

Modest Maldens

By Jay Alan

ANSWERS TO Carnival QUESTIONS

By HASKIN

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Q. How is it possible to estimate the number of rats on a farm? S. B. L.

A. Dr. Gunderson has worked out a formula which was published in the Iowa State College Farm Science Reporter. It is as follows: "If you never see rats but see signs of rats and rat damage, there are from one to 100 rats on your farm. If you see rats now and then at night, there are from 100 to 500. If you see rats every night and a few occasionally in the daytime, you are boarding from 500 to 1000. If you see lots of rats at night and several every day, you probably have 1000 to 5000 rats."

Q. How long is a sunspot cycle? M. I. L.

A. It has long been supposed that the sunspot cycle is 11 years, but Dr. Seth B. Nicholson of Mt. Wilson Observatory is of the opinion that the apparent 11-year cycle is only half a cycle so that the actual length of the entire cycle is 22 years.

Q. What is the highest short-hand speed ever attained in an open contest? E. G.

A. According to the Gregg Publishing Company, the highest shorthand speed ever attained in an open contest is that of Mr. Charles L. Swem, who, in the world shorthand championship contest held under the auspices of the National Shorthand Reporters' Association, in August, 1927, at its annual convention in San Antonio, Texas, wrote the dictation of 1412 words in five minutes.

This was an average of 282.4 words a minute and is the highest record ever made. Mr. Swem's accuracy on the transcript made from this test was 99.29 per cent, and the kind of matter dictated was court testimony.

Q. Are there more men than women in colleges today? C. W.

A. There are 2,338,226 men and women registered in colleges and universities. Men students number approximately 1,658,000 as compared with 679,000 women.

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