peabody institute, suggest another argument in favor of the view that the former is nothing more than a domesticated breed of the latter. The convexity of the forehead in the Indian humped cattle may likewise be attributed to domestication, as it is absent in some of the Galla humped cattle of Africa. Even if the dewlap and the enormous development of the dewlap be eliminated, as adventitious features, there can, however, be no doubt that humped cattle are essentially distinct from their European relatives, which are, for the most part, the descendants of the ancient wild ox, or aurochs (Bos taurus). From that species humped cattle (Bos indicus) differ—apart from the hump, dewlap and convex forehead—by the finer nature of their coat, by the general type of color, by the form of the horns and skull, and the large and frequently drooping ears, as well as by their voice and habits. To describe the structurally noticeable would be out of place on this occasion; but anyone who takes the trouble to pay a visit to the Natural History Museum, may see for himself how unlike are the horns, both in form and color, to those of European cattle. As regards the color of the coat, the Indian breeds are very generally either iron gray or some shade of pale fawn, becoming darker on the hump, shoulders and neck; but others are nearly white, while some bulls are bay, or even black. In all but the white breeds, light rings above the fetlocks and light circles round the eyes are very generally noticeable. Humped cattle utter a cry which is more of a grunt than a low; and they differ markedly from European cattle in that they seldom seek the protection of shade, and never stand stationary for hours at a time in water. Although humped cattle have run wild in some parts of India, where they were at one time stated to be so wary that stalking them was a difficult matter, they are nowhere found in a truly wild state, and in all works on natural history in which they are referred to, it is stated that their origin is quite unknown, although it has been pointed out that their original home was doubtless in some portion of the tropical or subtropical regions of the old world. There are numerous breeds and sub-breeds of Indian humped cattle, in all of which the horns are comparatively slender, although they may be of considerable length. In the north-west province of India the most common representative of the species is the Hissar breed, which is of a very large size, with big drooping ears, and the horns black and curving outwards, backwards and downwards, the bulls being generally of a pale iron gray, like many of the cows, a mass of the other breeds the ears do not droop, and the bulls, at any rate, may be black. Among these the Gujrat cattle, of western India, are smaller than the Hissar breed, and have the horns, which are thick at the base, directed upwards, and curved forwards. In old bulls the hump is very large, big, and, indeed, than in the Hissar breed, in which it is also well developed. In the handsome Mysore cattle, of which there are numerous breeds and sub-breeds, the horns have also an upright direction, and in old bulls often show a twisted or double curvature directed at first forwards, then forwards and, finally, outwards or backwards, although in other cases they may curve forwards. In all cases the hump is of moderate size and non-pendulous. In Mysore humped cattle are divided into two types, namely, the inferior village breed, which is of the Daddadana, or high-class cattle. The latter include the Amrat, Mahal, Hallikar, Chitraldrag, Alumbad, and other well-known breeds, all of which are specially adapted for fast roadwork as they are quick, very high-spirited, have extremely hard feet, another distinct type is formed by the Ongole, or Nellore, cattle, of the east coast of Madras, to the west of the latter, there are very large and handsome cattle, extremely docile and suitable for heavy, steady draft. In color they are black and white and pure white; the latter has become now most esteemed, although formerly black and white was preferred, except in the bullocks; the horns are small, the cattle are very docile, and the cattle, sufficiently characterized by their diminutive size, the adult bulls often standing not more than three feet at the shoulder.

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## Does A Caterpillar Bite?

A Doctor Says the Idea is Ridiculous. But Several Persons Are Said to Be Victims.

Do caterpillars bite? "Foolish," said Dr. Philip R. Usher, president of the Peabody Institute, "can they bite when they have no teeth." He continued, "They may be able to pierce the cuticle as they would a maple leaf, but they can't bite."

"Well, then, do they sting?" he was asked.

"They have no stingers; therefore, they do not sting," he said.

It came to attention that several people in Baltimore have been under a great deal of excitement for caterpillar bite or sting, or something of the kind. The pain resulting was very acute, and the affected part showed intense swelling. It was also reported that several people have been treated at some of the local hospitals for bites of insects supposed to be the fuzzy caterpillar. Dr. Henry M. Hurd, superintendent of Johns Hopkins Hospital, said that while he had heard of no patients being received at the Hopkins, he had learned that people in the northern part of the country had suffered in recent years from the bite of the gypsy moth.—Baltimore Sun.

## Budding Diplomatist.

LITTLE Alice, from the time she learned to talk, showed a marked talent for inventing reasons why she should not be whipped, says the Delawarean. "I say, however, and her mother returning unexpectedly found her holding three tiny birds, taken from a ground sparrow's nest, and caught red-handed, as it were, an excellent reason for her being spared. She said she herself from the approaching spanking did not suggest itself with the usual ease. "Mother," she said faintly, "these birds were tired and bored of staying in their nest. When I got to them they were every one yawning."

## WHERE SCRIPTURE IS SILENT

Philadelphian Supplied the Omission, and Most Men Will Think He Did Exactly Right.

An elderly man of Philadelphia, who is noted for his piety, was accused the other evening at a lonely spot on Allegheny avenue as he was returning from services and was startled with respect to his religious beliefs.

At first he paid no attention to the insult and tried to pass on. The other man would not permit it, however, and grew more abusive, concluding by giving the old man a stinging slap in the face. The old man's patience gave way at this and he spoke angrily to the fellow.

"This seemed to be what the ruffian desired, and he retorted by saying that instead of getting angry, the old man, according to Scriptural injunction, should have turned the other cheek."

He did so, and was promptly rewarded by another stinging blow.

"Now," said the injured man, "the Scripture does not tell us what to do next, but I will show you." With that he suddenly seized the ruffian by the collar and bent him unmercifully on the heavy case that he carried, and then went on his way.

## ACCIDENTAL STEPMOTHER.

Mrs. Finnegan-Starr, as it is only missed me by about a foot. Mrs. Finnegan—Then had you gone to Allegheny where the children would have had a fair share.

Initiation Rubber.

Articles for initiation rubber is made by methods which resemble the process of vulcanizing natural rubber. For example, by treating the raw oil with sulphur or carbon disulphide.

## Ad. Wisdom

If wisdom's way you study seek, Right Price, Judiciously.

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