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A few days later, adding the excitement of a little trespassing to the more legitimate pleasures of a country ramble, we came upon a well laden group of prickly pear bushes and could not resist the temptation to help ourselves to some of the fruit. The result was woeful.

Concentrated essence of stinging nettles seemed all at once to be assailing hands, lips and tongue, and our skin wherever it had come in contact with the ill natured fruit was covered with a thick crop of minute, bristly hairs, apparently growing from it and venomous and irritating to the last degree.

Our silk gloves, transformed suddenly into miniature robes of Nessus, had to be thrown away, perfectly unwearable, and the inadvertent use of our pocket handkerchiefs before we had fully realized the extent of our misfortune caused fresh agonies, in which nose as well as lips participated. For many a day did the retribution of that theft haunt us in the form of myriads of tiny stings.—"Home Life on an Ostrich Farm."

FIRST AERIAL POST.

It Was Used in China, and a Wild Goose Was the Carrier.

The ancient records of China reveal the fact that our aerial post was forestalled some thousands of years ago, aptly enough by Celestial. It is true that the first postal air man was an aquatic fowl, and to this day the post in China is referred to as "the conveyance of the wild goose," and pictures of that bird still appear on certain stamps.

The legend tells us that a Tartar chief was offensive to the Chinese emperor, who sent a special envoy to warn him. But the chief took the emperor's servant prisoner and made him shepherd to his flocks. In this condition of social degradation the unfortunate envoy languished for some years until one day he captured a wild goose and his mind was illumined by the bright idea of using it to carry news of his whereabouts to his friends.

With a letter secured to its leg, the Samaritan goose flew southward until, virtue meeting its customary reward, it was killed in the grounds of the palace by no less a personage than the emperor himself. The letter was read, and a punitive expedition rescued the captive and punished the rebel chief.—Pearson's Weekly.

Attractions of a Malay Hotel.

We are so accustomed to reading in the guidebooks that the local hotels are the best in the east that it is refreshing, says the Java Times, to come across a description of a hotel in the little town of Kuala Lumpur, in the Federated Malay States. Here are a few points which our hotel proprietors might notice: Bedrooms, 27 feet by 24 feet by 20 feet, each with two electric twenty-five candle power lamps, electric bell and electric fan; a bathroom 80 feet by 12 feet attached to each bedroom and fitted with tops, floored with colored tiles, walled with white Minton ditto; a long, continuous corridor 625 feet in length by 12 feet broad; each electric bell fitted with "return" ring, so that the visitor knows at once whether he is being attended to.—London Globe.

Watling's Island.

San Salvador is perhaps the most interesting historical point on the American side of the world, as it is the island upon which Columbus first landed. Yet it has lost its name. In view of the history not only of the Bahamas group, but of the American continents as well, it is far from surprising that the identity of the famous island should have been long lost or that the identification should have been delayed until the middle of the last century, when Captain Becher of the British navy by application of the description contained in Columbus' journal to the course from Gomera to the Bahama determined clearly that Watling's Island alone met all requirements of the case.—Argonaut.

Putting it Nicely.

There is a good deal in putting a thing nicely. A prisoner was being sentenced at the assizes the other day. "You have a pleasant home and a bright fireside with happy children sitting around it, haven't you?" said the judge.

"Yes, str," said the prisoner, who thought he saw a way out of the difficulty.

"Well," said the judge, "if the happy children sit around the cheerful fireside until you return they will stay there just two months."—London Tit Bits.

Making His Meaning Clear.

Senator (just returned from Washington)—Mr. Ester, what is the sentiment of the people in your town concerning—

Rising Politician (sternly interrupting)—Senator, we don't deal in sentiment in our town; we deal with fact's—*E. A. Z. fact's*—Chicago Tribune.

The Difference.

"I am told Homebody takes a great interest in his children."

"Yes, he does, but not a controlling interest."—Judge.

Man's life is in the impulse of elevation to something higher.—Jacobi.

OUR SEA HARVEST.

Canada's Great Fishery Wealth is Often Overlooked.

We make much of our harvest of the soil particularly of the harvest known as agricultural of which the principal part is grain. We make much of the wealth annually produced by our fertile fields, and rightly so, because it is the main stay of our prosperity. We are before all else an agricultural people. The farmers form the backbone of our population, and the fruits of their labors not only feed the people but form the principal articles of our external trade.

But there are other harvests besides that of the land—harvests that supply us with food and that swell the volume of our exports—and one of these is the harvest of the sea, the lake and river. Canada's fisheries are large contributors to Canada's national wealth—perhaps larger than is commonly understood.

Here is a book that tells how large is that contribution—the latest report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, this volume being devoted to fisheries alone.

Last year the fisheries of Canada produced wealth to the amount of \$29,965,433—a sum equal to the value of about fifty million bushels of wheat, according to the average price paid our western farmers for their crop. In other words, the fisheries of Canada last year produced as much wealth as did the wheat of Alberta or Saskatchewan. As an element of our population, as a factor in our industrial life the fisherman is not to be despised.

Considered from the commercial point of view, salmon now is king of our fish, and yet Nova Scotia heads the provinces as a producer of fish values; but it is a small lead, for British Columbia is a close second. However, last year Nova Scotia considerably increased its lead, for while as production exceeded that of the preceding year by more than two million dollars, the production of British Columbia fell off by more than one million.

The value produced by provinces was: Nova Scotia, \$10,119,243; British Columbia, \$9,163,235; New Brunswick, \$4,134,744; Ontario, \$2,026,121; Quebec, \$1,692,475; Manitoba, \$1,362,779; P.E.I., \$1,153,708; Saskatchewan, \$1,729,903; Alberta, \$29,460, making a total of \$29,965,433, being a net increase of \$336,263 over the returns of the preceding year.

Salmon, it has been said, is now king as a wealth-producer, heading the list with \$7,205,000 to its credit. The cod is second with almost six million dollars; the lobster, third, with three million seven hundred thousand dollars, the herring fourth with two and a quarter millions, while halibut, haddock and whitefish follow in this order, the two former having produced a little more than a million dollars, and the latter not quite a million. The list, which includes only fish returns, \$100,000 and upwards, concludes with eels, whose yield had a value of \$110,802.

Our fishing industry gives employment to 93,588 persons—2,973 in canneries and fish-houses; 8,521 in vessels; 60,089 in "jats"—and these persons, less than one hundred thousand all told, or about equal to the population of four ordinary counties, draw up with their nets and seines and lines wealth to the value of almost thirty million dollars.

Fishery inspection and fish protection is one of the important works carried on by the Department, and a considerable part of the bluebook is devoted to the reports of the inspectors.

A Comforting Suggestion.

"Tad" is a most wonderful asset," said Dr. Charles Sheard, in addressing a gathering of young women recently at the Toronto Technical School. "It is especially valuable to nurses, and their greatest value to the physician arises from the fact that they place the mind of the patient so entirely at rest. It is a quality that should be cultivated, although there are persons to whom it is an unknown thing. I had a patient in one of the hospitals who was accustomed to suffer spasms of the most severe pain, especially in the early morning hours. I had instructed the night nurse to keep an especial eye on him about this time, and she no doubt soothed his pain to the best of her ability. Her ministrations were not very successful, however, and at length the patient was led to remark: 'I don't think you have any idea of how I suffer.'" "Oh, yes, I have," was the comforting reply. "my father used to suffer exactly the same way just before he died."

Convention in Fredericton.

Fredericton is preparing for a great convention this year—the Federation of Canadian Clubs. Last year, the Federation convened in Winnipeg. On that occasion, a Fredericton man, Dr. W. S. Carter, was elected president, and Fredericton chosen as the meeting place for this year. Dr. Carter is getting things in order for Fredericton's reception to the delegates, who will probably be invited to the city in September. One hundred representatives of the different Canadian Clubs throughout the Dominion are expected.

The Canadian Tree.

Forest protection will be a live topic under discussion when the Canadian Forestry convention holds its annual convention at Ottawa. Conservation experts from all over the continent will be on hand to discuss the Canadian tree. H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught will preside over the gathering. By giving his patronage to the forestry convention the Duke of Connaught follows in the footsteps of Earl Grey in evincing active interest in the problem of our natural resources.

Regina to Make Gas.

Regina wants gas. For some time, the Saskatchewan city has been considering the advisability of erecting a municipal gas plant. Not long ago the council made recommendations for public works to be undertaken in 1912. Among the proposals was a gas plant to be ready by August 15, and to cost \$300,000.

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