

The Hibernation of Swallows.

The controversy respecting the alleged hibernation of swallows has received a new contribution in a letter written by Sir John McNeill to his brother-in-law, the Duke of Argyll and printed in a late number of Nature.

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USEFUL SCRAPS. Two ounces each of red pepper, alum, rosin and flour of sulphur, put in their food in proportion of one teaspoonful to three pints of scalded meal, will cure chicken cholera.

The bites of mad dogs have been rendered harmless by immediately cauterizing the wound with a saturated solution of carbolic acid, and keeping it constantly wet with a weaker solution of the same, at the same time giving the patient, according to age, from two to six drops of spirits of ammonia, in water, every two hours, for 12 or 14 hours. The wound is not allowed to dry for an instant for three or four days.

If a cat is seen catching chickens, tie one around her neck, and make her wear it for three or four days. Fasten it securely, for she will make incredible efforts to get rid of it. Be firm for that time, and the cat is cured. She will never again desire to touch a bird.

Hens' eggs hatch in from 19 to 21 days; turkeys' in from 26 to 29 days; ducks' in 28 days; guinea fowls' in from 25 to 27 days; pea fowls' in from 58 to 30 days; geese in from 30 to 23 days. Fresh eggs will hatch one or two days sooner than those two or three weeks old.

The following advice from the New York Evening Post is very important. Let every mother remember it: 'Life-long discomfort and sudden death often come to children through the inattention or carelessness of the parents. A child should never be allowed to go to sleep with cold feet; the thing to be last attended to is to see that the feet are dry and warm. Neglect of this has often resulted in a dangerous attack of croup, diphtheria or a fatal sore throat. Always on coming from school, or entering the house from a visit or errand in rainy, muddy or thaw weather, the child should remove its shoes, and the mother should herself ascertain whether the stockings are the least bit damp. If they are, they should be taken off, the feet held before the fire and rubbed with the hands till perfectly dry, and another pair of stockings and another pair of shoes put on. The reserve shoes and stockings should be kept where they are good and dry, so as to be ready for use on a minute's notice.'

CURE FOR DIPHTHERIA. - A correspondent of a Victorian paper writes: Should you or any of your family be attacked with diphtheria be not alarmed, as it is easily and speedily cured without a doctor. When it was raging in England a few weeks ago, I accompanied Dr. Field on his rounds to witness the so-called 'wonderful cures' he performed, while the patients of others were drooping on all sides. The remedy, to be so rapid must be simple. All he took with him was powder of sulphur and a quill, and with these he cured every patient without exception. He put a spoonful of powder of sulphur into a wine-glass of water, and stirred it with his finger, instead of a spoon, as the sulphur does not readily amalgamate with water. When the sulphur was well mixed he gave it as a gargle, and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger. Brimstone kills every species of fungus in man, beast and plant in a few minutes. Instead of spitting out the gargle he recommends the swallowing of it. In extreme cases, in which he had been called just in the nick of time, when the fungus was too nearly closed to allow the gargling, he blew the sulphur through a quill into the throat, and after the fungus had shrunk to allow of it, then the gargling. He never lost a patient from diphtheria. If a patient cannot gargle, take a live coal, put it on a shovel and sprinkle a spoonful of two of flour brimstone; at a time upon it, let the sufferer inhale it, holding the head over it, and the fungus will die. If plentifully used, the whole room may be filled almost to suffocation; the patient can walk about in it, inhaling the fumes, with doors and windows shut. The mode of fumigating a room with sulphur has often cured most violent attacks of cold in the head, chest, etc., at any time and is recommended in case of consumption and asthma.

ARE YOU GOING WEST? - It is important that you purchase tickets by the route compelling you to make the fewest changes of cars, and by which there are no omnibus transfers between depots in the large cities. The principal connection of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Pittsburgh, is the system of roads familiarly known to the public as the 'Pennsylvania Route.' Its trains run from Philadelphia to New York, from Philadelphia to Cincinnati and Louisville, where direct connections are made for all points South; from Pittsburgh to Indianapolis, where through express trains are in waiting in the Union Depot to take passengers to all points in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and the Northwest. The only line running through trains from Pittsburgh to St. Louis, crossing the Mississippi river on the largest and finest steel bridge in the world, and making direct connections in the New Union Depot with the great through lines for all points in Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, California, Arkansas, and Texas. Trains are all equipped with the Safety Air Brake; the cars are comfortable, and the road in first-class condition. Your tickets west of Pittsburgh should read over 'Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railway.' [3-30-91]

HOW TO CATCH TROUT. - The palms of the fisherman are itching for the exquisite thrill which the trout twitch alone can give, and his thoughts are full of wobbles, pulls and jerkings, the dainty hookings and ponderous flops, as his mind's eye lands a struggling beauty of the brook, and quickly imprisons it in his fisher's basket. He is ready to clamber over hills and wade through streams, read his garments and soak his boots that he may have a mess of fish, and ten to one an attack of rheumatism. For the information of front fishermen, we will tell something which may be of interest to them. If you can catch one trout, you are supplied with the most taking lure that can be used, not only in Pennsylvania, but in every State. Cut out the anal fin, with enough of the flesh to give your hook a firm hold, and cast as with flies, or use a light sinker and keep ball in motion. If trout will take anything, they will take this, and you will have a sure thing. When fish were inclined to rise at all, of course your 'gentleman sportsman' will scout at the thought of using a lure, nevertheless he will try the first opportunity.

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MEASUREMENT OF TIME. Water clocks have been in use from the East for about two thousand years. These have been gradually improved to the present period. The earliest work of the Sarracens though it may have been introduced some time before, for Archimedes had discovered the advantage of weight in the construction of small machines some centuries before. The clepsydra, supposed to have been used among the Chaldeans, was employed extensively by the Greeks and Romans. This instrument was introduced time by the gradual flow of water through a small orifice. It was used in China, and anciently in some instances a musical accompaniment by which attention was called to the hour as by the stroke of a bell or clock. They were introduced into Rome about 155 B. C. Eight years later they were improved by the addition of a toothed wheel and driven by the water which flowed from the bottom of the jar. This was the substitution of the weight for the water, as already mentioned.

At a very early period the art was divided into several parts, and soon the night also. These divisions were at first of about two hours each, but after a time the division of night and day into hours each was found to be inconvenient, and then there came the necessity for means of measurement of these divisions of time. The use in use was the dial, the use of which was learned by the Greeks from the Chaldeans. This instrument was the hours of the day by the shadow of a gnomon or style cast by the sun on a graduated arc. The object in construction of a dial is to find the sun's distance from the meridian means of the shadow. This is known the hour also is known. It is true that the shadow can never be defined with any accuracy, but practically the error may be made very good account. It is believed that the style or pin of the sun dial which its shadow indicates the hour of the day, was probably the first astronomical instrument, and it appears to have been in much use among the Egyptians, the Chinese, and even the Persians.

It is not necessary to trace the history of the clock from the time of substitution of a weight for water to turn the toothed wheel. Various contrivances in the construction were afterwards rectified. The ingenuity of our countrymen has been successful in bringing the clock to its present state of perfection. The clock as been justly said, was the mother of watch. When it was made in 1675 by Peter Hele, a clockmaker of Leipsic, it was called his 'mother egg,' and was considered one of the wonders of the world. The production of this 'pocket clock' cost about labor; was about the size of an egg of a goose egg; varied nearly a day from the true time; and its price was equal to about \$100 gold of to-day. It is needless to say its improvements from that period to the present, but as in the clock and the watch, the American maker now competing successfully with others in the markets of the world. Chronometers are watches adjusted to the variations of temperature and of American make have proved so accurate as any timepieces ever made.

A REMARKABLE FOOD PRESERVATIVE. - A practical physician, W. Davenport of Dallas, Texas, obtained a patent which promises to be of great usefulness. It is a fluid for keeping all kinds of vegetables and meats fresh and sweet. The aim of the chemist has been to discover the ingredients of a preservative which would arrest the process of decay of all animal and vegetable substances without impairing their flavor or imparting to them any noxious effect. It is simply a preservative of the most inexpensive sort, costing but nine or ten cents per barrel, in which meat or vegetable may be kept for months submerged for months, when taken out will be found as fresh as when the vegetables were from the garden or the meat from the butcher's stall. This pickle is furnished and prepared at a price of four cents per barrel. The pickle is so nearly tasteless and palatable, demonstrate its innocuousness, yet, from the specimen we saw of it, green corn which had been immersed in it for twelve months, boiled, could not be distinguished from the corn which had been prepared that morning. Mutton and chops, even fat potatoes, placed in this pickle weeks ago, when taken to heat, had preserved all their natural freshness and flavor. - Atlantic Democrat, May 23.

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