

The Housefly.

Civilization and decency now demand that we make war upon the common housefly. We've borne with him long enough. In the days of our childhood we sat at table with doors and windows unprotected, and ate dinner while Aunt Jane swept flies from the food with a tree branch or a proud peacock's gorgeous tail.

Then civilization brought the wire screen and while the houseflies continued to increase in number, we kept them out as much as possible. For the undoing of the flies that did get in, inventive minds gave us sticky fly paper and various kinds of traps. In the afternoon the women darken the houses and try to drive the flies away by making life unhappy and cheerless for them.

But with all this warfare against the fly, we haven't begun at the right place—the extermination of the pest. Civilization and science have tried in every possible way to get away from the fly and to drive him away from us, but have permitted flies to multiply, making the process of dodging them doubly hard.

What needs to be done now, and what is being done after many years of a mistaken policy in dealing with flies, is to prevent flies from coming among us at all. That can only be done by general cleanliness. An expert in the fly business tells us that if no kitchen refuse is left unburied; if food is screened; if the house drains are well looked after, there will be almost no flies. For flies hie themselves to the spots where filth is. They have no use for clean places. The dirtiest homes have the most flies. Purity will kill them. And purity, too, as you will no doubt readily agree, will not only drive flies away, but will generally prevent sickness from coming in your door.—Lincoln Star.

Birds Conserve.

New York, May 25—That no factor in the problem of conserving the land, water and forest resources of this nation equals that which nature has provided in the feathered wild life of the continent is the opinion expressed by leading ornithologists in this city today. Following the conference of governors in Washington, officers of the National Association of Audubon Societies have decided to offer the co-operation of their organization in this great work, in pushing which the association has been the pioneer and only active organization ever since its incorporation. Although the workers for bird preservation were not represented at the gubernatorial conclave at the White House, government authorities have assured them that the protection of the insect eaters that insure life to crops, woods and waterways should be one of the first practical means to the general end.

Crops flourish and forests stand to conserve land and water largely through the activities of the existing bird guard that ceaselessly fights their natural destroyers, the investigators of the government point out. With a known loss of over \$800,000,000 to the crops of the country last year due to killing off their guardian flocks, the corresponding effects on woods and waters may be reckoned in the billions of dollars, the Audubon workers declare. Uniform laws for bird protection, if adopted by the states, would go far to ward off these growing inroads of insects and other pests, they say, and this might well be the first step to be taken following the deliberations of the house of governors.

While the value of the birds to the farmer, orchardist and planter has for years been recognized, it is believed by the authorities that their importance in preserving the forests is not generally known. According to a recent report of the government, insects alone cause an annual loss to the trees of the country estimated at over a hundred million dollars. On the oak alone four hundred species of insects which are sought and consumed by the birds of the forests,

prey constantly, the experts of the Biological Survey have discovered. On the willow 186 such species constantly attempt its destruction, on the pine 165, on the hickory 170, on the birch 105, and on the elm 80. Careful analysis of the stomachs of thousands of woodpeckers, titmice, creepers, kinglets, wood warblers, wrens, fly-catchers, swallows, nut hatches and other birds of the woods show that their constant labor is to consume just these devastating insects.

Replanted Corn.

On account of the ravages of the cut worms, many of the farmers of this county were compelled to replant almost all of their first planting corn. The amount destroyed by the cut worms was the cause of a heavy loss as well as delay.—Auburn Herald.

Real Estate Transfers.

Minnie C. Unkefer et al to Benjamin F. Revelle, w. d. to 160 a in sec 24-2-13. \$11,925. Steele Cemetery Association to Rosalie Godferson, w. d. to it 18 in sec 5, blk C. \$40. John H. Morehead, Warren Hutchins and John Gagnon, referees to Wesley H. Maddox, r. d. to w 1/2 n 1/2 sw 1/4, sw 1/4 of the sw 1/4 sec 3-1-16, the ne 1/4 sec 28-2-16 and all that part of sec of said section 28 lying north of Muddy Creek. sec 34-2-15. \$48,450. Jas Pearson and wf to Jada J. Hamilton, w. d. to it 8, blk 34. Salem. \$300. Emma L. Jorn and C. A. Joru to Geo. D. Knapp, w. d. to it 3, blk 3 in 2nd add to Verdon. \$1250. Mary L. Murphy to Mary J. Scott, w. d. to part of it 5, blk 21, Humboldt. \$1600. Val Rauh, Georgia Rauh and Sarah A. Morris to Ernest W. Clift and Luella Clift, w. d. to it 6, blk 38, Nim's add to Humboldt. \$1300. A. A. Tanner, trustee to Ernest Clift, w. d. to its 1, 2, 3, blk 51, Humboldt. \$300. Saena J Sansom to Wm J Lydick, w. d. to it 3, blk 29, A R and Luther Nim's add to Humboldt. \$1000.

Relic of the Chase.

While ditching on the Wilkinson farm, south of the city, on Tuesday, a man named Cox found the part of a spearhead made of flint that had been used by an Indian in the chase many years ago. The perfect proportions of the spearhead indicated that the aboriginal armorer who had made it was an expert, for the reason that the weapon had been so delicately rifled that it would keep its direction and poise when hurled through the air.

It is not possible that the spearhead had been lost in a fight but that it had been thrown at a buffalo in the chase, for those who are well acquainted with the Indian methods of warfare say that they seldom had their battles on the open plains. The flint of which the arrow was fashioned is of a kind that is rarely found in this section, most of the arrow heads, spear points and fleshers being made of the blue flint.—Auburn Republican.

Boys who go swimming should remember that if they will keep the water out of their mouths they cannot sink. The air in a boy's lungs will keep him afloat if he will keep the water out of his mouth. Boys should always remember that there is very little danger in the water if they will only keep cool; the power a woman uses in swinging a fan is sufficient to keep a boy afloat. Too many boys when they go swimming, work their arms and legs with great vigor. This is unnecessary. A boy swims almost as naturally as a duck, if he will keep cool. If a big boy throws a little one in, all the little one has to do is to hold his breath and close his mouth, and he will come to the surface like a cork.—Acheson Globe.

A Small Engine.

The smallest locomotive engine in the world weighs 12 grains and 3 drops of water fills its boiler. This miniature marvel was constructed by an ingenious American. Despite the fact that it could be placed inside a thimble it is composed of 140 distinct pieces and is held together by 52 screws. The stroke of the piston is one-twelfth of an inch, and its diameter is less than one-ninth of an inch. Yet when it gets in motion it works as though it were the strongest and biggest locomotive that ever ran on rails.—Philadelphia Press.

Kansas Luck.

"When Kansas was born she butted right into hard luck," declares the Lawrence Gazette, which brings an array of proof in support of its statement. The war cyclone had its center here, and then there came the grasshoppers and the year of crop failures. Then there was a dearth of corn in the nation and Kansas took the contract for supplying the demand. So well was the job done that the corn could not be sold and had to be used for fuel. From a dollar a bushel it went down to eight cents, and Kansas fields were covered with unsaleable piles of it. Then wheat went away up and Kansas took a contract to furnish wheat for all men. She broke the records of the world with her crops, but instead of getting a dollar a bushel the price went down to thirty cents which would not pay the cost of production. Then Kansas changed her tactics and went into practical politics. The Populist wave buried the state and immediately political stock went down until the commonwealth went broke on that commodity. Then all at once something new happened. Oil from the earth was worth millions to the people who had it. Kansas dug down and found unlimited quantities. The wealth of Ophir was at our feet. Thousands of wells went down and millions of barrels of oil came bubbling up. At once the price of oil went down until a barrel of it was worth less than a barrel of water at harvest time. The gas too which cost millions to people, in other states and communities, was found only to be turned loose to poison the atmosphere and wreck the hopes of those who found it. As a discoverer, Kansas is a hoodoo. If we should find gold in virgin purity that could be mined by the ton, gold would at once be demonstrated and sold as lead on the market. If a cave of diamonds should be discovered, diamonds would be used for paving stones and be sold by the ton. Kansas is original, but her originality has never bought anything for her save advertising space.

A Heavy Rain.

The hardest rain and hail storm for years occurred in this vicinity Wednesday night of this week. Newly planted corn and fruit suffered terribly from the effects. Many corn fields will have to be entirely replanted, in some places plum trees and other fruit trees are entirely denuded of their fruit. It is to be hoped that a close investigation will not make it as destructive as it now appears.—Dawson News Boy.

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Falls City is talking paving. It is just as easy to have paving as not to have it. The paving tax could cover a number of years and wouldn't need to exceed \$10 or \$15 a year to each property holder and the result would be beautifully paved streets.—Hiawatha World.

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