DEATH OF THE BIRDS.

Fearful Effect of the February

we who live there have suffered, about This is their plan: which very little has been said. The severe weather not only killed our trees but the thousands of bright-plumed birds that have heretofore enlivened our forests and groves with their beautiful coats and their sweet songs.

early spring, did not give us his merry missed by everybody. Seven little blue forms, dried and decayed, were found in one old post on our place, where the poor creatures had fled in vain for shelter.

The blue jay still struts about with his usual dignity, but only here and lish a DAILY AMERICAN. there, showing that his tribe has suffered fearful losses. The peculiarly sad note of the turtle-dove this year seems to mourn for the death of all her family.

The effects upon the several tribes of the oriole seem to be the most curious. They evidently look upon man as the worker of all the evil they have suffered. Formerly it was an easy matter to find their swinging nests near to almost any country house, and they appeared not to be afraid of men. Now they have hidden their nests far out in the forests and they are shy even of the breeze as it rocks the cradle of their young. Even the few humming birds that are left will not come to suck the pot plant as was once their daily habit. of the stock represented at the regular The woodpecker, though only a sum- annual meeting. mer visitor, is spending his vacation at other resorts this season. His lazy call and his constant drumming upon some dead tree, so common in summer before, are conspicuously absent this year. But the fell destroyer was no respecter of persons or rank; the royal family succumbed as well as the peasantry. The mocking-bird, the queen of the bird race by virtue of her genius and inheritance, is almost destroyed. except along the Mexican Gulf. A hundred miles back it is hard to find one The gum-tree and its berries, which have been held as her home and her feeding ground as far back as bird history runs, is now the feeding ground of her commonest subjects, the sap-sucker and the yellow-hammer. I have heard but two singers this year within a scope where in former years I have heard 200.

In losing a crop of oranges, figs and vegetables, we lose dollars and a few luxurles whose place may be supplied by the other sweets. The trees will grow again after a few years, but it will be many years before our groves and forests are full of birds again.

G. W. H.

BREAKING A MIRROR.

Its Significance to the Girl with a Su-

perstitious Turn. "There!" said the girl who was getting ready to go out. I've broken my hand mirror! What does that mean? "Seven years of sorrow," said her

friend; "it also betokens that you will quarrel with your dearest friend." "Charlie? That would be too dread-

"Charlie? I thought you always counted me your dearest friend! So you have let the cat out of the bag. That pudding-headed Charlie Strong!

Before I'd-"You needn't say anything more, Sue Garland. I hate you! And as for Charlie, you know you would have giv-

en your eyes to have caught him!" "Pooh! I refused him half a dozen times before he ever looked at you. I wish you good afternoon and a better temper, my dear," and the friend slammed the door behind her.

There were several other girls left, and they one and all began to condole want to have a Romanist associated with the girl who had broken her hand with us in business: mirror. But she was inconsolable.

"You see how it has acted already, 👝 💆 and if there are to be seven years of it, I shall just die, I know I shall! There, A & I shall just die, I kilo.

I've quarreled with Sue, the dearest girl in the world, and that's only the beginning:

"Let me see where it's broken," said one of her chums as she picked up the

cause of the trouble.

wise of the trouble.
"There's a fracture right through the length of the glass, but I don't the length of the glass, but I don't know how it came there. I didn't drop it or strike it against anything. Seven years? Ain't it just awful'"

"Seven grandmothers!" exclaimed the other girl; "that isn't a fracture; it's nothing but a streak of moist air.

Look. I can wipe it off with my hand-

kerchief!"

erchief!"
"So it is. Oh, you dear thing, run right after Sue and bring her back. Tell her the glass wasn't broken, and we haven't quarreled after all! And the seven years are up already, and oh, ain't I just thankful!"

Bow He Judged Character. "So you want a situation?" said the

business man. "Yes, sir," replied the applicant,

"Hum-do you ever go fishing?" "Occasionally."

"Day before yesterday."

"When were you fishing last?"

"Catch anything?"

"Not a thing."

"You can come to work next Monday if you like. If you keep on telling the truth like that you may be a partner in the firm one of these days."

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want about size eighteen or twenty for

Hatter-What size does he wear? Young Wife-I declare I forgot to and out! I know the size of his collar he wears though. It's fifteen. He'd

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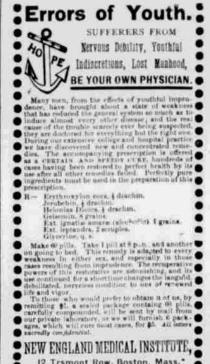
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