

CITY LODGE DIRECTORY

A. F. & A. M.
McCook Lodge No. 135, A. F. & A. M., meets every first and third Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 p. m., in Masonic hall.
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PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

"The birds are coming home soon, I look for them every day; I listen, to catch their first wild strain, For they must be singing by May."
The robins have already appeared, and others will quickly follow. There is no time when we are so much interested in birds and their individual traits, as when they are returning in the spring.
Your attention is called to several interesting books in the library that are helpful in knowing the birds, their habits, their usefulness, and their destructiveness. It is surprising how insignificant becomes the last-named trait, when compared with the first.

A CAREFUL MAN.

When It Came to Money He Had to Put on the Brakes.
The passengers in an accommodation train which was winding its way through New Hampshire were interested and amused by an elderly couple who sat in the middle of the car.
They talked as if there were no one else in the car. Therefore, having heard most of their private plans, no one was surprised to have the old man take the assembled company fully into his confidence. At one station he rose and addressed the passengers in general.
"Can anybody change a five dollar bill for two twos and a one or five ones?" he inquired.

Kept His Word.

A young fellow in Havana who occupied the position of a reporter fell in love with a girl, the daughter of a wealthy planter. He applied to her father in the orthodox way for his consent to the marriage.
"Presumptuous!" said the father, with eyes flashing. "You, a poverty stricken journalist, and my daughter! Sir, get out of my presence!"
The journalist was very angry. It brought forth a heated declaration of pride:
"Your daughter is too good for me, you say? I will marry a princess before I die." And, with head erect, he left the irate father.



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THE TURTLE'S HEAD.

Chopped Off. It Retains Life For a Number of Hours.
On the counter, in a porcelain dish, stood the severed head of a large turtle.
"That is rather grewsome," said a man who was buying oysters.
The oyster opener glanced at the head carelessly.
"It is a bet," said he. "I bet Gus Schmidt that the head would keep alive twenty-four hours. It's nearly twenty-five now since I chopped it off. Gus is late. But I win anyhow," he added.
"Where's my money? Pay me my money!" a deep voice shouted at this moment, and a short man swaggered in.
"You've lost, Gus," said the oyster opener. "There is still life in her."
"There is—nit," said Gus Schmidt.
"Nix on the life."
And he extended a stumpy finger fearfully toward the turtle's mouth.
"Ge!"
Startled, amazed, Gus Schmidt legged back. For in the turtle's open eyes a fierce light had flashed, the ugly mouth had opened and shut with a sharp snap, and the head in some strange way had advanced an inch or two toward the tempting finger, much as a piece of steel advances toward a magnet.
"This may surprise you, Gus," said the oyster opener, wiping his wet hands in order to pocket his winnings. "But it don't surprise me none. I've seen turtle heads keep life in 'em longer'n this here."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

On the Wrong Tack.
Tommy—Grandpa, are kings and queens always good? Grandpa—Not always, my boy—not when there are axes out against them.—Brooklyn Life.

Explosive Ice Bubbles.

The intensely cold nights of Siberia, says a writer, produce a curious phenomenon. Occasionally the silence is broken by a loud report resembling the boom of a cannon. The noise is caused by the bursting of an ice bubble on a river. The streams coming from the hills are incased in ice six to nine inches thick, and as the water descends faster than it escapes through the river the result is a heavy hydrostatic pressure. This first causes the ice upon the river to rise in mounds often six to eight feet high. For a time they seem to yield elastically to the pressure, but finally can withstand no more and burst with an explosive report. The water rushes out, soon freezing, however, and causing further explosions. The writer asserts that he has seen scores of these ice hillocks within a few miles.

A Nice Distinction.
Mrs. Farmer—And you say that the last man you worked for was St Higgins? Rambling Resteasy—No, ma'am, I said dat he wuz de last man dat employed me.—Chicago News.

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