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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1900. EAGLES AND THEIR PREY.

A Giant Bird Whose Race Has Happily for the Patagonians Become Extinct.

There is at the Natural History museum a model of the skull of an eagle so gigantic that the imagination can scarcely fit it into the life of this planet at all.

The whole head is larger than that of an ox, and the beak resembles a pair of hydraulic shears. Unlike most of the giant beasts, this eagle, which inhabited Patagonia, appears from its remains to have differed little from the existing species.

Even to-day there are few carnivorous animals, whether birds or beasts, which have so wide a range of prey as the eagles.

The surprised choir had done its duty for the evening service. But all during the church hours there had been a peculiar sound outside as if a child were crying.

"Did you hear that awful squeaking out there?" "Yes, indeed, mum; I could almost understand the words."

And nothing more was said on the subject.—Detroit Free Press.

The Next Best Thing. In a car a small boy was observed to be suddenly agitated, but regained his self-control after a few moments.

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Upon his return to the United States he spoke of this "outrage" to other members of congress, and at the state department insisted that "reparation be demanded for this awful insult to our flag."

"I say, my good man," he said to the janitor with some hesitation, "just how much would you take to lose—er—this head of Mr. Jones?"

He produced a bright shilling from his pocket and thrust it into the janitor's hand. The latter smiled understandingly, and thus what might have been an international incident was closed with economy and dispatch.—N. Y. Sun.

TORTURE OF TIGHT LACING. Women of Past Ages Who Practiced It Endured Torments of the Strangled.

"Janice Meredith" and other popular revolutionary novels make a point of describing the tight corset lacing of the heroines, but we need not go so far back as 1776 to recall the tortures of tight stays.

Both matrons and young girls gloried in the efforts they made after tight lacing. A good story is told of a colonel's wife who was going to a ball in which she was to appear in a new pink silk dress.

"Call in your orderly sergeant," said the lady, which was done, and between the colonel and his orderly sergeant the corsage was made to meet over the corsets.

A more thrilling incident of tight lacing was of a young lady going to her first ball. In the lacing of her corsage all the women of the household had failed, and her brother was summoned to give his aid.

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