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MANY REPTILES ARE DEAF

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Safety of Man Frequently Due to That Cause.

ATTRACTED BY LIGHT

Not Because of the Heat, However, as They Have Been Known to Leave Safe and Warm Retreat in Winter for the Sunshine.

It is a little known fact-it has, inlood, but recently been discovered by saturalists-that a majority of the enomous reptiles with which the world is infested are wholly or partialg deaf, while their sight is often deective. To this is probably due the mmunity of man from attack by these creatures, for men hear and see ae serpents before they are heard or son and are enabled either to escape rom their proximity or to make adesumte preparations for defense.

A German naturalist, M. Werner, of flenna, has recently reported the rewit of observations that he has been anking for some time on the senses *d* inferior vertebrates.

On certain points the conclusions of M. Werner are very surprising, and in all they are worthy of notice, M. Werter has observed 136 individuals, of rhich one-third were at liberty, and ie took all possible precautions not to et the creatures know they were vatched. One general fact is evident. hat reptiles and amphibians are trongly attracted by water. They go traight for it, even when they are at wdistance so great that they could not tivine its presence by any of the enses known to us. It seems really hat a sense of which we have no mowledge informs them of the direcion in which water may be found.

There seems to be a sort of chemiattraction, says M. Werner. But new does this act and on what part d the creature? This remains a mysery. Reptiles also seek the light, but ndependently, of heat; they are posiively heliotropic, and in winter they ften leave a comfortable and warm retreat to seek the sunlight. Sight is generally good with them. It is probshly the finest sense they possess, but t would still appear to be very limbed. The saymans and the crocodiles sannot distinguish a man at a distance d more than six times their length, coording to M. Werner. In the water ishes see only at very close rangeabout half their own length. This will seem, perhaps, unlikely to anglers. Athough some of them can cite ntances showing to have a very ms docre sense of sight. The boa, for ntance, does not see at more than a marter and a third of its own length; different species are limited to oneifth or one-eighth of their length .-hicago Chronicle.

Twelve Russian Proverbs.

Bat the honey thou canst find, drink he vermouth thou canst not avoid. If thou sayest snow is dirty, what wilt thou say about chimney soot ? Even the stupid man is clever mough to make an excuse. When the nightingale's voice was raised, the cart horse began to

reigh. "What a pity to lose my splendid

wat!" cried the ferryman as he and is passengers were drowning. When the avaricious man has sold

SINGING MICE IN LONDON.

Strange Melody Similar to That of Canaries,

A resident of London writes as follows about singing mice: "We had never heard of their existence until a fortnight ago, when we arrived from the continent and went into lodgings in an old house just off Oxford circus. The first night we were awakened by loud singing, as of a number of birds, and our first impression was that some one kept nightingales in cages. The next morning the landlady informed us they were singing mice we had heard, and she had read of them when her lodgers began to hear them in the walls. When we clapped our hands we could hear the mice running away in the walls, and when all was still they began again their concert. It was not squeaking or chirping, but

Disposing of Seized Tobacco.

sustained singing, as of canaries in a

oage."

English customs officers for years have made a special search of travelers' luggage for contraband tobacco. The early practice was to bury it when confiscated. This conseless waste was suspended for a time by the happy idea of distributing the tobacco among the troopships. That did not last long, and next the contraband was smoked in the "queen's pipe," a huge receptacle which could turn hundreds of tous into smoke in a few hours. Again the misgiving of the waste troubled the authorities, and they took to regaling the criminal lunatics in certain government asylums. Any tobacco that was left over was ordered for the use of troops sent on foreign service, But that luxury seems to have been cut off once more, although the criminal lunatics still enjoy their pipes and cigans; One attempt was made to throw the contraband , when it was slightly damaged, on the market, but this caused an outery from the tobacco trade.

Bedroom Suite in Solid Silver.

One's thoughts turn to the Arabian Nights when mention is made of a bedroom suite in solid silver, but such is the character of an order just placed at Sheffield. The name of the customer is so far secret, and the only information which can be obtained is that the instructions have come from the Far East, and that the question of price is only a minor consideration. The designs are of oriental character, and of a most elaborate description. The suite, which is in solid silver throughout, includes a bedstead, a cabinet, a dressing table, a dozen chairs, three foot baths, and three hot water cans. The bedstead is of the most ornate character. Each of the four pillars will be surmounted by gracefully modelled female figures nearly three feet in height. The moulding of the room and other decorations will also be of sterling silver. -London Tit-iBts.

A Touching Tribute.

In a tiny country village in New England a woman died recently and her relatives, friends and neighbors decided that a woman who had been so popular in life deserved something out of the ordinary in the way of a funeral.

The village did not boast of a band,

FORGERY EXPERTS' WORK

How They Can Discover the Work of Criminals.

DEEP STUDY REQUIRED

Knowledge of Handwriting Essential to Anyone Who Would Make Detection of Forgery a Business .--Minute Details Tell Tales.

'I am not an expert in chirography, but have at least made enough of a study of handwriting to tell why it is often easy to dotect the forgery of a name, though even the man whose name has been forged may declare the handwriting a perfect replica of his own," Mr. Arnold 'Keating says: "Of course, you know-everybody

knows, for that matter-that a man or woman never writes his name twice exactly in the same way. There is always a slight difference, and where two signatures of the same name appear identically alike it is safe to assume that one or both is a forgery. But suppose the signature has been forged but once, suppose the handwriting of which it is an exact copy has been destroyed or is not obtainable, of what avail is the comparative method then? The exact comparison cannot be employed, but other almost infallible comparisons are still available

"When a child is taught how to write, at first its penmanship is severely stiff and cramped; then it becomes very much like that in the copy book, but after this is discarded the child's character begins to creep into its handwriting. There are little idlosyncrasies apparent that are not to be found in the chirography of other children, and this manifestation of character continues to change it with development until about the age of twenty-five, when a person's character is fixed, and the handwriting from that time on continues about the same. The forger's copy of the signature or writing will appear to be exactly like that of the man, but when examined under a powerful microscope the tiny evidences of character that appear in every loop and line will be found to be largely missing, for the same character is not behind the pen. It is in the minute details that the forgery is discovered.

"Then, again, a man's mental condition will impress itself upon his writing. If he is nervous, bubbling over with joy or depressed, the fact will be apparent to the expert in writing. If the alleged handwriting doesn't show traces of the mental condition the man was really in at the time he was supposed to have written or signed a certain letter, the signature or the writing is a forgery. These are some of the ways in which an expert detects even the most successful forgery."-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Cobra Hunting.

Tales of tiger shooting in India are common enough, but one does not hear much about king cobra hunting. A Mervyn Smith tells how, accompanied by two natives, he went to a spot where a pair of king cobras were known to be. On arrival at the place he was made to get under a basket, but it had a drum corps, which was the meshes of which were too small hired to do honor to the occasion. for a king cobra to put its head Solemnly it played on the way to the through. While he was beneath this cemetery, but on the return it was basket one of the snakes came out asked to play something livelier as a and was shot with arrows by natives. The other cobra then appeared and endeavored to overturn the coop. De scribing the incident, the writer says: "The terror of that moment I cannot express. What if it should overturn the basket! The strength of thirteen feet of muscle must be enormous, and if used in the right direction would soon overcome my pull at the cord. What would then happen? Certain death for me, I felt sure. Again the whiz of an arrow and I saw a gaping wound along the neck of the fierce brute as it quitted its hold to look for this new foe. Fixing my knee on the cord, I now placed the muzzle of my gun just through one of the square openings in the basket, and aiming at the hood, fired both barrels in rapid succession, and had the satisfaction of seeing the horrid brute fling up the leaves and dust in its death throes."

ANGEY ARUANUMITES.

Oppose New Rates Despite the Firm Stand of Their Officers.

New York newspapers say that plans are being perfected to have a great mass meeting to take place in that city the latter part of this week or early next week to emphasize the protest of many members of the Royal Arcanum, as recently stated in these columns, against the new rates adopted by the Supreme Council at Atlantic City in May. Although officers of the organization assert that the agitation will blow over, the opposition appears to be growing.

In the "Royal Arcanum Bulletin," the official organ of the organization, which has just appeared. members are told that in no circumstances will there be any revocation or even modification of the decision of the Supreme Council. It is asserted that unless such a decided increase in the premiun rate as was ordered had been made it would be only a short time before the order would have to go out of business. Most serious of the objections is that old men who have for many years been paying assessments will after October 1, when the new rates become effective, have to pay greatly increased premiums or forfeit their policies. It is argued against this that in most cases policies on the lives of men more than 65 years old, of whom there are about 10.000 in the order, are held by outsiders or relatives on speculation.

While it is true the older members are doing most of the protesting, they are supported by the younger men, who take the stand that if the old men are now deprived of the protection they paid for for more than 20 years, no guarautee can be extended the young men that the same thing will not happen them.

The membership of the order is now estimated to be more than 316-000, scattered through every state in the Union and throughout

Don't Violate the Laws-

Canada.

The Government is entailing a very heavy expense in establishing and maintaining rural free delivery of our mails, and it is proving such a convenience to the people that very few who have experienced its advantages would be willing to do without it.

But the Government expects to be reimbursed for its great outlay, by an increased amount of mail to be carried, on which postage is to be paid, and it expects everybody to play fair in this matter. It is, therefore, required that all mail matter dropped into a box must have the requisite amount of post-



The American Girl. WHAT MAKES HER POPULAR.

The American girl is admired and liked at home and abroad because she is the happiest, usually the healthiest and friend-liest of girls. She is fond of life and is alive to everything beautiful and good in existence. Mrs. Langtry has said that the American woman has little to learn from her English sisters. Dr. Pierce, the appendiate in women's dis-

her English sisters. Dr. Pierce, the specialist in women's dis-cases, of Buffalo, N. Y., advises simple ex-ercises for women, preferably in the out-door air. But many women are confined to the house and their household duties or their business confines them to poorly ven-flated rooms. their business tilated rooms.

their business confines them to poorly ven-tilated rooms. If a woman suffers from a headache, a backache, a sensation of irritability or twitching and uncontrollable nervousness, something must be wrong with the head or back, she naturally says, but all the time the real trouble very often centers in the womanly organs. In 65 per cent of cases the seat of the difficulty is here, and a woman should take rational treatment for its cure. The local disorder and inflamma-tion of the delicate special organs of the sex should be treated steadily and system-atically. Backed up by over a third of a century of remarkable and uniform cures, a record such as no other remedy for the diseases and weaknesses peculiar to women ever attained, the proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 for any case of Leucentees be the total such as a so the program to pay \$500 for any

warranted in offering to pay \$500 for any case of Leucorthea, Female Weakness, Pro-lapsus, or Falling of Womb which they cannot cure. All they ask is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

3,500,000 Eggs in Storage Accumulation Held Until Prices go up Next Winter

A York dispatch says: The buying and storing of eggs in York county by agents for York and Baltimore cold storage houses has come to a close for the year. The prices at present asked by the farmers and poultry raisers are too high to render buying profitable. In one cold storage warehouse there are packed 2,400,000 eggs, which will be held until next winter, when they will be put upon the market.

In addition to the 200,000 dozen in this particular warehouse several country dealers have large holdings in cold storage houses in Baltimore and Philadelphia. These will aggregate over 1,000,000 eggs. so that at the present time there are about 3.500,000 York county eggs in storage.

Peach Crop no Failure

With the recurrence of the peach season its utter failure is yearly prophesied. This prophesy is made as regularly as the advent of the season. Indeed it has come to be age stamps on it or a sufficient a- recognized as one of the yearly premount of money in the box to pay dictions, and the people look for, the postage, and anything found in expect and are propared for it when the box, which is not thus stamped the time for it arrives. It has come or has not enough cash with it to to be such a fixture that they would be disappointed were it not made. This year, however, the indications office where it will be "held for are that despite the predictions the peach crop will be unusually heavy and it is with pleasure and surprise that one reads news like the following:

RAILROAD NOTES

Special Excursions and Reduced Rates. Of Interest to our Many Readers.

REDUCED RATES TO BALTIMORE via Pennsylvania Railroad account of the International Convention United Society of Christian Endeavor, at Baltimore, Md., July 5 to 10, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets to Baltimore, at greatly reduced rates, from ail stations on its lines east of and including Pittsburg, Erie, and Buffalo.

The rate from Pittsburg will be \$9.00, from Altoona \$7.49, Eric \$12.co, Williamsport, \$6.33, Buffalo, \$11.00, Canandaigua \$9.70, Elmira, \$8.50, New York, \$6.30, Newark, N. J., \$6 to, Reading, \$5.15, Wilkesbarre, \$7.05, Dover, Del., \$3.90, with corresponding reductions from all other points.

Tickets will be sold on July 3. 4. and 5, good for return passage leaving Baltimore antil July 15, inclusive. On payment of \$1.00 to Joint Agent at Baltimore an extension of return limit to August 31 can be obtained.

Tickets via Philadelphia permit stop-over within limit, if deposited with the ticket agent at Broad Street Station.

Special excursion tickets are on sale every Saturday and Sunday from Baltimore to Washington and return at rate of \$1.25 for the round trip. These tickets are good for return passage until the last train Sunday night, affording ample opportunity for delegates to visit the National Capital. 22 2t.

REDUCED RATES TO ASBURY PARK via Pennsylvania Railroad, account meeting of National Educational Association. For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the National Educational Association, to be held at Asbury Park, N. J., July 3 to 7, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Asbury Park from points more than one hundred miles from Asbury Park, i. e., Chester, Pa., Wallingford, Pa., Villa Nova, Pa., Spring Mill, Pa., Carpenterville, N. J., and Monroeville, N. J., Bridgeport, N. J. Waterford, N. J., and all stations beyond these points, at reduced rates. These tickets will be sold July 1, 2, and 3, and will be good to return leaving Asbury Park not earlier than July 3 nor later than July 10 and payment of fee of fifty cents, an extension of return limit may be obtained to August 31 inclusive. Tickets will be sold to Asbury Park via direct route and also via New York City in both directions, and will be honored only as they read. Stop over will be allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia within transit limit on going trip, and within ten days not to exceed final limit, on return

sat ne wants to sell the trees. The bees gather wax and honey; the warlcious man asks that they should iso prepare his meal

Do not look too long at the holes in our coat; but put patches on them. He who receive too much praise rows donkey's ears.

Spin flax if you canst not weave ilk

Dull silver is better than shining Tass.

No brass is prouder than that which as lately been coined .- Westminster lazette.

Origin of "Cad."

"Cad," it is pointed out by a writer s a word furnishing "a pathetic instance of verbal degeneration." He says: "Its grandfather 'cadet' and its ather 'caddie' are still alive in the anguage, though the relationship is secognized by few. 'Cadet,' signifying by derivation from the Latin a 'little lead,' or 'little chief,' was a sufficienty honorable word for the younger son of a noble family, and acquired its modern army sense from the fact that the army was often the destiny of younger sons. But it also begat 'cadie' or 'caddie,' a junior or subordiaate in general, such as a bricklayer's assistant or the familiar golf caddie. Then 'caddle' or 'cad' came to mean an odd jobman, and from calling the men who hung about to pick up jobs by this name, Oxford undergraduates presently applied it to 'town in general, as contrasted with 'gown.' As no compliment was thereby intended, its final degradation is obvious

Roses That Change Color.

The Chinese, Japanese and Slamese are peculiarly skilful at botanical feats. One of their wonderful achievements is known as the "changeable rose." The bloom is white in the shade and red in the sunlight. After night or in a dark room this curio ity of the rose family is a pure, waxy white blossom. When transferred to the open air the transformation immediately steps in, the time of the entire change of the flower from white to red depending on the degree of sunlight and warmth. First the petals take on a kind of washed or faded blue color, and rapidly change to a faint blush of pink. The pink gradually deepens in hue until you find that your lily-white rose of an hour before is as red as the reddest peony that ever bloomed .-- London Tit-Bits.

sort of quickstep home.

But the drum corps had made a specialty of serious music and knew only one lively air. However, it was perfectly willing to play the only cheerful bit of music it knew, and the funeral procession went cheerily home to the strains of "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

Long Lives of Birds.

Why do birds live so much longer than mammals, which are often a hundred times their size? Possibly, among other things, because they have beaks instead of teeth. All carnivorous beasts become weak and liable to starvation as their teeth drop out or break. Neither are the herbivorous animals in much better case. Old horses would probably die of starvation if wild, for their teeth would fail them; indeed, in some stony countries old horses have to be killed because their teeth are worn away by cropping grass close to the rock. Rodents constantly die from injuries to teeth. But a bird's beak neither wears out nor drops off, and as it constantly swallows fresh grit to aid in grinding food in the gizzard that needs no repairing either.

Recovered After Eighteen Years.

Eighteen years ago Capt. John Ingersoll of St. John, N. B., lost a masonic charm. It was supposed that it was lost during the progress of the fire that destroyed the steamer Flushing. Recently the dredge which has been at work near the spot brought the emblem to the surface, and it was found to be none the worse for the years that it has been burled in the mud of the river bottom. On cleaning the name was clearly discernible and the emblem was returned to its owner.

Change for Hudson's Bay.

It is propsed to change the name of Hudson's bay to "Canadian sea." This recalls the sad fate of the explorer who gave his name to the principal river of New York and whose memory has been associated by the genius of Washington Irving with the legends of the Catskills. On June 21, 1611, Capt. Hudson was set adrift in Hudson's bay by a mutinous crew with his son and seven sick or loyal sailors, the native name of "maninia." This and was never heard of afterward.

The Beds of Royalty.

Though the beds of the royal personages of England were elaborately carved and hung with rich curtains, even so late as the Tudor period it is recorded that King Henry VIII.'s bed contained only straw beneath all its finery. A curious order exists as to precautions to be taken against the possibility of intended mischief to the royal person in the making of the bed, for the usher was to search the straw through with a dagger, "that there be none untruth therein, and to tumble over on the down bed for the better search thereof." The bed of Henry VIII. was nearly eleven feet square and of even more generous dimensions is the great bed to which Shakespeare refers in a well-known passage in "Twelfth Night," which was twelve feet square. This "great bed of Ware" has been a marvel for centuries.

Cattle That Never Drink.

There are said to be hundreds of horses and thousands of cattle in the Hawalian Islands which never take a drink of water. On all the islands the upper altitudes of the mountains are given up to cattle ranges. Except possibly two or three months in the rainy season there are no streams or pools of water in any part where the cattle roam, but everywhere there grows a recumbent, jointed grass known by is both food and drink.

pay the postage, is to be litted by the carrier and brought to the post postage" according to law.

We have published the fact before, but there are some who, it seems, have not learned the fact or else think they can slip in a letter to a friend by dropping it into his letter box, their line of reasoning probably being that as the letter need not be handled by any government official, there need be no postage paid on it. But those boxes are crected under the protecting care of government and thus form part of the post office department, although paid for by the individual and, therefore, nothing can be permitted to pass through them without postage being paid thereon.

Carriers, who are expected to be obliging and accommodating, have no choice in the matter, as their instructions are imperative, to lift every piece of mailable matter found in a box, for which there is not provision for postage, and if the postage is not forth-coming in a specified time the missive is sent to the Dead Letter Office.

Let everybody play fair, therefore, with the government, and there will be no cause for complaint if intended notes dropped into letter boxes fail to reach their destination.

More Relief Associations-

One of the results of the four counties firemen's convention will be the organization of relief associations in towns and boroughs where such do not exist. These associations are entitled to a pro rata share of the tax paid to the state by for eign insurance companies doing business in the Commonwealth. The money is used for the benefit of firemen injured while on duty or for the relief of their families in case of death while fighting fires.

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