

Hooked an Octopus.

Probably it is not generally known that the octopus, or devil fish, frequently of a large size, is found on the coast of Mississippi and Louisiana.

Gen. Philip Buchanan, Lieut. Col. E. C. Fenner and Major Harry Howard, now Mayor of Beloxi, Miss., started from that place in the yacht of Major Howard for Ship Island on a fishing expedition.

On the northeast of that island in about eight fathoms of water, lies the wreck of the Johnnie, now marked by a buoy.

Although the vessel proper has been almost entirely covered with sand, by careful sounding the location of the walking beam may be found.

It was in August that the fishermen above mentioned, accompanied by two sailors, in a yawl, anchored over the wreck of the Johnnie.

The five men had hardly time to throw themselves to the side of the craft opposite the line, when the fish, which was firmly hooked, bore the boat down so that the gunwale was partly submerged.

At this juncture the boat suddenly righted to an evil keel; the line slackened, and it was evident that the fish was moving toward them.

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A Crow Court.

I never would have believed stories told about crow justice had I not attended their "court," says a writer in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It was just in time to hear and see all that was done. From a tree at the head of the row where ten crows sat there came such loud and rapid cawing as I never before heard from so few throats.

Things became more dignified, and my interest in the proceedings was so intense that, when a fine, fat bird submitted a few remarks and was applauded by general cawing from every bird present, I could scarcely keep from clapping my hands.

Suddenly twelve crows flew down the lines twice and back, and all was still as they did so. I was amused and startled.

My face explained: The jury was seeking its verdict in public opinion, and the excited crows like revolutionary troops, demanded blood.

But I could distinguish no criminal. As I looked for the poor fellow there was a great, angry caw from every crow, and all flew to the center of the line, where, as I live, they tore three of their kind in shreds, leaving only a few feathers to float upward and out of sight.

Sherman as a Little Boy.

Speaking of General Sherman reminds me of a story told by a member of the family concerning the way in which the hero, when a youngster, came to be a member of the family of Thomas Ewing.

"Well, which one of 'em shall I take," asked the Ex-Governor, "they all look alike to me." The tearful mother was unable to respond, but the daughter, with practical foresight, said something one of the gingham skirted youngsters up in her arms and holding him out; "Well, Mr. Ewing, if you must take any take 'Cump,' 'cause he's the smartest."

The First Ice in India.

When one of the first importations of ice from America arrived in India it was most amusing to see the anxiety with which it was sought after.

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Keeping Seed Potatoes. Numbered among various experiences related by practical cultivators is the following, from a New York paper correspondent:

"I am satisfied that my crop of potatoes is materially reduced whenever I have planted badly sprouted seed. It is quite reasonable to believe that tubers that have exhausted a portion of their vitality and substance in a warm cellar before they are planted cannot be as efficient in the production of a new crop as they would be if they had been stored in a cool place where the sprouting would not have occurred.

Cats That Catch Fish. Nicholas Long is a telegraph operator in the lower Elk station at the West Jersey and Atlantic City railroad crossing.

For a week the mother brooded over this difficulty, and then she found a remedy for it. Like a father who laboriously studies Greek in order that he may teach his son to read Homer, she first accustomed herself to cold baths and then led or pushed the kittens into the water.

A New Use for Insects. The use of the insects for sport has hitherto been confined to more or less serious limitations of their bodies and wings.

Whole Potatoes for Seed. In order to determine whether it will pay to use whole potatoes or not, says the Live Stock Indicator, take a plot of ground of as even fertility as possible, prepare all in a good tith, plant half of it, twenty, thirty or forty hills, using a good, medium-sized potato in each hill.

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Farm Animals in the United States. A late report of the Department of Agriculture, which relates to the increase of value of farm animals, shows that the increase of population, beyond the increase of population, aggregate numbers exceed 14,000,000.

Milk cows make an aggregate of nearly 16,000,000. Prices, in some cases, with values of other cattle, show slight decline as compared with the cattle of last year.

The Ringing of Curlew. The Curlew bell of Old England, of course, peculiar to all American readers, but it may not be generally known that the custom of ringing bells over the custom of the old Curlew was introduced into England by the great Oxford, previously founded by King Frideswide, was restored by King Alfred to all its former dignity, and other regulations he ordered that it should be rung at 8 o'clock in the evening, when all should cover the feet and go to bed.

A Neat Trick. A pony glass of whisky and a jug of water are placed side by side on a table. The whisky is poured into the glass, and the water is poured into the jug.

Seed Corn. No one will deny that great care should be observed in selecting seed corn to plant, and yet numerous farmers never see their seed corn.

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