

A SPARROW HAWK'S SPEED.

The Bird of Prey Does Not Like a Stern Chase.

The sparrow hawk does not more than any other like a long "stern chase," but prefers to attack with the advantage of a surprise when darting from a tree or around the corner of a wood or when swooping with splendid speed from a point several hundred yards above the ground.

We, seeing a finch or a starling taken in a moment, often do not weigh the fact that the victim was hardly on the wing and probably rising when the bird of prey came like a whirlwind and overwhelmed it. Even if the hawk discovers its prey when traversing the country at a lower elevation it has still the power of a fair momentum to take full advantage of the chance of a swooping rush at the prey, which is probably on the ground.

Of course, when a hawk is watched chasing a sparrow hawk across the sky there is nothing to show that the latter is seriously trying to fly at speed. On the contrary, it generally seems in such a case that the hawk is relying mainly on its soaring powers to avoid the attack. And it is remarkable, indeed, with how little apparent effort the hawk will soar up and up from the rock, which all the while is obviously exerting itself frantically. On the other hand, it is generally to be seen that when the birds are flying at a level the hawk has no difficulty in overtaking the hawk, who after a turn or two begins to go up, as already stated. The kestrel seems more often to evade its enemies by a turn of speed, though it also takes to the soar readily. Last autumn I saw a fine female kestrel harried by two peewits, which swooped at it alternately, very prettily and with surprising persistence. At last the hawk, seemingly tired of "putting out" as a falconer would say, of these active birds, went straight ahead apparently as hard as it could, and then one could see that the peewits were not able to overtake it, though they followed to some distance. The same thing happened with the crow. The latter chased the hawk, but was at last outwitted in a sheer, straight flight.

FOREIGN FACTS.

London consumes 11 tons of salt a day. Holland has 10,100 windmills, each of which drains on an average 310 acres of land.

A restaurant keeper in a German city has testified that he gives his waiters only \$6 a month, whereas, if he forbade fees and undertook to give their equivalent each waiter would cost him \$75 a month.

For 12 consecutive winters a Swiss watchman and family have taken care of the hotel on top of the stormy Pilatus. He says that sometimes for weeks when all below is wrapped in mist and clouds they have sunshine above.

The British girl is getting taller as well as the American. Fifty years ago a medical authority says the height of a very tall British woman was 5 feet 7 inches, while now the height averages 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 10 inches.

A rich woman of Moscow left a fund to provide for a prize every five years to the writer of the best play dealing with the question of mothers-in-law, the only proviso being that each piece shall contain the character of a son-in-law who is a villain.

The laws governing the treatment of labor in England are so strictly enforced that employees have exactly the stipulated time for meals. A firm in Lees, Lancashire, was discovered cutting the dinner hour short by a half minute each day was fined \$85.

How the Dinner Turned Out.

A tiny girl of I gave a dinner party the other day for which 12 covers were laid, and that number of small maidens sat down to dine. It was a real little girl's dinner, and the little hostess herself presided, sitting at the head of the table. She had been very anxious in looking forward to it to do everything as it should be done.

"Mamma," she asked, "shall we say grace?"

"No," said mamma; "it will be a very informal dinner, and I think you need not do that."

That meant one less ceremony to be gone through and was a relief, but the little lady was anxious to have all her small guests understand it. So as they were gathered about the table she explained:

"Mamma says this is such an informal dinner that we need not have any grace today."—Recollections of Mrs. Minnie E. Leo.

"Honey" an Endearing Term.

A correspondent asks if the word "honey" as a term of endearment is peculiar to any section.

Well, it's long been in use in the rural districts of the south, but it is nearly as old as the hills. Shakespeare used it in "Othello," where the Moor says to Desdemona:

Honey, you shall be well desired in Cyprus.

Also the poet Googler, if we are not mistaken, hath a rhyme to this purpose:

In the days when life was sunny Susan smiled and called me "Honey."

We once heard a Billville matter calling to her husband, who was digging half in the garden, "Honey, if you don't drop that hoe and fetch me in a cord of wood, I'll break this washtub over your head, honey!"

Washington Souvenirs.

"Washington is certainly a city of souvenirs," said an eastern man who is in town for a few days. "You can get the profile of the Father of His Country in chewed up thousand dollar bills for 15 cents or the only 'American national spoon' for \$4.98. Souvenir hats, umbrellas, canes, capitol, library, White House, Washington monument, Mount Vernon and a hundred other varieties of souvenirs are as thick as toothpicks in a cheap lunchroom. When I walk along your business streets, the shop windows remind me of one of the big international expositions."

Runs No Personal Risk.

"It seems to me worthy of note," commented the thoughtful man, "that the fellow who is sure the old pistol isn't loaded is seldom so sure of it that he points it at himself when he pulls the trigger. If he did, there would be little cause for complaint."

What He Was After.

Mrs. Johnson—Why, Mister Bones, 30' said yo' was comin' afrah suppah!

Mr. Bones—Dat's what I'm afrah, sho' nuff. What else yo' s'pose I call round 'lesh to' anyhow, huh?



THE RACE

Does not depend on the start but on the finish. It's staying power which carries many a runner to victory. It's like that in business. Many a man starts off in the race for business success with a burst of speed which seems to assure victory. Presently he begins to falter and at last he falls and fails. The cause? Generally "stomach trouble." No man is stronger than his stomach. Business haste leads to careless and irregular eating. The stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition become diseased. The body is inadequately nourished and so grows weak.

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Valuable Advice.

Among the ludicrous experiences of "green Easterners" in California, where so many things are unlike the ways and circumstances to which they are accustomed in the East, the following occurrence no doubt deserves an honorable place:

A Vermont lady had removed from her native place to the beautiful California city of Oakland. She found life very agreeable at first, but before long she began to experience distressing physical sensations. She became nervous, fretful and very uncomfortable; she lost much of her sleep at night, and most of her happiness by day.

At last she resolved to consult a physician, and did so, calling to see a bright light in the profession. She gave him a very full account of her symptoms, and then asked:

"What is it that ails me, doctor?"

"Flies, ma'am!" answered the doctor.

A Suggestive Matter.

A Chinese cook served long and faithfully in the family of an officer of the United States army, now retired, who has many friends in Cleveland. He was careful and highly skilled in his art, especially distinguishing himself in many cakes. At a certain western post the wife of the gallant soldier in question gave a dinner to the officers of the army stationed there and the ladies of their families. The Chinese cook realized that the occasion called for his best efforts, and he determined that his masterpiece should be a great cake. He asked his mistress if she did not think it would be nice to have a motto to ornament the frosted top of the cake, which was clearly intended by the cook to be as important from a decorative point of view as any other. She smilingly consented to let him finish his cake in any way that he might think suitable, but when the big cake appeared she was amazed at the result. The cook was then regularly attending a mission Sunday School, and there he found his motto. It was "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

First Policeman—Why is the street so blocked?

Nobody told me about this procession. What is it?

Second policeman—It's the reporters of the city going to see a naval officer who won't talk.

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LOVE IS NOT BLIND.

Love is not blind, but sees through all disguises, and that is why we hear from day to day of odd engagements, causing much surprise, and weddings passing strange in every way.

"What can she see in him?" the critics say. Love is not blind, but sees through all disguises. To those who cannot see, Rosalie says: "When love laughs and leaves them to surprise."

I find in you what all true lovers prize; You find in me all I was meant to be. Love is not blind, but sees through all disguises. And finds the charm—compatibility.

And so when comes the day that we are wed We'll smile at those who think themselves more wise. And live to prove the truth of what we've said—Love is not blind, but sees through all disguises.

SOME WHITTLING STUNTS.

From the Ball in Prison to the Anchor, Chain and Buoy.

"I suppose," said Uncle Hiram, "that every small boy when he gets his first sharp knife does just what our young friend here has been doing. He sets a nice stick of soft white pine and cuts a ball imprisoned within four corner bars. I know I did that, and I have made lots of them."

You take a squared stick of soft white pine of any dimensions, but say an inch square and four inches long, and mark off a block an inch long in the middle of its length. Then you mark off on either side of that other space of an inch, and then you proceed to dig out the wood from those spaces through from side to side and from all sides, but carefully leaving the corners of the block untouched, for these will each become a part of the bar of that corner extending from end to end, when the middle block, of which the ball is to be made, is cut free.

"When you have cut out those spaces all clear, leaving the square block in the middle, you cut the block down rounding at the corners, cutting it into the shape of a ball as much as possible before cutting it away at the corners, because it is so much easier to shape when it is thus held than it will be after it is loose. Only you want to be careful not to slice down through the corner pieces and so spoil the whole thing, and you want, to look out, too, not to do what our young friend here has done, and what I have often done myself, for that matter, and that is to slice down through an end of the block, cutting one of the corner pieces clear there, before you come to the rounding of the block at all."

The rounded block cut free, you smooth it off nicely, and smooth the side pieces and ends, and there you are, a ball that couldn't have been got into this frame from the outside at all, but that is in it, all right, and that rolls freely within it from end to end.

"Sometimes a boy would make one of those with two balls in it, and I have occasionally known a boy to make a ball in a holder like this, and which is a triumph, for to make a good imprisoned ball of any wood is a task requiring the exercise of some skill and of very great patience, but it is really nothing to some of the whittling stunts that occasionally men do aboard ship on long voyages or on long waits in port."

"A man who was fond of whittling might, in such circumstances, take for a blank a stick as long as a broomstick and of suitable dimensions and carve out of one end of this an anchor on a swivel. It is pretty difficult work, and it calls for the greatest patience, too, to cut a swivel out of a solid block."

"Having cut the anchor and the swivel, the whittler proceeds to cut that long stick, step by step, into the links of a wooden cable, and for the very end of the solid remaining part of the stick steadily decreasing till he comes to the other end, and there he cuts another swivel, and for the very end of a buoy."

"Now, there is something in the whittling line that does take patience. I am afraid our young friend here has not yet acquired a sufficient stock of patience to enable him to do that. I am not certain that I could do that myself."

A Question of Nationality.

It happened at one of the Baltimore police stations. The prisoner, a long haired hobo son of Erin, lounged against the bar of justice. The justice glared at him over his spectacles.

"What's his name?" he inquired of the lieutenant.

"Michael O'Hara, squire; charged with being drunk on the street."

"H'm! Foreign born," mused the justice. "Speechee sie Englishen, O'Hara?"

The prisoner straightened up in his seatless shoes and, with the dignity of generations of kings, said:

"Squire, it's an American citizen I am from me birth, being born in Oireland. I want me case tried by an American judge as not by a foreign dago with a speech that a Christian can't understand."

"Oh, you're Irish. I thought your name had a German sound," said the squire, more humbly. "Case dismissed, lieutenant."

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