

BIRD IS WORTH PRESERVING

Writer Deplores the Threatened Extinction of the Beautiful and Useful Upland Plover.

The upland plover, one of the most beneficial birds of all the winged host that once abounded in North America, has been hunted and shot to the verge of extermination, says Dumb Animals.

There is a ray of hope that these birds may not be pursued to complete annihilation. The federal law for the protection of migratory birds makes it possible for the plover species to rehabilitate itself, provided the closed season be fixed to continue throughout the year.

GRANT REFUSED TO ANSWER

When President, He Declined to Tell House Where He Had Been During Absence.

During President Grant's administration a movement was started to call Grant to account for having been absent from Washington. The house asked him by resolution to inform it what official acts he had performed while away, says an exchange.

"I freely inform the house that from the time of my entrance upon my office, I have been in the habit, as were all of my predecessors, of absenting myself at times from the seat of government, and that during such absences I did not neglect or forego the obligations or duties of my office, but continued to discharge all of the executive offices, acts and duties which were required of me as president of the United States.

Waxing Wooden Dishes.

If wooden dishes are to be waxed to render them impervious, they should be made of a good quality of pine or deal with an even grain, and the inside should be sandedpaper quite smooth.

A Sad World.

I am cursed with good manners. I cannot grab for food. I cannot take the choice morsel of a dish. I instinctively choose the most uncomfortable seat. I make way for others at the ticket office.

Useless Precaution.

"I told the minister to leave the word 'obey' out of the marriage ceremony."

Easy.

"It is easy to be one sort of philosopher."

HONORED BY ALL

Praise Accorded American Soldiers Is Universal.

To Their Bravery and Chivalry on the Field of Battle Has Been Added Fine Generosity to an Unscrupulous Enemy.

"Let another man praise thee and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips," says an ancient proverb; which is easier to obey than it has been sometimes, for the air is resonant with adulation for this country and its people—praises for its benevolence, energy, idealism, army and navy.

We have exulted in the praise bestowed upon the boys in khaki for their chivalry toward women, their gentleness to little children, their high morale amid great temptations, and their courage in battle. But these virtues were all exhibited to friends and allies.

Now comes, however, a testimony to their behavior toward their enemies, which ought, we think, to give us even a deeper joy.

"Especially," says a dispatch from Amsterdam, "was given by the American troops of occupation by a representative of the Berlin foreign ministry on his return from Treves.

"The judgment of all Germans, such as shopkeepers, hotel keepers and men on the street, is that the behavior of the Americans is blameless."

"Blameless!" "Sans peur et sans reproche!"

We pity the man or woman who can read that testimony without choking up a little bit. One ought not to forget that these young Americans are among a people whom they have learned to hate. If there has been one thing above all others upon which they universally agreed, it was loathing and horror for German frightfulness.

And now they are moving across the country of their hated foes as conquerors! On every highway and at every street corner they see the men who have perpetrated these nameless horrors. Those men are at their mercy.

We read that they march through these German cities grim and silent; their faces white and their jaws set; looking neither to the right hand nor to the left; self-contained and self-controlled. These are the men, remember, who went "over the top" in many a bloody battle, singing "We won't come back until it's over—over there."

What a miracle is such young manhood! How strangely its contemplation moves the hearts. What pride we take in thinking that these blameless youths belong to us! They are our boys—yours and mine!

If the generation of lads now growing up in America is not fired with a spirit of emulation by the conduct of these soldiers of the American expeditionary forces, we shall feel like disowning them. There will be but little excuse for rowdiness, inefficiency, intemperance and cowardice for the boys whose fathers and big brothers have extorted such admiration not only from friends but foes.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

New Finish for Concrete Floors.

A new polish for concrete floors where a hard surface and a dustless one is desired consists of 95 per cent of iron dust or iron flour. It is added to the dry cement in the proportion of 15 to 25 pounds to each 100 pounds, and one part of the mixture is used with two parts of sand.

In the Old Sweet Way.

Christmas came in the old, sweet way; the Lord ain't forgotten where his homefolks stay!

No Economy.

"The Germans consider themselves great political economists."

The Dizzy Life.

Miss Prittikid—Oh, I am so happy, Jack has bought a new auto; one-man top, you know.

None Turned Up.

"I can't tell just what nationality that tall stranger belongs to. He wears a drooping moustache."

USE OF PHONETIC SPELLING

Reasons Advanced Why It Would Be Well if Its Study Should Be Made More General.

Phonetics in its broadest sense is a study of the whole range of sounds, articulate, musical and otherwise. In its restricted sense it is confined to articulate sounds of human speech.

Phonetics is widely advocated by philologists and by many of the most thoughtful teachers for three reasons: (1) That persons may speak their mother tongue correctly through thus learning to know the proper valuation of its sounds; (2) that they may learn successfully the pronunciation of other languages, to which a knowledge of their own is the best introduction; (3) that those who wish to study philology may have a key to that science.

AUTO HAD LOST ITS SOUL

Mysterious Happening With Which, of Course, the Owner Could Have Had Nothing to Do.

This road burner was betting on a sure thing. "If my car will make 32 miles an hour," said an indignant owner of a flivver, who was haled into court for fracturing the speed law.

"I'll make this policeman a present of it." And the magistrate took the speeder at his word by ordering the cop to take a joy ride. "But bear in mind," were the parting words of the magistrate, "that if your automobile is capable of that speed you automatically admit that the officer is right about the speed you were making, and you will not only lose your car, but will pay a \$25 fine besides."

"You're on, Judge," said the automobilist, at which the court pounded the gavel. But the cop didn't win the auto. Half an hour later he was back with his prisoner. "Your honor," said the policeman, "that car, in its present condition, wouldn't go a mile in a month. We went over to the garage to get it and it puffed, sneezed, whistled and went one block under protest. Mechanically, about everything is missing but the windshield. Somebody must have kicked the soul out of it since I saw it. The car has been tampered with and there is no mistake about it. The owner of the flivver was fined \$25 and made a brief speech, in which he allowed that justice had fled from the earth."

Shooting Into Space.

The question of whether it would ever be possible to shoot a projectile into space, that is to say entirely off the earth, has long been the subject of discussion. In a detailed scientific paper on the German long-ranged gun which bombarded Paris last spring, Major J. Maitland-Addison, writing in the Journal of the Royal Artillery, says the requisite velocity of such a gun is not so very much higher than what has already been achieved; viz., a muzzle velocity of a mile per second.

Hidden Beauties.

The hidden beauties of standard anchors break upon the mind by surprise. It is like discovering the hidden spring in an old jewel. You take up the book in an idle moment, as you may have done a thousand times before, perhaps wondering as you turn over the leaves what the world finds in it to admire; when suddenly as you read your fingers press closely upon the covers, your frame thrills, and the passage you have lighted on chains you like a spell, it is so vividly true and beautiful.

Doing Nicely.

"I hear you have a new lady clerk."

Resemblance.

"My dear," said Mr. X, as he looked at his wife's purchases, "you remind me of the Greek slave."

Its Effect.

"There is one thing about the air of society."

GLASS HITS AT LOAN "GLOOMS"

Treasury Head Has Supreme Faith in American Patriotism.

Upon the patriotism of the American people Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, places full reliance for the success of the Victory Liberty Loan.

Mr. Glass does not agree with the "glooms" who contend that commercialism is in the hearts of the people and that a spirit of avarice will retard the loan. Sentiment and the spirit of sacrifice are, in his opinion just as closely allied to the present campaign as they were to its predecessors. He is confident that an appeal to public patriotism will succeed where a campaign based on strictly commercial or profit-taking argument would be ineffective.

In an interview he stated his reasons for holding to the patriotic view, as follows:

"Some men tell me it will be impossible again to appeal to the patriotism of the American people. Frankly, I should despair of my country if this were exactly true. I wonder if those who talk in this fashion speak considerably? They tell about the 'sacrifices' the American people have made, and in their voices there is a metallic tone and in their mien unconscious austerity.

"What is meant by the 'sacrifices' of war for America? Where are our devastated fields and ruined cities? Where our cathedrals destroyed and homes profaned? Where our flooded mines and pillaged factories? Where our defiled women and starved children and wrecked men? Where on this wide continent does hunger stalk abroad or pestilential disease claim its thousands of victims?

"Is it, then a serious 'sacrifice' to invest one's money in the interest-bearing obligations of one's government in order to make everlastingly secure the nation's freedom as well as the nation's property? Is it a grave sacrifice to devote one's labor to such a cause and in the process to acquire the habit of thrift and saving, so sadly lacking as a characteristic of the American people?

"Our allies fought for us nearly three years before we began to fight with them. For nearly that period of time the United States profited tremendously, in a commercial and industrial sense, by the European war. Immense fortunes were made; prosperity pervaded our land. Our domestic trade was almost past computation; our foreign trade in many lines was epochal.

"France and Britain lost millions of men killed and millions of others wounded. Less than sixty thousand American heroes sleep beneath the sod of France. These men made the supreme sacrifice. Should we dishonor their memories or diminish the glory of their service by pausing in the cheerful performance of an imperative duty?

"Do we quite fully appreciate the sacrifices made by these boys for us when we talk about discharging our debt on a commercial basis, in a cold-blooded way? May we not, in this temper, present a distasteful contrast with the spirit of that American soldier who, standing at the brink of eternity, pulled out and gave over his last farthing to help the Red Cross aid other wounded men!

"I want to be sensible in dealing with the Victory Loan. But, as the question looks to me, we should not approach it in cold blood. We have a right to invoke the patriotism of the people. Upon this I shall confidently rely; and I predict that the response will in no measure disappoint the expectation of those who set a high estimate upon the fine spirit of the American nation.

"We call this last the Victory Liberty Loan. It is that and more! It is a Thanksgiving Loan. We are not going to approach it strictly in a commercial spirit. We are not going to float it strictly on a commercial basis. It is impossible to do it. A little thought will teach the wisest among the financiers of this country that it is impossible now to float, purely for investment purposes, a loan of five or six billions of dollars.

"We have got to appeal to the patriotism of the American people, and it will not be done in vain. There are yet two million American boys in France and Germany who must be maintained in comfort and brought home in safety and provided with employment on their return. While congress is writing off the books \$15,000,000,000 of authorizations, for which public funds would have been expended had not the war suddenly terminated, the government is still expending two billion dollars per month to meet the honorable commitments of the country.

"The honor of the government is involved, and I know that the appeal of the American government to the American people will meet a response of which the nation will be proud."

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