

THE LOST PASSENGER PIGEON.

The last scene of the last act in the tragedy of the passenger pigeon is the present search of museums for stuffed members of the lost species which are here and there in private possession.

Along the Mississippi, a half century ago, live passenger pigeons up to 1875 were the pest of the wheat farmer. In order to get rid of them they trapped the birds in nets and hauled them to the market by wagon load, where they were glad to sell their catch at any price. The pigeons were shipped to eastern markets by the car load.

Volumes have been written on the overwhelming tragedy of the passenger pigeon, but if one will hurry, it is yet possible to get the story at first hand. Here and there in the north middle western States an aged man or woman may be found who "remembers as though it were yesterday" when the passenger pigeons traveled in flocks of countless millions north over the Mississippi Valley.

One of these pioneers is Robert Quigley, a former Iowa Senator. Mr. Quigley was born in the forties in a log cabin near the Mississippi. He remembers when the valley in which they lived, in the spring of the year used to become dark in the middle of the day, because the pigeons were flying over it in such hordes as completely to shut off the sun.

"If it were late in the day," Mr. Quigley says, "sometimes the flocks dropped like a cloud from the sky to roost in the woods along the creek. Such masses of them bunched together on the trees that all night we heard the cracking of the limbs as they broke under their weight. In the early morning they arose with a mighty roar of wings, and in a couple of minutes were only a black speck in the northern sky, so rapidly did they fly."

"We used to find beechnuts in the crops of those we killed, showing that they had come three hundred miles or more since their last feeding. It was just as the wheat had been put in the ground in the spring by the farmers of the northern central States that the immense flocks came. That is why they were such a pest, for they settled down on the fields like the grasshopper swarms of recent years. I have seen them go over a wheat field, rolling like a great blue wave. Not a kernel of wheat would be left."

The last time Mr. Quigley remembers seeing the passenger pigeons nesting in great numbers was in 1859. After that, he says, they began to diminish rapidly. In 1870 they had become so reduced in numbers that only small flocks were seen, and these were so rare that hunters were all agog when a flock of pigeons was reported in any neighborhood. A few years later the very last of the species winged their flight up the Mississippi. Now there is not a live passenger pigeon in all America, and the museums are offering fabulous prices for a stuffed one.

"How could they entirely disappear?" Mr. Quigley was asked. His answer was the same as that of all who try to explain to the wondering men and women of this generation the greatest tragedy in American life—the extinction of the graceful, beautiful passenger pigeon.

"They were trapped in colossal numbers in the spring before the breeding season, at first because they were injurious to the crops, and later by the market hunter. As their numbers became less and the market for them better, they were hunted and trapped all winter in the south and all summer in the north. The immense flocks were reduced to small flocks by this wholesale slaughter. Then the small flocks were shot to death by local hunters."

So it happened that one day the nation awoke to the astounding knowledge that in place of millions of wild pigeons, there was not one at large. Of the few in captivity the very last one died a number of years ago in the Cincinnati Zoological gardens.

The faithfulness of the pigeon to its mate made the utter annihilation of them possible. The passenger pigeon chose its mate for life. If either of the pair was killed, the other remained a celibate the rest of its days.—Our Dumb Animals.

STATE PARKS TO BE ESTABLISHED.

The State forest commission has taken action to establish about fifteen state parks, or recreation grounds, in different sections of Pennsylvania. Governor Sproul recently approved a law authorizing the Commission to set aside within the State forests unusual or historical groves of trees especially worthy of permanent preservation. The law provides that the parks are to be made accessible and convenient for public use, and they are to be dedicated in perpetuity to the people of the State for their recreation and enjoyment.

Colonel Henry W. Shoemaker, a member of the Forest Commission, has suggested a list of fifteen historical and noteworthy groves of big trees which he considers suitable for parks in various parts of the State. The Forest Commission has agreed that an advisory committee shall be appointed to act on the selection of the proposed recreational areas, and other sites which may be considered later. At the suggestion of Gifford Pinchot, the State's chief forester, the members of the committee will offer names of persons who may be considered for the committee.

Some of the proposed public parks suggested by Colonel Shoemaker are: Forest Engineers park, on Moore's Run, Potter county; Nine Mile drive, on Prouty Run, Potter county; Mount Riansares, once the property of the Queen of Spain, in Clinton county; Joyce Kilmer Recreation park, in Union county; Allan Seeger Recreation park, Huntingdon county; New Germantown Hemlocks, Perry county; Cox's Valley Pines and Hemlocks, Mifflin county, and McConnell Narrows Hemlocks, a magnificent virgin forest in Union county.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.

DAILY THOUGHT.

Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility; for it thinks all things lawful for itself, and all things possible. It is, therefore, able to undertake all things, and it completes many things, and warrants them to take effect, where he who does not love would faint and lie down.—Thomas a-Kempis.

Summer Care of the Eyes.—After we have had a long stretch of warm weather the eyes are likely to protest against the dust and lack of moisture in the atmosphere by a dry, burning sensation, while their appearance is less sparkling and bright than at other times.

It is well worth while to take good care of the eyes, for unless they are at their best the whole system reacts to the condition. Then, too, patriotic work, such as sewing or making surgical dressings, may tax the eyes somewhat, so it behooves us to take such precautions as are within our power to keep our eyes in good condition.

Procure an eye cup, as it is impossible to cleanse the ball of the eye without a properly shaped vessel. Have prepared a simple bottle of the following eye wash:

Eye Wash.

- Borax 5 grains
- Rosewater 2 ounces
- Camphor water 2 ounces

Half fill the eye cup with this and add as much more warm water. Bathe the eye twice a day. Be sure that the bottle is plainly labeled so that the wrong one will not be taken in a hurry.

A simple solution of boracic acid is also soothing. Use eight grains to four ounces of water. Hot water will effect dissolving more readily than cold. Use distilled water and apply three or four times a day.

Witch Hazel also enjoys a considerable reputation for brightening and resting the eyes.

Witch Hazel Lotion.

- Distilled witch hazel 2 ounces
- Distilled water 2 ounces

Use in an eye cup.

After one has gone for a motor ride or has been on the water or even spent a long and rather trying day in a busy office one of these simple eye washes will rest and soothe.

A great many people wear eye-glasses nowadays. It is amazing how some people can tolerate the soiled, smeary glasses through which they try to see. This is injurious to the eyes. Soap and water are excellent cleansers or a little plain alcohol. Polish with a clean, dry chamois.

In some of the establishments where glasses are fitted and tested a solution is kept in an atomizer made up of equal parts of alcohol, water and listerine, with a couple of drops of oil of eucalyptus added to the alcohol.

This disinfects, cleanses and the oil tends to prevent the accumulation of moisture on the lenses.

It is very unwise to attempt to read in a poor light. The light should come over the left shoulder. To read lying down also strains the eyes, or to read in the twilight or in a moving vehicle.

A couple of times a day every one who can should either lie down or sit down in an easy chair, resting the head at the base of the brain and close the eyes for several minutes. The relaxation of the nerves will be very grateful. It is impossible to expect bright eyes if one does not get regular sleep or keep the system in good condition by drinking plenty of pure water and eating laxative foods.

Some people cannot ride in an automobile with the cover down without suffering with headache and burning eyes. In that case either wear a cap with a visor or goggles, or ask that the cover be put up.

No woman can be truly beautiful without bright eyes which do not express weariness or strain.

Are you getting the most out of your separate skirt? Of course you wear a separate skirt when you play tennis or golf, or even when you join the on-lookers. But, do you put your skirt to any other purpose, save tolerating it at a pinch when your frock needs renovating? Has it occurred to you that a Canton crepe blouse with your Canton crepe skirt would make a smart little street frock?

As a matter of fact there are many occasions when a skirt and blouse are just the right costume, if the blouse is right. Miss Gould makes these suggestions for a small-cost, adaptable costume: A silk crepe skirt, with it a matching silk crepe slip-over for street wear; a cotton voile smock, for sports; several crisp organdie blouses, for general morning wear, and a chiffon blouse the same shade as the skirt, for perhaps an informal luncheon.

A Tunic that Ties On.—"Tying," it seems, is "being done." In fact, it appears to be a poor wardrobe that doesn't have something that ties. You tie your sash. You tie your blouse. And, now, behold, you tie your tunic! It's the smartest little trick you ever saw for making a "frock" out of just an ordinary dress.

For instance! You have a little taffeta dress—just a straight little dress with an elastic at the waist in the popular new fashion. With cunning net or embroidery collars and cuffs, it is a general-utility dress suitable for nine out of every ten occasions. Then along comes the tenth occasion. Well, here's where the tunic ties on. It's made of printed chiffon, or perhaps of white organdie, and there are collar and sleeve ruffles to match. They're adjusted in a twinkling and there you are!

Of course you wear a camisole to match the color of your blouse. But what do you wear in the way of undermuslins with it?

It is all right in winter time to slip a camisole over your chemise; but aren't you tempted in July to cut off your chemise at the waist line and do away with the extra thickness of material above? That's literally what has happened, for now there are envelope and step-in drawers designed especially to wear with camisoles. It doesn't mean cumbersome old-fashioned drawers with strings to tie and buttons that never stay buttoned.

OF INTEREST TO HUNTERS.

Governor Sproul has approved the bill making it a misdemeanor to kill a person in mistake while hunting, and requiring the person so guilty to pay from \$500 to \$1,000 to a representative of the deceased and undergo imprisonment from two to five years. The act is not to apply where a person may kill another while actually shooting at game.

A plan whereby the State Forest,

Fisheries and Game Commission can unite to condemn and acquire for the State lands deemed necessary for forestry or game protection or preservation is provided by a bill approved by the Governor.

The Governor has also announced his approval of the bill establishing a new scale of workmen's compensation for the loss of hands, eyes, legs, etc. Sixty per cent. of the wages is to be paid for the loss of a hand for 1755 weeks; of an arm 215 weeks; of a foot for 150

weeks; of a leg for 215 weeks; of an eye 125 weeks and for two or more of such members not constituting total disability sixty per cent. for the aggregate of the periods for each.

For serious permanent disfigurement of the face of such a character as to produce an unsightly appearance and such as is not usually incident to the employment, sixty per cent. of the wages for 150 weeks. The compensation is not to be more than \$12 a week nor less than \$6.

By the terms of a bill just approved, the prothonotary of any county may have dilapidated, faded or injured books or papers copied, transcribed and certified for better preservation of records.

Federal Judge Rose, of Baltimore, has just rendered a decision to the effect that the ouija board is merely an ordinary game, taxable as such. He strips it of its mystery and its spiritualistic appendages.

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WOMEN CONTROL TOWN'S DESTINY

Can Make or Break a Community Through Exercise of Their Buying Power.

THEY HOLD PURSE STRINGS

It is Estimated That at Least 80 Per Cent of Retail Purchasing is Done by Feminine Shoppers.

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It has been said that the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world and nowhere is this more literally true than in the world of trade. The woman is the purchasing agent of the household and man, as a rule, is very glad to have her handle the job.

It has been estimated by some students of the merchandising game that 80 per cent of all retail buying is done by women. This may be a high estimate but a visit to the retail stores of any town or city is enough to convince one that the figures are not too high. The preponderance of women among the buyers is sufficient, at any rate, to make not only the retailer but the manufacturer and the wholesaler realize that it is the women that they must please with their merchandise.

Because they do by far the greater part of the buying in any community, the women have a responsibility that they do not always appreciate. The women of a town, through their buying power, can make or break the merchants of a town and as a natural consequence they can make or break the town. It is in their power to make it a prosperous town or a dead town. When the women of a town acquire the mail order habit, the town may just as well begin making arrangements for its own obsequies.

Hard to Understand. Just why a woman, who is a shopper by instinct and a shrewd judge of values in merchandise, should succumb to the lures of the mail order house it is difficult to understand but, unfortunately, some of them do. No one knows better than the woman who has had some experience in the buying of merchandise how difficult it is to distinguish between the genuine and the imitation even after a close inspection. The good shopper, when on buying bent, does not always take the first article that is offered for inspection. In fact this is the exception rather than the rule. The merchants

know it and expect it. They expect a woman, if she is a good shopper, to "look around a little."

If a woman should walk into a retail store and purchase the first suit that she tried on, for instance, the shock probably would prove fatal to the storekeeper or the saleswoman. The chances are that she will try on a dozen suits and look at as many more before she selects one that suits her taste or pocketbook, and the storekeeper not only expects but wishes her to do this. He wishes her to be satisfied as he knows that a satisfied customer is the best advertisement that he can obtain.

Taking a Chance.

This same woman, however, may order a suit from a mail order house on the strength of nothing more than a pretty picture and an alluring description. She has not even the opportunity to try it on, to say nothing of the chance of examining the fabric, noting the exact shade of the material and inspecting the workmanship. She is taking chances on the suit fitting her, on the material being good and durable, the shade becoming to her and the workmanship of such a character that the suit will not fall to pieces. The woman who takes such chances cannot be called a shrewd shopper.

It might be more easily understood why mere man, unaccustomed and averse, as a rule, to shopping excursions, should fall a victim to the catalogue habit. He might find it easier to order from the picture in the catalogue than to go to a store and look for the article that he wanted or he might take the position that he wouldn't know what he was getting anyway if he went to the store and he might as well take a chance on the mail order gamble, but why the woman who knows what she wants and knows that she is getting what she wants when she gets it should buy on the "sight unseen" plan—well, that's another question altogether.

Woman's Greatest Opportunity.

Women are taking a more and more prominent part in public affairs all the time. They are aiding now in many parts of the country in running the affairs of state. Even where they do not have the ballot they are playing a big part, individually and through their organizations, in the conduct particularly of local governments, yet in the one field where they can do most to help build up their communities they may be overlooking their opportunity. With the buying power in their hands they can do more for their community by stanchly supporting their home business men than they can possibly do in any other way.

Man may think he is a very important element in the progress and development of his town but when he reflects that 80 per cent of the buying power of the community is in the hands of the women he is apt to realize that he is a very insignificant atom.

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