

### Bot and Bot Flies.

The following valuable article from Prof. C. V. Riley to the *Scientific American*, we give our readers for its thorough explanation and timely suggestions on the subject of bot and bot flies:

"A correspondent, engaged in the tanning business, asks why 'wormal's' get into the backs of cattle, and how they undergo their transformations.

Almost all cloven footed animals, and many other herbivorous species, are infested with both. These are legless grubs which fall into three categories: 1. Gastric, or those which are swallowed by the animal infested, and which live in the stomach in a bath of chyle. 2. Cervical, or those which crawl up the nostrils and inhabit the frontal sinuses. 3. Cutaneous, or those which dwell in the tumors just beneath the skin. They are all the larva or early state of two-winged flies (*diptera*) belonging to the family *Atridae*, characterized by having the mouth parts entirely obsolete, and popularly called gad flies or bot flies. In the first series of which the horse bot (*Gastrophilus equi*) is the most familiar example, the eggs are hatched by the female fly to the hairs of the body, and principally on those parts of the body within easy reach of the animal's mouth. The eggs open with a lid, and the young maggot upon hatching clings to the tongue as the animal licks itself, and is thus carried into the fore-stomach, to which it holds tenaciously by a series of spines around the body, but principally by a pair of sharp hooks at the head. When fully grown, they leave their post with the faces, burrow in the ground and undergo the final transformation. In the second kind, of which the sheep bot (*Oestrus ovis*) will serve as an example, the egg generally hatches within the body of the parent, and the young grub is deposited alive on the slimy nostrils of its victim.

By means of a pair of long and sharp hooks at the head, and of bands of minute spines on the ventral, the young grub works its way into the sinuses of the head, and when full grown permits itself to be sneezed out, when it also burrows into the ground and transforms. In the third kind, the parent lays the egg on those parts of the body which cannot well be reached by the mouth of the animal attacked, and the young grub, which soon hatches, burrows into the flesh and subverts upon the pus and diseased matter which results from the wound inflicted and the irritation constantly kept up. The well-known worm or ox bot (*Hypoderma bovis*), so common along the backs of our cattle, and especially of yearlings and two-year-olds, and dreaded as much by the tanner by the animal it infests, is typical of this kind. Residing in a fixed spot, we no longer find in this species the strong hooks at the head, and the spines around the body are sparse and very minute, the parts of the mouth are soft and fleshy.

All these bot larvae breathe principally through two spiracles placed at the blunt and squarely clocked end of the body, and in the ox bot these are very large and completely fill up the hole to the tumor in which the animal dwells. When ready to transform, it backs out of its residence, drops, and burrows into the ground, and these, like the other species, contracts and undergoes its final change to the fly. The eggs of this ox bot are ellipticovoid, slightly compressed, and have at the attached end a five-ribbed cap or stout stalk with which to strongly attach them to the skin of the back.

The gastral bots are best prevented by proper grooming of the horses to remove the eggs or nits from the forelegs and flanks. Horses, too, that are properly stabled and kept in the shade during the hotter summer months are less frequently by the parent fly. Scarcely any mode of drugging will dislodge the bots when once they are attached to the stomach, without injuring the parasitized animal. Cervical bots are also with difficulty dislodged, except when they are full grown and ready to naturally let go their hold. Animals may, however, be measurably protected, by enabling them to bury their noses when the parent fly is seeking to deposit. This they will instinctively do, if portions of their pastures be turned up and the ground kept loose. The cutaneous species may be removed by pressure of the thumb and finger, or destroyed by the application of kerosene. If removed while small, the wound in the skin heals up, and no hole will occur in the hide.

### Dead-Heads!

There are people in every community who think that every newspaper man is a dead-head. The New York Evening Post hits this class of people a severe back handed blow which we think they well deserve. "In case anything happens to a person, he hastens to the nearest newspaper and demands that the editor shall wield his pen and shed ink in his vindication and defense. And if the jaded editor does not with clarity espouse the cause of his patron he will make an enemy for life. 'Members of the press' are literally hunted down by all sorts of people who have axes to grind. The managers of public meetings who do not find reporters at the desk suffer pangs of disappointment; the judge who sonorously blows his nose before reading his opinion, looks anxiously for the stenographer; the preacher who descants upon some special subject, loses spirit if the representatives of the press are not there; even the burglar on his way to State's prison, covets a talk with the newspaper man. Yet the outside barbarian thinks all newspaper men are 'dead-heads,' and envy them the fine times they have in the way of free tickets to all manner of shows. There never was a greater mistake. People don't seem to realize that on the part of the journalist, it is merely a matter of business that the reporter goes to these places, so attractive to outsiders,

much as the horse goes to the show—because he must do so. We venture to say that four-fifths of these entertainments are to journalists an intolerable bore. The press is the victim of the public's rapacious and unceasing demand without pay. Let us have the boot on the right leg."

### Milk for Gastric Derangements.

Aerilwitt in *Le Courier Medical*, on the use of milk in hot weather, states that his attention was directed to the subject by noting the value of milk in dysentery, ulcer of the stomach, and various acute and chronic gastro-intestinal affections, and he therefore employed milk in the treatment of these gastric derangements so frequently induced by high temperature.

In very hot weather small draughts of milk are found to relieve thirst and to render unnecessary the drinking of many fluids, which, though they may allay the thirst, are liable to produce some disorder at the same time. A case is cited in which, during the fearfully hot weather of last summer, a gastric derangement was produced in the patient, with great thirst and cramping in the bowels; laudanum had been taken without success, but relief followed the administration of warm milk—a small cup every quarter of an hour—by the next day.

### After Death.

Robert Dale Owen conducted the funeral services held over the grave of his wife, with whom he had lived and deeply loved for forty years. He said on that occasion:

"I do not believe—and here I speak also for her whose departure from among us we mourn to-day—I do not believe more firmly in these trees that spread their shade over us, in this hill on which we stand, in those sepulchral monuments we see around us—than I do that human life once granted, perishes never more."

She believed, as I believe, that the one life succeeds the other without interval, save a brief transition slumber, it may be of a few hours only. \* \* Again, I believe, as she did, in the meeting and recognition of friends in heaven. While we mourn here below, there are joyful reunions above.

### Kaiser William's Habits.

He rises at six or half-past six, appears on the promenade about eight, drinks water at the prescribed intervals until half-past nine, then breakfasts, and every-other-day also takes a bath between half-past ten and half-past eleven. During the morning he receives civil and military reports, about four, generally inviting company, and then receives a report on foreign affairs, a Cabinet courier arriving every morning, and the telegraph office being open day and night. If an interval remains before the theatre the Emperor takes an airing, and about half-past seven appears on the promenade, then attends the meeting, and recognition of friends in heaven. While we mourn here below, there are joyful reunions above.

### The Names of Nails.

The term "four penny," "six penny," etc., as applied to nails, means this: "Four Penny" means four pounds to the thousand nails, "six-penny" six pounds to the thousand, and so on. It is an old English term, and meant, at first, "ten pounds," (the thousand being understood), but the old Englishman clipped it to "ten-pen," and from that "ten-penny," and so on it degenerated until "penny" was substituted for pound. So, when you ask for four penny nails, now-a-day, you want those a thousand of which will weigh four pounds; but in these degenerating times we question whether you will get as many as a thousand in that weight. When a thousand nails weigh less than one pound they are called tacks, brads, etc., and are reckoned by the ounces (to the thousand); so you will see "3-oz," "10-oz," "16-oz," on papers of tacks.

### Ashamed of Himself.

A sarp county harvest hand, who had just been paid off and had about \$70 in his possession, came to town Thursday and put up at the mansion of Hattie Washington (colored). In the morning his money was mislaid and he complained at the police court. When the room was almost full of idle spectators, Judge Anderson had the woman brought in, and told the harvest hand to look around and see if he could see her. He looked all over the ceiling, and he looked all over the crowd, and he was looking all over the crowd—when he did see her. The sight made him feel ashamed of himself, and without any more ado he scotched through the back window of the court room, was around the building and went out sixteen street for all he was worth, followed by peals of laughter from the crowd, who thoroughly appreciated the situation. He returned in a few hours and explained that he was ashamed to have so many people know how wicked he was.—*Omaha Republican*.

Pigeon English is all the rage with Boston girls, and when an escort leaves one of them at her papa's front steps he is started to hear something like this: "Hoop-la—Melican man he heap much nice—fetcho me home all light steps up on slippery walk—buy gum drops—comeee you alle same 'gin some time—you savvy, eh, John?"

And she disappears within the storm doors, leaving the perplexed young man slowly muttering, "Well—be—he—heap—nuch—what—ye-may—call—alle—same—it I know what that charming creature is drivin' at."

Ex-Gov. Moses has been arrested in South Carolina on the charge of having issued fraudulent pay certificates when Speaker of the House in 1872.

The charge is probably true, and the arrest is unquestionably in the interests of good government and decent morals. It was for the refusal to commission this scoundrel as a Judge that Gov. Chamberlain lost the good will of the public's rapacious and unceasing demand without pay. Let us have the boot on the right leg."

### The Talmud.

Tryon Edwards, in *Scribner's Monthly* says: The Jews, Protestants and Romanists all agree in receiving as canonical books of our Old Testament. But as the Romanists add to these the apocryphal books, so the Jews insist on adding their oral law.

They say that when the written law was given to Moses, inscribed on two tables of stone, God also gave another and verbal law explanatory of the first which he was commanded not to commit to writing, but to deliver down by oral tradition. When Moses came down from the Mount, they tell us that he first repeated this oral law to Aaron and his sons, and then to the seventy, and finally to all the people each of whom was obliged to repeat it in his hearing to insure its correct remembrance. Just before his death, they say, he spent month and six days in repeating it to them again; and then, they assert, he committed it in a special manner to Joshua, Aaron and his sons, and so on through the line of prophets, and afterward of teachers, down to the time of Judah the Holy, who lived in the second century, by whom it was committed to writing lest it should be lost. This work consisting of six books, is the famous Mishnah of the Jews, which with its Gemara, or commentaries, constitutes their celebrated Talmud, in which is comprehended all their learning and much of their religion as a people. The whole work is held by them in far higher esteem than the Bible, so much so, that they say the Bible is water-butt the Talmud is wine; and they even declare that he who studies the Talmud does but waste his time; Both observatories were built at the same height from the ground. Twelve months observation showed that of the total rainfall within that period 10 per cent, more rain fell over the tree than over the bare sand distant 300 yards from them. Further, the air above the wood was charged with aqueous vapor to the extent of 10 per cent, in excess of the air over the barren open soil. The ground, too, under the trees, retained far more water than the exposed earth, evaporation from the surface, thanks to its shade of trees and moss, being only one-sixth of that outside their friendly shelter. These results are valuable in that they point out a possible means of improving the condition of sterile tracts, i.e., by planting trees.

Strange Discovery by Divers in Lake Geneva.

A strange discovery is reported from the Lake of Geneva. A tourist having lost his trunk, two divers were employed to search for it. When they were below water they found what they supposed to be a village, since covered by the lake. The statement led to an investigation of the spot by the municipal authorities, who took measures to ascertain the truth of the extraordinary account of the divers.

On covering the placid surface of the water with oil, these latter were able to distinguish the plan of a town, streets, squares, and detached houses marking the bed of the lake. The ruddy hue which characterizes them the two observers to suppose that the buildings had been covered with the famous vermilion cement which was used by the Celts, Cimbri and the early Gauls. There are about two hundred houses arranged over an oblong surface, near the middle of which is a space more open, supposed to have been used for public assemblies. At the eastern extremity lies a large square tower, which was taken for a rock. A superficial investigation seems to indicate that the construction of these buildings dates from some centuries before our era. The author of the *Talmud*, with the authority of which he is fully satisfied

### Married His Grandmother.

Nelson (Ky.) Record. This is an age of progress. James Parton, the biographer, married his step-daughter. John Downs, of Nelson county, married his step-mother, but it was reserved for Dode Chester, of Walton's Lick, Washington county to outstrip them all in matrimonial feasts. Last week he married his grandmother. Dode Chester is twenty-five years of age, a son of Rev. J. M. Chester, the well known Baptist preacher and grandson of Wm. Chester. Some years since the latter died, leaving a buxom widow of forty-five summers, and now his grandson has done what probably no man ever did before—married his step-grandmother.

### A Negro in the Beer.

The discovery of a dead negro in one of the huge vats of a great London brewery, while it was undergoing repairs, has created a sensation among beer drinkers, which appears to be by no means unpleasant, to judge from a correspondent of the *Estates*, who writes that in the Strand are to be met drinkers who speak of the "beer *a negru*" with the gusto which a thoroughbred native of Bordeaux talks of the "*vin de la comete*."

Pater familias:—"Tomorrow is the pastor's birthday; what can I get for a present?"

Charley (who has been watching the dogs in the street):—"Get him a muzzle, papa; he is always biting the governors on the cheek!"

A butcher of some eminence was lately in company with several ladies at a game of whist, when, having lost two or three rubbers, one of the ladies addressing him, asked: "pray sir, what are the stakes now?" "Madam the best rump I can sell lower than twenty cents a pound."

### A Remarkable Story.

A Confederate soldier from the valley of Virginia, in one of the battles of the late civil war, was struck in the head with a minie ball. The ball passed through the skull, and the surgeon afraid to probe the wound in search of it, left the man to die.

In the course of time he recovered, but had lost his reason, and was sent to the insane asylum at Staunton, where he remained for eleven years. At length Dr. Fauntroy, an eminent physician of that city, obtained permission from the asylum authority and friends of the insane man to make a surgical examination of the head, with the hope of finding the ball.

Richard Grant White says that heigh-ho, as an expression of weariness, is not authorized, and has nothing in it. No man, however, who been out on a windy day, will deny there is a good deal in high-heigh.

### Norwich Bulletin.

The whole movement (strike and riots) will bring into worse repute than ever the labor unions of the country and accomplish nothing in the way of improving the relations of the working people with their employers.

Stanley Matthews was the other day looking at an engraving of Moses being towed in from the pond, and he remarked. "Certainly, they ought to have put me somewhere modestly in the foreground."

### Indecorum remark by the Boston Bulletin.

The principal difference between the dress of a lady and a gentleman, now-a-days, is that the gentleman has two legs to his pants, and the lady one.

A Peru girl sat on her lover's hat and kept him three hours over time. The next time that young man goes to see his girl he shouln't hang his hat on a nail instead of holding it in his lap.

"That's the smallest horse I ever saw," said a countryman on viewing a Shetland pony. "Indade now," replied his Irish companion, "but I've seen one as small as two of him."

Now is the time to be in the country, under the trees, tossing your arms around in the cool breeze, and dropping worms down between your neck and shoulders.

A Pilatka, Florida, preacher was driven out of his pulpit recently, during a sermon, by mosquitoes.

HENGLISH 'OSPITALITY.'—Please make yourself at 'ome, general,' observed the hospitable British aristocrat to General Grant. "Put your legs right up on the table and spit on the floor, just as you do in H-

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much as the horse goes to the show—because he must do so. We venture to say that four-fifths of these entertainments are to journalists an intolerable bore. The press is the victim of the public's rapacious and unceasing demand without pay. Let us have the boot on the right leg."

Hand by all means whittle the chair with your jack knife. Hi know you most feel like it—you whittle in America. I'm sorry hi 'avent a cocktail or corpse-revive to offer you, but we don't know 'ow to make them 'ere. Do make yourself comfortable hand don't stand on ceremony."

### QUIPS.

The man who does business on a large scale—The City Weigher.—*Boson Bulletin*.

Dress fringes are now colored with "madder." This makes a sort of damask trimming of them, you know.

Felix McCarty, of the Kerr militia, was generally late on parade. "Ah Felix," said the Sergeant, "you are always late." "Be asy, Sergeant Sullivan," was the reply; "sure some must be last."

If yer goin' to smoke on this car, you'll have to get off to do it," remarked a zealous conductor. "Les see yer put me off," was the ready reply, as the smoker jumped from the car and assumed a belligerent attitude.

Customer (to a vendor of watermelons)—"Isn't a dollar rather a large price for a watermelon?" Vendor—

"You wouldn't think so, mister, if you'd set on top of a fence with a shotgun every night for three weeks a watchin the patch."

It is not easily expatriated in these, but it can be made in the mouth by any one of either sex, in any part of the country who is willing to work. See if we furnish \$6 per week in wages to any person who will work for us.

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