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WHITE SPARROW.

You may have seen an escaped canary flitting about from tree to tree, or perched on the top of some garden wall, erecting its crest and chirping joyously over its new found freedom; but very soon, if not secured by some friendly hand, the silly little thing

s also pursued by other birds and destroyed. The reason of this treatment appears to be an instinct implanted in birds, and indeed in all the animal creation, which prompts them to destroy any one of their species which is different from the ordinary kind, as such birds, or animals, are liable to propagate others similar to themselves, and thus perpetuate the confusion.

The Most Celebrated of Song Birds.

One of the most celebrated of song birds is the nightingale, or night singer. It is migratory. This famous bird is common in nearly all parts of Europe. It migrates in winter into Egypt and Syria. It has been seen among the willows of Jordan and the olive trees of Judea. In no parts of Europe is it more common than in Spain or Italy; but even in these southern regions the bird is migratory

The nightingale is shy in its habits. Its nest is placed low and hidde i from view. Its eggs, five in number, are of an olive brown, Its food consists of insects. In color it is brown with a reddish tinge on the back and tail. As a songster the bird is unsurpassed. Though its notes are heard at intervals during the day, they are poured fourth in their greatest perfection on quiet evenings, an hour or two after sunset; and when the moon is very full, and the weather is serene, the melodious song of the nightingale may be heard till midnight.

Short Hair, Long Locks and Wigs. Few matters connected with every day life have received more reverential attention than the hair of the head and face of human kind. The Hebrews wore their hair short, excepting always the case of the Nazarites, whose hair a vow kept long. The Greeks wore their hair so long as to win from Ho-mer the distinction of "long locked," and the Romans were even more fastidious than Greeks in the culture of their hair. The Egyptians wore not only false hair, but false beards, and are credited with the invention of wigs. In the wigs preserved in the British and Berlin museums, the upper portion of the wig will be found made with curled hair, the plaited hair being confined to the lower part and sides. These wigs were worn both within the house and out of doors. At parties the head dress of the guests was bound with a chaplet of flowers, and ointment was put upon the top of the wig, as if it had really been the hair of the head. Johnny's Composition on Medicine. "There Is two kinds of medicine besides the kind you Rub On and the first kind is the Soft Kind which you take with a spoon while A man holds your Head and you kick and Riggle some because it Tastes so and the other kind is the Hard kind which is called Pills and it is the Hardest of the whole because it is so hard to go down but it does not make any Difference which kind you Take when you get it Took you wish you had not for it makes quite a Row in your Stomach and Riots Around."

STORIES OF MEN.

The Boy Knew Him and Senator Edmunds Knew Him.

A young man applied to Senator Edmunds for some money to enable him to get back to his home in Vermont. Being unknown to Mr. Edmunds, the senator addressed him as

"How do I know that you live in Vermonti You might come from Texas, for all I know.

"I can only assure you that I speak the with, senator. I have no way of proving it. My home is in the village of ----

"Oh, it is, is it?" said the senator, grimly. Well, I've visited in that place a number of I suppose you know everybody there, times. don't you?" The boy replied that the people he didn't

know were not worth knowing. "Well, then," said the senator, "tell me

the name of the fat old man who peddles milk about town!" "He isn't fat and he isn't old," answered

the youngster, doggedly. "His name is Skinny' Eccles.

mont senator's stern features. Turning to his clerk, he said: "Give him the money. There's no doubting the boy's honesty," and then he added with a chuckle, as he turned to re-enter the chamber, "'Skinny' Eccles; well, well. I haven't thought of him before in a dozen years."—Philadelphia Times.

Mr. Lamar's Absentmindedness.

he was in the senate. He has the reputation of being given to writing and thinking up poetry, and his appearance very often as he walks along the avenue is very pensive and absent minded. At one time when he was living at Willard's he met a friend as he was coming from the senate down by the National hotel.

Lamar to the gentleman after they had shaken hands.

The friend accepted the invitation and started to walk up the street with Mr. Lamar. He began the conversation and soon was interested in telling about some occurrence at home, but Lamar had fallen into one of his reflective moods, and was not listening to anything the friend said. The space between the National hotel and Willard's was passed over, and, finally arriving on the pavement in front of the latter hotel, Lamar suddenly pulled himself together, and, looking around, e recollected that he had a friend with him. He had not heard a word the gentleman had said, but, turning to him, stretched out his hand and said:

"Well, this is my hotel. I am very much obliged to you for walking up the street with Good-by," had turned to go in. me.

But the man was not so easily shaken, He laughed and said:

"Beg pardon, senator; you invited me to dinner, and I am not going to lose it." "So I did, so I did," cried Lamar quickly,

and taking his friend by the arm he went in. -Washington Cor. Courier-Journal.

Crawling Out of a Small Hole.

"I am usually very good at remembering names," said Senator Davis, of Minnesota, "but I did get stuck once and under the most embarrassing circumstances. I was sitting in my office at St. Paul, when in came a man whom I was delighted to see and who was delighted to see me. We had been raised as boys together, had enlisted in the same company and served through the war together, he being the lieutenant of the company of which I was captain. I knew him as well as my own brother, and as we had not met for many years I was glad to give him a genuine hearty welcome, but for the life of me I couldn't think of his name. He remained with me all the morning and I invited him to go to my house to stop. consented to do so, and as it approached dinner time I commenced to grow very nervous for, of course, I would have to introduce him

The Boston Muse. BOND OF THE WARHTUN

Wring out the old, wring out the new, Wring out the black, wring out the gray, Wring out the white, wring out the blue-And thus I wring my life away.

CONTRACT. Whose coat is thin doth sigh and groan, When through the air the snow flakes 6 sat; He laughs who weareth far upon The cuffs and collars of his coat.

> INFANT PRODUCTION Said Peter, you're in luck, I seel Come in my friend, look sharp, And hear the infant prodigy Performing on the harp.

THE REPORMER.

Good-by, my wife, My love, my life, Stay home and do your sewing,

And pray for me. For I-you see-Must keep the earth a-going.

AFTER THE BALL. The blush that reddened her checks last night When she laid her head on my breast, This morning I'll warrant has taken its flight, For I find it right here on my vest.

DIDN'T KNOW With jaunty step he walked along, And proud and manly bearing; He seemed while mingling with the throng Just out to take an airing.

The snow slide came as suddenly As comes a clap of thunder, And came just at the moment he Alone was passing under

Twas with a flerce, a savage air He rose and thus exploded: "I knew, by jinks, the roof was there, But didn't know 'twas loaded!"

FOR LEAP YEAR. Leap year is here. To maidens dear, Who're waited on by bashful beaux That smile and sigh And oft come nigh To popping, but who ne'er propose. Proceed with skill, And thus you will Proposals from your lovers draw;

They'll take the cue: Say, how would you Like mother for a mother-in-law! -Boston Courier.

Saphir's Wit and Philosophy. A lady having expressed surprise that Dr. X. should pronounce all his patients, even those who merely had feverish colds, seriously

ill, Saphir said: "He is quite right, anybody whom he attends is really in danger." "I won't make way for a fool!" cried an envious scribbler, on meeting Saphir in a narrow passage, where at first neither seemed

disposed to give place. "Oh) I will with asure," replied Saphir, stepping aside and bowing courteously.

Standing in a crowded theatre some one leaned on his back, thrusting his head over his shoulder. Saphir drew out his handkerchief and wiped the man's nose violently, The latter started back. "Oh, I beg your pardon," said Saphir, "I thought it was

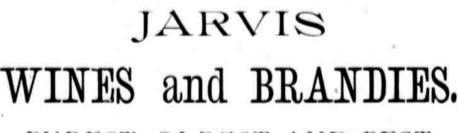
Requested to define the word "dentist," Saphir said: "He is a man who pulls out other people's teeth to get something for his own to bite."

An Australian prince, who was also an archbishop, swore horribly at a banquet and, perceiving that saphir looked at him in surprise, angrily asked the cause of his aston-"I thought an archbishop would ishment. not allow himself to swear," answered the wit. "I was not swearing as an archbishop, but as a prince," explained the prelate. "Ah," said Saphir thoughtfully, "but suppose the devil fetches the prince, what will become of the archbishop?"-From the German.

Reauty in Washington.

Washington Editor-A pretty mess you've made of that ball. What do you mean, sir, Mrs listracti

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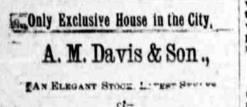
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a great foe to all shabby appearing people, whom she has an idea she must protect us

against. "But, I think, of all her ways, the most clever is the following: Whenever the post man sounds his whistle at the door, away runs Lassie, returning soon, often with the letters in her mouth. After a little coquet ting, she allows these letters to be taken from her, so you see she is not only an amus ing dog but a useful one also. Indeed, I am sure, if you knew Lassie you would be just as fond of her as I am."

> A Rhyme of the Month. January ! January ! Though cold you have no law, You make us freeze Just when you please, And then you go and thaw.

to my family, and I ask my old chum and comrade what his name was. Finally I thought of a funny expedient. Getting a pen and a sheet of paper I told him I thought it would be a good idea for us to join in a letter to another of our comrades with whom we were both very intimate during the war. He approved the suggestion and I wrote a couple of pages, telling our friend how pleasant it was to meet again and wishing that he was with us. Then I signed my name and passed the paper over to him. Much to my relief, he signed his full name and I was saved from the impending mortifi-cation."—Philadelphia Times.

One of "Nat" Goodwin's Pranks.

"That reminds me of the night I was out with Nat Goodwin," said the tall, board of trade man. "There's a follow to make fun for you. We were going down to Kinsley's, and over on Dearborn street, where everything was quiet, we saw a young couple just ahead of us-going home, probably, from their after theatre supper.

" 'If that fellow had any grit in him,' said Nat, 'I'll make him solid with that girl.'

"With this he took me by the arm, and we hurried along and overtook the couple. In passing them Nat gave the young chap . push, and looking squarely at him, said: "What are you going to do about it?

"The young man spurred right up to Nat, and was going to thrash him, when Nat pulled me by the arm and we both turned and ran.

" 'There,' said Nat, 'won't that make him solid with his girl! She thinks he frightened away a couple of big bullies who were just going to eat them both up.""-Chicago Times.

Born So

At the club the other night, when this incident was alluded to, John Oberly, the civil service commissioner, told the story of a man-Gen. Watkins I believe was the name-who used to live down in southern Illinois. When he was in court as a witness one of the lawyers asked him his name.

"Gen. Watkins," was the reply. "Were you in the late war?"

"No, sir.

"Were you in the Mexican war?" "No. sir.

"Were you ever commander of militiaf"

"No, sir. "Did you ever hold a military appointment

"No, sir."

"Then," asked the lawyer with a sneer, "how did you get to be a general?" "I was born so," was the reply.-New York Tribune

A Great Compliment.

Frank Hurd, ex-congressman from Ohio, was in Chicago the other day. You know he is the silvery tongued orator of that state. One day while he was here he went into a barber shop on Clark street, and took a seat for a shave. Having gone through the operation with no word from the barber, Hurd turned to him and said: "Are you dumbf" The barber said he was not. Mr. Hurd then said that he had never before been shaved by a barber who had been silent. The barber replied: "I know you-you are Frank Hurd. the congressman. I lay down my hand as a talker to you. You can talk longer and better, when you get started, than any man I ever saw in my life. I used to live in Ohio." Mr. Hurd shook the man by the hand and said he regarded what he had said as a great compliment.—Chicago Mail.

beautiful New Reporter-You told me 1 could get all

the points I needed from last year's files, and she was called "distractingly beautiful" in very report last season.

"You'd better keep posted on the history of your native country, sir. Last year Mr. Rednose was chairman of the committee on public pap; this year he's on ventilation and acoustics, and near the tail end at that. Omaha World.

Ananias at Work.

A Missouri man says that he recently went into the woods, painted a black circle on the end of a log, and when he went back to the log an hour later he found 300 dead rabbits there, the animals having mistaken the circla for a hole in the log and dashed themselves to death against it. Since the story has appeared in print he has received letters from the publishers of several New York dailies, offering him the position of affidavit clerk, his duties being to swear to the circulation. But he says he cannot tell a lie.-Norristown Herald.

A Good Reason.

Justice-Your testimony as to the prisoner's character isn't complete. I want to know about the last five years. Haven't you been living in his neighborhood? Witness-Not two blocks from him. Justice-Ah! Well, now, what can you tell us about him for-say the last year? Witness-Nothing, your honor. Justice-Why not, sir! Witness-Because I was in jail.-Philadelphia Call.

A Common Kind of Philanthropy. Omaha Man-No wonder you have cold.

You should wear thicker clothing. Eastern Youth-Can't afford it

"I thought your employer was Mr. Too-good, the noted philanthropist." "Yes; my errand here is to engage a noted artist to paint a mecaorial window to Diogenes."-Omaha World.



Mr. Wabash (to Miss Waldo, of Boston)-Your Mr. Sullivan, of whom Boston is so justly proud, doesn't trace his ancestry as far back as to the time of his grandfather, does he, Miss Waldo?

Mose Waldo-No, sir; I think not; but what is mere Blood, Mr. Wabash, compared with Brawn !-- New York Sun,

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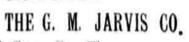
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