

Snakes in Winter.

A word as to hibernating hoes. I know of many places so designated, but never examined but one. Almost always they are found where a cleft or rift in out-cropping rocks leads to open space below. In the one I was familiar with the rock is not two feet above the surface, not over a dozen feet in length, and narrow in proportion to its length. This body of rock had two long, narrow cleavages or crevices. In the fall a snake could occasionally be seen entering, but this was seldom, owing, no doubt, to the long time over which the period for seeking repose on the part of individual snakes extends. I do not think, however, that I ever knew or heard of the snakes leaving this winter home until the frost was thoroughly out of the ground and at least mid-day warmth thoroughly assured. The warm days of late April, when a little frost lingers in the air at night, followed by warm sun during the day, seemed to be the period chosen for going forth. They did not issue out singly or in couples, but reptile would follow reptile in quick succession. Their movements would be quite sluggish, and often would remain half in and half out of the opening until thoroughly warmed up by the heat of the sun. This outgoing was all finished in two or three days. Hundreds would be no synopsis of the number, it was thousands. One April morning—I think in 1883—the late Col. N. D. Barram and myself killed forty all black snakes, in as many minutes; and that same morning over a hundred had been killed by Amos Lyon, son of Purdy Lyon, who owned the farm upon which this hibernating spot is located. All kinds of snakes seemed to come together here for their winter's number. Adders and milk snakes were the greater in number after the black snakes. Singularly to say, this pile of rock is in an open field not 200 feet from a well-traveled road and not twice that distance from the door of the Lyon's House. The rock is bare of cover, or was when I last saw it, for not a brush or weed in any way screened it from observation. I presume it originally had been in dense woods and well hidden, but why, after being denuded of its cover by a clearing up of its surroundings, it should still be used year after year by the reptile, is a question which cannot be answered.

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The Riches of Alaska. Governor Swinford, in his report, states that the coast line of Alaska, 15,211 miles, is nearly twice the combined Atlantic and Pacific coast lines of the United States. The market value of the Alaska fisheries for last year is estimated at \$3,000,000. A thousand salmon, averaging ten pounds each, have been taken in Sitka bay in a single haul. The seal fisheries yield to the government \$31,500 annually, for each pound for the country. A single island is said to be practically a mountain of ore, and to contain mineral wealth enough to pay off the whole of our national debt.

The fish commission steamer Albatross sailed into Pigeon Sound early last month, after an interesting cruise in Alaskan waters. Deep sea soundings were made to verify those made by Commodore Belknap in the Tuscarora while locating a line for a Japanese cable in 1874. Captain Tanner found even greater depths in short distances than the Belknap soundings. At one point 3,800 fathoms was reported. In three miles the ocean bottom was found to sink from forty to 1,100 fathoms, and in twenty miles at another point from 500 to 2,100 fathoms, the ocean canyon being long and deep.

Several new varieties of fish were brought to the surface by trawls and by hook and line from these ocean depths. One had a head like a shark, with large teeth, but a body like an eel or a snake, tapering to a point as fine as a knitting needle. Some fine specimens of shrimps were secured at points near the coast. A quantity of fine clams, which are used for bait by fishermen, were planted in a small inlet west of Oonaska. From this port the Albatross sailed back east of the Aleutian Island group and down toward Kodiak. Soundings and dredgings were made all along, and the 100 fathom curve located. Great numbers of codfish were secured. The waters in that region are filled with cod, those at a distance from the coast being much the best.

Storing Machinery. While it is very important to store all the machinery on the farm under shelter, it is also necessary to put it away so that it will keep in good condition. If left out exposed to the weather considerable damage will be done; but storing under shelter is not all. Unless properly protected the iron and steel will rust and the wood-work decay. A good coat of paint should be given. It pays to keep the wood work of all machinery well painted. Linseed oil and Spanish brown, red vermilion, red ochre, mixed in good consistency, will answer for a practical purpose, and all the wood-work of the implements should be carefully painted before putting away—even the hoe and spade handles, and the hay and manure forks, will be the better of a good coat of paint. Oil aids to preserve the wood, and it kept well painted with good oil paint will aid materially to prevent accidents.

Hunting With Dogs. All hounds save the greyhound run entirely by scent. When they come upon the faint scent of a track they will work along until it grows fresher, and then begin to bay or "give tongue." There is always a correspondence between the baying and the trail. An experienced hunter can tell by the baying not only where the dog is, but by the frequency and the confidence of the sound, how fresh the trail is—that is, how close upon the game the dog is. All hunted animals have a way of doubling, or running in circles. Hence, if a hunter observes by the baying that his dog is going away from him, he will be patiently, sometimes for minutes, sometimes for hours, until the circle is made, and he hears the dog approaching. Then he is on the alert for a shot. The game is probably not many rods in advance of the dog.

Tickets, Please! The passenger-train conductor has in many respects the most difficult position in the railroad ranks. He should be a first class freight conductor and a polished gentleman to boot. But in his long apprenticeship on a freight train he has very likely been learning how not to fill the additional requirements of a passenger conductor. He must now manage his train in a sort of automatic way, for he has his mind filled with the care of his passengers and the collection of tickets. He must be good at figures, keeping accounts, and handling money, though the freight train service has given him no experience in this line. Year by year the clerical work connected with the taking up of tickets and collecting of cash fares has been increased until now on many roads an expert bank clerk would be none too proficient for the duties imposed.

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A Charming Friend. Kaiser Francis of Austria does not show his years. One sees him often in a handsome victoria on the Waldstad road, where he goes three or four times a week to call on his platonic friend, the actress Schrott, says a correspondent in the New York Tribune. This favorite lives in a handsome villa, the fraustein, on the edge of the beautiful Wolfgang lake, with a view of the Schafberg from the back. The place was a present from her imperial protector, and the picturesque cottage in the midst of lovely grounds is in every way a regal gift.

Early in the morning the handsome emperor drives from Ischl, the court equipage is left at the light-house, and his majesty is rowed to the villa of his beautiful friend, which is inaccessible by carriage. This call lasts a couple of hours, and his fair hostess herself conducts him back to the tower, where the carriage waits. It was an interesting and strange sight to see his sacred and imperial majesty paddling along the lake in a little dory, unattended except by his sympathetic and platonic friend, A beautiful woman is the Schrott, the elegant lady from crown to toe; not a manner, not a ribbon which would indicate the actress, or the spoiled favorite of a sovereign.

In striking contrast to the elegant, though quiet, imperial equipage is the "swell" six-in-hand of Baron Hottel. The pretty Hungarian ponies shake their carlocks as they go prancing along in their magnificent trappings. Outriders in gorgeous scarlet liveries, and footmen and coachmen, tottering away at the handsome silver horses, which are slung from their shoulders, make a picture worthy the fabled pages of G. H. James. The barones, a petite blonde, with a face like those Bouguereaux loves to paint, in a marvelous costume of faintest shades, sits proudly on the box beside her handsome husband, who handles the ribbons, plies the whip, and blows the horn like a master.

There is scarcely any article of vegetable food more widely useful and more universally liked than the apple. Let every family in autumn lay in from two to ten barrels, and it will be the most economical investment in the whole range of culinary supplies. A raw, mellow apple is digested in an hour and a half, while boiled cabbage requires five hours. The most beautiful dessert that can be placed on the table is baked apples. If taken freely at breakfast, with coarse bread, and without meat or flesh of any kind, it has an admirable effect on the general system, often removing constipation, correcting acidity, and cooling off febrile conditions more effectually than the most approved medicines.

Economy of time is necessary to the performance of serious work. Many persons are perpetually busy, who are, as to all practical results, as idle as the most indolent man, who consumes his life between his bed and his table, or as the mere idiot who squanders his time in trifling and listless. Mere bodily feeling, unaided and undirected by a spark of reason, would prevent any one from actually sleeping or remaining inactive, during the whole or any considerable portion of his time.

An Eloquent Appendage. The worst loss a cat must feel when bereft of her tail is the deprivation of the cat's chief means of expression. It may be that a cat which belonged to a breed which never had any tail might not feel that loss, and yet bottled pussies seem absolutely mute and dumb in the ordinary relations of life, though they purr and mew just as other cats do. "Cats smile with their tails, don't they, papa?" His father told him there was no doubt of it; that they did smile with their tails. An intelligent cat can put more expression into the quirks and twists of her tail in half an hour than the school of expression can teach in a month. Did the reader ever see a cat express doubt: with her tail? She holds it straight up in the air while she looks meditatively in advance, and turns just the tip of the tail first to light and then to left in a series of quick jerks. Evidently she is balancing two courses of procedure in her judgment, and this turning of the tip of the tail admirably reflects the mental process.

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Novelties in Jewelry. A trifling of pearl with a diamond base, such as an attractive top of a watch pin.

Golden earrings, half being a watch pin, in the coronet, makes a unique brooch. Bomb shaped crest bottles of colored glass, with silver stoppers, are attractive and useful.

A small jewelry cap of thin ivory and tortoiseshell is much admired by wearers of scarf pins. An egle's claw, holding a beautiful sapphire, is a pleasing design for a watch prong hair pin.

A hammered gold crescent, which is a tiny forget-me-not, is worthy to design in scarf pins. Gold initials, suggestive of a lover's name, are much admired in pendants for glove buttons.

Two pink pearls separated by a silver tassel set with seed pearls, is a handsome design in bonnet pins. A carnation pin paved with rubies, having two diamond pendants, makes a very attractive design in brooches.

A narrow silver ribbon, paved with diamonds and twisted around a central tube, is a unique design in scarf pins. Enameled watch cases, in various patterns, presenting a variety of small flowers, having diamond centers, are much admired.

Applied work on brooches and watch cases is much admired. Give additional strength and rigidity to the article. Two crossed silver battle axes, supporting a gold shield surrounded by a wreath of the same material, forms an attractive design in brooches.

Round Ended Eggs. We clip the following from an English exchange: A fortnight ago we gave an account of the manner in which a French poultry-keeper, by following an American "invention," produced cockles and pulled as he does. The report attracted a letter from a successful Continental breeder, who said that he had tried a simpler method with success. He selected twelve eggs with pointed ends, and twelve with rounded ends; they were placed under incubators, and from the former were hatched out eleven cockles, and from the latter ten pullets, the other eggs having been broken during the process of incubation. There is, however, nothing new in this selection of the large-ended or round-ended eggs as many poultry-keepers in England make a practice of doing so, in the belief that they are more fertile—more so than to produce chickens—than the sharp pointed eggs. A lady of long years' experience tells us that she always "sets" round-ended eggs, and that she invariably has the good luck to have more pullets than cockles. This is to some extent a corroborative, though not a complete one, of the French farmer's experience.