

Democratic Watchman

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The Giant Purse Crab.

He Climbs Coconut Trees and Cracks the Nut against Stones.

In the mining bureau may be seen a very fine specimen of the remarkable large land crab known as the purse crab or big crab, which is well preserved in a glass jar. This is one of the largest species of land crab known. It is sometimes found from eighteen to twenty-four inches in length, when fully stretched out, and is capable of erecting itself to the height of nearly a foot from the ground, which it readily does if irritated and exhibiting to the utmost its powers of offense and defense.

It is somewhat allied to the hermit crab, but having the abdomen or tail shorter, yet very large, on the under side of which it carries its eggs in immense quantities. Its underside is soft and membranous, its upper surface covered with strong plates which overlap one another as with lobsters. The first pair of legs have large and powerful pincers; the second and third pairs of legs are terminated by a single nail; the pair next to them are a little smaller, with small pincers; the pair of legs nearest to the abdomen are very small, but terminated by small pincers.

When teased this crab is so powerful in its first claws and legs as to be able to cling to a stick, and can hold its own weight to be carried for over a half hour before falling go. It can travel about as fast backward as forward, if pursued. It is generally of a yellowish-brown color, its limbs being, however, covered with little blackish projections.

It is never found far from the sea, to which it is said to pay visits in order to moisten its gills, but it always resides on land, and is generally found in holes under the roots of trees, especially of coconut trees, which it prefers and where it accumulates great quantities of the fibers of the coconut husks, as if to keep itself warm or for a soft bed. As a general thing the purse crab stays in these holes during the daytime and comes out at night. Its food generally consists of coconuts, also the nuts of a species of palm known as pandanus, odorotimus and other nuts, which it climbs the trees to procure, cutting the coconut from the trees with its heavy claws, and after it has cut down two or three it descends and commences to pull the husks from them.

In its manner of dealing with coconuts it exhibits a remarkable instinct, as it always begins to tear off the husks at the end which the eyes are. It then makes a hole through the eyes from which the nut would germinate. This is done by striking the fruit with its heavy claw and breaking it sufficiently to admit one of the small legs, by which it scoops out the nut with its pincers. Sometimes it seizes the nut by one of its great pincers and breaks it against a stone.

The purse crab is found in the mountains and on the more eastern islands of the Indian ocean, as well as on some of the islands of the South Pacific, more especially the Caroline islands, which are coral group.

The Bachelor Girls.

There are no more old maids. When a girl gets to be in the demure and quiet shade of eight and twenty she at once does something—joins a club, gets a mission, adopts a profession, goes into business and becomes—a "bachelor girl." The "bachelor girl" of the city are numerous enough, and a power strong enough, to form a distinct class by themselves. Many of them live with parents or friends, paying their board or contributing to the general expenses of the household. Some have learned, however, to combine and form households by themselves. No parent can fail to hope her daughter will marry the man of her choice and "live happy ever after;" that is the natural forerunner of woman. But, in the course of human events, many girls are disappointed in this prospect, if, indeed, they ever chose it. For many girls, in these modern days of busy employment for every body, build up a plan of life which includes no future love whatever.

Tens of thousands of Chinamen leave China every year and settle in other countries, especially South America, the island of the Pacific, and the West Indies; but it is a rare thing for Chinese women to leave the land of their birth. There are probably less than one hundred of them in the United States, and there are hardly any in Brazil or the Sandwich Islands. It appears by the Cuban census that has just been taken that there are nearly 50,000 Chinamen in Cuba and only eighty-four Chinese women. The customs of the Chinese people are adverse to female emigration, which, moreover, is under official restriction. Few of the Chinamen who go abroad are married; nearly all of them are quite young. They leave China in the hope that they will make money and return to get married.

A public school which has its own police is one of the novelties of New York. Such is the famous grammar school in West Fifty-fourth street. Boys are regularly detailed not only to keep order within the building at dismissal time, but to insure good order and quick dispersing on the street. These youthful policemen seldom have to take the names of laggards or noisy fellows, and when they do no punishment follows. The unruly boys are sent before Mr. Eligs, the principal, and he appeals to their pride in the record of the school. This great body of young New Yorkers is managed through pleasure instead of pain, by rewards instead of reprimands. Good boys and studious ones have such privileges there that all the rest strive for the honors.

All the seats in the house had been sold and only ticket-holders were getting places. "Take your right seats," called out the usher, monotonously, "take your right seats." "How can we help it?" lisped a pretty girl to him. "There are none left."

A New Butter.

Coconut butter is a new food-stuff, which seems to have a useful future before it. According to a report by the British Vice-Consul at Berlin, the production of a edible fat from the marrow of the coconut has been carried out for the last two years by a firm at Manheim the process having been discovered three years before by Dr. Schlinck. Factories having the same object are about to be established at Paris and at Amsterdam. The nuts come from the South Sea Islands, and also from certain places on the African and South African coasts. The butter, which is sold at less than half the price of ordinary butter in London, contains from sixty to seventy per cent. of fat, and twenty-three to twenty-five per cent. of organic matter. Its color is white; it is of an agreeable taste, is suitable for cooking purposes, and is being purchased by the poor, who prefer it to margarine. Being free from acid, it digests with greater ease than dairy butter, and is preferable in other ways to the bad butter which too often finds its way to market. It is also a more attractive compound than the various preparations called margarine, some of which have such very questionable origin.

A Remedy for Snake Bites.

In the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa, where there are so many deadly serpents, many people are bitten every year, often fatally. Cobra, capellos and puff adders are two of the commonest snakes all over the colony. A clergyman, who resides where the hideous puff adder swarms, had been very successful among his people in his treatment of their bites, and for the benefit of the whole colony he published his recipe. He writes:

"The following is the best mode of using this invaluable antidote: Mix a teaspoonful of ipecacuan powder with a little cold water, then scarify the part bitten making two or three cuts through the skin, and apply the same as a poultice. This should be followed by about thirty grains in a wineglassful of cold water as an emetic, and if necessary, both may be repeated in half an hour. This is seldom required to complete the cure, as the pain generally ceases in less than that time, and appetite and health speedily follow."

This Year Eclipse.

The eclipses announced for this year are noteworthy. On the 23rd of May the moon will rise in eclipse at five minutes to eight. At the antipodes her face that evening will be seen wholly obscured. A total eclipse of the moon will begin at thirty-five minutes past ten on the 15th of November. This will be visible. There will be two solar eclipses—one annular, and visible in this country as a partial eclipse on the upper limb beginning at two minutes past five on the 6th of June, the other a partial eclipse on the 1st of December, which will be visible in the South Pacific. Besides these, there will be, on the 10th of May, a transit of Mercury over the sun's disc, which will be partially visible in this part of the globe.—New York Witness.

Was Hospitable.

A man was speaking in a country hotel about the hospitality of people whom he had met, and told of a family in Virginia that had kept him and his horse two days and would not charge a cent.

"That was very kind," said a fellow who had been listening; "but I struck a man in Alabama some time ago that was strikingly hospitable. I stopped at his house, and he came forward and said that everything was mine."

"Well," said some one after a few moments silence, "what did you do?"

"I simply took his word and suffered for it."

"How so?"

"I took a horse during the night and he had me arrested and sent to the penitentiary."—Arkansas Traveler.

A Successful Seance.

Mr. Charles Bertram fairly outwitted himself in a private seance given before Dr. Walsh, the archbishop of Dublin. Bertram presented a pack of cards to his grace, requesting him to draw one.

"The card you have drawn, your grace," said Bertram, "is the king of hearts."

"No," replied the archbishop, "it is the five of clubs."

"Well," said Bertram, in an astonished tone, "it is the first time I ever failed in that trick. Would you look at the card again?"

The grace looked and instead of the five of clubs he saw a portrait of himself.

"I wasn't so much wrong after all," remarked Bertram gayly, "for surely your grace is the king of hearts in Ireland."

I was a sufferer from catarrh for fifteen years, with distressing pain over my eyes. I used Ely's Cream Balm with gratifying results. Am apparently cured.—Z. C. Warren Rutland, Vt.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the following inventories of the personal property of John F. Conroy, late of the act of 14 of April, 1891, have been confirmed by the court and filed in the office of the Clerk of the Orphans' Court of Centre county. And if no exceptions be filed on or before the first day of next term the same will be confirmed absolutely.

1. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property and real estate of Jacob Potter township, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Mary Bartley.
2. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of James C. Rubie, late of Phillipsburg borough, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Linnie Rubie.
3. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Benjamin Meyer, late of Miles township, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Mary Meyer.
4. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Daniel Lutz, late of Spring township, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Catharine Lutz.
5. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Robt. Richard, late of Phillipsburg borough, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Angeline Curtin.
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9. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of John Meek, late of Rush township, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Martha Meek.
10. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of J. B. Rabbro, late of Phillipsburg borough, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Delena U. Crabtree.
11. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of Henry Wolf, late of Miles township, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Catharine Wolf.
12. The inventory and appraisal of the personal property of John F. Conroy, late of Ferguson township, deceased, as set apart to his widow, Maria M. Rumbarger.

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