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Beneficial Wild Birds. At a meeting of the Ontario agricultural commission held at London, Mr. William E. Saunders, the well-known Canadian ornithologist gave an account of some insectivorous birds that were worthy of encouragement. He said he had been engaged in the study of birds for the last seven or eight years, and had examined the crops of probably about two hundred; of the birds which were purely insectivorous, the most common was the largest family of warblers, of which the yellow warbler and the redstart mostly took their food on the wing, but partially on the branches of trees; of the birds which took their food exclusively on the wing there were the kingbird, which included the king bird and the pewee; their food was chiefly flies. Moths were numerous caught by nightingales, and these altogether with the swallows he considered birds beneficial to the farmer and fruit-grower. Of the birds which fed partly on the wing and partly on trees, the food of the yellow warbler consisted chiefly of the larvae and eggs of moths, which they took from the leaves of trees; the vireos and cuckoos were birds of the same class, and similarly beneficial. The bluebird fed mostly on insects, though it might take grain when its favorite diet was not obtainable. The insects devoured by the last described class of birds were mostly injurious to the orchardist and the farmer; the nuthatch, which was a very common bird, stayed in these latitudes the year round, and lived almost entirely on insects and their eggs, and chrysalides. The woodpeckers mostly took their food from trees. The red-headed variety were generally considered a pest on account of their devouring so much fruit, chiefly cherries and apples. The high-hole woodpecker, though it occasionally ate a few cherries, was on the whole a bird which should be encouraged, owing to the number of insects it devoured. The hairy and downy woodpeckers and the yellow-bellied variety were commonly, but he believed unjustly, denominated sapsuckers, and accounted of their feeding and other traits by extracting the sap from them. He had never seen trees injured by them, and they were beneficial birds in his estimation.

A Model Kitchen Table. My cooking table is eight feet long—it should be nine—and is placed in a recess between the chimney and a window, the size of which decides its length. It is two feet seven inches high, and is made of two feet three inches on top. Below it is enclosed at the back and ends, and has doors in front. It has no floor, but stands directly on the floor of the room, and is immovable. The enclosed space below is divided into three compartments. The right-hand closet contains the flour barrel; a door opening down to the floor opens to admit it and closes tightly again until the next barrel is needed. Inside there is a space to hang baking-pans by their rings on the partitions; over the flour barrel there is a lid that is raised whenever flour is to be taken out; the sieve and scoop remain in a barrel. The lid is a part of the surface of the table, and opens over the whole width of the flour compartment. Above the door of the middle closet there is a drawer without back or sides, which is the bread-board. When drawn out and turned round the front becomes a back, and is very useful in preventing the scattering of flour in rolling pastry; when returned to its place the roller can remain upon the board. Below this drawer is a closet with a door, and a shelf large enough for a pan of milk, or bowls and pudding dishes; below the shelf is space for a bucket or sugar, a jar of lard or cream and a box of preserves which in use, or is an excellent place to keep pies. I can assure any woman who has not the latter convenience, that is a great saving of time in cooking to have all these in reach of her hand without stepping from her place. The top of the table is not being about an inch and a half higher than a flour barrel, a short woman cannot mould bread or roll pastry easily without something to stand on. A narrow piece of board about two inches wide, with two pieces of board nailed across its under side, is one of the best conveniences of all, for on a cold morning, when I have biscuits to bake, I warm my wooden creper with the fire, and it saves me any uncomfortable chilliness from the fire. The creper is not in the way. There should be a narrow strip of wood nailed upon the back of the surface of the table and an overcross, between the principal part of the table and the floor division, to keep water from flowing over the back into the division containing flour, when washing the table after cooking.—N. Y. Tribune.

Ladies should reflect well before using and preparation that is applied to so delicate a surface as the skin. Any cosmetic will at first give a glow to the complexion, but eventually injure the skin, but in a very short time little blotches and discolorations appear on the face which conclusively show the poisonous character of their composition. It is safely said that more than two-thirds of the face powders contain those injurious ingredients. Some of the most common face powders are not only absolutely free from all deleterious matter, but its principal ingredient is an active curative for all diseases of the skin. It is sold at the test of years. Sold by all druggists.

The Bicycle. The bicycle has become a favorite source of pleasure as well as of use. Dr. Goddard, writing of the two wheeled carriage, says many things in its favor. If that man is a good rider, he can get more pleasure out of his bicycle than he can out of any other mode of conveyance. It is an inducement to young men who work in close apartments to spend more time in the open air, and furnish them with a means of healthful, invigorating, and refreshing exercise. It is a pure air, into God's light and sunshine, and braces their lungs with the very breath of heaven. It stimulates them to save money which they might otherwise spend foolishly, that they may invest in a machine which is a source of health and pleasure, as well as utility. It is an inducement to young men who work in close apartments to spend more time in the open air, and furnish them with a means of healthful, invigorating, and refreshing exercise. It is a pure air, into God's light and sunshine, and braces their lungs with the very breath of heaven. It stimulates them to save money which they might otherwise spend foolishly, that they may invest in a machine which is a source of health and pleasure, as well as utility. It is an inducement to young men who work in close apartments to spend more time in the open air, and furnish them with a means of healthful, invigorating, and refreshing exercise. It is a pure air, into God's light and sunshine, and braces their lungs with the very breath of heaven. It stimulates them to save money which they might otherwise spend foolishly, that they may invest in a machine which is a source of health and pleasure, as well as utility.

Curious Freaks of a Cat. Mr. Willis, who lives in Oldham county, Kentucky, had a cat which daily remained away from the house several hours at a time. One day Mr. Willis was walking through a piece of woods about a mile from his house when he saw his cat sitting in a hole under a rock. It would sit still for a long time, then walk over to some object near it in the hole and rub its head against it, purring most contentedly. What was his astonishment when he found that the hole of the rock, and saw that the object of the cat's attention was nothing more or less than a large snake. The snake was coiled up in a ring, and when the cat would approach it the snake would thrust up its head to receive the cat's caresses. This continued for about half an hour, when the cat evidently grew weary, and after turning around several times to ensure a comfortable position lay down beside the snake and was soon fast asleep. The next day Mr. Willis took a couple of friends with him to witness this strange spectacle. The maneuvers were repeated. At length they resolved to kill the snake, and did so. This seemed to completely overwhelm the cat with grief, and it used to visit the rock daily for several days, without, however, finding out what became of its companion.

Hidden Birds Puzzle. In the following story there are thirty hidden birds. What are their names? "The western sky was roiling itself in sunset hues, which shot flames over the tree-tops, when a singular kind of accident happened in Havana, New Hampshire. It was found that Miss Dorothy Jay had two boys on a picnic was broken by one of two boys wandering around with kits and guns. "Such awkwardness in the garden," Dorothy loudly said. The boys in wrath rushed through the wood, cooking their guns. The dog Snip escaped lately from the Merrimac, awakening the echoes by his bark, leaped over a brook and followed the trail. "Escape with your life, do Dorothy," cried Mr. Jack Dawson. Miss Dorothy simply said "chaff" inch by inch the boys drew nearer, shouting, "Whoop O!" exactly like mad ponies. So wary, however, was Miss Dorothy that the boys in a pet relinishing their design and contented themselves "this stealing a silver clasp, arrow-shaped 'z' of fine workmanship.

A Single Fact is Worth a Ship-load of Argument." Mr. W. B. Lathrop, of South Easton, Mass., under date of January 7, 1884, says: "My father had for years an ailing cancer on his under lip, which had been gradually growing worse until it had eaten away his under lip to the gums, and was feeding itself on the inside of his cheek, and the surgeons said a horrible death was soon to come. We saw three eminent physicians, but all failed to cure him. He had been entirely cured. It has created great excitement in this section."

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A Minnesota Deer Hunter. While hunting in the pines of Minnesota I once met an old half-breed who taught me more in a few days than I ever learned before or since. It was when I compared my scanty superficial knowledge with his sound practical lore that I discovered the immense extent of my ignorance and how much I had to learn. This old veteran was about fifty years of age, and he had hunted deer for more than thirty-five years, making it a specialty. I can be readily understood that his advice was worth taking, and I am only sorry I did not prolong my hunt with him, as every deer brought out new stratagems, and every move was checked by this unerring, steady old Nimrod. He was a regular hunter, and could find more game than three ordinary hunters; but, what was an anomaly! he could not shoot. Actually, if a deer moved, or even wagged his ears, the old fellow would quietly wait till he was stock still, and then blaze away. Sometimes he would kill, but that was by no means a foregone conclusion; and as he would insist on using a single barrel muzzle-loading rifle, of course the deer was off before he could "do it some more." To miss with him seemed rather a matter to be expected than one to get mad about, so, nothing daunted, he would reload his rifle, sit on a log, light his pipe, soliloquize and ascribe reasons for his maladroitness, and make wise resolutions for the future, and having put in about half an hour, go about, take up the track of the doomed deer, and eight times out of ten get another shot, with varying results, inside of an hour.

How he did it I could never tell all that I know is that I had followed him for days from morn till dusk, and have seen him shoot three or four times at the same deer in a day, and generally bag him in the long run. When we became better acquainted, it was mutually agreed and understood that he would do the finding and I the shooting; and by that means he generally had the pleasure of hanging up a deer or two a day without his being a shot. At first I ascribed his finding the deer merely to good luck, but I soon got to see that he was not a hunter at all, but a short distance, and without giving any reason, and guided by an unerring judgment, would leave it or strike out at right angles and shortly come upon the same track or close point out the deer, perhaps fifty or a hundred yards away, sniffing and watching his back trail, while his feet were either in his flank or rear. On such an occasion it was merely a matter of target shooting which he was not interested, being entirely unaccustomed, so that I frequently, in a pose, made a noise to start the unsuspecting stag to give him a chance.

This conduct on my part was sure to be followed by a blessing from the veteran, who recognized no rules or laws governing such shots, and as seldom missed, it was difficult to make him perceive the difference, as in any case the deer was "venison." One day I missed clear and clean, and as the deer got out of my sight I could not shoot again. The old man, at the moment I was blundering in having made the deer run before I fired at him, threw up his rifle and, without taking any aim, let fly. Down came the deer, all in a heap, shot through the neck, and dead as a nail. The funny part is that to this day the old fellow thinks I did the killing; whereas I only fired one shot and that was away high.

This man's antipathy to a breach loader amounted to actual hatred, and it was only by repeatedly showing him its advantages that he so far consented as to allow me to hunt with him while carrying my repeater. I shall never forget the queer expression on his tough, weather beaten countenance when at last I convinced him of the superiority of the repeating rifle.—West and Stream.

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