

BIRDS ON THE WING.

Wonderful Feats of Gliding Performed
By the Vulture.

On the horizon in tropical countries there often appears a small black point visible only to the practiced eye. The point increases in size as it approaches. It is the sailing bird par excellence, the vulture, says The Strand Magazine, returning to its hollow in the rock a dozen miles away.

A glider who sails magnificently upon its outstretched wings, without a beat, without the slightest deviation from its perfectly straight track, it thus traverses the space from one horizon to the other, again becomes an imperceptible point and disappears, leaving the spectator marveling at the simplicity with which nature solves a problem of mechanics which appeared impossible to man.

When one observes a sea eagle perched upon a lofty cliff it may be remarked that in order to quit its eyrie it waits until a gust of wind arises, then it lets itself fall forward with extended wings, gives a beat or two as it turns, brings itself to face the wind and thus mounts without a wing beat hundreds of yards high.

A gliding bird so sets its wings that the air currents make an angle with their plane. The wind thus sustains its weight and gives it at the same time a forward movement. If the force is stronger than is necessary to obtain these two effects it produces a third effect—the bird mounts into space without a wing beat. If the air suddenly became calm the bird would fall, but the fall would be astonishingly slow.

Prof. Drzewiecki has calculated that a gliding bird at a height of 1,200 yards at the moment when it commences to descend with motionless wings can by setting them at the most favorable angle touch the ground at a horizontal distance of about fifteen miles. If the wind fall large birds can always, with a few wing beats, attain an altitude where they will find a wind which will permit them to continue their journey "on the glide."

The gust and eddies of the wind are, of course, great disturbers of flight, and few birds attempt to struggle with a tempest. Even the strongest fliers have not from this point of view so much boldness as they generally get credit for. Thus the stormy petrel is so named, not because it braves the storm, but because as soon as a storm threatens it will often seek for refuge on a ship's rigging and thus forever elude the hunter. And if the albatross loves the stormy waves it is only because it frequently alights upon the water, where it often sleeps securely to the rocking of the billows.

Shakespeare Censored.

The dramatic censorship in England to-day, much as it is abused, is very mild compared to what has been known in former periods when many of Shakespeare's plays have been censored. Colley Cibber, in his biography tells us of one master of the revels, who was responsible for the licensing of plays in his day, expunging the whole first act of Gibber's adaptation of "Richard III." the ground that the distresses of Henry VI. would remind weak people of King James, then living in France. On another occasion "King Lear" was inhibited during the illness of George I. George Colman, a later censor, has been said to have used such words as "angel" and "heaven."—London Mail.

Origin of the Kindergarten.

Kindergarten (meaning garden of children) is the name given by Friedrich Froebel to his "children's school" invented by him about the year 1840. The first kindergarten was opened in that year at Blankenburg, near Rudolstadt, but after a needy existence of some five or six years was closed for lack of funds. It was the protest of the Prussian Government Froebel's idea held its ground and presently intrenched itself so securely to be driven from the field. In 1864 the kindergarten was introduced into England, and today the "children's garden" is part of the educational system of most of the leading nations of the world.

Saving Trouble.

The husband of a fashionable woman, whose gowns are the admiration and the despair of her feminine acquaintances, was discussing the cost of living with a friend the other night.

"By the way," ventured the friend, "—don't you have a good deal of trouble keeping your wife dressed in the height of style?"

The woman's husband sighed and then shook his head emphatically.

"Oh, no," he said, "nothing to speak of; nothing to the trouble I'd have if I didn't."

Events That Pass Us By.

We can be but partially acquainted even with the events which actually influence our course through life and our final destiny. There are innumerable other events, if such they may be called, which come close upon us, yet pass away without actual results or even betraying their near approach by the reflection of any light or shadow across our minds. Could we see all the vicissitudes of our fortune it would be too full of hope and fear, exultation or disappointment to afford us a single hour of true serenity.

Not With Malice.

"Look here," said the head of the firm, "I want to give you a pointer."

"Yes, sir," the office boy respectfully replied.

"If I hear you humming any more popular songs around here I'll discharge you."

"All right, I don't do it no more. I wouldn't of done it this time only me lips is sore and I can't whistle."

Two Ways.

Defeated Pug-1 weighed in all right before the fight.

Backer—Maybe you did. But you certainly didn't wade in during the fight!

Cheap Lodgings in Japan.
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TRUE IRISH BULLS.

They Have a Flavor All Their Own, "the Effect of Climate."

BRANDS FROM OTHER LANDS.

The Best of the French Bulls Are Acted, Not Spoken—Some Droll Examples of the Italian, Portuguese, Dutch and German.

Sir Richard Steele explained why his countrymen made bulls: "The effect of the climate, sir. If an Englishman were born in Ireland he would make as many," said he. It is not every one who knows a bull when he sees her. It may be no bull, but merely a blunder—a betise, as the French have it. To make sure that we have the true criterion let us first set down a few of the genuine, orthodox Irish kind.

He built the wall wider than it was high, so that when it fell down it should be higher than it was wide.

Two weary and footsore Irishmen come to a milestone, ten miles to Dublin. "Arrah," says one, "tis but five miles apiece."

Disputing of the date of St. Patrick's birthday, "He couldn't have had two unless he was twins."

An Irish sailor reported that in Philadelphia they copper bottomed the tops of the houses with sheet lead.

Give me the loan of a hatchet to saw an empty barrel of flour in two to make the dog a pigpen.

His estate is divided by impenetrable furze ditches made of quarried stones set on edge.

An Irishman, describing a glorious fight, said, "There was only one whole nose in the house, and that was the taylor's."

In these and in hundreds like them we have the true flavor of the Irish bull.

There are genuine bulls in French, but they are rare. The genius of the language does not lend itself to anything less than neat precision. A French bull is usually nothing more than a betise. Still, French bulls exist. Leon, Bishop and Count of Laskoux wrote to the Duchess of Brissac as follows:

"Madame, knowing how fond you are of red partridges, I send you here with half a dozen. Three of them are gray, and one is a woodcock. You will find this letter in the bottom of the basket."

A Frenchman used a large stone jar for a pillow, explaining that it was not bad because he had stuffed it full of hay.

The very best French bulls are acted, not spoken. The Duke de St. Simon relates that a lady, lying ill, was much disturbed by the ringing of the church bells. To deaden the noise her lover had the street in front of her house laid with straw.

A spoken bull in French is apt to be something different from the Irish variety, something more like a betise, as has been said. And it is difficult to retain the flavor in translation. "Ce sont toujours les memes soldats qui se font tuer," says Marshal Bugeaud of his army. This loses a little when one translates, "It is always the same soldiers who get themselves killed."

"En fait d'inutilites il ne faut que le necessaire" is more highly colored in the French than in its translation, "Only so many useless things are required as are strictly necessary."

Here is the translation of part of an Italian letter:

"We have had a most famous earthquake. If by the mercy of God it had lasted for another half hour we should all have gone to paradise, from which may God deliver us. Whether you receive this letter or not, please advise me in either case."

Here is a Portuguese bull. In offering a reward for the recovery of the corpse of a drowned man his relatives remarked that the deceased might be identified, if found, by a slight impediment in his speech.

After much research it has been so far impossible to discover a genuine Spanish bull, but here is a Dutch bull: "The pig had no marks on his ears except a short tail."

And here is a German bull:

"Der Zahn der Zeit, der alle Thranen trocknet, wird auch uber diese Sache Gross wachen lassen." ("The tooth of time, that wipes away all tears, will permit grass to grow over this matter also.")

Blunders in English speech are not uncommon. The orthodox bull of Ireland has scarcely crossed the channel.

A fellow of the Royal society speaks of "the earthquake that had had the honor to be noticed by the Royal society."

"The West Indies will now have a future which they have never had in the past" sounds promising until one sees that its bullish quality is a mere blunder by which the word "opportunity" was omitted. There is none of the flavor of the famous definition of salt by the Irish schoolboy, "Salt is that which makes your potatoes taste nasty if you don't put it in."

Even the best of the foreign bulls in Latin tongues evoke the suspicion that they are mere translations from Irish originals. The Dutch, the Germans and perhaps the English may have the genuine article at times. No distinctive American bulls have emerged from the long research that is the foundation of these few paragraphs.—New York Sun.

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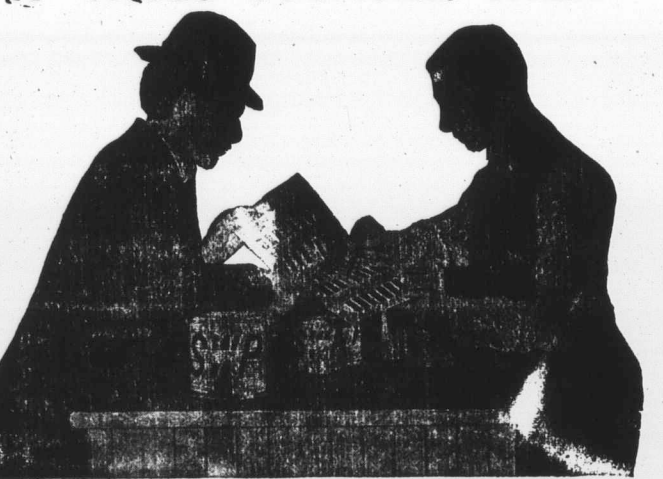
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