

THE FLIGHT OF THE BIRDS.

Some Interesting Facts Concerning the Feathered Tribe.

HABITS OF THE WARBLERS.

Swallows and Wrens—How Birds Are Drawn to Destruction—Liberty's Fatal Torch—A Scientific Discovery.

An ordinary-looking market basket. Allied with lifeless birds, was taken into the American museum of natural history in Central park a few days ago.

"It is quite easy to kill most birds," he added, "if you surround the body under the wings, making the fingers meet, and in a few moments they will cease to breathe. I have even killed a hawk in this manner, though I would not advise any one not an expert to try the experiment with such a bird."

"How is it that these birds are killed at night? Do not birds rest at night?" "That is perhaps the most interesting feature in connection with this destruction of birds at Bedloe's island. It is a question which has interested ornithologists a great deal just now.

"I added another interest to these little creatures to think of them flying steadily along their course at night, guided by instinct, and making their flight, as the naturalist explained, frequently several miles above the earth's surface.

"The flight of the birds, Mr. Chapman says, is invariably two or three miles above the earth, and at times it is even at a higher altitude. Their course is above any local wind, and, above all, in progress, and they retain the benefit of the starlight or the moonlight on the broad landscape spread below, keeping in view at the same time the hills along the valleys and the general course of the river in its winding route beneath them.

"The different species fly in flocks, which vary in number from a dozen to a hundred, and in some varieties increase as they journey on for many thousands. One night's favorable flight will probably carry them 300 miles on their journey. The destination of many of them will be as far south as Mexico or even Central America. But the greater number of birds from this neighborhood find their sojourn for the winter, as do many northern people, in Florida or other extreme southern states around the Gulf of Mexico.

tion to a riddle that often puzzles southern sportsmen in pursuit of rats. The usual ground for them which would one day be deserted would on the next morning swarm with game which had arrived by night, with no one to witness and for which no one could account.

"Vigor begins to decline when dyspepsia invades the stomach, and the disease, prolonged through neglect, entails grievous loss of flesh and serious waste of muscular tissue. To invigorate and thoroughly and speedily, a sound stomach is required. There is none comparable to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, since it institutes, and if continued, perpetuates a repair of the tissues, which must have declined in bulk, vigor, and elasticity in consequence of non-assimilation of the food.

THE HIDE OF A HUMAN BEING.

Romantic History of the Head of an Aristocratic Family of Austria. Vienna Letter to New York World: Few persons are aware that until a short time ago the natural history collection in the imperial palace at Vienna included among its most remarkable curiosities the stuffed hide of a human being.

"The hide of a human being, as a curiosity, is not new. It has been noted by the original owner of the hide was Angelo Soliman, who, notwithstanding the fact that he was a coal-black negro from the Southwestern tribe of the Gallas, was eventually the ancestor of the Emperor of Austria.

"Angelo had become a remarkably accomplished and spoke several general languages—French, Italian, German, Latin and Czech. Although of small stature, he was wonderfully well built, his features, although as black as charcoal, were of a Caucasion rather than of an Ethiopian type. He had a beard and mustache as silky and curly. His manners were distinguished by the most exquisite courtesy, and dressed in his flowing Oriental robes and new white turban, he was one of the most popular members of the best society of the day.

"The emperor who had always shown a great fancy for Angelo, conceived the peculiar idea of preserving his old friend, stuffed in a glass case. Strange to relate, Angelo's family, far from being offended, expressed themselves highly flattered by the imperial request, and immediately consented to surrender the remains to the court taxidermists. After having a cast made of his face and body by the famous sculptor, Franz Thaller, the skin was carefully numbered and placed in a number of chemical preparations, and finally stuffed with great care. It is only quite recently that this somewhat uncanny object has disappeared from the imperial collection, owing, it is remembered rightly, to its having been almost destroyed by the rats and mice.

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HE PLAYED ALL THE GAMES.

Eph Holland's Life On the River and in Gambling Houses.

HIS ADVENTUROUS CAREER.

Winning a Daguerrotype Boat—Boss of the Greatest Gambling Den in America—Politics and Prize Fighting Cause His Overthrow.

The Cincinnati correspondent of the Chicago Tribune says: The late Eph Holland, the famous gambler, who died the other day, was a remarkable man. Prior to 1880 he traveled up and down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, along with Alexander and Devoil. Those were the great days for steamboat gambling. Everybody carried large amounts of money. Cotton buyers were always on hand and rich planters who had sold their crops or secured large advances on their travel on the river, and on all the boats gambling was a common, every-day occurrence.

"On one occasion Eph, Alexander and George Devoil were waiting at the mouth of Red river for a boat to take them to New Orleans. Down at the landing lay a little boat that had been fitted up for a daguerrotype party. The boat was long and narrow, and the deck was covered with a red cloth. Eph and his associates were waiting for a boat to take them to New Orleans. Down at the landing lay a little boat that had been fitted up for a daguerrotype party.

"Holland was interested in the greatest gambling arrangement ever put under cover in America. It was calculated to catch big and little fish. In the cellar were bowling-alleys, on the street floor an elegant bar-room and billiard tables; on the second floor, a hazard roulette held sway; and in the third story room was the monarch of all he surveyed in the gambling world.

"The young girl was one of the most fascinating and beautiful types of mulatto imaginable, and after refusing a great many offers at length gave her hand in marriage to one of the imperial counselors of state, the Baron von Feuchtersleben, from whom she descended in the name and title of the present empress of Austria. Agelo, who had before his death become reconciled to the Liechtenstein family, went over to the great majority in 1790, being seventy-five years old at the time.

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MYSTERIOUS MABEL HOWARD.

Strange Story of a Pretty Guest at a Fifth Avenue Mansion.

A New York Correspondent writes:

Every little while the records of the police are emblazoned with some story about a beautiful and accomplished girl who is picked up in the street, is well dressed, and at all appearances of good family, but will give no understandable account of herself.

"Such cases generally turn out to be victims of opium or temporary insanity, or possibly freaks, who, as soon as they are freed from the effect of their momentary crankiness, are taken away by their friends, or go away by themselves, there being no law to hold them, as they do not come under the provisions of any misdemeanor nor yet the vagrant acts.

"But a singular case has occurred lately which puzzles everybody cognizant of it, in a lofty Fifth Avenue mansion not far above Forty-second street. A beautiful young girl, who was exceedingly beautiful girl presented herself at this house and asked to see its mistress. She was about eighteen, very richly dressed, had diamonds on her person worth several thousands of dollars, and she gave evidence of high breeding and wealth. She sent up her name as Howard and was shown into the parlor.

"All this on the part of Miss Howard so far was perfectly probable and coherent; but when she was questioned she did not know that her mother's name was Howard, but had ordered her trunk to be sent to a hotel, though of what name she could not remember.

"Mrs. Smith, seeing that the questioning seemed to disturb Miss Howard very much, and that she had not been identified, thinking it was only a lapse of memory, perhaps, under the pressure of some trouble, and, as lunch was announced, invited Miss Howard to take off her bonnet and partake. The invitation was accepted, and the young lady charmed the elder one by her conversational powers.

"She had been to Europe, and resided in Paris with her father after her mother's death. She could read and speak German, French and Italian, but she could not tell her father's name, business or where he was then; in fact, was not certain whether he was alive or not.

"During this conversation Mrs. Smith could not help thinking that her guest would occasionally wander, but as though she was inventing her story as she proceeded, but as if trying to recall from a defective memory.

"Somebody says that you can never tell a gentleman until you see him at table. Mrs. Smith, however, had no opportunity to test her guest, as she was certainly a high-bred woman, even if she had not been convinced of this before. After lunch was over they returned to the parlor, and Miss Howard, at the request of Mrs. Smith, proceeded to play a game of billiards, and she was very soon shown that she was an accomplished musician and had a lovely contralto voice.

"Then they talked further about Mrs. Smith's school days, and the lady was surprised to find that her guest was from whom she had received the information, Miss Howard was aware of Mrs. Smith's early life, though she could not recall the name of the school when it was mentioned, nor yet the name of any of the teachers, but she could tell her mother's name, and who might have been her mother.

"As the afternoon wore on the young lady made a movement to go, but her hostess insisted upon her staying until the next morning, and she was to be about 5 o'clock. The young lady cheerfully assented, and when Mr. Smith came in he was introduced with a short explanation of her presence. Smith was charmed at a glance, and almost forgot to bid her good night. She announced why, of course, Miss Howard could not go away, and after dinner she could be sent anywhere she desired in the carriage. But after dinner the young lady seemed so content that she slipped away before any one knew it.

"She played, she sang, she talked French with Smith and Italian with his wife, and when told that it was too late for her to go to a strange hotel, and that she must stay in the house, she was a moment's thought she assented, and when the time arrived was accompanied to her chamber by Mrs. Smith, who afterward reported to her husband that Miss Howard's underwear was of superior quality, and that she had a pocketbook with her money in it to take care of. On examining this they were astonished to find that it contained three or four hundred dollars, but not a cent or a penny left. That night Mr. and Mrs. Smith discussed what had better be done in the case, but the only conclusion arrived at was that they would not let her depart next day, or after if they could prevent it, and they would see that she came from and to what her friends were.

"The next day Mr. and Mrs. Smith were more charmed and interested in their guest than ever. Smith stayed at the hotel day after day, and it was not long before he could elicit anything that would be a clue as to her identity or where she came from, but to no avail. If a direct question was put to her she seemed pained and answered that she could give no clue as to her identity or where she came from, but to no avail. If a direct question was put to her she seemed pained and answered that she could give no clue as to her identity or where she came from, but to no avail.

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