

### How Insects Hide.

How many have ever noticed the skilful way in which many insects disguise themselves when in danger from some large animal or bird? Probably you have all observed that the caterpillar "plays dead" when he is disturbed, and that many insects choose for their homes some tree or shrub whose bark or foliage match themselves in colour. There is a certain variety of moth, quite common round elms, which fixes its wings so that they closely resemble spots or lichens on the bark of the tree and can only be detected by a trained eye. Another moth whose principal colours are pink and yellow, arranges itself on the blossom of a primrose so as to wholly escape notice. In the East Indian islands there is a spider which reposes on the upper side of a large leaf in such a shape that it perfectly resembles decayed matter. A hunter in tropical regions tells of seeing a cricket pursued around the trunk of a tree by a lizard. Suddenly the insect settled itself in a small depression in the bark, spread out its wings slightly and flattened itself so that the lizard actually crawled over it and went away without ever knowing what had become of it.

### No Paraphrase for Him.

The pathetic fidelity of the Highlander to the tenets and principles inculcated by the idolised "men" of the North was strikingly exemplified the other Sunday in a secluded district in Argyllshire. A commercial traveller hailing from Glasgow, and who was born and nurtured on the breezy uplands of Sutherlandshire, was among the worshippers in the parish church. The precursor happened to be absent, and the "bagman" was asked to lead the service of praise. This he readily consented to do, many of his best customers belonging to the congregation. He was an excellent singer, and discharged his new duties in a creditable and skilful manner. Everything passed very pleasantly until a paraphrase was given out. His regard for his customers would not influence him to open his lips for the purpose of singing what was known to his kindred and people as a "profane human hymn." No sooner did the minister read the first line of what was to be sung than the sturdy ultra Calvinist got up and declared in a clear, firm voice that he could not sing a paraphrase. The minister took in the situation in a moment, and with the utmost readiness responded—"Then we shall sing the first four stanzas of the 103d Psalm." This was done with much heartiness, and the incident ended satisfactorily to all concerned, the scrupulous stranger retaining his conscience inviolated and undefiled.

### Many Appetizing Dishes.

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### The Trouble with the English Language.

In Harper's Magazine for August, Brander Matthews voices the need for the development of a purely English language, and criticises some of the present characteristics of the language:

"At the beginning of the nineteenth

century English was spoken as a native tongue by a few more than twenty millions of men and women; and at the end of the century it was spoken by very nearly a hundred and thirty millions. Probably the English speaking race cannot possibly quintuple itself again or even quadruple itself in the twentieth century; but it will pretty certainly double and it may very likely treble itself within the next hundred years. Before the year 2000 the number of those who use English as their natural speech will be between two hundred and fifty millions and five hundred millions. Before the year 2000, English will have outstripped all its rivals—excepting only the Russian, which represents another civilization in a more or less remote part of the globe. Before the year 2000, English will have forced a recognition of its right to be considered a world-language.

"And in what condition is the language itself to undertake the vast work thus laid upon it?—to serve as a medium of communication for so many hundreds of millions of men and women. Fortunately the condition of English is in the main not unsatisfactory. English has discarded most of the elaborate syntactical machinery which still cumbered more primitive languages like the Russian, its future rival, and the German, its chief Teutonic sister-tongue. It is therefore a very easy language to learn by word of mouth. Its most obvious defect is that its orthography is more barbarous and more unscientific than that of any other of the important languages. Almost every one of the leading scholars in linguistics is on record in denunciation of English orthography as it is to-day."

### The Sleeping Song.

As soon as the fire burns red and low,  
And the house upstairs is still,  
She sings me a queer little sleepy song,  
Of sheep that go over the hill.

The good little sheep run quick and soft,  
Their colors are grey and white;  
They follow their leader nose to tail,  
For they must be home by night.

And one slips over and one comes next,  
And one runs after behind,  
The grey one's nose at the white one's tail,  
The top of the hill they find.

And when they get to the top of the hill,  
They quietly slip away,  
But one runs over and one comes next—  
Their colors are white and grey.

And over they go, and over they go,  
And over the top of the hill,  
The good little sheep run thick and fast,  
And the house upstairs is still.

And one slips over and one comes next,  
The good little, grey little sheep!  
I watch how the fire burns red and low,  
And she says that I fall asleep.

### The Kawartha Lakes.

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### The Golden Rule in Many Lands.

The true rule in business is to guard and do by the things of others as they do by their own.—Hindoo.

He sought for others the good he desired for himself. Let him pass on.—Egyptian.

Do as you would be done by.—Persian.

One should seek for others the happiness one desires for one's self.—Buddhist.

What you would not wish done to yourself do not unto others.—Chinese.

Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated.—Mahometan.

Do not that to a neighbour which you would take ill from him.—Grecian.

The law imprinted on the hearts of all men is to love the members of society as themselves.—Roman.

Whatsoever you do not wish your neighbour to do to you do not unto him. This is the whole law; the rest is a mere explication of it.—Jewish.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them.—Christian.

We shall never be the "light of the world" except on condition of being the "salt of the earth." You have to do the humble, inconspicuous, silent work of checking corruption by a pure example before you can aspire to do the other work of raying out light into the darkness, and so drawing men to Christ Himself.—Alexander MacLaren.

