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PROBLEMS SOLVED BY ANTS.

Ant-hill is an Example of Pure Democracy.

The insects have solved many problems that still vex the human race, writes Edward Step, F.L.S., the famous naturalist, in "Tit-Bits".

In the ant hill we find an example of pure democracy. It may consist of many thousands of individuals without a monarch or leader of any sort; without a Government. Each ant does exactly what it pleases, without either instructions or permission to do it. But what it does is just what is best for the entire community. There is no self-seeking, no profiteering. Each one does what needs to be done when it needs doing, the welfare of all being the impelling motive.

A score, or a hundred, or a thousand workers are engaged on some big piece of work. A worker ant comes in from a foraging expedition. "Here, Polly" she says, to one of the miners or masons, "let me take a turn at that while you rest a while."

The resting one asks for food, and the newcomer at once shares what she has gathered on her journey. Some others come along and notice that the resting worker has become soiled with labor. They immediately set to work to clean and refresh her by washing and brushing. Nobody tells or asks them to do it; they merely see that they need doing, and once set about their self-imposed task.

During some extensive mining operations a stone is dislodged from the roof and falls upon a worker, injuring her so that she can scarcely crawl. Several rush to her aid, and bear her away to a quieter gallery, where her hurts may be properly tended.

Ants are full of resource to meet extraordinary situations, and they have invented so many ways of getting a living that, in the course of time, they have branched off into more than 2,000 different species, each with distinct form and habits.

So important are they in the scheme of nature that they have brought about numerous modifications of plant life—many flowers have had to invent hair fences to prevent the ants from stealing nectar intended as a bribe for the pollen-carrying bees; other plants have produced glands, from which a sweet liquid flows, to induce the ants to patrol their leaves and stems and destroy caterpillars and other nuisances.

They have also set up alliances with various small creatures for mutual benefit. Some like the greenfly supply them with sweet food (all ants have a "sweet tooth"); others, like certain beetles, become their domestic pets; others are scavengers, encouraged or tolerated in their nests because of their usefulness from a sanitary point of view.

Their industry in construction shows a considerable amount of varied ingenuity. Some are miners in the earth, and tunnel wonderful galleries of great extent, whilst others tunnel in wood. Some construct papier-mache nests on the boughs of trees and pens for their domestic insects, whilst some, instead of laboring in these ways, frankly avail themselves of the provision made for them by plants.

There are ants that store grain; ants that grow mushrooms, and prepare suitable beds for their growth; ants that keep dairies; ants that are mere nomad freebooters, sallying forth in their thousands, and killing and eating all other insects in their path, possessing no city of their own, but camping temporarily where their march of pillage and conquest has brought them.

When Brides Must Weep.

The wedding day in most countries is the bride's day, says "Tit-Bits". It is her part to look happy, however long a face the groom may pull. Only in Lithuania is it a day of ostentatious gloom for her when, after being led through the lighted church by two young men, followed by her bridesmaids, she takes her stand in front of the altar, to be joined by the groom, also accompanied by several young men.

Behind the wedding party come the two mothers. While the priest performs the ceremony, the bride must weep incessantly. If she is unable to hide her real jubilation and cannot squeeze out a tear, she is considered guilty of a serious breach of etiquette and the ceremony is rendered more interesting by a vigorous scolding administered by the two mothers. Thus the maiden is expected to show the boon she is conferring upon mere man by becoming his wife.

This same attitude towards the Lithuanian woman is proved by all the customs of the little Baltic state that has declared itself a republic. It is shown, for instance, in old photographs. In these the woman is not standing with her hands on the shoulder of her seated lord, like our own photographs of a former period, but throned in state, with her husband and sons, standing gallantly beside her.

Watches Invented by Frenchman.
At Nuremberg there is a statue to Peter Henlein, who is credited there with being the inventor of the watch. But Leopold Reyerchon shows in "La Nature" that, after all, Henlein invented nothing but the ring by which a watch is held to a chain, for clocks with springs, and stacked and already been made for nearly a century, and all he had to do was to make small ones.

Henlein was born in 1480 and became a master locksmith in 1509. Now in 1504 Julien Goudray of Blois, France, was already a master watchmaker of the first class, as is proved by an order on the cashier of Louis XII to pay 29 livres and 4 sous to him as "watchmaker to the King." And in 1518 he made a watch for Francis I so small that it was inserted in the pomel of the King's dagger. It is therefore more probable that Goudray was making watches before Henlein.



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