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Where is the Man?

Attention, W. T. Sherman Post No. 1.

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FLORIDA WILL BE MADE FAMOUS

The Gi-Cow, a New Animal, Will Make Florida Great Dairy State.

There is a man living down in Eustis, Fla., who says he has a plan where Florida can be weaned away from the tin cow, and made a milk, cream and butter center of prime importance, says Sidney C. Haly, in the Times-Union. The name of this man is Mikolanski. He is a Pole, who, after much wandering over the face of the earth, settled in Eustis, because of the healthfulness of the climate there in the high interior, and the beauty of the scenery on the Eustis lake system. Mr. Mikolanski is an educated man, and speaks English like a native. Some people regard him as a crank; others declare he is a genius. At any rate, he is original enough; and his latest scheme to originate a new beast that will solve the problem of cheap milk production in Florida is, to say the least of it, startling.

"I am a great lover of milk and cream," says Mr. Mikolanski. "I have been threatened with certain wasting diseases, and for years have made my diet to consist largely of these. My only objection to this Eustis lake region is that, like all Florida, it does not produce milk cheaply; nor is that produced very good. And so, after thought, I have hit upon a solution. It requires some explanation.

"Fifteen years ago I spent a couple of years in Buluwayo, in South Africa, and in that vicinity. In those days I was a hunter of big game. I have killed my share of elephants, rhinocerases, hippopotami, and I have the skin of an okapi I bagged before that rare animal was made known to the world by Sir Harry Johnstone. Well, during my sojourn in Africa, I had the good fortune to meet that greatest of all modern empire builders, Cecil Rhodes. Among other things he told me of a man in Rhodesia (as it is now called) who had a queer hybrid beast that was a cross between a cow and a giraffe. He had seen it himself, he said, and gave me a minute description of it.

"I could scarcely believe so remarkable a story, even from Cecil Rhodes, So, to satisfy my curiosity, I made a three weeks' journey to find the owner of this anomalous lapsus naturae. After one of the most difficult journeys I ever undertook, I reached the place, away on the frontier. Sure enough the man, an Englishman named Ferry, had the animal penned up in his cattle kraal. It was certainly an odd looking freak, with a body like that of a cow, except the stripes, and a neck resembling a giraffe's and fully ten feet long. Ferry said it gave a very fine quality of milk. It usually grazed on the tops of trees, and did not care much for grass. I offered the man 250 guineas for it, but he refused. He was going to ship it to England and put it into a circus. Unfortunately, as I learned subsequently, the animal was killed by a marauding lion, while in transit."

"But what has that to do with Florida?" asked your correspondent.

"A good deal," replied Mr. Mikolanski. "I have settled here near Eustis because I find this the most attractive part of Florida. It is hilly and rolling, with a great system of interconnecting lakes, constituting the finest water-area for pleasure-boating and fishing to be found inland south of Michigan. I like the locality. Eustis is the highest resort of importance in the state, they tell me, being over 200 feet from sea-level, and fifty above the surrounding lakes. It is the most healthful spot of earth I ever saw; and one of the most beautiful. I am going to do my part toward developing it by sending to Africa for a few male giraffes; and I shall originate this new breed of animals. It is to be called the 'gi-cow.' It will revolutionize things hereabouts. You see the trouble is this: the grass in Florida is of poor quality, but there is plenty of grazing in the trees. I have investigated the question and I find that the gray moss so abundant in this state, makes a fine quality of milk, and that the cows like it much better than anything they can be fed. If successful with the cross-breeding I propose I shall have the gi-cow, which, with its immensely long neck can reach the moss in the boughs of the water and live oaks, and thus obtain a plentiful supply of nutrition at all times of the year. Do you see?"

Your correspondent saw the point, but was still doubtful. The thing seemed preposterous. He said so.

"Not at all," retorted the learned Pole. "Did you ever see the Australian platypus, or ornithorhynchus, as it is called in the books? Well, it is a small animal, the size of a large cat. It has fur, like most of four-footed animals, and yet it has also a duck's bill, webbed feet, lays eggs and suckles its young. Now, is my gi-cow more remarkable that that? The zebra is crossed with the horse, as is the donkey, resulting in the most useful of hybrids, the mule. Luther Burbank crossed an apple with a strawberry. Cross fertilization of plants is now familiar; the crossing of animals is a science in its infancy."

"Do the people here think you can accomplish your object, Mr Mikolanski?"

Mr. Mikolanski showed a trace of irritation at this question. "Of course not," he said, tartly. "The people never believe a great thing possible until it is done. One fellow, supposing he was being funny, asked me whether it would not be better to teach the cows to walk on stilts. Another proposed developing claws on cows (as the Australian rabbit has done), and teaching them to climb trees. Such rot! But I will show you, if I live. My ancestors were men who did things. The founder of the house was from Ireland. His name, tradition says, was Michael Holihan, which was corrupted into Mikolanski. Holihan fought in the wars of our great hero, Sobieski, against the Turks. Since that day the Mikolanskis have been conspicuous, and I intend to follow the example of those that have gone before me. It may seem funny, this scheme for creating a strange hybrid to graze on the funereal pendants of Florida moss, but what nature has done before she can do again. I expect my first shipment of giraffes before spring. The jokesmiths will see."

"You speak English well," was the reporter's next comment.

"Yes, my mother was an American. English is one of my mother-tongues."

"Do you intend to remain in Eustis?"

"I do. I have been all over Florida, and this is the best place for the health-seeker in the state—or in the United States; while the facilities for boating on this magnificent system of lakes are the best in the south. I like the duck and quail shooting; and I expect to bag a few Florida bears and deer this winter. I shall devote my time to sport and gi-cow culture. I am going to have a launch built, to add to the fleet here, which consists of about fifty power boats. In fine, after a life of wandering I am going to settled down and take it easy. Good day, sir—"

Guessing.

Aubrey—I say, old chap, I suppose you can't lend me a fiver?, Plantegent—No, my dear boy, but a man with your capacity for guessing the right thing oughtto be able to win a fortune on the turf.—London Telegraph.

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