

tion thoroughfare, you have in a very few minutes an increasing crowd—it flew back to her window, and the second lot of gazers followed their way. The little bird then started on with its straw towards one of the same nests, and cutting round it, so as to avoid prying as much as possible, bore it to the end of one of the pillars, and disappeared, and all, into a snug nook made by a partly projecting ornament, which it had chosen as a place for building its nest. “The wary adds Mr. Broderip, “was not disposed to let an inquisitive public know the way to its nest. On many other occasions I have observed these and other birds remain waiting a long time with nest materials and food in their bills, when they have perceived that I was watching them; but the moment I turned away they were off with their burden to the nest. This would not be worth mentioning, if it not so difficult to find persons who will turn their eyes to some purpose.”—*Cassell's Popular Natural History*.

SEEDS' NEWS.—One plant of the weed black mustard (*Sinapis nigra*) gives 200 flowers: and giving six seeds, 1,200 seeds are produced. One plant of the tare (*Ervum tetraspermum*) gives sixty flowers: and each flower giving three seeds, 180 seeds are produced. The seeds of wheat retain their germinating power for three years; rape the same, buckwheat two to three, and cabbage five to six, and beans and peas to six. Sixty feet superficial should be sown for each animal in the shed, and 240 feet in the courtyard. A beater thrashing machine thrashes out 7 qrs. 1 bushel 28 lbs. of wheat (after beans) per hour.

STOP BLEEDING.—Asa Kemper, Ross, Ohio, writes to the *American Agriculturist*, that bleeding from wound on man or horse may be stopped by a mixture of wheat and common salt, in equal parts, bound on with cloth. If the bleeding be profuse, use a quantity, say from one to three pints. It will stop in a few hours, even days if necessary. In another case he saved the life of a horse, which was bleeding from a wounded artery; the bleeding stopped in five minutes after this application. The horse lived on three days, when it worked loose, and was easily removed, and the wound soon healed.

LOCALITIES OF FISH.—The fact that fish herd together in great flocks or nations seems now to be well established. All the inhabitants of the deep, from the mighty whale down to the smallest fish, live in what may be termed colonies. We have the term “a school of whales.” We also the young salmon in shoals—each growing in separate companies, and every fish local in its dwelling-place as men are. Now, too, that the herrings live also in nations, which arrive at maturity in vast groups at

different periods of the season. The same laws govern the crustacea. Persons who deal in shell fish can easily tell the different localities whence they derive their different supplies. A Scotch lobster can be readily distinguished from a Norway one, and “a native” oyster differs considerably from a “scuttle mouth.” These are all points which ought long ago to have led to a better understanding of the natural and economic history of fish. This ignorance has well nigh ruined our most valuable fisheries. We have been trading for years in the belief that the supply was inexhaustible, and are but beginning to find out that it is even possible to exhaust the sea. The German Ocean has been so long the fishing pond of Europe, that we can scarcely wonder, considering the wealth that has been drawn from its depths, that its supplies are beginning to fail us. There can be no doubt, however, that other sources of supply will be discovered; if so, we can only hope that some method will be observed in harrying the nest, in order that the supply may be made to go as far as possible.—*London Review*.

Tobacco for Sheep Ticks.

EDITOR OF FARMER.—I notice in a late number of the *Farmer* an inquiry in regard to the use of tobacco for killing ticks upon lambs, of which the writer Geo. P. Morse, thinks is a sure remedy for killing both the tick and the lambs.

Now, I will give my experience in the use of tobacco on lambs: I have made it a practice for years whenever my sheep were ticky, to dip the lambs in tobacco juice. I take about four pounds of what the merchants term poor tobacco. Place in a caldron kettle; boil until you have the strength, then reduce it nearly one half with water that will be a sufficient quantity for one hundred lambs. This will kill the ticks sure and leave the animal healthy and vigorous; at least such has been the case with my flock. My mode is this: After shearing let all my sheep go in one flock for four or five weeks; the tick will all leave the old sheep and go on the lambs. Then prepare as above and dip your lambs.—By so doing, you will clear your flock of an enemy which has been very destructive in many fine flocks of sheep. Try and See.

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THE STUDY OF SCIENCE.—Science is worthy of study by all men, because it is so intimately associated with all the pursuits of life. The whole animate and inanimate creation is embraced within its folds. It affords ample scope for the exercise of the most comprehensive and refined intellects, as well as those of humble and moderate pretensions. The mechanic and chemist, the poet and scholar, the manufacturer and merchant, can find, in the pursuit of science, a boundless source of pleasure and profit.