

ARE PASSENGER PIGEONS RETURNING.

By H. W. Lush, Galesite. How many men or women at, or about the age of 60, do not recall the days when in Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan and Canada, millions of wild or passenger pigeons swarmed over these States in such numbers that in many instances they covered the entire horizon.

Many theories were advanced, giving the reason for believing they were right. One was, that a disease came upon them, making a complete extermination. Others claim they were disappointed many seasons in finding no beechnuts, or shuck, as these nuts were commonly called, which diverted them to other countries.

So seriously has the Government taken this, that for years a standing offer has been in vogue for \$3,000 for a male and female passenger pigeon. Up to this date no birds of this specie have been delivered.

These birds were coming here in streams for a week and the woods which they occupied started at a point on Crippen Run (near Germania Station). From there it took in Lyman Run, Borbett, Cherry Springs, with a continuation over the Jersey Shore Turnpike to the very threshold of Coudersport.

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All ended when birds forced to abandon their hatching grounds on account of the murderous methods of what were supposed to be civilized hunters, who were in reality uncivilized vandals. Now the writer does not wish to convey the impression that all who hunted were classed as heartless, but the greater part of them were un-animous.

When they came nearer and not flying higher than 50 or 60 feet, discovered they were wild pigeons, male and female. The former can be distinguished by the length of the tail and also by a streamer feather on each side of the tail.

The passenger pigeon, after mating season, travel in pairs, male slightly larger than the female, color dark bluish drab with salmon colored downy feathers under the wings; always alert, looking for enemies and very handsome and clean cut.

young takes in a radius of 100 miles or more, scarcely ever feeding near their nesting ground, which it is claimed they hold for the young birds after leaving the nest.

In the thickest of nesting ground it is next to impossible to hear anything but the flutter of wings which becomes most deafening and at the nesting place little attention is paid to the hunter, while at any other time one could not get within rifle shot of them.

Chemists Ward off Starvation With Their Discoveries.

All fears that the civilized race will starve eventually through lack of fertilizers for food production, or apprehensions that gasoline supplies will give out with exhaustion of petroleum deposits, were cast aside by leading chemists of the world who are assembled on the campus of the Pennsylvania State College.

Food from the air, literally, and motor fuel from coal and gases, were shown to be actual facts in recent sessions of the Institute which concludes its month of chemical development discussions this week.

No longer need the United States farmers depend upon Chili for nitrates for fertilizer, for it is now being manufactured right at home from air and water cheaper than it can be brought from South America.

There will be sufficient of these three important fertilizers available in the United States to last almost indefinitely, the chemists declare. The manufacture of nitrates with nitrogen from the air has been developed to such a high degree of perfection that so long as water power is available nitrates will be supplied in any desired quantities.

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Other developments during recent sessions at State College included the commercial development of "dry ice" or solid carbon dioxide gas, with which ice cream can be shipped from coast to coast with only a few small lumps to keep it far below the freezing point; that the United States has a monopoly on fire proof helium gas which should develop airships as a safe and practicable means for air transportation during the next ten years; that "artificial rainbows" with the use of a spectroscopic will rear better automobile engines for the future, capable of giving 30 to 50 miles on a gallon of fuel; and that Muscle Shoals power is too expensive to use in profitable manufacture of nitrate.

Kill Horses for Insurance.

Smothering horses to death in order to fraudulently collect insurance on the animals constitutes the foundation for an alleged horse killing ring of Garfield county, Nebraska, which farmers uncovered recently.

Five men have been arrested in connection with the death of several horses on which insurance later was collected.

A unique plan was pursued in collecting the insurance. Immediately after a thunderstorm the stock would be found dead, presumably struck by lightning. The plan followed in killing the horses involved taking a large inner tube of an automobile tire, sealing an end and then drawing it over the head of the victim animal.

According to one of the "inside" of the scheme, this procedure would smother the animal to death and the tube would be removed, leaving no mark. The men then would burn the animal with a blow torch to simulate lightning, later burning grass in the immediate vicinity, to make the evidence more realistic.

The ring leader of the group, an investigator said, was paying his accomplice \$5 each for a "job," which included bunching several animals together, preferably near a wire fence, to smother them to death and then apply the torch.

Confessions are said to be in the hands of the Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, of Lincoln, Neb., which issued the policies.—Perry County Democrat.

EXTINCTION OF EIDER DUCK BLOCKED BY LAW

Staging a Comeback Under Canadian Protection.

Washington.—Eider ducks, in the shadow of extinction, are doing a comeback, thanks to the protection of the Canadian government, according to the American Nature association. This is the duck that plucks down from her breast to keep her young warm.

Arthur Newton Pack, associate editor of Nature Magazine, informed Vincent Massey, Canadian minister, he had received a telegram from Howard H. Cleaves of the association at Wolfbay, Que., reporting on his investigation. The telegram from Cleaves says:

"Eider ducks numerous along Canadian Labrador coast due to excellent protection by the government. I have seen more than 2,000 breeding birds in ten days' cruising. Hundreds of them in each of four sanctuaries cited to date. From one hilltop I saw 75. Nesting birds flew up on all sides."

Despite lingering snow banks and passing icebergs, some eiders have hatched. This fine bird is making wonderful recovery from shadow of extinction and with good weather there will be a large increase this year.

"This is certainly good news," Pack wrote to Minister Massey, "and on behalf of the thousands of members of the American Nature association I want to thank the Canadian government."

"Eider ducks on the great breeding grounds in Labrador were nearing extinction because of constant collection of eggs and killing of adult birds for their feathers and down. Before 1870 vessels were fitted out in New England for this purpose.

"When there were young in the nests the old birds were molting their flight quills and unable to fly. Men surrounded, drove them together and killed them with clubs, leaving the helpless young to perish. All this for feathers alone, for the birds had no food value.

Import Eiderdown.

"For a number of years this went on until the birds were so reduced as to make feather hunting unprofitable. During this time and ever since eiders, fishermen and settlers have destroyed both birds and eggs until the vast eider nurseries are a mere memory and we are importing our eiderdown from the more humane people of the Old world.

"In Norway and Iceland, where these birds are protected, they become almost as tame as domesticated fowls, nesting places are made in the turf or among stones and some of them even nest on the sod roofs of houses.

Actor, Telepathist, Reads Court's Mind

New York.—With absolutely nothing up his sleeve and no confederates in the house, Joseph Dunninger, a vaudeville mind reader, told Magistrate Macy in Traffic court that the magistrate was going to sentence him to pay \$5 or spend two days in jail for parking on West Forty-seventh street during the theater hour.

He was right. The magistrate, not above conducting a scientific experiment to liven the tedium of the Traffic court, decided that he would give his public a demonstration as to whether a mind reader is or isn't.

"You are thinking, 'Don't park your car near theaters in the rush hour,'" the telepathic parker told the magistrate.

"What is the sentence I am about to give you?" he inquired, as if he were asking Dunninger what is the number of the gentleman's gold watch and is the little lady going to marry the young man she is keeping company with. Will you concentrate, please?"

"Five dollars or two days in jail," quoth the mind reader mournfully.

British Service Men Make Cloth for Frocks

London.—Disabled former service men are engaged in decorating fine cloth for rest gowns, day frocks and evening gowns.

Princess Mary has bought three dress lengths of the decorated cloth known as "painted fabric."

One is of the soft blue inlet with lavender panels, having a hyacinth and lavender crocus border painted up from the hem of the skirt. Another dress length is in rose pink with a medieval painted design. Princess Mary also bought an apricot-colored shawl with the same type of work.

Turkish Dogs Spend Summer on Boats

Scutari, Turkey.—In Turkish villages along the Bosphorus a dog's life is that of a sailor.

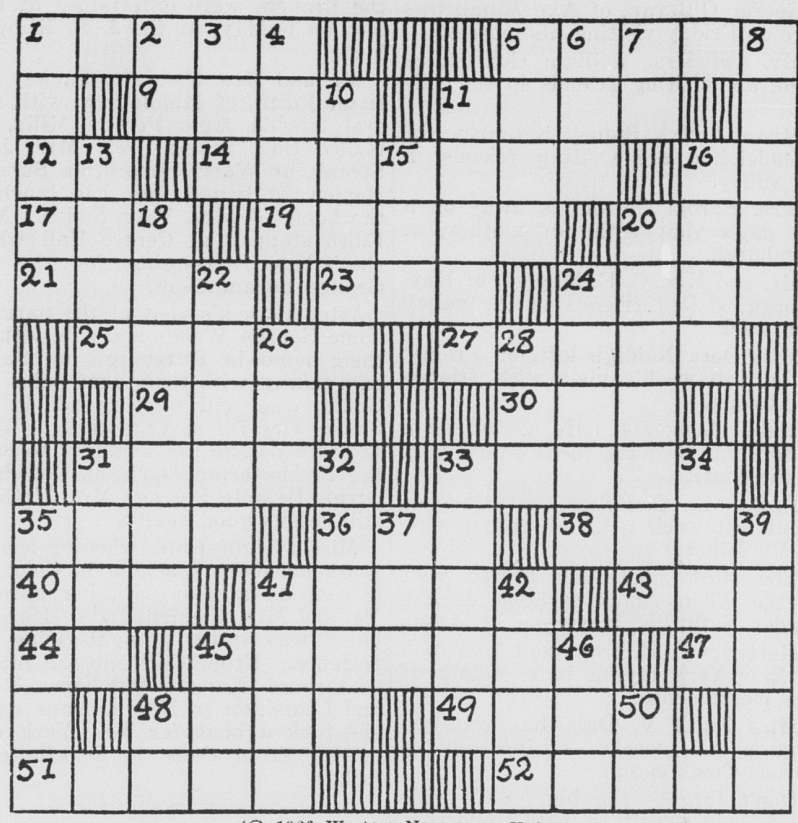
When a village becomes "overhounded" with street dogs the village fathers, loath to kill, as the Koran dictates kindness to animals, charter a ferry boat and ship a load of dog derelicts across the straits to some village on the opposite shore. The villagers on the other side ferry them back, adding a quota of their own.

The original exporters retaliate, and thus a game of battledore and shuttlecock wages yearly between Europe and Asia.

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 1.



- Horizontal. 1—Fat 5—Separated 9—Kind of fuel used in British Isles 11—One of Adam's sons (Bib.) 12—That thing 14—Part of a gun 16—Note of scale 17—Condensed vapor 18—River of England 20—Beverage 21—Makes a mistake 23—Before (poetic) 24—Only 25—Peppermint candies 27—Salute of guns 29—Born 30—Is owing 31—One who acts for another 32—To be mentally perturbed 35—To state 36—Boy's name 38—One who regulates his attitude toward a person according to the latter's station in society 40—Conjunction 41—Chairs 43—To bring suit 44—Half an em 45—Stinging insects 47—Sun god 49—Part of a track 51—Oklahoma city 52—Boasts
- Vertical. 1—Conceit 2—Preposition 3—Encountered 4—To separate 5—To encourage 6—Prefix meaning through 7—Boy's name 8—String 10—Becomes weary 11—Girl's name 13—Semester 15—German (abbr.) 16—Storage place for silage 18—Clothes washing accessory 20—Rules 22—A gibe 24—Disparages 26—Number under twelve 28—Fuss 31—River in England 32—Rows 33—Colorless fluid 34—Personal possessive pronoun 35—Concerning 37—Hastened 39—Nib of a bird (pl.) 41—Beverage 45—Belonging to him 46—Man's title 48—Boy's name 50—Note of scale

Queer Things From the Sky.

No belief is more firmly fixed than that frogs, small fish, snakes, angleworms, turtles, insects and other small creatures are drawn up into the clouds by the sun and later rained down upon the earth. Any thinking man knows that the sun, which can not vaporize the salt in the ocean and carry it into the clouds, cannot pick up small animals and hold them floating in the atmosphere. The presence of these creatures on the ground immediately after a shower is probably due to one of two reasons. In the case of frogs, worms, turtles and insects, they were probably there before the rain and the downpour stimulated them into activity.

In the case of fish and other creatures it is quite possible, scientists explain, for a waterspout of cyclonic whirlwind to scoop up a pond and it's contents and deposit it at a distant point, just as it will carry pebbles and pieces of wood a long distance. So-called "blood showers" usually consist of colored dust, volcanic ash or plant pollen in the raindrops.—The Pathfinder.

Prepares Book on Europe. Publication of the 1927 edition of his "Satchel Guide to Europe" has just been announced by Dr. W. D. Crockett, head of the Latin department at the Pennsylvania State College, and one of the best posted Americans on European travel.

The Watchman publishes news when it is news. Read it.

Faulty Elimination

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