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The wages paid to Chinese labourers are about 6d. per diem, with rations. The workers are easily contented demanding only the plainest of food, while for housing they are satisfied in winter to creep all together under a long low mat shed with a solid back to the north wind. The severity of the weather, however, usually stops all such work before Christmas. What the men do when they retire to winter quarters I cannot tell; but Chinamen have a curious hibernating faculty whereby by abstaining from muscular exertion they are able to economize considerably in their eating. In times of scarcity when wages fall below a certain range, poor people sometimes choose not to work, because they consider that they would have to take more food to repair the waste than the work done would produce.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Our migratory birds have to travel pretty far south before they can find a strictly winterless climate, but they enjoy the advantage of frequent resting-places. The feathered songsters of the North European woodlands suffer severely in their passage to the Alps, and often perish by thousands in trying to cross the Mediterranean. In their half-way stations, Italy and Southern France death lurks in another form, and there are districts where almost every farmer has an outfit of traps, nets, and birdlime. Prof. J. Arnot estimates that in the Department of Herault (near Marseilles) eight hundred pounds of small birds are caught and killed every year for the sake of fine feathers. Strong-winged water-fowl avoid such risks by long-distance trips, high above the range of the best rifles, and with a few stops can travel in a single week from the lakes of Northern Sweden to the swamp-meadows of the Senegal.

A Birmingham inventor is the patentee of an ingenious little article which should prove a real boon to smokers. This is a match-box, made in nickel-silver, of about the size and shape usually adopted, but so contrived that, when once charged, the contents are delivered singly, and ready lighted, for the use of the owner. The action is effected by making one end of the box to rock slightly on bearings, the normal position of safety being attained by means of a spring. To obtain a match, all that is necessary is to press one portion of the end of the box, at the same time tilting the box slightly, and a match is presented, stem first, protruding from a hole in the box. Drawing it out briskly suffices to ignite the composition. In order to secure this easy mode of obtaining a light nothing more is required than to be careful in filling the box, to place the matches with their heads upwards.—London Hardware Trade Journal.

A recent experience with a large rattlesnake only serves to confirm what I have written you before as to their character. A neighbour and myself were riding along a trail, when the horse stepped over the rattler who was leisurely crossing the road, and so slow was his movement the wheel of the waggon just missed the end of his tail. The horse showed no alarm, nor did the snake make any movement toward an attack, but crawled slowly toward a pile of palmetto logs. My companion leaped from the waggon to get something with which to kill it; and of course on his approach the snake sprang his rattle, but did not coil and was easily killed by a blow from a light stick. Indeed these people seem to regard a rattler as of no more consequence than a harmless snake, so sluggish is he, and so easily dispatched. The only quick movement he makes is when you are within say 3 ft. of him and he is coiled, has given his warning rattle and is ready to strike. I have noted this common incident because multitudes of Florida's winter visitors come with such absurd ideas regarding snakes, and especially rattlers, that much of their pleasure, if they are in the country, is spoiled by needless fear of meeting venomous serpents, when the fact is that they may spend many winters without meeting with anything but the most harmless grass snake; and if by any chance a rattler should be met, the snake left to himself, will slowly move away.—Forest and Stream.

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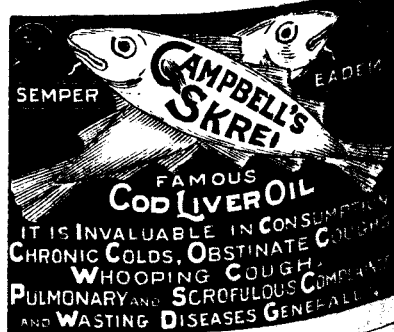
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