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LAVERTY DISCOVERS WAYS OF THE PHALAROPES

the Nest and Hatches the Brood.

Hollow-Ankled Deer Almost Got Away from Crack Adirondack Hunter's Gun

BUCK WAS SPEEDY

HAD AIR CELLS IN ITS LEGS Noted Marksman Had to Walt Until Leaves Fell for His Annual Shot,

but is Amply Repaid for the Long Delay.

Hunter's Home, Adirondachts, N. Y. -James Laverty, or "Mr. Jim," as he is known in this tremendous neck of woods, has got his annual buck of course. This one, the biggest and fattest deer shot on the mountainside. with the exception of that killed on the jump by Helen Middleton of Atlantic City on the opening day of the season, gave him a shock when he skinned It.

"Mr. Jim" would have got his buck long ago if it had not been for "Mrs. Jim." There being more hunters than deer here on the opening of the season, she would not permit her husband to go hunting for that buck until most of the leaves had fallen, thus reducing the danger of having her helpmate shot by mistake, to a minimum. Therefore it was that Jim watched the frost and the early shower of leaves closely. Those who don't know him thought his expression of delight at the beautiful coloring along the mountain slope following the first heavy frosts was from his pure love of nature beautiful? But those who have seen his restiveness along about this time of year knew he was waiting for the leaves to fall, so that his wife would let him go hunting.

It seemed safe enough on last Saturday, and with the permission of "Mrs. Jim" he shouldered his repeating shotgun and started along the miles of slope toward the John and Fred Milholland place, several miles away toward the wildest of the wilds. For, like the real hunter who always is careful of the lives and rights of others, he hunts deer with buckshotnot that he is in fear of missing with a rifle, but that a rifle bullet travels so fast and far no one knows where it is going to stop, especially when impelled from one of the modern high power guns.

Confident of her husband, "Mrs. Jim" stood long and patiently in the chill air in front of the famous Hunter's Home. Then came re-echoing from the mountainside, mellowed by distance, the unmistakable roar of Jim's gun.

"Well, he got him," she remarked serenely, for be it known that Jim never shot a doe, and never missed a buck.

But this buck was a curiosity, as Laverty learned when skinning it, for it had no "horseshoe" nail, or "toothpick" in either front ankle-it is called ankle for lack of any other name to express exactly where this "bone nail" is located. Just above

In This Dird Family the Male Sits on

Whether years are bringing changes in the ways of the birds or their habita are better known and more carefully observed from year to year there is a growing frequency in the reports of wanderings from accustomed routes of travel. The northern phainropes, familiar along the Canadian coast in their migration to and from their remote breeding grounds, do not often wander inland, But this season the deceptive expanse of the great lakes and the charms of the Humber valley brought a straggler by the overland route.

The phalaropes are peculiar in many ways. They are ploverlike birds, running along the shore or standing on masses of weeds gathering a supply of minute intects. But instead of the slender feet of the plover and sandpipers they have lobed feet that render thein expert swimmers. They seem almost ridiculously small and insignificant when swimming courageously over the waves in a breaking surf.

In domestic affairs the phalaropas have adopted the most startling of modern innovations, and if they ever establish political organizations the chief question will be as to the wirdom ir otherwise of extending the franchice to males. The female is the larger, and in summer wears a gay costume of black, while and buff, with a reddish brown gorget.

In this she sports about on the shore of her arctic summer resort. while her insignificant partner, in sombre plumage, sits on the nest. hatches out the brood and attends faithfully to the duties of his appointed sphere. Having the more important duties to discharge, he is naturally less consequential than his gay and proudly satisfied partner. Some day there may be a suffragette movement among the male phalaropes, but so far they have been content to do their duty as they are directed by the heads of their respective househo'ds.

When the period of domestic life is over they venture almost to assert themselves and assume a place in the mixed flocks. The heads of the several households have then left off their way plumage and the natural disparity, is not so apparent. On the southward journey there may be a passing recognition of something approaching equality, for travel and contact with strange habits and unfamiliar views of life may have its effect, even in the lofty night flights and the days of loltering recuperation.

"BONE AGE" ON THE PRAIRIES.

How Many Settlers Lived While Getting Their Claims.

The pioneers of Kansas will never forget the "buffalo bone age." When central and southwestern Kansas were settled the prairie was strewn with buffalo bones. Those were hard times in Kansas and the gathering of these bones enabled the early settlers to live while they were getting their claims broken out for the producing of crops.

Nine-tenths of the pioneers of that section of Kansas-and there weren't very many at that-had literally

FEBRUARY JURORS.

Second week.

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PRESERVING FOOD

Much to Be Said of Meats Cured by Salt and Smoke.

For some time past the public taste has been gradually growing in favor of mild-cured articles, with the result that at the present moment strong salted or smoked foods are not in ev! dence as they used to be, and are rarely called for. The ham and the bacon must be mild cured, and even butter must be fresh and absolutely without a salt flavor.

This preference for the so-calle." mild-cured article has undoubtedly furnished an excuse on the part of th caterers for the use of stronger and septics, salt and smoke, and antisep tics which are, compartively speak ing, tasteless, or, at any rate, which add no special flavor to the food. The old-fashioned antiseptics-salt and smoke-are thus sharply distinguished from modern antiseptics, inasmuch as the former not only preserved fond. but also served as condiments. In the case, however, of certain preserved foods, although the salt may be luit out, the smoke must be retained, as otherwise the food loses its individuality. The kipper, for example, is inseparable from the smoky flavor, az iz also dried haddock or dried salmon.

We have heard that a "smoke ensence" is employed to impart the kind of palatability associated with properly smoked food, but such practice, coupled with the use of antiseptics, would really account for the regrettable fact that cured articles of diet are not now up to their former standard.

Assuming that the mild-cured article-and as a particular example we choose butter, because it is an indispensable article of the dictary-is free from objectionable antiseptics, it is still left more helpless against the attacks of micro-organisms than were the old-fachioned cured foodstuffs



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"These shoes were made by Tolstoi, the Tolstoi, the greatest literary genius of the age."

The shoes, framed in oak, hung over the mantel-a coarse pair of cowhides, with hob nails. The speaker, who was a famous manufacturer of shoes, went on: "When se was in Russia I visited

Tolstoi. I told him of my admiration of his books, and I watched him at his cobbling. He works, you know, three or four hours a day on the bench.

"I found that he worked too slowly to make a living as a shoemaker, Furthermore, I found that he would have been incapable of turning out dress shoes. The coarse, heavy boot of the peasant was all Tolstoi was equal to, and, although he labored fiercely-for he wanted, of course, to show off before an experienced shoemaker like me-I had to tell him that he'd have difficulty in getting a journeyman's job anywhere.

"Tolstoi presented me with the pair of boots over the mantel, and I presented him with some money for his poor. I also taught him a quicker way to waxen a thread than the old-

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the deer's hoof, where the pulse would be in a human, there is an unattached bone, the perfect shape of a horseshoe nall, lying snugly between the tendons, head down. This "nail," with the bunch of muscles is Nature's provision to prevent a deer from breaking its front legs in jumping-it acts as a sort of rubber cushion to case the shock.

In looking for this nail to-day, to add to his trophies, Laverty was amazed to find they were missing from both ankles. Instead, there was a marked hollow, a perfect air cushion that was "just as good" so far as saving the buck from broken legs was concerned.

"No wonder he started away from me like an aeroplane at sixty miles an hour," said Laverty.

5 BROTHERS WED 5 SISTERS.

Five Other Sisters Act as Bridesmaids and Five Brothers as Best Men.

Columbus, Ky .-- A marriage ceremony in Kent county united five sisters to five brothers.

Misses Maud, Nellie, Kate, Anne and Susie Martin were married to John, Dan, Hugh, Jack and Dick Hill. Five sisters acted as bridesmaids and five brothers of the bridegrooms acted as best men.

It was proposed to follow the wedding with a honeymoon for the five happy couples to extend to St. Louis but the lateness of the crops prevented the men members from leaving home at this time.

Lightning Hits House 12 Times.

Santa Fe, N. M.-News of a remarkble play of lightning in Chaves County has just reached here. A bolt struck the house of W. E. Rail, a homestcader, and H. N. Rutherford, who with his family was at the Rail home, was killed. Following this at intervals of one minute eleven more bolts struck the nouse, each shocking an occupant. though not fatally. There were thirteen persons in the house. The last stroke set the house on fire, but the flames were extinguished by Mrs. Rail with buckets of water.

Inventor of Roller Coaster Dead. Toledo, Ohio.-Alonson Wood, eighty, inventor of the roller coaster, who originated many improvements on the roller skate, died here. Wood devoted the last ten years of his life to a study of aeronautics and spent several years in building a heavier-than air machine.

nothing but a team and a few household goods that they had hauled from the East in a single wagon. Of course there were no buffalo, for this was in the late '70s, but their bones strewed the plains, and these bones were the only thing that had a commercial value and they were utilized. They were hauled in great wagonloads to the nearest railway, often from sixty to one hundred miles away, and sold. The horns were the more valuable and they went first, but the rest of the skeleton soon followed. There were no fortunes made by these early bone hunters, for a large load of buffalo bones brought only from \$5 to \$8 at the railroad towns, but the proceeds from a load enabled the settler to buy

a little flour, coffee and occasionally meat and lumber.

Songs vs. Hymns.

"I'm a religious man myself-you understand," he said as he walked into Prosecutor Geler's office, considerably aroused. "But is a man supposed to listen to his neighbor playing the organ and singing hymns at 4 o'clock in the morning? Huh? "I go to church just as much as he does and my children go to Sunday school, and I think I'm just as good a man as he is, if I do sny it myself. But this is going too far. He isn't even a good singer. Honest, he's got an awful voice."

The neighbor, it seems, gets up at 4 or 5 and starts long hymns every morning, accompanying himself on the organ. Geler refused to order an arrest.

"All I can suggest is a counter irritant," he said. Noting the look of surprise, he exclaimed: "You get up a little earlier and start a phonograph playing "Waltz Me Around Again, Willie,' or 'Oh, Gee, Be Sweet to Me, Kid,' or 'Love Me and the World Is Mine,' or something like that. Then when he gets mad and comes to you about it make a bargain with him."

The man agreed and started for a music store at once.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Char H Flitchers Experiments have, in fact, shown

that the addition of salt to butter is a factor of great importance from the point of view of germs. In unsalted butter the growth of micro-organisms is more vigorous and continues for a longer time than is the case with salted butter. Mycellal fungi, if present, disappear entirely after a while in salted butter, while in fresh or unsalted butter they multiply rapidly.

The quality of butter appears to be improved by a small percentage of salt (say 2.5); it encourages the derelopment of flavor, which makes butter an attractive article of food, and it acts as a safeguard.

Altogether there would appear to be certain valid reasons for thinking that the public preference for the mildcured article may be an error of judgment, and there certainly is much to be said in favor of the old policy of preserving foods by salt and smoke .-The Lancet.

Woman Lighthouse Keeper.

On the western coast of the United States, at Monterey, Cal., Mrs. Fish keeps the lamps lighted in the Point Pinas lighthouse. On the eastern coust, at South Portland, Mc., Mrs. Gordon earns her living by working 80 a der - an diver

fashioned one he used.'

Tall Montana Folk.

A singular rivalry has arisen between two Montana towns as to which possesses the tallest family. Libby, in Flathead county, professes to have 10.10 more tall people than any town of its 11.10 size on the continent. Ten members Danville of one family have a combined height of almost sixty feet. The father weighs 215 pounds and is 6 feet 2 1-2 inches tail. The mother weighs 225 pounds and is 5 feet 5 inches tall. The first son, 6 feet 2 1-2 inches tall, age 21 years; second son, 6 feet 4 inches, age 19 years. The head of this proud family is Herman Bock-10:00 man 11.00

Red Lodge calls attention to the fact that in that city four members of one family are taller than any four on Sunda members of the Bockman family. W. A. Talmage is 6 feet 4 1-2 inches tall; Earl Talmage, age 18 years, is 6 feet 8 inches tall; Elmer Talmage, age for Catav 19 years, is 6 feet 7 1-4 inches tall, A. M. and Nathan, the youngest, who is only 12 years of age, measures 5 feet 6 inches. Then the average height of the father and three sons will unquestionably compare with that of any oth-10.00 er family in the entire country .- Helena correspondence St. Paul Despatch. 111.00

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