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, With the passing of the passenger pigeons, which even now so many friends of all birds find it hard to believe and, of which a great many are not convinced, the plovers were marked for wholesale destruction. They were candidates for oblivion along with more than a score of other useful and beautiful species that could be ill spared from our vast and valuable native fauna.

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. The upland plover is a migratory bird and an insectivorous bird Its food consists of 97 per cent of animal forms which are chiefly the worst enemies to agriculture. The federal law fixes a closed season on migratory insectivorous birds to continue throughout the year with the exception of the bobolink or ricebird, but under the law the plover is classed as a migratory game bird and so its fate is precarious. These birds should not be

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. The hero of Appointtox replied:

"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. I am not aware that a failure occurred in any one instance of my exercising the functions and powers of my offices in every case requiring their discharge, or of my exercising all necessary executive acts in whatever part of the United States I may at the time have been.'

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 sandpapered quite smooth. Then, says "Camera Craft," while the dish is being made thoroughly warm, to just a little short of the scorching point, using an ordinary kitchen oven, the wax should be melted and heated in a water bath on top of the fire. With both the dish and the wax as hot as can be conveniently handled, the coating is applied with a brush that is not too stiff, as evenly as possible. working in a warm atmosphere. When the fire has gone out the dish may be put back in the oven, so that the wood will absorb more of the wax than it otherwise would, leaving it there until the next morning. With a little practice one is able to make a workmanlike job; and such dishes, particularly for large sizes, make a great saving in expense.

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. I let everyone push ahead of me to secure the remaining seats of a subway coach. I suffer when forced to take a proffered seat. I do not interfere with the conversation of shopgirls behind the counter. I wait. I accept invitations from "persons" desirous of showing off their homes or their cash in restaurants. I listen patiently to platitudes of the young, or to the discoverers of Oscar Wilde and Bernard Shaw. I agree that men are vainer than women. I smile upon annoying children. I admire the costuming of all the women I know. Unless hysterical, I never inquire of my love where he has been, whither going, or whom he has seen. I give everyone the preference of liberty. I lose opportunities .- G. Vere Taylor in Judge.

Useless Precaution. "I told the minister to leave the word 'obey' out of the marriage cere-

mony." "You needn't to have taken the trouble. He is a man who doesn't believe in wasting words."

Easy.

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

"Easy to deduce that a man's misfortunes are his own fault."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

HONORED BY ALL

Praise Accorded American Soidiers 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

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

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

"Especial praise," says a dispatch from Amsterdam, "was given 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 re-

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. In all their letters home they wrote of their irrepressible dread that the war might be stopped in some way before they had taken vengeance upon the Huns for their bestial conduct toward wounded men and helpless women and

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. And yet, upon the testimony of these brutes themselves, "their behavior is blameless."

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 selfcontrolled. 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.

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

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 rowdyism, inefficiency, intemperance and cowardice for the boys whose fathers and big brothers have extorted such admiration not only from friends but foes .- Cincinnati En-

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In the Old Sweet Way. Christmas came in the old, sweet way; the Lord ain't forgotten where

his homefolks stay! Oh, they've been in the dark, but the dark made the day; the Lord knows the number where his homefolks stay! Burn, little fire, in the humble place, with the Christmas smilin' in a child's sweet face; sing, sweet Christmas, in the old, sweet way: "The Lord ain't forgotten where his homefolks stay!"-Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitu-

No Economy.

"The Germans consider themselves great political economists." "Don't see why they should, after the way they wasted money on propa-

The Dizzy Life. Miss Prittikid-Oh, I am so happy,

Jack has bought a new auto; one-man top, you know. Mrs. Ryder—How nice! Now he can take you for a spin.

None Turned Up. "I can't tell just what nationality that tall stranger belongs to. He wears a drooping mustacle."

"Oh, then, he must belong to the Prussian guards."

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. Even in this restricted sense it is still broad enough to include the subject of the acoustic or mechanical side and the anthropological or philological side. It may discuss simply the speech vibrations that cause any particular sensations on the human ears, or it may include an investigation of the marner and causes of the changes the articulate sounds of a language undergo as it develops. The study of 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. And the sounds of our language cannot be successfully studied or explained without some use of phonetic spelling. Hundreds of phonetic alphabets have been proposed, but the only one that has made progress and bids fair to become general (naturally with some modifications) is that of the Association Internationale Phonetique. This alphabet took form between 1885 and 1889 in proposals made by Paul Edouard Passy, a noted French phonetician.

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 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. When we are able to increase this to five miles per second, the projectile, if fired at a suitable angle, will travel around the earth as a grazing satellite, completing its orbit between 17 and 18 times daily. With a velocity of about seven miles a second, it will move off into space, never to return.

Hidden Beauties.

The hidden beauties of standard auchors 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. Milton's "Comus" flashed upon me in this way .- N. P.

Doing Nicely. "I hear you have a new lady clerk."

"Yep.' "How is she doing in the office?" "Doing very well. Half the clerks seem to be willing to do her work for her."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

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

"How so?" "You were sold at auction."-Boston Evening Transcript.

Its Effect.

"There is one thing about the air of society." "What is that?" "It has a tendency to make a green

man turn red."

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

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 considerately? 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 deflied 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 sav-"Is it, then a serious 'sacrifice' 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 tion; 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 America. 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 coldblooded 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 Lib-

erty 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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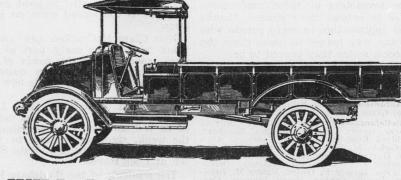
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