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The Ornithologist and the Ichthyologist.

BY CHARLES BATTALL LOOMIS.

An ornithologist invited an ichthyologist to walk in the woods with him, and the ornithologist said: "I suppose you know that the crow—"

"I know nothing about birds."
"But surely you have heard that the cuckoo—"

"I do not know a hawk from a handsaw, I am sorry to say."
"Yes, but you surely have heard so common a thing as the fact that the swallow never—"

"My friend, I know less than nothing about birds."
They finished their walk, and the ornithologist went home and said to his wife:

"The man with whom I walked today in the woods is woefully ignorant. How can a man go through life with so little knowledge of the things about him?"

The next day the ichthyologist invited the ornithologist to walk along the sea-cliffs with him.

So they walked together, and on the cliffs a doltish fellow was standing.

"Good-morning," they said to him, but he only started at them, open-mouthed.

"A fool!" cried both.
And the ichthyologist said to the ornithologist: "Of course you know that the blue fish of these waters—"

"I know nothing about fish."
"But surely you have heard that the sword-fish—"

"I would not know a cod from a kid, I am sorry to say."
"Yes, but you surely have heard so common a thing as the fact that a porpoise never—"

"My friend, I know less than nothing about fish."
At this point the ichthyologist was so impressed by his friend's ignorance of common things that he did not mind his steps and fell off the cliffs into the sea, and not knowing how to swim he called to his friend for help.

"Alas, I do not know how to swim," said the ornithologist.

"More of his ignorance," said the ichthyologist as he went down for the second time.

But the dolt had been watching, open-eyed, and he plunged into the sea and swimming out to the ichthyologist he saved him.

MOEAL—Each one of us has his special brand of ignorance.—Saturday Evening Post.

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Harmless Royalty and Other Pretentious People.

Prof. Goldwin Smith writing in the Toronto Sun says:—

In the French elections the Republican Government has triumphed over the clerical, aristocratic, and monarchical, or rather Imperialist reaction. Once more the Republic has been saved, and it appears to be gradually becoming rooted in the respect and attachment of the people. Nor is there any monarchical or Imperialist pretender who can be said to have a personal hold. A war, if it gave birth to a successful general, might still be politically dangerous. But France is not disposed to war. It may therefore be reasonably assumed that after a century of revolutions, in which the extreme forms of democracy and monarchy have been tried with extraordinary violence, France has for the time settled into something like the government desired by the patriots of 1789, though, with a President at its head, instead of a constitutional King. It will now be seen whether political stability is possible in France.

There is talk of clinching the decision in favor of the Republic by the abolition of all titles of nobility. As the titles have long ceased to carry with them political power or privilege, this might seem a cruel interference with the gratification of a harmless vanity. But the fact is that the titles operate as pledges of attachment to political reaction, and are in that way a standing danger to the Republic. There being no Herald's Office to restrain fabrication, many of the titles are spurious. Aspirants to social grade are always trying to slip in the aristocratic "de" before their names. On this continent aspirants to social grade sometimes seek to produce the same effect by hyphenating their names, and turning Brown into Baker-Brown or Piper into Perkin-Piper. In England a certain Mr. Taylor, having made a fortune in trade, and wishing to doff the trader, changed his name to Tayleur. Being out with Lord Alvanley's hounds, he pointed to a hound which was working particularly well, and asked Lord Alvanley its name. "His name," replied Lord Alvanley, "used to be 'Jowler,' but now he calls himself 'Jowlour.'"

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[Probably the best poem written by Bret Harte, who has just died, was his famous "Heathen Chinese."]

Which I wish to remark,
And my language is plain,
That for ways that are dark
And for tricks that are vain
The heathen Chinese is peculiar,
Which the same I would rise to explain.

Ah Sin was his name,
And I shall not deny
In regard to the same
What that name might imply,
But his smile it was pensive and child-like,
As I frequent remarked to Bill Nye.

It was August the third,
And quite soft was the skies,
When it might be inferred
That Ah Sin was likewise;
Yet he played it that day upon William
And me in a way I despise.

Which we had a small game
And Ah Sin took a hand;
He did not understand;
But he smiled as he sat by the table.
With the smile that was child-like and bland.

Yet the cards they were stacked
In a way that I grieve,
And my feeling were shocked
At the state of Nye's sleeve,
Which was stuffed full of aces and bowers,
And the same with intent to deceive.

But the hands that were played
By that heathen Chinese,
And the points that he made
Were quite frightful to see;
Till at last he put down a right bower,
Which the same Nye had dealt unto me.

Then I looked up at Nye,
And he gazed upon me,
And he rose with a sigh
And this: "Can this be?
We are ruined by the cheap Chinese labor."
And he went for that heathen Chinese.

In the seen that ensued
I did not take a hand,
But the floor it was strewed
Like the leaves on the strand
With the cards that Ah Sin had been hiding
In the game "he did not understand."

In his sleeves, which were long,
He had twenty-four packs,
Which were coming it strong,
Yet I state but the facts;
And we found on his nails, which were taper,
What is frequent in tapers—that's wax.

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More circumstantial accounts of the operation of the labor arbitration courts of New Zealand are now before us, and we are rather better enabled to judge whether this legislation has really operated like magic in producing such a land of economical bliss as "a country without strikes." There can be little hesitation in saying that while conciliation has a qualified value in New Zealand as elsewhere, compulsory arbitration is a delusion. The courts of arbitration turn out to be simply organs through which trade unions demand, and for the moment enforce, increase of wages, limits of hours, or other concessions. They are not, as was boasted, free from political influence. When a judge refuses to give judgment in favor of the demands of the union, the union calls for his removal. Can an employer be legally compelled to go on paying wages which he cannot afford to pay? Can an artisan be legally compelled to go on taking wages less than those he could get in open market? Can the rate of wages be fixed without reference to the fluctuations of trade and the changes in the value of labor? Can the commerce and industry of a country which attempts legislation on such principles be expected to remain unimpaired? These are the crucial questions, to which no answer has yet been given. So at present we can only fall back on the system of free bargain and agreement, regulated as far as possible by moderation and a sense of the common interest on both sides.—A Bystander, in Toronto Sun.

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