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Oddities of Animals.

while every spotted cat has the end

of her tail black. Live bees are sometimes shipped on lce so as to keep them dormant during the journey. This is particularly the case with bumble-bees, which have been taken to New Zealand, where they are useful in fertilizing the red clover that has been introduced into the col-

The amount of light that can be obtained from fire-flies is not generally known. These insects have two bright spots on their thorax and also brilliant wings and the abdomen, and give light sufficient to enable one to give light sufficient. Two or three the family of gorilla savagei, a fact placed in the center of a room will shed a soft light all over it. They are very common in Havana, Brazil, Guicountries at night the natives affix the little creatures to their shoes, and thus obtain light to see the road and frighten away the snakes. Mexican women use them as jewels. They tie them in little gauze bags and put them In their hair or on their clothing. They keep them in wire cages and feed them on scraps of sugar cane.

Reynard is a knowing animal. The foxes are much tormented by fleas, but when the infliction becomes too sewere they know how to get rid of the of trees moss, which they carry to a stream that deepens by degrees. Here they enter the water, still carrying the moss in their mouths, and going backward, beginning from the end of their tails, they advance by slow degrees till the whole body with the exception of the mouth is entirely immersed. The fleas, during this proceeding, have rushed in rapid haste to the dry parts, and finally to the moss, and the fox, when he has, according to his calculation, allowed sufficient time for all the fleas to take their departure, quietly opens his mouth. The moss floats off down the stream with its burden of fleas, and when it is out of the way of jumping reach, the fox finds its way to the bank much re-

Ducks Drown an Eagle If a writer is to be believed, a crow

"Four years ago," he writes, "while in their death. shooting ducks with Mr. Waller (President Cleveland's duck blind builder), however, the small birds are enabled I noticed a flock of 3,000 or 4,000 crow to reach the warmer climate with little ducks. After half an hour, I noticed effort. he arrived at the proper distance, he made a dart, but the ducks, as if by magic, went under water like a flash culiar cry, as of alarm, that can finally the volume of water thrown up and take up a position seen, which may occur but once in a starts on his long journey.

ducking life of 50 years." American coot, mud hen, blue peter are safe for the winter. and Fulica Americana by various hunters and alongshore people. Up north here these ducks may be seen in creeks and marshy, reed-grown rivers, but south, in Florida, they resort ing is prohibited, near the Titusville, Fla., railroad pier, for instance, they are as tame as sparrows, understand-

ing that they are safe. The nearest anybody ever came to the drowning eagle story was Frank M. Chapman, in his "Birds of Eastern North America," when he says: "When alarmed they patter over the water, using their feet as much as their wings. The sound produced is a characteristic one." He does not say whether the water flies or not, but one could imagine that a crow duck just as it turned up to dive could give its scalloped, webbed feet a kick up behind, like a vicious mule, and so saturating the eagle that it would be drowned. Eagles often catch living fish out of the water, and, of course, get more or less wet in doing so, but perhaps the Potomac River eagles are of a different species than those known to bird books.-American Field.

A Good Fish Story.

"I was very much interested in a case that shows fish can reason," said A. P. Buchannon, of Nashville. "I have position, another above him and so on, a fish pond stocked with trout. No one until at last one got up where the has ever caught any of the fish, as I meat was hanging. have been trying to increase their number, the pond being but three years old. My daughter has always fed them, and whenever she goes along the banks, the fish follow and will eat out of her hand. One day a fish appeared, evidently about to with some kind of swelling on his head. She caught him, and concluded to try to cure him, lancing the gathering. The next day he came for his food, evidently feeling as well as ever. A few mornings after that her friends in the pond made considerable stir as they swam out after food. They were pushing a companion ahead of them that had in some way got taught and torn a fin nearly off, pling him so badly that he could not swim. His friends were taking him | whales to my daughter to cure him, as she around the vessel. All hands were injured fish, she went to the house, of the deep, when an occurrence the Mahometan religion and drive back and, procuring a needle and thread, took place that flushed the cheeks of the infidel. And presently Slatin Bey had the others. After looking at the returned to the pond, and took three all beholders and filled every heart or four stitches in the fish, as a surgeon would with a man, and then put it back into the pond. He recovered, since which time none of them has gantic snake or serpent of terrible been sick, but if they become so I expect them to call on the doctor again."

The Work of Bees.

A writer in the Revue des Sciences Naturelles makes the following calculations in regard to the work done by | ticed that at the first appearance of the honey bee: When the weather is the serpent the whales manifested fine, a worker can visit from 40 to 80 Howers in six or ten trips and collect tore through the water in a mad s grain of nectar. If it visits 200 or 400 flowers, it will gather 5 grains. Under lashed the water into a seething ravorable circumstances, it will take a fortnight to obtain 15 grains. It waves rolled in all directions from the ould, therefore, take it several years a manufacture a pound of honey, hardly a combat, as the whale had no

! thich will fill about 3,000 cells. A hive contains from 20,000 to 50,000 bees, half of which prepare the honey, 1 le other half attending to the wants of the hive and the family. On a fine no avail against the supernatural six or ten trips, be able to explore cers state positively that the ribs of man for the manual rice described about the bird does.

from 300,000 to 1,000,000 flowers, say, the struggling cetacean were dis- miracle-worker of the new creed. Ev- was compelled to enforce his rule more place all right, but the bride promptly stroy the amount the bird does.

several hundred thousand plants. Observe for yourselves. Every spot- Again the locality must be favorable for the preparation of the honey, and ted dog has the end of his tail white, the plants that produce the most nectar must flourish near the hive. A hive inhabited by 30,000 may, therefore, under favorable conditions, about two pounds of honey a day.

> How Gorillas are Caught. The latest,up-to-date gorilla that has

come into civilization is a young lady gorilla that has just been placed on exhibition in the Zoological Gardens, in Regent's Park, London, having traveled direct from her home in Ngore, which is on the French Congo. This particular young female is of

of which the most illiterate and unscientific of her captors is fully aware. when she was captured she was a honor and admiration, listening to the swelling numbers. Slatin Bey realized and Mexico. In those bit coy and objected to eloping with a honor and admiration, listening to the that unless England came to the reswhole party of men simultaneously. She was a bit backward when she heard dogs in the neighborhood of her home. There were several of the dogs and they were all looking for her, a Halfa with the southernmost garrison fact of which she was not aware when first she heard their baying.

The dogs had been set on her track by the men, who were anxious to cap-ture her. She tried to get away from them and failed. When she was busy trying to keep the dogs off, the men dashed up and captured her.

Jenny-for so she is known nowmade such vigorous objection to being removed from her home that the men had to bind her. Then they slung her on a pole, and in that undignified manner was the young lady of the tribe of G. Savagei carted aboard a steamship.

Tiny Birds as Passengers.

Numerous incidents have been recited showing how the larger and stronger animals have assisted and protected the smaller and weaker ones.

Among the birds, however, there is a practice which is just as interesting as any of the acts of consideration performed by animals. A striking instance of that is shown on the continent of Europe.

For small birds to attempt to fly across the broad Mediterranean would, because of the inadaptability of their duck is a most extraordinary bird on wings and powers of endurance, be the Potomac River, cutting up such impossible. To reach a warmer climate capers as to make even a naturalist through Asia Minor, Syria and Palestine would be quite as certain to result

Through the kindness of the crane.

an eagle going toward the flock. When When the crane is about to migrate and sent up a volume of water as if be heard a great distance. The small a big mine had been exploded. This birds recognize it as a call for them, was done time and time again, and they immediately fly to the crane was so great that the eagle was near- back. When he has all the passengers 4y drowned. This is a sight seldon he can carry comfortably, the crane

the warm south lands, the small birds The crow duck is also known as the fly from the back of their friend, and

Ingenuity of Thievish Rats. A marvelous exhibition of cunning and acrobatic ability by rats was where bonnets or yellow lilies abound. witnessed recently in a meat market They are sly birds, being much per- in Brussels, in which the butcher had secuted, but in localities where shoot- decided that not only no rats should get into the market, but adopted the best means at the command of the

inventive genius of man to accomplish that result. As a step in that direction, the market was surrounded by water. Fearful that the rats would not be decided upon the happy plan of covering the posts of their stalls with

they did it was this: To get a piece of meat that was in sight, an army of rats, in response to what was undoubtedly a summons by a few, invaded, the market. One rat,

an old gray fellow, was in command. They swarmed about the metal covered posts and then the smaller ones climbed on the larger until a pyramid cause them to retreat. with a flat top had been formed. Then a rat stood on his hind legs on top of the pyramid, his forepaws resting against the metal. Another rat stood on the neck of that one, in the same

Whales Fight a Sea-Serpent. According to good authority, a most thrilling and awful battle between a' monster sea-serpent and a whale was witnessed by the officers and crew of the ship Pauline, of London, Capt. Drevar, when on a voyage to Zanzibar, says the San Francisco Exam-

It appears that when the Pauline approached the zone of the trade winds and equatorial currents she encountered a heavy gale, and, being driven from her course, eventually found herself off Cape St. Roque. One day a school of immense sperm was discovered watching the antics of the leviathans with terror and dread.

Suddenly there appeared, straight from the depths of the ocean, a giproportions. The day was clear, and the uncanny monster was in plain view. In a twinkling the serpent threw a portion of its body in two coils around the largest mighty coils around the mighty whale. Then ensued a scene which whale. can hardly be described in words. Spellbound, the men gazed and noevery sign of blind terror. All but the victim in the relentless coils rush to escape. The captured whale maelstrom and the foam-covered seene of the terrible combat.

with its destroyer. Tighter

tinctly heard to crack one after another, the noise resembling the discharge of a cannon. The whale was finally dragged beneath the waves, and only the blood-stained waters remained to tell of the fearful ocean An old sea captain is the authority for a statement regarding a sea-ser-

pent that made its home in the South Pacific Ocean. 1868 he visited a small island and no- mate length of the monster. ticed that the tops of some cocoanut trees growing near the sea were broken. The natives stated that an immense snake of terrifying aspect had appeared from the sea and had eaten A favorite diversion of the Norsethe cocoanuts on several trees. pent was in the water, the animal raised its head to a level with the tree-tops and fiercely devoured a number of green nuts. The trees sters. While the greater portion of the ser-

ily reached the tree-tops. From the distance of the trees from the sea,

The discovery of the sea serpent seems to belong to the Norsemen. accounts of monsters of the men's sea-serpent was destroying ships and dining off the crews, and in

In the Wild Soudan.

Thrilling Narrative of the Long Captivity of Slatin Pasha in the Fanatic Mahdist Camp-"Chinese" Gordon's Death and Slatin's Rescue.

from the furthest corners of the civilized world, Today he is at Wady of Anglo-Egyptian troops waiting impatiently for the word to move south- its inhabitants were stripped, tortured ward against the Mahdists, whose

towards Dongola. northward across the desert as fast as for special service. Every day there a swift camel could carry him. He was a battle, and, in spite of his sucwas flying from the Mahdists, who had cesses, every day his situation became held him prisoner for twelve years, His soldiers seemed to be losing an average, now have only two. had loaded him with chains, had sub- heart. They believed that they were TWO-THIRDS of the stray unmuzjected him to insults and humiliations, other way. No one in that garrison loves the Mahdists. But no one hates them with such a consuming fury as not an officer who was not secretly

torial sky where it meets the desert

years before his time. SLATIN'S EARLY CAREER. book, "Fire and Sword in the Soudan," and that it behooved his humble ser- and an acting Governorship in Hongvery few people knew anything definite about the cruel fanatics who swept England out of the Egyptian equatorial provinces, killed and beheaded Chinese Gordon, and established an empire of robbers and slave traders, and seemed to bear him no malice the plate by an anonymous donor for tile part of Africa. In his book Slatin

soon every one will know all about Mahdism and the Soudan. Rudolph Slatin comes of an excellent and is now 39 years old. When he much. was in his teens he marked out a career of military adventure for him-As early as 1870 he had the fever for African exploration, and in 1874 he persuaded his family to let him visit the Soudan. He traveled over the scenes of his future hardships and sufferings and returned to Vienna after a year's absence. He became a lieutenant in a regiment of Austrian re-

serves. While he was serving in the Bosnian campaign Gordon, newly appointed Governor-General of the Egyptian Soudanese Provinces, offered him a position in his Government. A BEY AT TWENTY-THREE. At the same time Gordon gave a place to Dr. Emin, then Emin Bey, afterwards raised to the rank of Pasha As soon as the Bosnian campaign was over, Slatin hastened to Gordon at his capital, Khartoum, and received a military commission. He was then 22 years old. A year later he received debarred by the water, the butchers the rank of Bey and was made governor of the Province of Darfur, the most western province of the equatormetal having a highly polished sur- ial possessions of Egypt in the Soudan.

face, on which the rats might not be He was soon installed at El Fasher, able to climb up and get the meat. Which has been the capital of Darfur The rodents did not climb the posts, and of its Arabian tribes of shepherds but they got the meat. And the way and slave-hunters for more than a hundred years. There are no braver, flercer, people on the earth today than these tribes of Darfur. They now form the flower of the Mahdist army. They fight until they fall and give and take no quarter. They will charge straight up to a battery, and the guns may shoot them to pieces, but will never

> THE MAHDI'S MEN. You must read in the book of the many strange men he met; of their cunning and their wiles; of the curious customs and manners; of the savage It is a wonderful tribute to Gordon Carroll, of Carrollton, Md., who apwars and the exhibitions of bravery. 882 that Slatin Bey heard a rur that a religious fanatic was calling of those who had seen. Gordon might each of them married high up in the upon the people to resist the Govern-ment in the next province to the east. ferred to die with the troops. ment in the next province to the east. A little later he received a eigher message from the new Governor-Gen- ed the fall of the city. "Whoever was Baroness Stafford. eral who had succeeded Gordon, announced that a dervish named Mohammed Ahmed was heading a revolt which might prove very serious. Slatin

News of the dervish began to pour in. The Government troops had been annihilated. Everywhere in Kardofan and Gezira the people were rising. northward. The dervish had proclaim- agony. Even old women were tor- a battle axe, and three Siamese fairies, sporting ed himself the long-expected, longnoped-for Mahdi who was to free the people, restore the ancient purity of people, restore the ancient purity of the Mahometan religion and drive back put aside for the harem of the Mahdi, found that the Mahdi was in communication with the sheiks he most relied upon in Darfur and that he was smouldering volcano of hatred

and fanaticism. He does not tell you the part he played in abating this fury, in holding the troops firm to the standard. But you realize in what a dangerous position he was, practically alone, among these barbaric tribes looked upon with suspicion because he was an alien both in faith and in race. And he carried himself with frankness and firmness and undaunted courage. If there had been such a man as this youth at Khartoum, instead of the ignorant Turk who succeeded Gordon, the Mahdi would have been captured and sent to Cairo before he had more than a few hundred open followers. But the Government delayed, and day by day the Mahdi grew in power. Gordon hurried back to Khartoum.

Only the other day Slatin Pasha was | ery day that army was increasing, and in Vienna, idling in the sunshine of the religious fury was rising with the echoes of his fame as they rebounded cue the Mahdists would overwhelm the Soudan.

SIEGE OF EL OBEID They laid siege to El Obeid, the capital of Kordofan, the next province to Darfur on the east. El Obeid fell, put to death, its houses were sacked, the males were slain, the women were scouts, in flowing white uniforms, are swept into slavery and after several wheeling against the dazzling equa- days of hideous license. Slatin was able to assemble a force of 2,000 men. 500 of whom were regulars, that is Arabs regularly in the Government A year ago Slatin Pasha was flying pay, the rest nomad Arabs called in

der an infidel. So he proclaimed himhad threatened each day to torture self a Mohametan, appearing before him to death. Today he is back in his army and shouting, "God is God does this young man whom they aged longing to yield to the Mahdi, and they were deserting every night. He yielded to the inevitable. He word that he would surrender, that he vant, Slatin, to yield and become a de- Kong. vout and faithful follower.

In a few weeks he found himself in the camp of the Mahdi, an avowed Statin greatly bemoaned his changed church and parish. Pasha has told the whole story, and fortunes to Madibbo, that brave chief said: "I am only an Arab, but listen to me. Be obedient and patient, for, it is written, 'God is with the patient.' Austrian family. He was born in 1856 Who knows? He who lives long sees

HICKS PASHA'S DEATH. Hicks Pasha was defeated and slain in the north, Gordon was cooped up in Khartoum, and the whole Soudan summoned before the Khalifa Abdulthe Mahdi's general-in-chief. lahi. "God be praised," said the Khalifa, pressing Slatin to his heart, "we are "Yes, indeed," replied at last united." Slatin, the Mahometan Mahdist, not Slatin the Austrian, "God be praised for having granted me to live to see this day. When I beheld your countenance my fatigue at once left me." The Khalifa presented him to the

Mahdi. Slatin assured the Mahdi "on coming near you I am most happy. The Mahdi urged Slatin to serve him faithfully, and Slatin eagerly begged him to administer the oath of allegiance. The Mahdi consented, and Slatin put his hand in the Mahdi's hand and swore "to renounce this world, to look only to the world to come, and that I shall not flee from the religious war." Slatin kissed his hand and was enrolled in the inner circle of devioted adherents. SAW GORDON'S HEAD,

weeping, The blacks unrolled the cloth that he might. almost in his face. It contained the head of Gordon. "His blue eyes were

was tortured until the secret was dis-

mented in this way. "Young women and girls only were understanding, marries the King of who, on the actual day of the conquest, for weeks, until the households of these libidinous and inhuman scounall the youth and beauty of the city."

THE MAHDI'S DEATH. cruel. Like the Mahdi, he pretended convert them by their preaching. to be a strict observer of the letter A MATRIMONIAL bunco game is drunkard and debaucher of such utter Idaho. The bunco team consists of vegetable matter. The insects degradation that the Occidental won- two women and a man. Both the woders without comprehending.

the positive love of ignorance and the other a brunette. The man is about es, half of which prepare the honey, a course, horrible bellowings were emitted to the half attending to the whale, but its efforts were of the hive and the family. On a fine the hive and the family. On a fine to the hive and the family. On a fine to the hive and the family of its terrible foe. The officer of the birds would, of the birds would and all the other generals and leaders one of half a dozen clever schemes that region lay a huge army frenzied by religion and ready to die to the last of the women. The wedding takes in the oration and all the other generals and leaders one of half a dozen clever schemes that region lay a huge army frenzied to the work and all the other generals and leaders one of half a dozen clever schemes that region lay a huge army frenzied to the work and all the other generals and leaders one of half as an old soldier. By some to the birds would, of the work and all the other generals and leaders one of half as an old soldier. By some the birds would and all the other generals and leaders one of half as an old soldier. By some the birds would and all the other generals and leaders one of half as an old soldier. By some the birds would and all the other generals and leaders one

was forced to pretend that nothing behind a waiting horseman etters to the Khalifa. These flatteries the camels, ame in due time and so pleased him that he ordered Slatin to send for his shrewdness of the guide in answering his brother thanked him, but could The camels could not stand the pace his brother thanked him, and at sunset gave out. Slatin hid in not come, the Khalifa was so angry and at sunset gave out. Slatin hid in the forbade any further writing the mountains until fresh camels were that he forbade any further writing or receiving of letters.

LIBERTY AT LAST. ity Slatin's family arranged several Then the fresh camels came and again the Arabs who were sent through the capes they got to the edge of the des-Mahdist lines failed at the last moment ert. through fear of the horrible death By a strange series of accidents the that would overtake them if the plans sword he surrendered to the Khalifa miscarried. Also Slatin's few friends in the Soudan thirteen years ago was miscarried. Also Statin's few friends among those Arab chiefs who had yielded to the Mahdi to save their lives planned for him. But the Khalifa kept him too near his own person ifa. DAVID GRAHAM PHILLIPS. ifa kept him too near his own person ifa.

were 40 to 50 feet high, and according to a calculation by the captain, the serpent was over 200 feet long. The natives were too much terrified to give any description of the serpent. Its body was in the sea, and it easily reached the tree-tons. From the After six years Slatin succeeded in appeared before Slatin, Slatin congetting word to his family in Vienna, trived an ingenious lie which would and letters and money and presents deceive his servants, who were spies, regarding a sea-ser- and from the height of the coconnut trees the captain was enabled to for the Khalifa came in answer. He and would lead them to think an all-did not dare let his people negotiate night absence perfectly natural. The for his release. He knew that the hight of Jan 20, 1895, Slatin left the Khalifa, would have him tortured to hut in which he had spent so many death if he even suggested leaving. He years of miserable nights, sprang up pleased him so much as to remain in away. An hour's ride and they came Omdurman, near the representative of to the camels, hidden in a clump of God, Mahomet and the Prophet. And palms. All that night and all the next he asked his family to write flattering day they rode at the swiftest pace of

They were seen only once, and the When Slatin told him that questions made that incident harmless. brought. He spent nearly a week there, fed daily by some Arabs who In the last three years of the captiv- were of the same tribe as his guide. plans for his escape. But each time they started. After several narrow es-

Missing Links_

Gossip From Every Land Summarized for Busy Readers.

the Russian craze, and things Russian are no longer fashionable. Even band's portable property as is easily at the school of Oriental languages, carried off. According to reports the classes in Russian, which a few they have done an extensive and years ago had twenty students on

losing because they were fighting un- zled dogs impounded in London so far have been fox terriers. "Between seven and eight thousand of these this desert with his face turned the and Mahomet is his prophet!" The have been removed from our midst," other way. No one in that garrison men fought better after that. But says the Daily Telegraph, "without The have been removed from our midst, still the Mahdi's power grew. Slatin causing any appreciable diminution." was completely surrounded. He had GEN. BARKER, the new Governor GEN. BARKER, the new Governor of the Bermudas, is a Lucknow hero.

He has been over 40 years in the army, and was long associated with the direction of military education. Until Slatin Pasha published his realized that the Mahdi was from God, He has also held a command in China, AN EASTER gift of unusual munificence was part of the offertory at the

Mahdist, a companion and supposed church of St. Mary Magdalene, Padfriend of the chiefs he had been fight-dington, London. Notes of the Bank ing. They received him cheerfully of England for £2,000 were put into over the most beautiful and most fer for his stout blows. For instance, when wiping away the large debt on the CAYENNE convicts are escaping in

bands of ten, flifteen and twenty. though many are recaptured or perish, some get back to France. Seven men have recently escaped, two from New Caledonia, one of whom has gotten away six times before and another eight times.

IN advertising for candidates for was at the Mahdi's feet. Slatin was scholarships in a technical college, the nounced that "in the event of suffieither cient qualified candidates of sex not coming forward, qualified candidates of the other sex may be selected in their place."

last one season. At Rome, when art declined, statues of empresses had hairdress of the latest style. They became ridiculous soon; they had to be altered, and heads of statues were renovated with marble wigs.

BELGIUM'S Catholic Ministry has now been twelve years in power, though only one member of the original Cabinet of 1894, M. Vandenpeereborn, remains in office. The Prime Minister has been changed three times. During the same interval France has had sixteen Ministries.

PRESIDENT KRUGER, of the disfavor and chained in a tent that Transvaal Republic is beginning to He heard the uproar and crawled out in all its manifestations. He has been plenty of men in prison, but never of his tent. Presently several black offered a large sum to come to Amof them carrying a bloody cloth in fairs. As "Oom Paul" is totally de-which something was wrapped. Be- void of a sense of humor, he will not hind them was a crowd of people, obtain the enjoyment from the offer

It is recalled in London that the half opened, The mouth was perfectly first of American girls to carry off the natural; the hair of his head and his rich and gloried matrimonial prizes short beard were almost snow-white." of the British nobility were the Misses that the people dared to weep over peared in London society in 1824, and I pass on to his defensive campaign him, even in the Mahdi's camp. Slatin took the town by storm. Their fresh heard the splendid story of Gordon's beauty was such that they speedily heroism and self-sacrifice from the lips were known as the "three graces" and Slatin tells of the scenes that follow- chioness of Wellesley and the third

It suspected of having concealed money QUEEN VICTORIA is the heroine plosed. There was no sparing of the of an exciting drama now being en-The unfortunate people were acted in the leading Slamese theaters. Bey was advised to do all in his power flegged until their flesh hung in shreds In this she is about to be married in prevent the revolt from spreading from their bodies. Another torture Ceylon, her capital, to the King of to the temples, the two ends, before breaks off the match, and in revenge and behind, being joined together and the Queen invades his country. She twisted as tightly as possible. The is repulsed with great loss, in spite ends were then struck with vibrating of a hand-to-hand combat between and after an explanation of the mis-

TWO Mormon missionaries, who are made his selections, and turned over musicians and play as well as preach, the rejected women to his generals, returned to San Francisco last week This picking and choosing continued from Samoa, where they have been laboring during the last eighteen months and, they say, with remarkable drels were stocked to overflowing with success. They have established a worms, sowbugs, hair snakes, snails, church at Apia and allege that the fishes, tree toads, salamanders (newts), Samoans are easy converts. One of lizards, snakes, birds' eggs, and mice, A few months aftewards the Mahdi the missionaries plays a guitar and a To these might have been added young died, and the Khalifa Abdullabi reign- harmonica at the same time, and the birds, fish cast up by the tide, mined in his stead. Slatin was now the other alternates with a flute and a nows caught while swimming in shalfavorite slave of the absolute monarch fiddle, Their manner of work was to low water, and probably meat and this man was as hypocritical as he was their playing, and then endeavor to animal food is, of course, insects. These

FICKLE Paris is recovering from | deserts her husband, taking whatever she has received and such of her husprofitable business during the past few months.

HAVING been very successful in ridding the orchards and vineyards of the State of several insect pests by pitting one destructive insect against another, California is now trying the same principle in her rivers. Some of the rivers are almost alive with carp, which are a serious nuisance because of their destructiveness to other fish. The State Fish Commissioners have procured a large number of black bass, of both the smallmouthed and large-mouthed varieties, and turned them loose in the carp-infested rivers. Bass are voracious feeders and game fighters, and it is expected they will destroy great numbers of the carp fry and eventually clean out the carp. The bass are, of course, very desirable game fish to have in the rivers, while the carp are

POPE LEO has given the Irish members of Parliament some good advice. A letter from Mgr. Kelly, rector of the Irish College in Rome, to Mr. Dillon, printed in the Freeman's Journal, reads as follows: "I am to report that today, after the discourse of the Holy Father in reply to the address of the Sacred College, I had the honor of laying at his feet your personal felicitations, etc. I said, 'Holy Father, our members of Parliament Kent County Council recently an- in the person of-. Here His Holiness interrupted me, saying, 'Dillon, is it not? Has he accepted?' I answered, 'Yes, Holy Father,' and today he charges me to lay at your feet his homage and felicitations, and at the same time to implore for benediction. AFFECTED phrases, new phrases, He manifested by his look and attilike gowns made by tailors of fashion, tude a particular and paternal acceptance of your message. Then he said, 'Yes, I bless him, and let them be that he laid his hands impressively on mine, evidently wishing to inculcate unity as the desired fruit of his bless-

McCULLOCH, one of the Irish political prisoners whom Sir M. White Ridley has just released, has been interviewed in Glasgow. He has done thirteen years of life service, and is a broken man, having been in the infirmary twice a year with fever and ague. He told his interviewer that the most touching sight he since he got out was "a child, an innocent little mite of a child, toddling Khartoum was surprised and carried, realize what world-wide fame means by her mother's side. I had seen soldier slaves came towards him, one erica to lecture on South African af- looked on a child." Daly, he says, is quite grey, and very broken down, and he thinks several of the others are becoming weak-minded. McCulloch has been in Portland since 1891, but he was first in Pentonville. It is to be hoped he exaggerates the story he tells of a Pestonville officer who "asked what my sentence was. I said, 'Life, sir.' He gave me a sort of sardonic smile, and replied, 'That will not take you long,' and as I was turning away to avoid his jeers he gave me a kick in the back, and declared that he 'would chamber me.' "

THE BENEFICENT CROW.

What He Does for the Farmer and the Farm Crops, Dospite His Reputation. If farmers would make a study of natural history and its bearings on their property-the relation of hawks was to tie two small slips of bamboo Siam, when that outspoken monarch to their hen coops, for instance—there would be better paying crops.

The "Year Book" of the Department of Agriculture tells about cow black-The slave-hunting tribes were rushing sticks, which produced inexpressible the Duke of Cambridge, armed with birds and what they eat. About 2,-300 of their stomachs have been examined, and of these 2.258 contained food. The birds were killed in twentysix States. Forty-eight per cent of the food was animal, forty-eight per cent vegetable, and four per cent was mineral. The blackbird has a variety of things it eats.

"The animal food," says the report "consisted of insects, spiders, myriapods (thousand legs), crawfish, earth of the Mahdist empire. He says that attract and interest the natives by carrion of various kinds. Most of the constitute forty-six per cent of the total, the other two per cent being the larger things, like mice. The aniof the religious law, and tyranically being worked with great success mal food is taken mostly in the sumthe Mahdi, he was within doors a among Chinamen in various parts of mer. In winter the food is mostly bird kills more than make up the dammen are said to be of attractive ap- age he does, especially as his nest-Slatin shows by appalling instances pearance, one being a blonde and the robbing appears to be only an incihatred of civilization not only 50 years old, six feet tall, and passes A large flock of the birds would, of