

| LOCKED UP BY WOODPECKERS. $\qquad$ <br> Although the woodpecker is Indus: trious, provident and peacetul he is not to be triffed with or tyrannized over with impunity, as the following incldent will show, says the Portland Press: <br> A companion and I on an August day not long since pitched our camp at a spring on the table lands of the ridgo divlding Ojal from Santa Clara valley. About the spring stands a large grove of live oaks. In one of these not far from the tent door a pair of woodpeckers had, for years, no doubt, made their dwelling place. Somewhat shy of us at first, the birds in a few days pald little attention to our presence. It has frequently amused us of a sultry afternoon as we lounged upon the buffalo robes laid on the shaded grass to observe the birds, with whose labors the warmth appeared to have little to do. We had camped there a week or ten days when betore daylight one morning we heard a commotion about the home of our staid nelghbors. Our attention was attracted by their shrill outcries and the whir of their wings among the branches overhead. It had no sooner grown light enough to see than we pushed back the flap of the tent door and peered out to ascertain the cause of disturbance. It soon became apparent that a little tecolote, or ground owi, at the approach of day had taken lodg- ing in the hollow occupied by the woodpeckers, to their consternation. But the return of day brought courage to the rightful owners and they resolutely set about findlag means to eject the Invaders. They tried bluffing awhile about the only aperture to the than to cause the tecolote to peck at them when they appeared to be about to thrust themselves in. <br> At last, finding that neither threats nor entreaties were likely to be effect- ive and resolved that if they were to be deprived of their home it would be the last of that tyrannical owl, the woodpeckers brought presently from another part of the grove an oak ball of the size of the aperture and, driving It tightly into the hole, withdrew to another hollow tree, leaving the bird of prey hermetically sealed up. Atter several days, when we started to return to San Buenaventure, the ball was still in the hole and the woodpeckers, settled in their new home, were going about their business as if there had never been a tecolote. <br> A Bear'm Nose. <br> A sporteman's life was once saved by his knowledge of one of the physical peculiarities of the bear. Gen. Hamil- ton, who tells the story in his "Sport in Southern India," was out on a bearshooting expedition with a brother officer. The beaters drove the bear from officer threw him on the ground; but he got up, with a grunt, and made off. <br> cround bear passed an open btt of miesed and the beast turned on him. When he was within a few yards the general gave him the other barrel. As this did not stop him Hamilton started to run but tripped over a rock and fell The hear wee. <br> the sportsman uponing instantly and der, saw Into the bear's mouth as the brute made a grab at him. The animal caught him by the thigh and pinned him. Knowing the bear's nose is very sensitive, Hamilton hit him several hard blows on the nose. The bear, unable to endure the pain, let go, and before he could get hold again, Hamilton was up the hill. <br> His companions ran up and killed the | BEAUTY AND TALENT. <br> STAGE WOMEN CONSPICUOUS FOR BOTH CHARMS, <br> Hertha Crelghton Ioremost Among Them -Maxime Elliot Has Churmed London Norreys and Her Mad Amiction. <br> HOSE WHO HAVE seen OIga Nethersole since she ar- tived in America this fall, notice one thing especially, while more beautiful than she was a year ago she 18 more the beauty of the theater. This ovolution taken place in every pretty woman who adopts the theater as a protession. It is as unavoldable as that her tace should grow in mobility, her Agure in fiexibility. Is it always an improvement? Aye, theres the rubl in Miss Nethersole's case the change is very marked. It is almost like growing a domestic flower in a hot-house. She is far more striking. She even has ncquired an air of youth that she lacked before in a marked degree. <br> Miss Nethersole's roles this year will be even more exacting than they were last. "Camille," "Denise," "Carmen!" Could any actress be more unstrung by any line of parta? <br> "Denise" is to America a novelty, for <br> BERTHA CREIGHTON. although it has twice been tried here, it was neither time a success, a result that may easily be put down to the attempts made to fix it over. <br> It was Jan. 19, 1885, that "Denise" was produced at the Comedle Francalse. where it was given one hundred and seven times that season, making a great success, with a cast in which Mile. Bar- tet played the title role, with the charming Reichemberg as fuvenile, and Worms, Coquelin aine, Coquelin cadet, Got, Blanche Plerson, and Pauline Grainger all in the cast. <br> Two American actreases have tried "Denise," both hampered by poor versions. There was the production at Daly's theater, New York, ten years ago, when Clara Morris played "DenIse," supported by Joseph Haworth, nnd a later production at Palmer's, when a version by will stuart ("Walsingham") was called "Fair Fame," and Linda Dletz played "Denise." Still few in New York even remember elther verslon, and, until Miss Nethersole's, none has been seen outside New York, and as the play is in Dumas' best style, Intensely intereeting and brilliant in conversation, it ought to be a great success. As a matter of history, It may be noted that Miss Nethersole gave her first performance of the part Aug. 28, | to the possession of an actresses' most delightful characteristlc, personal charm, the quality that is the very foundation of the success of actressvid like Ellen Terry, Julla Marlowe, aud even Sarah Bernhardt. <br> Miss Creighton is not very gene, ally known, and the resemblance she is aald to bear to Mary Anderson is not so striking as at one time appeared to be in pletures of her. Aside from her pletures, it can hardly be sald to exist at all. <br> Miss Creighton became consplcuous lately in the dramatization of "A Social Highwayman" that the Holland brothers produced, in which she played Elinor Burnham, the girl whose purity proved fatal to Courtney Jaffrey's enjoyment of his daring and rather vulgar career. <br> But the third of November's beauties was the most dazzling of all. It does not seem as if it was as long ago as May 4, 1891, that, as Miss Fleetwood, the Kentucky heiress of "John Needham's Double," Miss Elliot first appeared in Boston, in support of E.S. Willard, at the Tremont her also as Fellela Umfraville, in "The Middleman." <br> Miss Elliot is a Rockland (Maine) girl. She traces her descent back to a mixture of Irish and Spanish settiers, a fact that accounts for her beauty and temperament. <br> Miss Elliot remained with willard two seasons; during the second she played the trying role of Sophia Jopp in "Judah," Beatrice Selwyn in "A Fool's Paradise," and Lady Gilding in "The Professor's Love Story." <br> She was then engaged for the blg production of "A Prodigal Daughter," and played Kate Malcolm in "Sister Mary, with Julia Arthur and Leonard Boyne. <br> In September, 1894, she joined Daly's forces, making her debut as "Heart of Ruby," In the adaptation of Judith Gautter's tale of old Japan, one of the most exquisite productions ever given in this country. <br> Among the best work she has done with Daly is Sylvia in "Two Gentlemen of Verona," and Hermia, in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." In the latter part her beauty, in Boston and London, created a real excitement. She is a stately brunette with great repose of manner and lends an acceptable dignity play well <br> There has not been for many a day so sad a case in the annals of things theatrical, as that of Rose Norreys, whose pretty face is the last of the list. Poor Genie Norreya-for only on the stage did the name Rose stick to her, a name derived first from a part in which she was a saccess. When a young woman is afficted by a disaster like hers, from which it seems almost impossible for any one to ressue her, the very fact that the victim is still young and pretty and has been as dainty as the daintiest of her kind, case pittfully. <br> The bright face has lost its expresslon; the pretty girl has known the ter- |
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