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A CLEVER BIRD

Wakes its Master Each Morning and Goes With Him to School

This pigeon goes to school! A little chap named Wicks, who lives in Reading, England, owns this clever



Wicks and His Pet

bird. It is his constant companion, and shows signs of homesickness and loneliness when the boy is away from home, where it cannot follow.

Each morning, when Wicks starts out for school, the pigeon hops onto his shoulders and remains there until the journey is ended.

Instead of flying away home immediately, he waits to see whether the boy has a written message for him to take back.

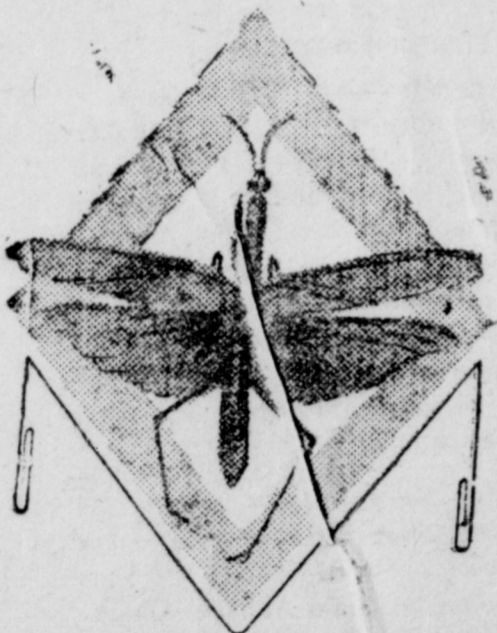
Another favorite trick this sagacious bird does is to fly to the window sill of the boy's bedroom at 7 each morning and peck and coo until his master wakes and opens the window.

Never buy tinned goods if the tin bulges anywhere. The contents are not good. Baking tins should not be used as purchased. They must be "seasoned" first by being baked for an hour with the oven at an ordinary heat.

PREYS ON MOSQUITOES

Queer Insect From China May Exterminate the Flea

Scientists are preparing to spread broadcast the results of investigations



and experiments made in breeding the Praying Mantis to get rid of mosquitoes. This big bug came originally from China and occasionally made trips to more enlightened countries attached to Chinese plants. It was found that he and his family are decidedly fond of mosquitoes and are specially built for catching and eating them.

The mantis is a member of the grasshopper family and grows to a length of from 2 to 3 inches. The forelegs are well adapted for holding the captured mosquito, as they are provided with sawlike teeth.

The insect gets its name from the fact that its forelegs are folded under an attitude of prayer.

Chivalry In War

One of my wounded friends was enthusiastic over one feat which he regarded as the noblest of the war, says a writer in The London Outlook. In the beginning of that terrible retreat from Mons, which the genius of Sir John French alone saved from being an absolute disaster, there came a time when a section of the Irish Guards were to hold the road at all costs. Most of the officers had been killed, or else were so badly wounded that they could no longer lead and the charge fell on a grey-haired Sergeant-Major, who swiftly seized a corner shop commanding two roads as an ideal place to hold up the Prussians until our rear guard was in safety.

As he was about to place his two machine guns a woman stopped him and said, "You cannot stay here, Sergeant. There is a woman in labor in a room above." "Good heavens," he answered. "And at such a time! Now, then, ma'am," he continued with ironical good humor, "can't you tell the lady to hurry up, as she's keeping an army waiting? How long will she be?" The reply was "About half an hour."

The Sergeant told off ten of his men with stretchers and blankets to wait until the child was born, then to convey it and its mother into safety, after that to return to their section. In the meantime he advanced an eighth of a mile and fortified a weaker spot as well as he could, scolding his men the while and telling them not to make too much noise else they would alarm the "babby." And so, in a place which left them exposed to the full danger of the Prussian attack, these Irishmen fought until every man was either killed, wounded or made prisoner, rather than disturb a woman in the crucial hour of maternity.

"This," cried my wounded friend "is one of the noblest stories ever told of a war. Even Thermopylae is insignificant beside it."

Bulgaria to Aid The Teutons

Athens, Sept. 23 (via Paris, Sept. 24).—Diplomatic circles here have been informed that Bulgarian warships which were stationed at Varna on the Black Sea, have sought shelter in a neighboring bay. Large numbers of men are working at feverish speed to fortify Bulgarian Black Sea ports. The valuables of the branches of the National Bank at Burgas and Varna have been removed to Sofia. The belief has been expressed in Bulgaria, that if that country arrays herself on the side of the Teutonic allies, Russia would attempt an invasion through the port of Varna, 30 hours sail from Odessa, although it is strongly fortified.

Paris, Sept. 24.—The Bulgarian situation is absorbing the attention of France, to the exclusion of all other topics. Little doubt is felt here that Bulgaria, or rather King Ferdinand, has decided to cast its lot with the Central Powers.

"For months," says Jean Herbet, one of the authorities of France on foreign politics, "the Quadruple Entente has been talking to Bulgaria without acting. During the same period Bulgaria has been preparing to act without talking. The time has come when Bulgaria is acting."

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 23 (via London Sept. 24).—An article which may throw some light on the Bulgarian mobilization appears in the Mir, which asks what Bulgaria will do if the German appear on its frontiers, since a German invasion of Serbia will be attempted. Replying to its own question, the paper says:

"It would mean the Bulgarians must allow the undisputed passage of German troops through their country. If the Bulgarians consented without making common cause with Germany, then they would be unable to refuse the same privilege to the Russians who might disembark at Varna (on the west shore of the Black sea.) Then the two adversaries could meet to fight on Bulgarian territory to decide the fate of the country and people, if not the fate of the whole war."

"Thus, Bulgaria would emerge ruined like Belgium. Moreover, her honor would be lost. If the Bulgarians joined the German, should she triumph, then Bulgaria would be a vassal state of Germany and Austria."

The Mir urges an agreement with the Quadruple Entente on the ground that Bulgaria will be overrun with Germans if Serbia is invaded.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—Bulgaria having taken certain measures the Greek government has decided to answer these measures by equivalent preparations, telegraphs the Athens correspondent of the Matin.

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McLellan McLellan

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McLellan of Richmond Corner, Sept 22nd, at three o'clock, when their daughter, Jennie Helens, was united in marriage to Mr. Albert Lee McLellan of Oakville N. B.

The bridal couple entered the parlor and stood under an arch of evergreens sweet peas and asters while Mendelssohn's wedding march was rendered by a cousin of the bride, Mrs. H E Thomas of Houlton. The ceremony was performed by Rev Robert Miller. The bride was tastefully gowned in white Paillette silk and carried a shower bouquet of white sweet peas and asparagus.

After the congratulations about sixty guests entered the dining room where a sumptuous wedding supper was served.

A large number of beautiful and costly presents testified to the popularity of the young couple.

Amid showers of rice and confetti the happy couple left for their future home in Oakville.

The Red Cross Society wish to acknowledge and thank the following:

Mrs W H Titus, Bangor, per Mrs Maggie Ross \$1.00 Miss Etta Lane, monthly, 1.00 Mrs J C Hartley, Treasurer

Misses Mary Jane and Cassie McCluskey of Grand Falls are the guests of their aunt Mrs W P Hayden.

H. J. Hay of Millville, was in town on Wednesday on business.

James A Gibson attended the Fredericton exhibition last week

Mrs. B. H. Smith, who spent the summer in Montreal with her daughter, Mrs. Guy Smith, has returned home. She was accompanied by her grand daughter, Miss Katie Smith, who will spend two weeks with her.

Miss Sarah J Brown returned on Wednesday from a three weeks trip to Lowell and Boston, Mass, and Auburn Maine.

Mr and Mrs. Scovill and son and Miss Doten, of St. Stephen, motored to Woodstock and spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Belyea.

Mrs. John McLaughlan and Miss Bessie McLaughlan were in Fredericton last week attending the exhibition, Miss McLaughlan went to St. John where she will visit friends.

Mrs. John S. Grey has returned from a four weeks visit with relatives at Milltown and Red Beach, Me.

Miss Carmen has gone to Proctor, B. C., where she will spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Julian Boarne.

Coun John S Leighton, chairman of the pure water committee, has had three wells drilled on Connell Park to the depth of 62 feet each, and P Corey the well driller found water but in the fourth well sand was struck and the digging was discontinued. The water was sent away for analysis and a report made to Engineer Barbour, who will pass an opinion from the test wells whether a sufficient amount of water can be secured for town purposes. If the report is favourable a new water system will be installed probably next summer at a cost of about \$30,000.

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TWO LAZY ANIMALS

Sloth and Anteater Exchanged Four Blows in Five Days

Of all the animals mentioned in books on natural history, the sloth is given the palm for sheer unadulterated laziness. As a runner-up for secondary honors the anteater has no serious rival.

The passengers and crew of the steamer Caracas, which plies between South America and England, had a chance to study the inactive peculiarities of these two tropical beasts at close range and their report of the five-day battle that raged between the two strange creatures only goes to bear out the natural historians.

As part of the collection of strange birds and beasts being taken to London the sloth and anteater occupied the same roomy cage on the trip from Venezuela. No trouble was expected, as the sloth immediately hung himself, head down, from a crossbar at the top of the cage and the anteater



retired to a lower corner, both passing into deep, dreamless slumber.



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