COMBATIVENESS OF BIRDS

By a fiction of the poets birds all sing, praise, if they sing at all, to the great Creator. Of course, this sounds well, and may have some moral foundation; but I can come as near proving that a catbird curses, and swears, and flings out all sorts of abusive ephithets at its enemies, when angry, as any one can come to establishing the song praise theory. How these little fellows can fret, and scold, and hiss, and imprecate—yes, imprecate! Let a sparrow-hawk or screech-owl, or butcher bird, go near one's nest, and, if you observe closely, your imagination must be very torpid, indeed, if you connot hear "*Sacrebleu!*" and all that, scattered around pretty freely. I have seen one fairly dance in ecstacy of anger when nothing but a poor, little brown lizard came near it. A pair of catbirds had their nest and young in a currant hedge of the garden belonging to a farm-house where I was lodging one Spring, and I used to amuse myself by exciting the anger of the mother bird. To this I had only to hang a bit of red cloth near the nest in her absence, and await the result. No sooner would she return than such a twittering and squeaking, and scolding, would begin as only a catbird could generate, and when she found out that there was "no fight" in the rag, she would eye me sitting at my window and mew triumphantly as if she well knew who it was had thus troubled her equanimty. A war of words—or rather a war of notes—is a thing of frequent occurrence between a catbird and common brown thrush. Early in the morning through the month of May they may be heard screaming their respective medleys at the extreme pitch of their voices from neighboring trees, each songster maliciously bent on drowning the others' voice. The common barn yard cock is given to a like ambition in the matter of "crowing down" all competitors. Speaking of the brown thrush reminds me that I ought to record right here a very singular combat, witnessed by myself and brother, between one of these gay singers and a blue jay (what bird is not compelled to fight the latter?), and in which the jay was finally discomfited and beaten. We were in the shade of a wild plum tree on the edge of a little glade. Near us was a clump of sugar-haw bushes, in one of which we had discovered a brown thrush's nest. The bird was incubating. A blue jay, flitting about on mischief intent, as, in fact, a blue jay always is, happened to spy her, and immediately attacked her, driving her for refuge into the thick, thorny foliage above the nest. This seemed an easy turn for the jay, which at once prepared to have a least of the eggs. But no sooner had it perched on the rim of the nest than the thrush, with a savage squall, plunged down from its hiding-place, and struck it a heavy blow on the back. The jay retreated in disorder, but warily returned again when all seemed still. With infinite caution in every movement, it hopped from twig to twig, turning its crested head this way and that, till it reached the nest. Again, with a shrill scream, the thrush pounced from its hiding-place, using its long, sharp peak for a sword to slap the jay's exposed and defenceless back. Again and again the would-be robber fled and returned, each time to get rougher usage; and finally, as if utterly outdone, with rapidly-repeated cries of "De-jay! de jay! de jay!" it flitted away into the depths of the woods, to come no more.—*From Appleton, for February.*

CURE FOR CATARRH.—A writer in the Chicago *Tribune's* "Home Department" claims that the following is a simple and immediate cure for colds in the head, sore throat, asthma, sore nostrils, etc. The remedy is crushed cubub berries smoked in a pipe, emitting the smoke through the nose; after a few trials this will be easy to do. If the nose is stopped up so that it is almost impossible to breathe, one pipe full will make the head as clear as a bell. For sore throat, asthma, bronchitis, swallowing the smoke effects immediate relief. It is the best remedy in the world for offensive breath, and will make the most foul breath, pure and sweet. Sufferers from that most horrible disease, ulcerated catarrh, will find this remedy to be unequaled, and a month's use will cure the most obstinate case. A single trial will convince any one. Eating the uncrushed berries is also good for sore throat and all bronchial complaints. After smoking do not expose yourself to cold air for at least fifteen minutes. The berries are perfectly harmless, and there is no use going to "catarrh doctors" while you can procure this remedy. They can be procured at any drug store.

IN ENGLAND they are adopting a horse shoe made of cowhide, and known as the Yates shoe. It is composed of three thickness of cowhide compressed into a steel mould, and then subjected to chemical preparation. It is claimed for it that it lasts longer and weighs only one fourth as much as the common iron shoe; that it will never cause the hoof to split, nor have the least injurious influence upon the foot. It requires no calks; even on asphalt the horse never slips. The shoe is so elastic that the horse's step is lighter and surer. It adheres so closely to the foot that neither dust nor water can penetrate between the shoe and the hoof.

SWEET PICKLE.—Take eight pounds of green tomatoes and chop fine; add four pounds of brown sugar, and boil down three hours; add a quart of vinegar, a teaspoonful each of mace, cinnamon, and cloves, and boil about fifteen minutes; let cool, and put into jars or other vessels. Try this recipe once, and you will try it again.

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JNO. C. McMULLEN, M. A.
Chest Springs, March 15, 1878.-3t.

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Nov. 23, 1877.-1y. Box 869, Altoona.

FIRST USE OF STEAM.

—It is still a debatable matter who was the first that suggested the use of steam as a motive power. All that is known as to this point may be comprised in a few sentences. Hero, a man of considerable attainments, who flourished in Alexandria, in the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus, stands pre-eminent as the first who reduced the power to a mechanical contrivance, of which he has given a description in one of his works. Still there is no account of Hero's application of steam to arts and manufactures, nor, indeed, any account of its power being applied to useful purposes, until the fifteenth century, when Mathesius, an ingenious writer, proposed to employ Hero's contrivance to turn a spit.

In the sixteenth century, Solomon de Caus, a French engineer, proposed to apply the elastic power of steam to rise water, and suggested a simple apparatus for the purpose, consisting of a boiler fixed over a fire, having a stand-pipe fixed in the top of the boiler, its lower extremity terminating near the bottom of the water, and its upper extremity carried some height above the top of the boiler. The elastic force of steam being raised by the fire, passed upon the surface of the water, and caused a jet to descend from the upper extremity of the pipe. The same principle is described in a work published by the Marquis of Worcester, in 1683, entitled "A Century of the Names and Scantlings of Inventions," in which he describes a method of employing the power of steam to rise water.

Scotland seems to be entitled, however, to the honor of having first reduced steam power to navigation in a practical manner, although France and England each claim the merit of having made the suggestion that would naturally lead to the result mentioned.

CURIOUS HABITS OF THE JAPANESE.

The Japanese habit of reversing everything, if we may regard our own way of doing as the proper way, is very curious, and in some of its details very interesting. Mr. Griffiths, in his work on Japan, discusses it thus: "Another man is planing. He pulls the plane towards him. I notice a blacksmith at work. He pulls the bellows with his feet, while he is holding and hammering with both hands. He has several irons in the fire, and keeps his dinner pot boiling with the waste flame. His whole family, like the generations before them, seem to get their living in the hardware line. The cooper holds his tubs with his toes. All of them sit down while they work. Perhaps that is an important difference between a European and an Asiatic. One sits down to his work, the other stands up to it. Why is it that we do things contrariwise to the Japanese? Are we upside down, or they? The Japanese say that we are reversed. They call our penmanship 'crab writing,' because, say they, 'it goes backward.' The lines in our books cross the page like a catfish, instead of going downward properly. In Japanese stables we find the horse's flank where we look for his head. Japanese screws screw the other way. Their locks thrust to the left, our to the right. The baby toys of the Aryan race squeak when they are squeezed; the Turnonian gimcracks emit noise when pulled apart. A Caucasian, to injure his enemy, kills him; a Japanese kills himself to spite his foe. Which race is left handed? Which has the negative, which the positive of truth? What is truth? What is down? What is up?"

A CURE FOR CANCER.—Mr. David Culpepper, of Russell county, Alabama, publishes to the world for the benefit of the afflicted, that he has been cured of cancer by the use of the following recipe, and that he believes it is an infallible remedy for that dreadful disease: Take equal quantities of the roots of white ash, black sumac, and fat lightwood or pine, and boil them in water until a strong tea is made, and use it for constant drink in place of water, tea, coffee, milk or any other beverage, and eat nothing salt or greasy. Take new tar and simmer it over a slow fire until it forms a tough wax, and apply in the shape of a plaster to the cancer, over which first sprinkle corrosive sublimate; the plaster and corrosive sublimate to be renewed every day or every other day, as most convenient, the cancer to be kept dry. If this remedy is followed without regard to pain or swelling, which will both be great, and all stimulants refained from, Mr. Culpepper guarantees a perfect and speedy cure. We give the recipe for what it is worth, without knowing anything of its value.

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Very beautiful ornaments may be made in exact imitation of coral. Take a pound of beeswax and a half a pound of vermilion, such as painters use—a dry powder; melt the wax in an iron kettle over a slow fire, and stir in the vermilion; mix it thoroughly by constant stiring. Make ready the articles you wish. If it is a hanging basket, take strong wire bend it, and tie it firmly together at all the corners with white wrapping twine; wind cloth tight around the wire—thin cloth is the best, lest you get the frame too large—tie knots of wrapping twine tight over the wound wire; cut off the ends at various lengths, from half an inch to two or three inches, the more "scaggy" it looks the better. For the cords to suspend it by, take pieces of the twine and tie knots of the same, cutting off the loops so as to leave them standing out in every direction. Take a pan and suspend your basket over it, so as to save all the drippings. Then with a large spoon dip the hot wax and vermilion all over it, covering every particle of the cloth and wire. As it grows cold, bend the sprays into graceful forms, to imitate the branches of a coral spray. Be particular that the suspending cords are covered and hang straight. It cools very quickly, and if there are any vacant spaces left you can heat the wax and dip upon the sprigs. When cold, you will find yourself the owner of a thing of beauty and one that will last you for all time. For ferns and dried immortelles, and bright mosses, it is very fine, as the bright red of the coral contrasts beautifully with the shades of green and brown.

Very handsome wall baskets can be made in the same way, by pressing your wire frame in a pretty form, and tying it with cords. The nearer the knots resemble coral sprigs, the more perfect is your work.

If your first effort does not suit you, it is no loss, because you can melt off the wax, so as to make all the change you wish, and then dip it all back again. The cost of the wax and vermilion will be about fifty cents for enough to make a large bracket and basket. It will not do to let them lie in the sun, or near the stove, as the heat would wilt them, but otherwise they are both durable and beautiful.

TATTOOING IN SAMOA.—Scarcely a youth of seventeen is to be found among the Samoanites who is not elaborately tattooed. Candlenut ashes and water are used for coloring matter. That part of the body from the waist to the knee is covered with a variegated pattern that at a short distance resembles lacework. The operation consumes two or three months, and the operator is very exacting about his pay. When he gets half through he demands his recompense, and if it is not forthcoming he refuses to finish the work. A young man is in deep disgrace if he goes about half tattooed. The girls laugh at him, and the men scorn him. The process is very painful, and the victims are dieted while undergoing it. Some become mere skeletons before they are completed, but it is the fashion, and they are repaid by the admiring glances of the women.

The females are not so completely covered with the tattoo tracery as the men, because they are deterred by the pain of the operation; but sometimes an armlet, a strawberry design in the middle of the back, or graceful pattern on the left sholder is shown, and if the work is generally very tastefully done, it is considered an addition to the beauty of these dusky belles.

A CURE FOR CAKED UDDERS.—A correspondent writes from Canada that when, as is often the case, one of the cow's teats becomes hard and difficult to milk it may be cured as follows: Take a pint basin, put into it a scant handful of cornmeal, add to it a teacup of hot water. Stir it until it is cool enough for you to hold your hand in; then bathe the teats by dipping them into the dish until the inflammation is out of them; milk gently, for the udders are tender, and put a little lard or linseed oil on the udder after milking. I think a trial of a few days will convince the most skeptical. Bathe that bunch with it, and, in addition, bathe with beef brine twice a day, and give liberal doses of gargel and saltpeter. This is the best remedy for swollen bag after the cow comes in that I know of.—*Mirror and Farmer.*

TO DESTROY INSECTS.—The following receipt, (which we find in the *Journal of Chemistry*) for the destruction of insects, which, if it be one-half as efficacious as it is claimed to be, will prove invaluable: Hot alum water is a recent suggestion as an insecticide. It will destroy red and black ants, cockroaches, chinch bugs, and all the crawling pests which infest houses. Take two pounds of alum, and dissolve it in three or four quarts of of boiling water; let it stand on the fire till the alum disappears; then apply it with a brush, while nearly boiling hot, to every joint and crevice in your closets, bedsteads, pantry shelves and the like. Brush crevices in the floor of the skirting, or mopboards, if you suspect they harbor vermin.

NEUTRALIZING POISON.—A poison of any conceivable description and degree of potency, which has been intentionally or accidentally swallowed, may, it is said, be rendered almost instantly harmless by simply swallowing two gills of sweet oil. A person with a very strong constitution should take nearly twice the quantity. This oil, it is alleged, will most positively neutralize every form of vegetable, animal, or mineral poison with which physicians and chemists are acquainted.