

On the Track of the Sardine.

HOW THE FISH ARE CAUGHT AND CANNED.

We don't know where the flies go in the winter time, but we do know where the succulent sardine comes from all the year round.

The fish comes from the shores of the small province of Algarve, which forms the southern part of Portugal. All along this coast, funny and sardines disport themselves and upwards of 12,000 men and women are employed by one firm—the packers of Marie-Elisabeth sardines—not only in catching the fish and curing them, but in many adjuncts to so vast an industry.

Working the Nets.

There are two methods of catching sardines. The first is the fixed-net system, which consists of nets forming pockets with wire-nets held by anchors and steel cables to guide the shoals into the bags. These are fixed along the coast in suitable spots where the sea-bottom is smooth and free from encumbering rocks. They are usually from one to two miles apart, and from half a mile to three miles from the shore. Each requires the attention of about fifty men.

The purse-rise net is a more modern appliance. These are taken out to sea on board a small steamer, which tows a number of boats intended for the reception of the catch.

The steamers patrol the sea during the night in search of sardine shoals. From time to time the fishermen beat the sardine of the vessel with machine guns, scattering the fish. Their brisk movement causes phosphorescence on the surface of the water and reveals the position of the shoal.

The net is paid out and the vessel steams in a circle. The lower edge of the net is drawn together by means of a rope running through rings, that has the effect of transforming the huge net into a bag—and the bag contains the shoal, or, at least, a part of it.

The net is then raised and the small boats are loaded and towed to shore.

The Packing Process.

Of course, a large proportion of the fish is disposed of in the open market. There are six Marie-Elisabeth canneries at different points of the Algarve coast. Each employs about 250 women and 100 men, and the number of sardines handled in the season of a year is estimated at 430,000,000.

On arrival at the cannery the sardines are deprived of their heads and the whole of the gut removed. The fish are then immersed in brine and washed thoroughly. Then they are left head downwards on wire grills, and left to drain.

Still on the grill they are passed through cooking stoves, drained again, and packed. Oil is added to the full capacity of the tins, and the lids put on, closed and hermetically sealed by machinery. Finally they are then any object in the planetary map.

BOOZE.

In olden days his morning horn seemed good to Rednose Charley; his forty drops were made of corn, or divers grains of barley. He knew full well the Demon Rum would get him soon or later, but he might as well enjoy it now, for years to come, red liquor in his crater. Though booze might fill his dome with bats, and make him wan and sickly, it wasn't made of rough rats, it wouldn't kill him quickly. Though booze might drape his frame in rags, and rob him of all riches, it wasn't brewed by midnight hags like Shakespeare's well known witches. But now when Charlie teebly goes to some bootlegging variety, to dye his incandescent nose with deeper hues of scarlet, to hang new fragrance on his breath, a scent that shocks the parson, he's blowing coals for sudden death and homicide and arson. There are to-day no decent brews; no honest corn or barley is in the gill of bootleg booze that dampens Rednose Charley. All booze is outlawed, and the wight who drinks is disenchanted, when he wakes up some beastly night to find he's dead and planted. And Rednose Charley takes the bowl of dope that makes him dizzy, and shortly to a six-foot hole they'll haul him in a Lizzie.

WALT MATON.

As a Precaution

"The beadle of Thread Street Church, Paisley, one morning accompanied the minister, the Rev. William McDougall, to the railway station for the purpose of carrying his travelling bag. Mr. McDougall was going upon a considerable journey, and after paying his fare, purchased also a railway life-insurance ticket. After he took his seat in the train, the beadle said, as he was handing him his bag, 'I think, Mr. McDougall, you had better leave that insurance ticket with me; I've white heard tell of a corp being rabbit.'"

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SPRAINS

Mars not Dead.

F. M. Ryves, the astronomer who for more than a year has been watching the planet Mars through a powerful telescope placed at Tenerife, at a height of 8,000 ft. has sent a report as to the general results of his observations.

Mars appears to be far from a dead world. Whether it is inhabited by intelligent beings like ourselves is perhaps the most absorbing question that confronts the human race.

Mars is changing and shows marked changes. Some of these observed at Tenerife are:

The dark marking called Syrtis Major, of Hour-Glass Sea, from its shape, which is more familiar to man than any object in the planetary map, has developed an appendage. It has a tumor on its side, entirely altering its appearance and giving it a nearly square shape. In 1909 there was no vestige of this. In the period of 14 years more than 100,000 square miles of country formerly characterized by the pale yellow tint of the bright "desert" regions has changed to an obscure dusky brown.

Of the so-called "lakes" some have been unusually and persistently dark during the past few months, especially Daous Solis, which a few years ago had become almost invisible. It now shows up as an intensely dark spot, about 400 miles across.

Some of the "canals" have changed distinctly, and there have been curious developments. A fairly broad "canal" was detected running down the 14th meridian. This is either new or a reappearance of the "Canal" Aethiops, which had faded away.

"Most of the 'canals' are fairly broad, straight or curved streaks. Some are dark and quite prominent; others more hazy and difficult to make out.

The Tenerife sketches do not show a vast and complicated network, such as Prof. Lowell thought he had observed. But there are indications that the "canals" are really there.

In one case an apparent increase in the intensity of a "canal" was observed in the space of just over a month.

Brilliant, small patches of a pale yellow were made out, and pink patches in the "deserts." The colors may be of volcanic origin, as at Tenerife deposits of pumice stones stand out yellow-white on red scoria.

Something resembling hoar frost or snow was seen in the lower latitudes of Mars, fading away on the morning edge, so that there are indications of hoar frost or possibly frozen gas there.

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Police and Military NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO ARMY OFFICERS ON SALUTING.

There can be no excuse for any repetition of the Piccadilly saluting incident some time ago, when an Army officer publicly rebuked a policeman on duty for neglecting to salute colours carried by a party of which the officer was in charge. A new Army Council instruction, just issued, reads:

Although, under paragraph 165, sergeants and constables of the Metropolitan Police Force are ordered by the Commissioner to salute military officers in certain circumstances, it must be remembered that the enforcement of the order is a matter for officers of the Metropolitan Police Force themselves. Should a military officer conceive it his duty to call attention to any non-compliance with the above police orders, he will confine his action to reporting the fact through the proper military channel, and on no account himself interfere with the sergeant or constable concerned.

It will be recalled that following the incident, a new police order was issued, which stated that "if the nature of the duty, such as regulating traffic or other special circumstances, makes it undesirable, police officers will not be required to salute, unless spoken to by a person entitled to be saluted."

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That man, whether big or little, who does not invest in a respite from his daily pottering is a fool.—E. C. Forbes, in Forbes Magazine (N.Y.)

The Birds Are Leaving Us.

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS FLY TO WARMER CLIMES THIS MONTH.

The swallows are going, the cuckoos have gone, and so have many other birds. Yet though this migration is a natural law of migration has taken effect year after year for uncountable centuries, to this very day little is known about it.

Young birds, born in England this year, seem to know their way abroad quite as well as any of the old birds who have done the journey for four years in succession. They are not shown the way by their parents, for, as a rule, they leave at different times. But the young ones know instinctively, and they follow the unmarked track through the upper air without faltering or mistakes.

They Fly North and South.

A significant fact, though, is that all migration roads run north and south. In the autumn instinct tells them to go south, and when the hot weather comes they fly northward.

An interesting point about this is that the birds that live farthest north in the summer go farthest south when they migrate. When they return in the spring, it is not the oldest birds that come first, but the male birds. They make their appearance several days before the females.

Though most people see birds preparing to migrate during the latter days of this month, very few have actually seen their mighty ranks sweeping southward on their long journey. This is because the actual migration takes place at night, and the birds fly at a very great height, so that even the nightingales would be quite invisible to the naked eye. Only a very severe storm will drive a flight of birds near the ground.

Only Seen Through Telescopes.

They were first seen on passage by astronomers through their powerful telescopes, though they were seen by the naked eyes of some of the old birds in the year this can often be noticed, and some men make an annual practice of watching this wonderful spectacle through a telescope.

Though travelling south, no birds will cross the sandy wastes of the Sahara desert. The fact that the desert is dry and hot is of little consequence, for the birds make no halt in their flight, and they are too high to be affected by the heat from the sand.

The Power of Instinct.

The reason is this: migrating birds fear to cross the sea other than narrow channels like the English Channel, and once upon a time the Sahara was a vast inland sea, for which reason they avoided it. The change from sea to land took place, but the original instinct remained, and instead of altering their course, they sweep round in a huge detour to avoid the land which was once sea.

True, migrating birds cross the stormy North Sea, but once upon a time that was land, and again instinct has proved strong enough for them not to alter their course. So to this day, the North Sea, which takes toll of many of their numbers, still lies in the course of some of the most northern birds.

Riot When Mobs Seek Girl's Body.

Father Alleges Death Due to Detroit Police Ill-treatment.

Detroit, Sept. 20. (As. Press.)—A riot call was sent by police last night when a mob estimated at 5,000 persons attempted to gain entrance to the home of John Lornee, to view the body of his 12-year-old daughter, Gladys Lornee, who, the father, alleged, died from ill-treatment at the hands of police after her arrest September 11 on a charge of larceny.

Three patrolmen were slightly injured by the crowd who fought the officers attempting to maintain order. The girl was arrested on complaint of J. F. Anderson. The day after her arrest she was taken to a hospital, and she died Saturday.

Before her death, according to her father, she told him she had been abused by the police, put into ice water three times, and that attempts were made to put her in an electric chair to make her confess the robbery.

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The father asserted her body bore marks, indicating bruises.

According to a statement issued by James Sprott, assistant superintendent of police, the girl was sent to the juvenile detention home immediately after her arrest, and the next day removed to a hospital. The statement says death was caused by acute pleurisy. An autopsy was held.

The statement of the police superintendent says the marks on the body which the father alleges was caused by police, in reality were caused by hypodermic injections given before the girl's death, and the incisions by surgeons during the autopsy.

The story told by the girl to her father is said by Sprott to have been given while the girl was delirious just before her death. As the result of the father's charges the funeral scheduled for yesterday was postponed, but only served, to heighten the excitement among foreigners and others in the section where they lived.

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