

CURIOS WAYS OF OWLS.

SOME OF THEM SEE AS WELL BY DAY AS THEY DO BY NIGHT.

It is regarded as a Ghostly Sort of Bird—Owls have a Peculiar Way of Eating—They Swallow Bones and All—Fate of a Snow Owl—Other Matters.

Any one who has tramped much through the woods, said an observant Pennsylvania woodsman, knows how seldom it is that he sees an owl of any description, and also how equally rare it is to get a shot at a hawk, although many may be seen.

There are two good reasons why the everyday hunter seldom sees an owl while he tramps. One reason is that some owls cannot see by day, and therefore select hiding places which render their discovery next to impossible as a person passes casually through the woods. The other reason is that there are some owls that see by day as well as by night. These double-sighted birds discover the intruder long before he can possibly see them, and they lose no time in seeking places of greater safety.

Early in the season, quail hunters working in wheat stubble, especially in Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio, are frequently surprised by the sight of a pair of big birds rising suddenly from the field and sliding away, a few feet above the stubble, as noiseless as ghosts and as swift as shadows.

Hawks fly noiselessly, too. These birds depend on stealth in seeking their prey. It won't do for them to have any rustle about their hunting. There is another peculiar thing about the short-eared owls. If the hunter finds them on a piece of stubble he will not find any other game birds there.

The rarest of all owls are the hawk owl, the snow owl, and the long-eared owl. The hawk owl I never saw in Pennsylvania, but I have shot it in Eastern New York and in Connecticut. There is a little owl called the sawt, which is sometimes plentiful and sometimes scarce.

Owls have a peculiar way of eating. They swallow their food bones and all. By some process the bones, fur, and feathers are all rolled up in small balls in the owl's stomach. When I was a boy I became aware of this, and it was great sport for me to search in the woods for trees under which I could discover these ejected balls.

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bonds the poor owl rolled and tumbled about in agony. I reloaded my gun and creeping behind a fallen tree until I was near enough almost to touch the owl with the end of the barrel, shot the big birds' head off, thus losing my great prize through my boyish mischief.

SHOULDERING A PICK.

What Would Happen if the Threat Were Carried Out.

Whenever a discussion as to the failure of some unfortunate to make a decent living is in progress, there is usually heard the remark: 'I would rather take a pick, or shovel on my shoulder and go out to work.' There is a lofty and independent flavor about this sentiment that causes it to be received with approval.

One thing in this connection is overlooked, and that is that neither the person who formulates the scheme nor the persons who have heard it uttered have ever tried the thing itself. A pick is not an article of scientific appearance, but should any inexperienced individual undertake the manipulation of one, he will make a number of discoveries.

Aside from the actual inability of one unaccustomed to handling the instrument to do any serious amount of work with it, there are after effects—sore hands, stiff joints, disabled muscles, and an unconquerable desire the next day to refrain from exertion.

The theory of going out to work with pick or shovel is beautiful and high sounding, but the practical application is another affair altogether. Besides, there is an additional item which has eluded the observation of the would-be shovel or pick bearer. Work, even for experienced hands is not always to be found.

WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.

Is the Testimony of Frank S. Emerick of Alvin, Ont.—Says South American Kidney Cure Saved His Life—It Relieves in Six Hours.

For two years I was greatly troubled with kidney disease. I suffered intense pain, and frequently was unable to work. I doctored at intervals, but got little or no relief. I began to grow worse, and the pains were frequent and intense.

QUEENS WHO SMOKE.

The Use of Cigarettes Extending Among Women all Over Europe.

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pipes, my dear! And in the 'Letters of a Traveller' we read that George Sand always kept tobacco on hand for her own personal use.

'In all times Spanish women have smoked; and not only cigarettes, but cigars, Marbot in his 'Memoirs' tells us this without mincing matters.

WILL CARRY THE SCARS TO HER GRAVE.

Spent Thousands for Health, But Did Not Obtain This Greatest of All Blessings Until She Used the Great South American Rheumatic Cure Suffered Intensely for 12 Years.

Mrs. F. Brawley of Tottenham, Ont., states: 'I suffered almost continually for 12 years with rheumatism, the effects of which I will carry to my grave, and while the joints at my thumbs and wrists are yet stiff I am entirely freed from pain in my case, I have spent thousands of dollars in doctors' bills and medicines without avail.

EVOLUTION OF THE UMBRELLA.

From the Old-Time Whalebone Spreader to the Bow Chann'l Steel.

Forty years or so ago umbrellas were made with stretchers or bows of whalebone. The bows were rather bulky in themselves, and they were apt to get a little permanent bend from long use so that they bulged when the umbrella was rolled up; making the baggy umbrella, familiar to middle-aged and older people, and occasionally still seen, though on the stage often than in real life.

With the introduction of petroleum oil into general use as an illuminating oil, and the consequent very general abandonment of the use of whale oil came the decline of the whaling industry.

There came umbrella bows of light steel rooled in V. Shape, and then, in the quest for a still tighter roller, umbrella handles were made of metal. The first tubing handles were made of brass. Steel would have been cheaper, but there, had then been discovered no satisfactory method of brazing steel tubes such as are used in umbrella handles.

And nowadays many spreaders are made of steel, rolled channel-shaped. In cross section this spreader is shaped something like a capital letter E without a tongue, and the ribs of the umbrella—the steel rods that run from the sliding ferrule, or runner, as it is called, on the handle of the umbrella, by means of which the umbrella is spread—are so attached and adjusted to the spreaders that they shut into the channels when the umbrella is closed.

By his power of intellect and nobility of soul the late Jules Simon, the French statesman and philanthropist, raised himself to a high station, yet he remained to the close of his life a simple, modest man.

Jules Simon's Modesty.

As he could speak no longer, he motioned for a pencil and a sheet of paper, and with a steady hand wrote his own epitaph: JULES SIMON, 1814-1896. Dieu, Patrie, Liberté.

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PEDDLER COMES TO GRIEF.

Made Himself a Nuisance as Usual and his Downfall was Deserved.

That unmitigated nuisance, the street peddler, is again at the door with his feather dusters, lead pencils, old clothes to buy and all that sort of thing.

I noticed one of the gang with an armful of dusters at the door of my neighbor the other day, says the N. Y. Sun. He rang two or three times, but the servant had evidently seen him from below and declined to come up to the front door for him.

Remarkable Absence of Mind. It is not an uncommon thing for one to devote himself to a foreign language so that he dreams in it, but cases are probably rare in which men have even for a moment forgotten that they spoke their own tongue.

It is said that Frederik Horner, an Englishman who spent his time in adapting plays from the French for the English stage, was dining once in an English hotel, when, after he had eaten, he was seized with a desire to smoke.

The man looked blank. 'I don't understand a word of French, sir,' he said. Horner looked the picture of despair.

HEART PAINS LEAVE IN A DAY. Unable to Attend to Her Daily Duties—and a Great Sufferer from Heart Trouble—Induced to Try Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart and it Proved a Wonder Worker.

These are the words of Mrs. W. T. Rundle of Dundalk, Ont.: 'I was a great sufferer with severe pain in the region of my heart. For a time I was quite unable to attend to my household duties. I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, and I must say the result was wonderful.

A Scotch clergyman, named Fraser, claimed the title and estates of Lord Lovat. He tried, on the trial of the case, to establish his pedigree by producing an ancestral watch on which were engraved the letters S.F.

The claimant alleged that these letters were the initials of his ancestor, the notorious Simon Fraser, Lord Lovat, beheaded in 1597 for supporting the Young Pretender. The letters, engraved under the regulator, were shown to stand for Slow, Fast, and the case was laughed out of court.

I DO NOT GET ALL.

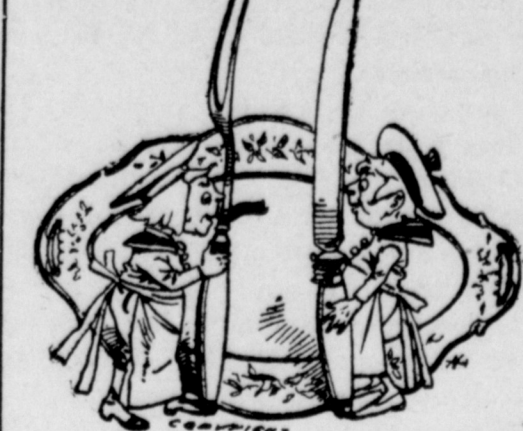
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