

THE SERVICE OF BIRDS.

Among the creatures that render service to mankind the birds occupy a foremost place. It is their function to suppress the insects that play havoc with the farmer's hard-earned crops. Fifty-three per cent of the food of birds in one locality was found to consist of the larvae of the disease disseminating mosquitoes. Horse flies are the burden not only of horses, but of other valuable stock, and the larvae of this fly are the natural food of several species of birds. The fever 'ok, so injurious to cattle, is the natural food of the killdeer and the plover. Corn, cotton and other crops are destroyed to a large extent by grasshoppers, and there are at least 23 species of birds that feed upon grasshoppers. Grass lands and grain crops in general suffer greatly from various insect pests, which are destroyed in vast multitudes by birds. The greatly dreaded boll weevil is food for the plover, the killdeer and others of the feathered tribe. It is a common experience to see birds following the plow and consuming grubs that are destructive to garden and other valuable plants. These friends of the planter should in every state be protected by right legislation.

The announcement by a Boston physician that electrifying the atmosphere of crowded apartments will make dull pupils bright and indolent workmen active may be worth looking into. It is possible that it would even make drowsy churchgoers attentive to long sermons. There is a stimulating influence in ozone, and this the electric current, as employed by the doctor, is said to diffuse in the atmosphere. Of course, it cannot be a substitute for fresh air. Ozone is not oxygen, and oxygen is indispensable to life. If it proves as beneficial as the doctor affirms the world will give it a cordial welcome, but the extent of its employment necessarily will be governed very largely by what it costs.

The Chicago health board secretary who condemns all flats as bad morally and physically—unfit places for the rearing of children—states a melancholy truth. It is likely that they will persist in cities as a necessary evil, but parents who can give their children the benefit of the larger, freer life of a separate home should never hesitate to do so.

A rich man in Illinois, who found wealth too much worry, has distributed his millions. Here is a blot to the other millionaires who are always bewailing the burden of their money, but to whom the thought of shedding the burden has never apparently suggested itself.

Historians tell us that Julius Caesar drank beer, and a French scientist comes to bat with the announcement that there was no such person as Julius Caesar. But even the most hardened skeptic would hesitate before claiming that there is no such thing as beer.

Menus with the food you eat pictured in lively colors are a new thing in a fashionable New York hotel. Doubtless the artist employed in it who painted a large red lobster to decorate the walls of the New York aquarium.

The rescue of a "rat" at a New Jersey resort reveals the fact that feline familiarity has forsaken a long-trusted general depositary for snatches, as when the "rat" was placed in the hands of its excited owner she drew from its hairy depths a roll of money. Now a woman will be sure of her personal wealth if she only keeps her head—that is, keeps it intact.

After walking some thousands of miles across the country, a man and his wife are in Boston greatly improved and increased in weight. Walking is decidedly more healthy than riding in sleeping cars, but it takes more time and costs more money, unless the pedestrians rely on hand-outs from the agricultural population.

Railroads announce that after the end of the year they will not carry trunks more than 70 inches long. The theatrical profession and mercantile travelers will have to make up for this restriction by giving their trunks the aspect of sky-scrapers.

An "arsenic" writes to the New York Sun relating in the loss of the Mona Lisa, and speaking with measureless contempt for the "crowd" who admire it. No doubt he has scores of better pictures of his own painting.

May we remind you, worthy householder, busy with the manifold cares that a modern civilization imposes upon you, that this is a good time to have your furnace overhauled and put in order for the coming winter?

News that Aviator Atwood found it difficult to land in Buffalo because of the smoke will cause Pittsburg to sit up and chortle in its joy.

A Pennsylvania swain is on the trail of a damsel who wrote her name on an egg. Some people persist in looking for trouble.

Appearances are deceitful. Even the old woman in the circus sometimes has a family skeleton.

DELINQUENT TAX SALE NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to law J. D. Bryant, treasurer of Dakota county, Nebraska, will, beginning on Monday, November 15, 1910, at nine o'clock in the forenoon of said day proceed to sell the following described land and town lots, of 20 tracts thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount of taxes, interest and costs now due and unpaid on the same.

Said property will be sold at public auction at the office of the county treasurer of Dakota county, Nebraska, and said sale will be continued from day to day until all the said lands and town lots have been offered.

The lands and town lots to be sold, as the amount of all delinquent taxes against each, with interest to date of sale, are as follows, to-wit:

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