

SMASHED BY THE SEA.

We had weathered the western lands and entered latitudes where the prudent mariner shortens sail and keeps a wary eye on the barometer.

A favoring gale from the northwest, not more vicious than the ordinary north Atlantic gale, had kept the ship lively all day and set all hands figuring on pay day.

At eight bells the wind lulled and hauled a point to the westward, then hurried itself against the ship with accumulated fury.

Believed of her top hamper, she staggered erect, dripping like a half tide rock and shaken with the shock of the seas pounding her sides.

The deck round the mainmast heaved and was starred with white fissures running along its well oiled planks.

The ends of severed wire whipped the air, and twisted shrouds saved to and fro along the ruined bulwarks and struck showers of sparks from the tortured iron work.

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Rapid Wing Movement Does Not Always Imply Speed.

Birds have different modes of flight, just as men have different gaits in walking or running. Rapid wing movement does not always imply speed in flight any more than rapid leg movement implies speed in walking or running.

Speaking broadly, long winged birds are strong and swift fliers; short winged birds are feeble in flight. When we consider that a cumbersome, slow moving bird like the heron moves its wings twice per second when in flight it is evident that many birds have a very rapid wing movement.

Many of our smaller migrants seem but to flit from bush to bush or from tree to tree. Members of the thrush family are low fliers, the blackbird in particular, with its hasty, hurried flight, often just avoiding fences and no more. Wagtails have a beautiful undulating flight with little apparent use of their wings.

Nearly all birds sail or float occasionally without the slightest movement of their wings. Even a large bird like a pheasant will glide in this way for more than two hundred yards.

Grouse have a rapid wing motion without any great speed, but when they sail, coming down with the wind, as they prefer to do, they go very fast. Before alighting they flap their wings several times very rapidly, like the clapping of hands.

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Peewees, which are so graceful in their motions on the ground, look like enormous bats when in flight. Swallows and in a very marked degree swifts have rapid wing movement with great speed and extraordinary power of flight.—Scotsman.

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Why, Dennis," said the mistress, "whatever possessed you to have your hair cut while you had such a bad cold?"

Well, mum," replied the unabashed Dennis, "I do be takin' notice this long while that whiniver I have me hair cut I take a bad cold, so I thought to meself that now, while I had the cold on to me, it would be the time of all others to go and get me hair cuttin' done, for by that course I would save meself just one cold. Do you see the power of me reasonin', mum?"

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The Advice a Discerning Woman Gave Unto Her Daughter.

My daughter, wouldst thou know a man's secret? Go to the florist, then, O simple one, for in him every man repositeth his confidence.

Yea, by the flowers which he sendeth a woman shall ye judge the quality of a man's love, likewise the quantity and exact stage.

As violets pass unto roses, and roses unto cheap carnations, and carnations unto naught, so passeth his grand passion from the first throes into matrimony.

Lo, at the beginning of a love affair mark with what care a man selecteth his flowers in person, that not a wilted violet shall offend thine eyes!

Verily, verily, my daughter, I charge thee, account no man in love until he hath gone forth into the gardens and the fields and plucked thee a few dinky pansies or stray weeds with his own hands.

For when a man sendeth thee violets it may mean only sentiment, and when he sendeth thee orchids it may be only a bluff, but when he doeth real work for any woman it meaneth business. Selah!—London Tit-Bits.

The English Thief That Dropped In to See His Lawyer.

Here is a story of a genuine instance of the kind of business which fell to the lot of a once notorious London "thieves' counsel." One day a thick-set man, with a cropped poll of unmistakably Newgate cut, slunk into this counsel's room, when the following dialogue took place:

"Morning, sir," said the man, touching his forehead. "Morning," said the counsel. "What do you want?"

"Well, sir, I'm sorry to say, sir, our little Ben, sir, has 'ad a misfortin. First offense, sir, only a wiper."

"So, sir, we thought as you'd 'ad all the family business we'd like you to defend him, sir."

"All right," said the counsel; "see my clerk."

"Yes, sir," continued the thief, "but I thought I'd like to make sure you'd attend yourself, sir. We're anxious cos it's little Ben, our youngest kid."

"Oh, that will be all right! Give Simmons the fee."

"Well, sir," continued the man, shifting about uncomfortably, "I was going to arst you, sir, to take a little less. You see, sir—wheedlingly—"it's little Ben—his first misfortin—"

"No, no!" said the counsel impatiently. "Clear out!"

"But, sir, you've had all our business. Well, sir, if you won't you won't, so I'll pay you now, sir." And as he doled out the guineas, "I may as well tell you, sir, you wouldn't 'a' got the counters if I hadn't had a little bit of luck on the way."—From "The Recollections of a K. C.," by Thomas Edward Crispe.

Funny For Her. A New England lad was intently watching his aunt in the process of making pies and cake. He seemed very much inclined to start a conversation, an inclination, however, which the aunt in no way encouraged.

Habit Enables Him to Scale Ice Clad Heights With Ease.

"In all my experience I had never encountered a rougher, more difficult country in which to hunt than in Ellesmere Land," writes Harry Whitney in Outing. "Ordinarily I should have believed these mountain sides, with walls of smooth rock sheathed with a crust of hard ice and snow, quite unscalable."

"In places they were almost perpendicular. Rarely did they offer a crevice to serve as foot or hand hold, and jutting points and firm set bowlders were too widely scattered to be of much help."

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