

ANIMALS OF THE NIGHT.

The Badger is Ungainly but Very Quick.

He came down the hill through the mists at even, a long, low, grey shadow, gliding mysteriously through the deepening gloom. He seemed altogether out of place in English scenery, and the mists distorted him almost to the size of a bear. He was, however, a badger.

At the bottom of the hill he suddenly met something coming up out of the woodland ditch, and for an ungainly beast his spring was mighty quick. The big paw—you could see the long claws gleam like steel knives in the new moonlight—scooped out and round—whoo! Then he leapt back a clear yard, and swore openly, and danced an uncanny dance of sheer rage, holding up the while the paw that had struck. It was blood-stained. As for the foe, he was a hedgehog, and in his fighting pose—that is to say, curled up carefully—as about as assailable as a porcupine.

The badger removed to discover roots of a certain lily to his liking, and on these he fed in the still dark among the great columned aisles of tree-holes, where the heavy scent of woodland flowers hung on the air like incense, and nameless beasts came and went, rustling like ghosts over the leaves.

Then a rabbit squealed, and the badger flung up his pig-like snout. It worked. He picked up the scent and with head out, and every very bristly bristle erect, began to follow it up. It led to an open space washed with moonlight, and a very young rabbit, who had just died suddenly. Something round and uncouth was beside the rabbit, and this time the badger's spring was not too slow. He scooped that hedgehog over, and slew him quickly. Thereafter he fed.

Passing then from the wood, he struck a rustling cornfield, where the rabbits had their innumerable lanes, and the corncrakes rasped their exasperating note eternally. Here also he fed, but on corn this time; and, not content, needs roll on what he could not eat, to the horror of the partridges, troubled for their nests, and the scandal of a hare with leverets, who rushed upon him with quite unheroic grunting, and struck him in the chest, so that he ran away from sheer amazement.

So, digging out a boiling wasp's nest with splendid unconcern, and feeding on the grubs therein, home he went over the downs a full half-hour before the first star had paled in the east. The nightjars were still chewing like fishing-reels, and the little pipistrelle bats taking their mazy dawn-flight, as he stole down to his den in the black and serried pine-wood. The den—called a "set"—looked like the beginnings of a mine. It was in a sand-pit, a collection, not of holes merely, but of caverns, in which others besides badgers found a home.

Ten minutes later his wife, followed by her four small young—a string of grey shadows in the gloom—came down and went to ground in another chamber. Came then a pause, during which a lark suddenly shot up singing, though it was still dark.

Then a longer, lower, blacker shadow slid out of the night, and vanished in a smaller hole. He was a polecat, last of his kind in those parts—a brigand with a character that would not even stand the faint light of dawn. Again a pause, whilst lark after lark took up the strange, unearthly chorus.

A faint thinning of the gloom became apparent; trees stood out; shadows receded, and a stoat, snaky and alert, galloped down to the earthworks and vanished. Later, just as the first thrush struck up his song, the stoat's wife and her string of young followed.

Swiftly marched the light over the trees, and bird after bird threw itself into the now swelling, throbbing chorus rising volitionally to meet the sun. Then—red, lean, and grinning—there trotted down to the great holes the latest of the robbers, the old dog fox. He paused at the mouth of the dirtiest hole of all—as the badger's were the cleanest—gave an insolent, swaggering whisk to his tail, and dived below. It was day.

BAD HABITS IN THE OFFICE.

To Perform Toilet in Public is Evidence of Ignorance.

Miss O'Malley took out her piece of chamois skin and gave her face a thorough going over with it. Then she extracted from her handbag an eyebrow pencil and smoothed out her eyebrows. When she had satisfied herself by a minute inspection in a small hand glass as to the appearance of her face, she opened the drawer of her desk, took from the back compartment a full set of manicure utensils, and proceeded to manœuvre her nails with the utmost insouciance. All this she did before she even began to "go through the motions" of working.

The "boss," coming in unexpectedly early, noted her toilet operations and frowned a little. He obviously didn't like it, but felt less about coping with the situation. Miss O'Malley blushed just a trifle when she saw that he was looking at her, but shrugged her shoulders and remarked to herself that if he didn't like it he knew what he could do.

It is quite surprising, all things considered, the number of girls who need to be told that they should avoid giving the offices in which they work the appearance of beauty parlors.

Even if a girl is unfortunate enough not to have been taught at home, the newspapers and magazines are full of advice to the business woman, and it seems strange that any girl should fail to know that it is neither good business nor good manners to manœuvre her nails or anoint her face with cold cream in the office.

It seems impossible in these days that any one should not know how exceedingly ill-bred it is to do these things in public, but it is a fact that many girls perform these small operations in full view of every one who may chance to come in.

Frequently it is the girls who try to combine too much pleasure with business who are the offenders. They are more often the ones who rush in considerably after the last moment with hair half combed and shirtwaist more than half unbuttoned.

An occasional dab with a chamois skin is unavoidable, as we all know, but it does seem as if the conventionalities were deserving of the tribute of having this done in the most retired place in the office, if it is impossible to take the time to go to the lavatory and do it.

It is unquestionably a laudable thing to polish one's boots, but one can scarcely blame the boss for being annoyed when he comes in and finds his stenographic force with its feet propped up on the rounds of the chairs and its hands busy with the dauber and polisher.

The office boy will probably think it is amusing when he sees you rubbing your nose with a powder rag, but to the man higher up it will be merely an evidence of ignorance or ill breeding.

"GOOD-NIGHT"

He said "Good-night," and he held her hand. In a hesitating way, and he hoped that her eyes would understand. What his lips refused to say.

HINTS FOR THE HOME.

A kitchen golden rule is to clean as you go, and so save unnecessary labor and fatigue.

Paste for paperhanging should have a teaspoonful of powdered alum added to every pound of flour.

Before using a new saucepan boil it well out with sodawater to which a few potato parings have been added.

When roasting potatoes under the meat, they should first be parboiled, and then lightly sprinkled with coarse salt before serving.

Never leave a metal spoon in a saucepan if you wish the contents to boil quickly, for the spoon is the means of carrying off a great deal of heat.

Keep old kid gloves and use the finger tips to cover the corks of bottles when travelling. It tied on tightly you need have no fear of leakage.

To remove ink stains apply a paste of salt and lemon juice to the stained part of the cloth. Leave it for an hour or two, and if necessary repeat the application.

When boiling green vegetables, add as much borax as will lie on a ten cent piece to the water in which they are boiled. This will improve both color and flavor.

A rump steak should be cut about one and a quarter to one and a half inches thick, and then, if broiled over a clear fire for eight to ten minutes, it will be cooked to perfection.

Housewives complain that milk puddings and custards curdle in cooking. If the milk is scalded, and allowed to become cool before adding the eggs, it will not curdle.

While stoning raisins have ready a basin of hot water to keep dipping the fingers in. It keeps them clean and the stones sink to the bottom of the basin, saving time and trouble.

To Polish an Iron.—On to a smooth piece of board, such as a box cover, nail half a sheet of emery cloth. This kept at hand when ironing, and used to rub the irons on, will keep them in perfect order.

When repairing wall paper do not put on a square patch, but cut edges as much as possible after the pattern. On a plain paper it is a good plan to tear the paper, as this makes a thinner edge, which adheres closely.

Vinegar is not used as it should be in the preparation of tough meat. Put one tablespoonful into the water in which meat is to be boiled, and you will have a tender joint. Meat which is to be stewed should first be dipped in vinegar.

For gilt frames on no account use ordinary dusters, for they wear off the gilt and deaden the brightness. Instead use a feather or light dusting-brush.

To Make Buttered Toast.—Toast the bread before a brisk fire, slightly moisten with hot milk or water, then butter. Toast made in this way is very tasty, and requires a less quantity of butter than in the ordinary way.

Browning for Soup and Gravy.—Put a very small lump of dripping in the frying pan, add to it half a pound of coarse brown sugar, and a tablespoonful of salt, and stir over a clear fire till a dark brown, then add half a pint of boiling water; boil up, and when cold bottle for use.

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"What are you doing in there?" she cried. "I'm thippin' on your new hat, and I'm thippin' on your new dress, and I'm thippin' on your new thatin thippert, and—"

"There was a breathless pause. "And what are you doing now?" anxiously cried the mother who had been vainly trying to locate the hidden baby. "Waitin' for thum more thpit," said the voice of vengeance.

NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED.

"You say you would die for me, George?" There was a tender ring in the maiden's voice as she put this question to the man who adored her. "Of course I would, darling." "That is noble of you, George." "Noble! Oh, Maud, if you only knew me. It is nothing to what I would do. I do not fear death, disgrace, poverty—anything. For your sake I would brave all. What do you ask of me?" "I don't want you to die, George; it's only—"



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"Prove it," said the clerk. The man hesitated, then his face brightened as an organ commenced to play in the street outside. "Can you hear that organ?" he said.

"Yes," replied the clerk. "Well, I can't," replied the man triumphantly.

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NOT SO SLOW.

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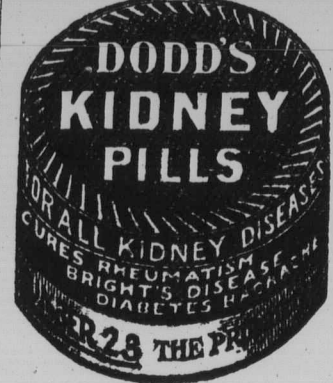
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