BURROWING METHODS OF THIS ODD LITTLE ANIMAL

The Amesing Rapidity With Which He Can Work His Way Into the Ground-Peculiar Anatomy of This Curious Creature.

Of all the animals which assist in making life miserable for the gardener per haps the mole is the most provoking. Just as a certain bed of choice seeds has worked into perfect condition, the mole, which may not have been near the garden for a month, comes back as though by special appointment and plows that bed from end to end. Back and forth ha works through the loose soil, close to the surface, heaving up a little ridge of earth wherever he goes. He rapidly destroys the bed, though that is not at all his object in coming. He is really out on a hunting expedition. He is hunting for earthworms, slugs, grubs and insects which live in the ground and on which he depends for food. When he has finished his meal, he leaves the bed and pushes through the turf of the lawn until he reaches the garden wall perhaps. This proves a little too hard for him to plow through, so he comes out into the open, runs at quite a fair speed across the walk and then burrows into the turf again on

the opposite side.

He probably does this at night, and the next day the seeds which he turned up during his hunt through the bed will die. If the sun is hot, they will be baked in the loosened earth, or if it rains they will probably be washed away. When the gardener discovers the damage, he will stride about the lawn, stamping in the loose turf with his heel, and we can hard-By blame him if under his breath he says some very unpleasant things about the mole. Then he will probably set a mole trap in the hope that his little enemy will come that way again. And there he may have another disappointment, for the mole is quite apt to stay away until a nice line of young peas or carrots has begun to show above the ground. Then some night, after a shower of rain has softened the soil, he will suddenly return, uproot the line from one end to the other and disappear as before.

A curious little creature is the mole From the tip of his nose to the root of his tail he measures something less than six inches, and his total length is increased by a rather short, straight tail, sparsely covered with short hairs. His body is covered with a beautiful, soft, Instrous fur, which may look any one of a number of colors according to the light in which you see it. In one light it will appear dark brown, and in others black, dark silver gray or purple possibly, and perhaps the most astonishing thing about it is the fact that an animal living in the soil should be able to keep his coat so beautifully clean and bright. In front the body terminates in a naked, cartilaginous snout, on the upper surface of which, close together, are two oblong nostrils. The snout is very flexible so much so, in fact, that the animal sometimes twists it round and puts it into his mouth, from which he afterward withdraws it with a pop resembling the sound which made in drawing a miniature cork. I don't know why he does this When his mouth is opened, it will be seen that it is full of little teeth of several sizes and shapes and that it some what resembles the mouth of a diminu-

At the first glance one would say that he had neither eyes nor ears, but buried deep in the fur are two little shining black dots, which are doubtless big enough for anything he ever requires to see, and about three-quarters of an inch behind them are two very small, round holes which lead to his ears. His forearms are hidden by the skin, his curious, semihuman hands alone being visible. The fingers are united, forming broad, leathery palms, which in life are flesh colored. They are armed with large, slightly curved nails and are excellent tools for digging with. The hind feet are small and slender, naked on the under surface and clothed with fine, short hair on the upper surface.

the mole wishes to enter the ground, he brings the backs of his flat hands together in front of his nose and, digging them into the earth, makes stroke just as a man does when he i swimming. He repeats the stroke again and again until he is soon out of sight be low the surface. As he goes through the earth he twists his head from one side to the other and up and down, searching for earthworms and other dainties, of which he eats great numbers in the course of the When he finds an earthworm he seizes it with the outer surfaces of his fore paws and crams it into his mouth, bit by bit, munching all the while, like greedy boy eating a banana. When he is fed in captivity, the crunching on the gritty particles in the bodies of the worms can be heard at a distance of several

When in his burrow, a mole can move backward almost as fast as he can move forward, and when for any reason he moves over the surface of the ground he runs on the edges of his front paws, with the backs of the latter toward each other.

It is difficult to believe how quickly a mole can work his way into the earth unless one has actually watched and timed him. Last spring a kind neighbor sent me word that her gardener had with great trouble caught a mole which had been playing havoc in the garden and asked if I did not wish to come over and examine it. I accepted the invitation. and, finding the mole an unusually fine and, finding the mole an unusually fine specimen, I at once began taking notes on the speed with which he could bury himself. The flower beds were well cultivated and soft from recent rain, and at the first attempt Mr. Mole was out of sight in five seconds. Just as his tall was disappearing I caught hold of it and pulled him out, to give him another talk. ed him out, to give him another trial. the next attempt he was gone in a little over three seconds, and again I pulled him out, to see if he could better this splendid record. He did not try again at splendid record. He did not try again at once, but ran about, as though searching for a particularly likely spot. At last he found it, and down went his front paws, with his long snout between them. I could see that he was going to break the record, and just as his tail was going into the earth I put out my hand to seize it. But, alas, my fingers closed on the air! My friend the mole had struck right into one of his old burrows.

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Kinder Than His Pop. "Say, pop, you know Mr. Johnson 'cross the street?" asked 8-year-old Tom-

"Yes; know him most as well as I do you," replied the elder Cross.
"Well, he's got four beauteous ponies in his barn."

"An you know Jimmy Place?"
"Yes."

"Jimmy's awful smart. He says you can take a bunch of beeswax an push it into the keyhole of the lock in the barn an take away the hole, so's you can make a key that will fit it, see?"

"Yep. An Jimmy's father makes bul-lets out of lead, an he can take the lead an make a key, an what do you expect?"
"Well, with an enterprising lad like
Jimmy I should think that after taking

away the hole he'd go back and get the "Nope; but he's going to take out the ponies some dark night, an, say, pop, he's going to give me one. That's more than you'd do for me."
"Hum! Guess it is."

A Dig at the Daisy.

One of my greatest mistakes, says Anna Lea Merritt, the artist, telling in The Century of her first gardening experiences in England, was to raise a large crop of daisies. This flower is the badge of the women's college at Cheltenham and of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, because it always turns to the light and is lowly and modest, yet flourishes every-where. I am convinced that these learned ladies never had any practical acquaintance with that flower. It is the most underhand, grasping, selfish, ill regulated little plant that exists. It takes everything it can get and gives nothing except its little spot of white in some place where it is not wanted. It pro-vides no food for beast or bee, it destroys the wholesome grass, and certainly its ugly habit of crouching out of harm's way makes it decidedly insignificant until one tries to dig it up, when its mighty power of resistance is unmasked. I do not think it at all a good emblem.

A Musical Tyrant. Gluck as a conductor is said to have been an unmerciful tyrant. Frequently the musicians would have to repeat a passage 20 times before he was satisfied. The members of the Vienna court or-chestra complained of this hard usage to the emperor, Joseph II, who appeared them by agreeing to give them 2 ducats instead of 1 for every performance at which Gluck should conduct.

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The use of hot applications to the sur-ace of the body for the relief of pain ommended itself to mankind long before the formation of any theory as to how the favorable result was produced. It re-mained for Dr. Brown-Sequard to estab-lish by actual experiment the fact that physical change is actually produced in

physical change is actually produced in tissues by counter irritation.

He found that the vessels of the surface to which the irritation was applied were dilated for several hours, as one might suppose they would be, while in the deeper tissues the vessels were very much diminished in size. Thus a mustard plaster on the region of the kidneys has ter on the region of the kidneys has a pronounced effect in reducing the size of the small arteries.

Experiment has also shown that a counter irritant, a Spanish fly blister of the back of a rabbit, for example, produces congestion of the superficial tissues, while the deeper organs, the lungs, are at the same time rendered anæmic. Thus we have proof that sudden con-

gestion of the lungs or brain may be to some extent relieved by counter irritants applied superficially to the chest and the back of the neck. Several stages or degrees of counter irritation are possible of production, some-times by use of the same remedy. For example, with an application of mustard one may produce simple redness of the skin, or by a longer application or a greater proportion of mustard ingredient blisters may be produced. Strong mus-tard plasters applied to patients who were unconscious of pain have even pro-

duced sloughing surfaces. In irritating cough, particularly that of consumption, applications of iodine to the chest are often of much benefit, the effect being due to the temporary super-ficial congestion thus artificially estab-

Counter irritation may be properly used in headaches, neuralgia, the first stage of croup or spasmodic cough and in relieving any sudden internal congestion or spasm. Sponges or cloths wrung from hot water and the various applications of hot water and mustard are usually employed. The hot footbath also and in childhood the entire warm water and iustard bath have been used in nearly every household to meet emerge

The use of strong counter irritants e ther of heat or various medicaments is to be resorted to only with great care when a person is without consciousness or when the nerves of sensation are inac-tive, as, for example, in paralysis of the lower limbs. Troublesome sores may result in such cases.

The use of counter irritants is also not advised in depleted states of the body. Blisters, and to a greater extent the more violent forms of counter irritation, away nutrient material from the blood in the process of repairing and so may seriously diminish the chances of ultimate recovery

HOUSEHOLD HINTS. Canton flannel makes a good bath blan-

ket for baby. It should be made large enough to completely envelop the child while it is being wiped dry. Windows should be cleaned the last thing after the sweeping and dusting are done. Many housekeepers use no soap in window washing, believing it clouds the

Ordinary tissue paper gives a good polish. A recommended polish to use on a piano case is made from equal parts of yinegar and paraffin oil. Put together in bottle and shake well before using This is said to give a particularly bril-

liant polish. When the ankle has been severely sprained, immerse it immediately in hot water, keeping it there for 15 or 20 minutes. After it has been taken out of the water keep it bandaged with cloths wrung out of hot water.

Don't hang heavy curtains around baby's bed. The most that can be endured are light swiss draperies, and these should be laundered every week. Children need fresh air, especially when sleeping, and curtains prevent free circulation, while they collect dust.

Returned For the Pan.

Only the experienced and methodical housekeeper knows the agony of the wo man whose maid forgets her tray while performing the ceremonious obligations of the house. That the importance of the tray is recognized in Milwaukee is evi-denced by the relation by The Sentinel of the horror which seized upon a fashionable mistress while listening to conversation in the hall.

The maid had just arrived and had been solemnly instructed as to the necessity of carrying the silver card tray when inswering the doorbell. It was an "at home" day, and the domestic, in immaculate cap and apron, rushed to the door at the first tinkle. The caller proved to be the most imposing representative of the

very upper set. "Sure an she's in," said Mary affably in answer to the usual inquiry and started up stairs. Half way up she turned and rushed madly back, snatched the card tray from the table and, holding it out to the astonished visitor, exclaimed:

"An wasn't I after forgettin me pan!"

A Lincoln Retort. In the series of debates between Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln in 1858 on one occasion Douglas sneeringly referred to the fact that he once saw Lincoln retailing whisky. "Yes," replied Lincoln, "it is true that the first time I saw Judge Douglas I was selling whisky by the drink. I was on the inside of the bar, and the judge was on the side of the bar, and the judge was on the outside, I busy selling, he busy buying," which is about as neat a retort as the an-nals of the stump afford—rich, but not

Remunerative. "Do you think that unselfishness ever

pays in politics?"
"Of course it pays," answered Senator Sorghum. "The unselfish man is the one who doesn't want any of your money, and he goes down as clear profit."

"Is Sydney Spluggs putting on any airs since he came into his fortune?" "Airs? I think so. He's had three sur-

It is useless to grasp an opportunity it you don't intend to do anything but stand around and hold on to it.

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