FOSSIL BIRDS.

SINGULAR SPECIMENS OF DEFUNCT LIFE -BIRDS TWELVE PERT HIGH-OTH-BR PHENOMENA -- A DEAD AGE.

Professor Hitchcock, of geological fame, is now engaged in securing some of the celebrated tossil bird tracks of the Connecticut valley from a spot which has never been worked for that purpose, namely, the shore of Wethersfield Cove, about three miles below Hartford. The spot selected is at the south-eastern part of the cove, in the shaly and crumbly freestone formation that underlies the soil, at the depth of from six inches to several feet, according to the distance from the water. It is the same kind of stone that is obtained from the Portland quarries, twelve miles down the river, and famous as the Portland and Connecticut freestone, out of which many fashionable "brown stone fronts" are made: only, this formation on the eastern bank of Wethersfield Cove, being so Dear the surface and indeed often actually exposed above the soil, is far from friable. We condense from the Hartford Times these details of Professor Hitchcock's discoveries:

Wethersfield Cove, as many readers in other States may not know, is a large and beautiful sheet of water formed by the Connecticut river, with which it is connected by a narrow inlet, and from which it is distant from ten to forty rods. The stones at which the famous geologist is at work are embedded in the bank of the cove between that water and the river. The bank rises gently to the southeast, perhaps fifteen feet above the present soft, dry covering till all perspiration stage of water in the cove. The excavations thus far made are only about two rods from the water, which indeed at the beginning of the work was at the actual point of commencement, but soda in water. If there is inflammahas receded since.

tracks that were broken in the attempt to remove the crumbly stone, and opened to view one stratum of soft red freestone which discloses a line of four fossil bird tracks of giant size, and made, evidently, by one and the same individual, walking in a southerly direction. Other tracks, of birds and animals, cross them in various direc-

in favor of a fossil giant frog or lizard and swelling of the toes are unmistak ably of the ostrich family, but far larger maps, sent Free c. . . DAVIS, Land Ag t. than those of any living estrich -Though not so large as some of the fossil tracks of the Connecticut valley, these footprints, Professor Hitchcock says, must have been made by a bird that was twelve feet high-nearly twice as large as an ostrich. They measure about a foot in length, from heel to toe nail, and have a corresponding spread and emphasis. Some are

In the soft silt and coze of what was then a muddy shore of the primeval mea these great birds, walking on a surface that became rapidly sun-baked between every returning tide, made a deep, sharply defined and clear cut impression at every step, and these tracks were filled up with silt and clayey mud by the next tide to varying depths. These depths are now marked by the thin but distinct strata of the freestone into which this mna was in due time converted. It is really astonishing to see what minute creatures, even li'tle bugs, not bigger apparently than small horseflies, have here left the enduring and undeniable evidence of their hasty running on the soft and smooth surface of the ancient are as clearly marked (though of course not so deep) as the tracks of 25 postpaid. J. K. Harder, Malden Bridge, N.Y. their giant feathered cotemporaries. It was indeed a scene of teeming life on these ancient shores; a life of wondrous variety in its forms, as in the manifested. Here are great bird tracks, crossed by the smaller and forms indicate a variety of creatures. some large, some minute. One marking looked like the close-fitting joints of a snake. The big bird tracks are walk by the feathered biped who made them; probably he was hunting for some of the myriad of small creatures which abounded on the ancient shore.

Professor Hitchcock, who has secured specimens at Portland, at South Hadley, Mass., at Turner's Falls, Mass., and other places in the valley, has in his possession-or has seen a track measuring fourteen by twenty. two inches-a web footed creature. probably of the lizard tribe, whose stride was three feet seven inches. At Batterson's granite and marble works, on Main and Pleasant streets, there are freestone slabs from the Portland quarries containing very clearly defined tracks, which measure twenty inches or over. Professor Hitchcock ascribes them to a mammoth fossil frog or lizard, called the Otozonm. This fellow ply send 25 can'ts for one box to Bannick Rouse a X Co., 76 N. 4th St., Phila (1-1, 78-1), 1 was evidently one of a very numerous brotherhood in this neighborhood. Compared with his basso-profundo note the bellowing of the bulls of Bashan must have been mild and mellow music. The worst croakers of these "hard times" could have taken valuable lessons of the Otozoum.

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culent trees on which he dined. Huge creatures, bigger than the largest living elephant, and whose skeletons are still occasionally unearthed from the sites of ancient marshes, which, at some later period, became peat bells, were in those times abundant on these once tropical shores. It was a period of tremendous rains, and one of the most curious relics among the fossil markings on these red clay sandstones are certain smooth tablets, unearthed here at the Cove, on which are clearly impressed the unmistakable records of particular showers which (in Professor Hitchcock's opinion) must have made their impress 2,000 000 years ago! In one instance the crowded drops betoken a pouring rain; probably a momentary shower, which was insufficient to wash out its own record. In other specimens the scattered drops plainly show which way the wind was in the particular shower which, in a few passing moments of a year uncalendared, made the impress on the glossy tide-washed clay mud. "Here is one," said Professor Hitchcock, "which shows that the wind, when that rain fell, was from the

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the ground, and extending as far below. On the posts invert a milk pan, and secure in place by a shingle hall, or take strips of galvanized from ent ma circle and nail on the sides of the posts, so as to form a projection sufficient to prevent the ascent of mice or other vermin. On these posts rest two sticks of timber 6x8 inches square, and on these as frameworks rest the floor joists, which are six feet long and 2xt inches of area. These floor joist should be arranged three feet apart and nailed scenrely to this support From the outer edge of every ober joi't erect the scantling for the siles -4x4 for the corners, and 3x4 kg the others. These uprights should be ten feet long Between these mortise two rails, to receive the boarding also 3x4. On the top nail a stringer, and connect the two sides at every other post, to insure against spreading 04 the top erect a V roof, using 2x4 inch rafters, open boarding and slindes,

slat each side, so asto form a chimney, and thus give ample ventilation. Such a building will require ten posts for its foundation, about 1,880 feet of lumber, and 2,000 shingles As its dimensions are 6x24x10, it will contain 1,445 cubic feet, or about 1200 bushels. The total cost should ag exceed, for materials, fifty dollars Yet this sum may be lessened considerably in many localities, according to the price of lumber. Such a building has been completely finished in Massachusetts for less than sixty dollars

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dairy man has once made up his and

to try roots as milk and laster pro-

queers, he will find it difficult to make

a choice of kinds. Mangel, sugar beets, carrots, parsnips, cuta bagasund turnips all have their friends, and emione seems to possess some special atited experience would lead us to favor. sugar beets, parsnips and turnips These three may be planted and have vested at different times, and should be fed out in regular succession We very much should the value of elders. butter producers, but for milk my ast. of them will cause a gain on the pal-Joseph Harris, who is a noted authorty, thus communes turnips and neagels mangels, after they once get fairly started, will stand our hot sun and div weather better than thy turning. The turnips are liable to mildew and clabfoot, while the mangels are ruely subject to any serious diseases Mangels will keep later in the spring than turnips; they are, or ought to be, feed for mileh cows they are decidedly better than turnips, as they do not flavor the milk. And a feed of yellow mangels, and a little corn meal and a good corn fodder, will produce butter in winter that needs no apparts for home use." Perhaps the chief value, of these roots in feeding nows for butter is that they enable the animal to digest properly a greater amount of

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digestive organs in a healthy condi-

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