

## Science Notes

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### QUICK, DOCTOR; THE GIRAFFE HAS A SORE THROAT

Being a surgeon to human beings is a considerable task in itself—but suppose you were a surgeon in charge of 5,000 patients, some of them with wings instead of arms, some of them with seven stomachs, and all of them eager to kill you the minute you touched them—how would you like that job?

Doctor W. Reid Blair, surgeon extraordinary to the beasts, birds and fishes of the New York Zoological Park, has precisely that problem. If Noah were starting out again in the Ark, he would send for Doctor Blair: he couldn't sail without him. For when five thousand beasts, hailing from icebergs and from tropic jungles,—are gathered together in a foreign climate, they are as prone to sickness as the average opera star is to attacks of temperament. And some of them are almost as precious as opera singers: men have risked their lives in their capture, and their value often runs into thousands of dollars.

By careful attention epidemic diseases are pretty thoroughly stamped out, but surgical operations are frequently necessary. We would like to show you the picture of Doctor Blair engaged in operating on a harpy eagle, one of the biggest and most savage of the accipitrine birds.

The eagle fell victim to a strange complaint. During the year of his captivity his enormous beak, for some unknown reason, grew to such unusual length that the big bird could not close his bill. Every day his luncheon was handed to him,—two pounds of juicy rare steak,—and he would attack it manfully, tearing it into convenient pieces; but when the time came to swallow, the poor fellow's beak would shut just so far and then stop. He was in danger of starving to death.

The harpy eagle is not a pleasant bedfellow: the task of gitting him on to the operating-table required the strength and strategy of two keepers. They entered the cage, threw a bag over the bird's head, and, getting a firm grasp on his two powerful legs and his dangerous talons, carried him out to the corral. There Doctor Blair, saw in hand, cut an inch or two off the offending beak, and the job was done.

The harpy is greatly dreaded by the native inhabitants of the South American jungles where he makes his home. Its appearance over one of their settlements is the signal for a general alarm. It has been known to carry off animals and small children, and there are cases on record in which it has even attacked a man. Just how the harpy gets into the world and what it does with itself in youth are not known, as neither, nest, eggs, nor young have ever been discovered.—Washington Star.

### STECHEER-LEWIS MATCH AROUSES INTEREST

Rain or shine, cloudburst or drouth, Joe Stecher of Nebraska and Ed "Strangler" Lewis of Kentucky will collide in a world's championship grappling combat the afternoon of July 4th at the Douglas county race track in the outskirts of Omaha. Weather pranks will not be permitted to interfere with the plans of Promoter Gene Melady, who has not only

placed a rain policy on the match, but has arranged for the erection of a giant canopy to cover the ring seats. In case of rain, the insurance concern will pay the policy and the match will proceed, the company reimbursing itself by taking over the receipts. The fact that the motto of "no postponement" has been adopted by Promoter Melady has whetted the interest of wrestling fans in the mid-west to a razor edge. Stretcher is rated as the most spectacular young athlete of a century and Lewis is hailed as the only top-class heavyweight grappler now before the public with the muscle and the skill to command Stretcher's respect, so the fray which Promoter Melady has billed for the Fourth, looms up as the most stupendous sporting event of the summer in this section of the west.

The program, according to Promoter Melady's calculations, will be inaugurated at 2.30 p. m. and the big match for the world's title will start about an hour later. This arrangement would give about five hours of daylight and make certain that one of the gladiators would have abundant time to demonstrate his mastery and establish himself as the undisputed holder of the world's wrestling remiership.

The Kentuckian is making an amazing showing in his training workouts at Carter lake and hundreds of Omahans' while enthusiastic in their praise of Stretcher and his prowess, are frank to admit that Stretcher at last is sure to have a battle on his hands.

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