

Bellefonte, Pa., November 23, 1906.

WEB OF THE SPIDER.

The Many Uses to Which Its Singular Spinner Puts It.

Spiders form good subjects for rainy day study, and two hours spent in a neglected garret watching these clever little beings will often arouse such interest that we shall be glad to devote many days of sunshine to observing those species which hunt and build and live in the open fields. There is no insect in the world with more than six legs, and as a spider has eight he is therefore thrown out of the company of butterflies, beetles and wasps and finds himself in a strange assemblage. Even to his nearest relatives he bears little resemblance, for when we realize that scorpions and horseshoe crabs must call him cousin we perceive that his is indeed an aberrant bough on the

tree of creation. Nature has provided spiders with an organ filled always with liquid, which on being exposed to the air hardens and can be drawn out into the stender threads which we know as cobweb. The silkworm incases its body with a mile or more of gleaming silk, but there its usefulness is ended, as far as the silkworm is concerned. But spiders have found a hundred uses for their cordage, some of which are startlingly similar to human inventions.

A list of all the uses of cobwebs would take much space, but of these the most familiar is the snare set for unwary flies-the wonderfully ingenious webs which sparkle with dew among the grasses or stretch from bush to bush. The framework is of webbing, and upon this is woven the sticky spiral which is so elastic, so ethereal, and yet strong enough to entangle a good sized insect. How knowing seems the little worker as, the web and his den of concealment being completed, he spins a strong cable from the center of the web to the entrance of his watchtower. Then, when a trembling of his aerial spans warns him of a capture, how eagerly he seizes his master cable and jerks away on it, thus vibrating the whole structure and making. more certain the confusion of his vic-

Those spiders which leap upon their prey instead of setting snares for it have still a use for their threads of life, throwing out a cable as they leap to break their fall if they miss their foothold. What a strange use of the cobweb is that of the little flying spiders! Up they run to the top of a post, elevate their abdomens and run out several threads, which lengthen and lengthen until the breeze catches them, and away goes the wingless aeronaut for yards or for miles, as fortune may dictate! We wonder if he can cut loose or pull in his balloon cables

at will. A most fascinating tale would unfold could we discover all the uses of cobweb when the spiders themselves are through with it. Certain it is that our ruby throated humming bird robs many webs to fasten together the plant down and lichens which compose her dainty

Search the pond and you will find another member of the spider family swimming about at ease beneath the surface, thoroughly aquatic in his habits, but breathing a bubble of air which he carries about with him. When his supply is low, he swims to a submarine castle of silk, so air tight that he can keep it filled with a large bubble of air, upon which he draws from time to time.

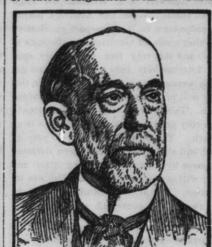
And so we might go on enumerating almost endless uses for the web, which is nature's gift to these little waifs who ages ago left the sea and have won a place for themselves in the sunshine among the butterflies and flowers.-C. William Beebe in New York

An Ingenious Ruse. Herodotus tells of an ingenious ruse

employed to carry an important message through the lines of the enemy. Histiaeus, being anxious to give Aristagoras orders to revolt, could think of no means to send the message to his ally, as all the roads were carefully guarded. Finally he hit upon a scheme. Calling his trustiest servant to him, he ordered that the man's hair be shaven off. He then pricked the desired message on the scalp of the slave and. waiting until his hair had grown out, dispatched him upon the errand. The messenger passed safely through the lines, and when he reached Aristagoras his head was again shaved and the

TOM PLATT TO RESIGN New York Senator to Retire Altogether

From Public Life. York, Nov. 17 .- The Evening Post published the following: "Thoma C. Platt's resignation from the United



SENATOR T. C. PLATT.

States senate is said to be ready for filing with Governor Higgins. Senator Platt, it is reported, has decided to retire altogether from public life.

"Recent disclosures concerning the senator's domestic troubles, added to his increasing age, are declared to have forced him to the decision to relinguish his office."

HIDEOUS CRUELTY TO BABIES Grewsome Practices of Malpractice Den In Ohio Capital.

Columbus, O., Nov. 19 .- Details of probably the most grewsome cases of the local police for investigation, and it is most likely that prosecutions may

All have occurred within the last month, and all in the same apartment building-the Hanover. On the ground floor is a Salvation Army barracks, where services are held each evening. While prayers were being said in this room for the betterment of mankind, on the floors above crimes of the worst sort were being committed, in-

volving the lives of young girls. According to the information in one case the babe was disposed of in a sewer and the clothing and linen burned in a barn to hide all traces. In an cury coarsely powdered. other the body, according to the police, was cremated in the furnace of the Hanover building.

The details of the third case, that of a Dayton woman, is probably the most horrible. The babe was placed alive in a jar, and there it lay screaming until it was drowned. An effort was made to efface all traces by the use of lye, those responsible thinking that the caustic liquid would eat the little

The names of two physicians are connected with the cases. Written confessions are said to have been se cured from two of the persons who

CONDEMNS DR. CRAPSEY

Decision of Court of Review Suspends

Him From Episcopal Church. Buffalo,, N. Y., Nov. 20.-Rev. Dr. Algernon S. Crapsey, of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church, Roches ter, is condemned to suspension from the church as a result of the decision of the ecclesiastical court of review The court sustains the decision of the lower court which was that Dr. Crap sey should be suspended for heretical teachings.

The announcement of the decision was made as follows: "The court of review has affirmed unanimously the decision of the lower court in the case of Rev. Algernon S. Crapsey, D. D."

This decision apparently brings the Crapsey case to an end. Under it Dr. Crapsey will be suspended from exer cising the functions of a minister of the Protestant Episcopal church until such time as his teachings conform to the doctrines of the Apostles and Ni cene Creeds. There can be no further appeal, as the board of review which heard the appeal from the original de cision is the highest court in the

church. Dr. Crapsey in his sermons and writings questioned the Virgin birth of Jesus. He also contended that there were fallacies in other beliefs and doctrines forming the foundation of the Protestant Episcopal church.

Hearst Won't Be a Candidate Again. San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 19-William R. Hearst passed through San Antonio on his way to Monterey, Mexico, where he has mining property. In reference to polistics in New York, he said: "I will never again be a candi-

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date. I shall continue to live in New York and advocate and support the principles of reform which I have always stood for, but these principles are now sufficiently understood by the general public for it to be no longer necessary for me to be a candidate, and on that account to be attacked with much bitterness."

Robbed of \$4000 Worth of Samples. Philadelphia, Nov. 20.-C. F. Willemin, a salesman for a jewelry firm at 13 Maiden Lane, New York, was robbed of a case containing \$4000 worth of samples. Willemin went into a Chestnut street store carrying two cases of jewelry. He left one in the salesroom and carried the other to the office. When he returned to the salesroom the case he left there was gone.

Surgical Patient Dives to Death. Pittsburg, Nov. 19 .- William Giesel, 43 years old, committed suicide by leaping from a third-story window of the Allegheny general hospital. His head was badly crushed. Glesel recently had his right foot amputated and was despondent over the loss.

Health and Beauty.

If a pimple or boil will not come to a head apply cloths that have been dipped in hot water.

If there is trouble of any kind with the eyes a wash of either cold tea or new milk A few drops of camphor taken on a lump of sugar at the first intimation of a cold

will often break it up.
When food will not stay on the stomach put one teaspoonful of lime water in a glass

of milk and sip it slowly.

For bronchial trouble, if common baking disposition of babes ever unfolded in Columbus have come into the hands of throat it will be found effective. A doctor who makes a specialty of mod-ern nerve cures says that an hour of silence

should be rigorously imposed on each pa-tient daily. In serious cases it may even be desirable to enforce silence for two hours each day.

Massaging about the eyes must be done very carefully, else more wrinkles will appear. Using a slight rotary motion with the finger tips, work from the nose toward the temples and up around the eyelid, to-ward the nose again, using food or facial

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"That youngster of yours seems to be having his own way lately. You're not as strict with him as you were." 'No, it was a question of economy with

'Economy?" "Yes; every month I used to have to buy myself a pair of slippers, and the boy a pair of trousers."

-Mistress (to colored cook): "Maria, your little girl a bright child?" Maria: "'Deed she am. Sometimes Ah think she's a little too shiny."

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