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When settlement began in New Zealand farmers gave a hearty invitation to the small birds of England to help in the great work of colonization, says J. Drummond, writing in The Saturday Review. These colonists were in a rather sad plight then, through plagues of caterpillars, which threatened to make farming on anything like a large scale impossible. The gathering of the insects caused consternation. They advanced through the country in armies, devouring crops and leaving fields as bare as if the seed had not been sown.

A telegram published in the leading New Zealand newspapers about that time stated that the morning and evening trains between Waverley and Nukumaru, in the Wanganui district, on the west coast of the North Island, were brought to a standstill owing to countless thousands of caterpillars being on the rails, which had to be swept and sanded before the trains could continue their journey.

Some of the native birds performed good service by eating insects, but the native birds of New Zealand are shy and will not dwell with men. The settlers, therefore, turned their attention to the insect-eating birds of the old country. The sparrow, the hedge-sparrow, the song-thrush, the black-bird, the greenfinch, the chaffinch, the skylark and other birds were introduced.

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They accepted the task allotted to them, took up their permanent residence in the colony and fed on the fat of the land. But the colonists felt that they repaid kindness with ingratitude. The regard that was once felt for them has been turned to bitter hatred. There is a hue and cry against them, and most of the farmers in the colony would now willingly banish them from the land if they could.

The writer adds: The verdict is written on a circular which I prepared some months ago, and which the Department of Agriculture issued for me throughout the colony.

All the evidence I have obtained points to the fact that birds are quite ready to change their habits when they are introduced into a new country.

BY YOUR BUMPS.

Your Character Told In Thirty Seconds by Machinery.

onds by Machinery.

No longer is it necessary for a man the surface of whose head resembles a miniature mountain range to submit himself to a phrenologist, so that the meaning of the various excrescences may be explained. The "automatic electrical phrenometer" will do all that for him, and do it too in half a minute. Not only dees the machine measure bumps, but it records the exact proportions of the moral qualities corresponding to those excrescences.

How it is done was made plain recently at Carlton House, Regent street, London. The bump machine is a heavy steel helmet suspended from a movable bar, above the electrical mechanism, and fitted inside with a great number of steel prongs or fingers. The subject is placed underneath, the helmet is lowered, the steel fingers close tightly upon his cranium, a steel prong catches hold of his nasal organ with a strong and resolute grip, and there he is, looking for all the world like a prisoner in a terture chair of the Spanish Inquisition.

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tion. The operator winds a little handle, there is the whirr of machinery, and in thirty seconds the bump-machine has not only dissected character, but has, by the printing contrivance beneath, put it down in black and white, on clean paper, with the candor of a Recording Angel. It is most ingenious, and occasionally embarrassing.

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Trinkets and jewels are at present so profusely hung on the dresses of fashionable women that thieves are reaping the richest street harvest experienced for many years. But for the "plain clothes men" always on the look out in the west end shopping district any competent robber could collect a few dozen miniatures, lace ornaments, wrist purses and watches every day of the week.

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Pickpockets are nearly extinct. There are no women's pockets to pick. Jewels that a man would want to conceal in an underground safe are carelessly attached by women to their dresses and dangled under the noses of gentlemen of the light-fingered industry.

The practice of pinning the watch on the blouse has become common again. Near the watch a miniature is hung on a slender gold chain. A diamond brooch gleams at the neck and a ruby of turquoise fastening, set in the shape of a snake or a lizard, is also included.

The ornaments may be worth one hundred guineas of any dealer's money. But as the fashion of hooking jewels to the blouse is infecting the less affluent, the value of an outfit has to regard the difference as a business risk.

But the fashion does not stop at blouse decoration. A purse made of dainty links, so fine and so closely woven, however, that they look like cloth of gold, is suspended from the wrist.

Here again the thief is tempted. The purse must not be tightly clutched. It is good form to let it swing negligently. The chain is a delicate triffe that the expert thief can snap quite easily.

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As the purse has cost about £20, and its contents, therefore, are not likely to be coppers, the criminal is prepared to stake a week or two of liberty in going for the prize.—Glasgow Herald.

Troubles of Their Own.

Alluding to Keir Hardie's tour abroad, The Cape Daily Telegraph says: "South Africa might well be relieved of the infliction of a visit from him. There are enough troubles in the country already, without having trouble-makers from the Motherland."

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ROMNEY.

Fred Lane was on the sick list ast week.

Miss Armstrong is visiting at the mrs. W. Wilson and little daughter have been visiting her sister, Mrs. George Robinson.

Mrs. Armstrong's two little sons have been visiting their grandparates.

social at the parsonage Thursday evening. They made twelve or thirteen dollars.

The Ladies' Aid meets at the parsonage on Sept 5th, for the election of officers. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wickwire, of Wheatley, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Wickwire on Sunday.

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Miss Ella Coatsworth, of Detroit, has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Hetherington.

Mr. Henry Lowes has been visiting his sister, Miss Emmeline Lowes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bellinger were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mifflin, Merlin; on Sunday.

WABASH.

Mr. Nelson is trying his ditching machine in the Bear Creek.
Miss Bertha Kelley is working at Mr. Featherston's.
Mr. Liberty and daughter Pearl are visiting in Detroit.
Mrs. Steel of London, is visiting at Mrs. Truesdale's.
Gordon Phillips has purchased a valuable horse.

Mrs. Minchel went home on Sat-urday.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ripley, of De-

troit, are visiting at Mrs. Phillips.
Tom Lyman has taken Tom Robertson's job of ditching in the Bear Creek.
Bert Wilcox is back to Wabash on GUILDS.

Mrs. Clara Purvis, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Wyatt, of Ballymote, arrived home last week.

No service here next Sunday ew-

Mrs. George Robinson.

Mrs. Armstrong's two little sons have been visiting their grandparents.

Cleva Little is staying at her sister's, Mrs. Tom Cox.

The Coatsworth connection attended the Coatsworth re-union at Kingsville, Friday.

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The ice cream party at Mr. Chas. Grant's, last Friday, was enjoyed by all present.

The Seniors defeated the Juniors in a baseball game here Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McGuigan, of Cedar Springs, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Attridge on Sunday owing to anniversary services at Soctland appointment.

lay. Messrs. Earl and Tom Keown,

Essex, called here for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smeaton and
son Douglas, of Sandwich, spent Sunday and Monday here calling on rel-

atives.

The bean harvest will soon be in full swing again.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Robinson, Cedar
Springs, were in the neighborhood on
Sunday.

Mrs. John Arnold and Miss Bertha

Serson are attending the Toronte-Fair this week.
Mr. Jas. Mead, of Michigan, is visiting relatives here.

HAD TO DYE TO WIN.

An enterprising young lad had no-ticed an advertisement in the pa-per calling for a red-headed office boy, but lacked the qualification mentioned.

Say, sis, he remarked, where do you keep your peroxide?

What do you want it for?

Well, I've got to dye to beat this

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