

WINGED RASCALS.

Birds That Are Accomplished and Daring Thieves.

HOW A GULL ROBS A PELICAN

It Works a Clever Trick on its Clumsy Victim and is in Turn Fleeced by the Lightning-like Frigate Bird—Villainy of the Butcher Bird.

The system of living at the expense of somebody else and in turn affording a living for another parasite is as common in the animal world as among men...

But a much more interesting case is that of the flying fish. Pursued by its enemies in the water, it leaps into the air and is caught by the pelican.

The gull, knowing this and being a lazy fellow, watches the clumsy and rather stupid pelican until it goes ashore to feed. Then the gull, with the impudence which comes so naturally to villainy, actually perches on the long head of the pelican and waits.

But the sharp eye of the lightning-like frigate bird has been watching the whole game, and the moment the laughing gull has thought to begin its feast it sees a stronger and a quicker bird than itself darting toward it like an arrow.

A sneak thief is the owl. It lies concealed all day and only ventures abroad when its victim is asleep and when its movements cannot be seen.

There is a little bird called the shrike, which for its cunning and accomplishments deserves a high place in the rogues' gallery. It is not swift enough to catch many of its feathered fellows in fair pursuit, so it sits in ambush and imitates the cry of a distressed bird until a tender husband or a solicitous wife flies to the spot to tend the aid supposed to be wanted.

Almost as great a villain as the butcher bird, as the shrike is usually called, is the bee eater of Africa. It is very fond of bees, but is sometimes too lazy to hunt for them.

The stranger stared. "But surely you have other old families of note in Boston?"

"Merely transients," he replied the Boston man.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A remarkably brief, effective summing up was once quoted by Lord James in an after dinner speech. It was delivered by an Irish judge trying a man for pig stealing.

The mistress comes home without warning. She finds the maid in a state of attire.

"Why, what do you mean," she cries, "by wearing my best black skirt?"

Grace—Just see how much your little wife loves you. She made this cake for you all by herself.

Gritty Pike—It's a heartless world, pard. Think what a woman done when I asked her to give me something to keep body and soul together!

Muddy Lane—Can't imagine. Gritty Pike—She gimme a safety pin.—Chicago News.

GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES.

Racial Marks Left by Our Early Explorers and Settlers.

While most of the states of the Mississippi valley, besides countless rivers and lakes in all parts of the country, bear Indian names, but a small number only of the towns that are the work of the white man have adopted names borrowed from the original owners of the land.

The early explorers and settlers have left their racial marks. Up the Hudson and Mohawk the trail of the Dutchman is pretty clear. The French influence in northern New York and Vermont and along the line of the great lakes is familiar in many names.

There are relatively few Indian names on the Pacific coast. North of the Spanish belt capes and towns frequently reflect the loyalty of early settlers to the older states of the Union.

THE FRUGAL ARABS.

They Live on Two Simple Meals of Bread and Dates a Day.

The daily routine of the Arab is simple and well ordered. He is up with the daybreak and as soon as possible loads his camels; then he rides for some four or five hours before he has his first morning meal; then he is off again until late in the afternoon, when a halt is made for the night.

In about fifteen minutes the dough is sufficiently baked. It is then well beaten to free it from ashes, broken in pieces and divided among those who from their bags have contributed the meal.

A Kitchen Jar. Lady—Susan, I've come down to help you. Servant—I'd much rather you didn't, please mum. I'm very busy today.

and, poured out into tiny cups, is solemnly handed around to each one. Dates often take the place of bread in Arabia. There are many varieties, and the composition of the date does not differ so very much from that of bread.

The Limit in Close Bargains. "Over in my county," said the talker in the hotel lobby.

"That's nice of you, uncle," said Andy, "but I'm having some hard luck now, and if you could advance me something it certainly would be helpful."

Could Not Do Without Him. Henry Austin was slow. His work was always behind that of the neighboring farmers, although he always got it done eventually.

Young Man—So Miss Ethel is your oldest sister. Who comes after her? Small Brother—Nobody ain't come yet, but pa says the first fellow that comes can have her.—Exchange.

Considerate. "Why do you argue with your wife?" asked the bachelor.

Diligence, above all, is the mother of good luck.—Samuel Smiles.

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Killed by His Affinity. Clarence Wickard Button, thirty-nine years of age, the son of Constable William H. Button, was stabbed to death on McNamee's hill, on the edge of Cumberland, Md., by Frankie Williams, aged thirty-five years, who confessed to the crime and is in jail.

William Johnson and John Heck were walking along the hill, when Mrs. Williams came down toward the city. She stopped and said:

"Oh! I've killed poor Clarence Button."

"Why do you argue with your wife?" asked the bachelor.

"Of course," replied the married man, "but I have to allow her a little pleasure once in awhile."—Puck.

There should be no hidden, inaccessible places in milk vessels. The seams should be soldered over smoothly inside and out.

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