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VULTURES OF MEXICO

HOW THESE BIRDS HAUNT THE ARID ALKALI PLAINS.

The Whirring Black Cone of Bager Desert Scavengers and the Way In Which the Circling Mass Descends Upon Its Carrion Prey,

At night the moon looks down upon desolate, arid plain, stretching away to the great Sierra Madre mountain chain, deep, shadowy blue, against the western sky. The air is chill, and a bleak wind searches out every fold in our blankets—we might almost be spending a night on the tundras.

With scarce a moment of dawn the sun fleods everything, a most welcome warmth for awhile, soon to make one gasp in its breathless heat. Long be-fore the rainy season actually begins vegetation seems to feel a quickening in the air; the plants scent the coming moisture weeks beforehand; the rushing streams, swollen with the melting snows from the lower mountain tops, bring life to the lands through which they flow; spring is awakening every-where—except on the alkali plain.

Where a thin rind of red brown grass roots partly covers the white dust, parched mesquite bushes find root, and strange, uncouth organ cacti rear their columns, like mammoth can-delabra. Here wild eyed cattle roam uneasily, nibbling occasionally at the hitten grass stome. bitter grass stems.

Farther out in the desert, where even the mesquite and cacti fail, we ride slowly across the parched surface, wondering if a single living thing can endure the bitterness of the earth. In the distance move the whirlwinds of dust, tall, thin columns with perfectly distinct outlines, undulating slowly here and there, both life and death in their silent movement.

Most remarkable it seems to us when

a stray great blue beron now and then flies silently up from the desert (what can possibly attract these birds to such a place of death as this, distant even from the bitter pools?) and flaps slowly out of sight. Twice a great ebony raven sails through the dusty air over our heads—the same bird repassing No other life is visible save the bal anced black specks high against the blue, as invariably a part of a Mexican day as are stars of the night. Herons vultures, raven—all move slowly, seem ing less alive than the distant dust

columns.

But we feel the real spirit of the eternal desert when, as we turn to re trace our steps, we spy a something white, different from the surrounding earth, and the spell of past ages falls upon us. The bitter water is ever drying up, the whirlwinds carry the dust from place to place, the birds come and go as they please, but this relic of an elephant of the olden time brings past and present into close touch What scenes has the desert looked upon since this mammoth staggered dying into the quagmire which proved its tomb? Our eyes smart from the dust as we reluctantly turn our horses heads on the back trail, for we should like to stay and search out these fos sils—more fascinating in a way than the living beasts and birds which peo-

ple the tropics beyond.
One of the most wonderful of the exhibitions of bird life vouchsafed to us in Mexico comes as we leave the alkali plain and ride away among the mesquite scrub. A confused mass of black appears in the air, which soon resolves itself into hundreds of individ-ual specks. The atmosphere is so deceiving that what at first seems to be a vast cloud of gnats close at hand is soon seen to be a multitude of birdsblackbirds, perhaps, until we approach and think them ravens and, finally, when a quarter of a mile away, we know that they are vultures. Three burros lie dead upon the plain. This scavengers. Never have we seen vul-

tures so numerous or in such order.

A careful scrutiny through the glass es shows many score of black and tur-key buzzards walking about and feedkey buzzards walking about and feedmg upon the carcases of the animals.
From this point there extends upward
into the air a vast-inverted cone of
birds, all circling in the same direction.
From where we sit upon our horses
there seems not a single one out of
place, the outline of the cone being as
smooth and distinct as though the birds
were limited in their flight to this particular area. It is a rare sight, the sun
lighting up every bird on the farther lighting up every bird on the farther side and shadowing black as night

those nearest us.

Through one's partly closed eyes the whole mass appears as a myriad of slowly revolving wheels, intersect-ing and crosing each other's orbits, but never breaking their circular outline. The thousands of soaring forms hold us spellbound for minutes before we rode closer. Now a change takes place, as gradual but as sure as the shifting clouds of a sunset. Until this moment there had been a tendency to concentrate at the base of the cone, concentrate at the base of the cone, that portion becoming blacker and blacker, until it seemed a solid mass of rapidly revolving forms. But at our near approach, this concentration ceases and there is perfect equilibrium for a time. Then, as we ride up a gentle slope into clearer view, a wonderful ascent begins. Slowly the creeping spiral wings upward: the gigantic inful ascent begins. Slowly the creeping spiral wings upward; the gigantic inverted cone, still perfect in shape, lifts clear of the ground and drifts away; the summit rises in a curve, which, little by little, frays out into ragged lines, all drifting in the same direction, and before our very eyes the thousands of birds merge into a shapeless, undulating cloud, which rises and rises, spreading out more and more until the eye can no longer distinguish the birds. eye can no longer distinguish the birds, which from vultures dwindle to mere motes floating and lost among the clouds.—C. William Beebe in New York Post



In the six day bicycle races the pace tells terribly at the end. Man after man falls out exhausted. The victor wabbles wearily over the line. In the business race it's the same. Man after man drops out exhausted. The successful man is often a dyspeptic, unable to enjoy success. When the stomach is diseased there is not enough nutrition assimilated to sustain the body and repair the daily waste of tissues. The result is weakness, tending to collapse.

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Popularity of Ostrich Tips. The demand for ostrich tips is un doubtedly on the increase, and in many cases they are now chosen to trim the under side of the brim and the flowers the outside, whereas hitherto the con-trary has been the case. Much of the ostrich used is very little curled. An arrangement of such tips attached to the side of an upturned brim and sweeping downward is called the "willow plume." One model is trimmed at the side in this way with dull yellow tips to match the straw, white around the crown, and at the back are arrang-ed pansles in different shades of mauve, violet and purple brown mixed with their leaves.—Paris Cor. Millinery

Annie Besant and Theosophy. Annie Besant has stirred up a hor-nets' nest in India by declaring that theosophy, the "religion" revealed to ner predecessor, Mme. Blavatsky, is the oldest religion in the world. This has resulted in an organization of lec-turers, whose object is to counteract Mrs. Besant's influence. They are now making impassioned appeals urging the natives to look only to their own leaders. Prominent Hindoo thinkers declare that theosophy is almost entirely the creation of women, and they are organizing with the object of driving the Besant cult out of India.

Quite a Family Affair. As a family record the fellowing would be hard to beat: In the town of Thurso, England, a man eighty seven years old still follows his duties as uperintendent of some flagstone quarries. Among the workmen he has seven sons, six sons-in-law, twenty-nine grandsons, four husbands of his granddaughters and two great-grand-sons. Forty-nine members of one fabily, all connected with the same trade, employed in the same works and living in the same district is something decidedly out of the common.

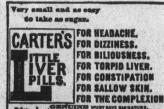
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embellishments, and, best of all, with a little practice the work can be done

And not only for its beauty is the eyelet embroidery desirable, but especially for its durability. Years ago, before machine embroidery could be bought, this style of work was used on underclothes, for petticoat ruffles, etc., and baby clothes in particular were beautified in this way, whole yokes and front panels in dainty christening robes being simply a mass of the en broidery.

For the baby of 1905 these little

robes are again being made, together with caps, jackets and dainty bootees and hats for older children. The work is done with fine marking cotton, and the round openings, or eyelets proper are made with a stiletto, the oval open ings being cut. Before doing that, however, the outline is covered with a fine even darning or running stitch, begun at the pointed end of the figure and ending at the same place. Do not cut the thread. The slit is made through the center of the oval, first lengthwise, then crosswise, and at the round or wide end it will probably be necessary to make two more slashes in order that the linen may be turned back smoothly to the wrong side along the line of darning. Then begin at the narrow end, working with the same thread that was used to darn the outline and cover the edge of the open ing with a series of fine over and over stitches, each one lying close to but not on top of the stitch last made.

The cap shown in the first illustration is made of fine white linen, which is almost entirely covered by the eye let work. The design consists of a daisy-like figure surrounded by a trailing vine, the leaves of which are connected by an outlined stem. The edge of the cap is buttonholed, as are also the ends of the ties, and the finished cap is very pretty and just the thing for baby's summer wear. For cool days a little silk lining of white or color may be inserted, and if this lin-ing is made double and quilted, an inin, the cap may be used at all seasons

The dainty bootees given in the next illustration show the same design as the two previous articles, but in them selves are something of a novelty. In shape they resemble the kid bootees. but these eyelet worked ones have no



BABY'S BOOTEES.

lining or foundation of any kind. They are buttonholed around the edge and held together at the toe by three buttonholed rings and at the ankle by two short straps, which are fastened and held in place by a ribbon bow.
Until recently lingerie hats made of

all over embroidery or flouncing have been more generally worn by children than adults, but for the coming summer they promise to be equally popular for all ages. One of the hats can be made with the eyelet design and the scolloped edge corresponding with the jacket and other articles.—Delinea-

Vinaigrette Sauce.
Vinaigrette sauce is the acid sauce usually served with cold asparagus. It may be made as follows: Mix these ingredients in the order given: Four ta-blespoonfuls of vinegar, half a teaspoonful of salt, a dash of paprika, half a cupful of olive oil, a tablespoonful of finely chopped pickles and two tea-spoonfuls of chopped parsley.

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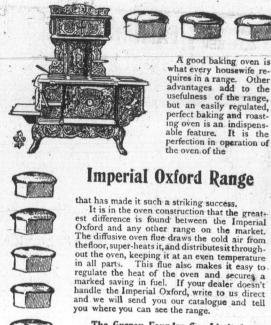
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