BIRD CATCHING.

How the Trick Is Done in England by Professionals.

A Description of the Methods Employed in Snaring the Chaffinch in the Suburbs of London Before the Break of Day.

A bench was handy, and on these the materials for snaring were laid out and made ready, says a London correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. They were few and simple. Each man had a stuffed male chaffinch in full plumage mounted on a short length of stick, in one end of which was a sharp spike. Besides this the only tools of the craft were half a dozen pieces of whalebone of about the thickness of an umbrella rib and nine inches long, and these, like the stuffed bird's mounting, were provided at one end with a spike. A little stone jar containing bird lime completed the outfit.

These preliminaries completed, we made a start for the forest, which was close at hand, Bob the Butcher (who had won the toss for first try) keeping well in advance of the rest of the party. It could not, however, be said that chaffinches were plentiful, though all round about us there was an abundance of bird music of almost every other kind. It was not the fault of the valiant peggers. Their cages all the time enveloped in the handkerchiefs, they seemed to know exactly what was required of them, and fired off their challenge loud and ringing, at the rate of at least three within the minute. But presently Bob the Butcher, who was some twenty yards ahead, held up his hand in token that he had at last "found something." On that the sailor boy was placed for the time being under a furze bush, and we all hurried up to see the fun.

A cruel sport is chaffinch pegging. Not that any actual pain is inflicted on the poor birds in the act of capture, though no doubt they are most terribly frightened. The villainy of the business lies in the unfortunate finch being made the victim of his jealous regard for the welfare of his nest mate—the wife of his bosom. So nice are his ideas of domestic felicity that though his house is no larger than the hollow of one's hand, he insists on having a tree all to himself for accommodation. No other pair of chaffinches may build there, nor must any male of the tribe come loafing round. Sure as he does a fight ensues and the interloper is driven away. It is on the chaffinch's known objection to visitors of his own species that the rascally bird catcher founds his hopes of success, as was speedily made manifest by Bob the Butcher's maneuvering at the trunk of the poplar tree, among the boughs of which a wild finch was all the time angrily responding to the hidden caged bird's challenge.

Plucking his slips of whalebone the butcher smeared them plentifully with the bird lime, and by means of the spiked ends stuck them here and there in the tree trunk, and immediately beneath he fixed the stuffed bird. It was not till then that he placed the decoy finch—its cage still tied up in the handkerchief—at the foot of the tree, and covered it over with a handful or two of grass. This was the "pitch," and on the instant a watch was produced and the exact time noted, and we all withdrew to the screening of a hedge close at hand, peeping through the openings of which we could see what was taking place in the poplar tree. The hidden bird continuing his "challenge," the wild bird—always answering, and each succeeding time more fiercely—was presently seen eagerly fluttering this way in search of the intruder. At last, green eyed—and on that account purblind probably—it caught sight of the harmless dummy down below, and, with a shriek of rage, was down on it, swift seemingly as a stone from a sling. But the treacherous limed twigs intercepted the savage pounce, and the next moment, with its outstretched wings held by the detached smeared sticks, it fell helpless to the ground.

AN OLD-TIME "PERSONAL."

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Those who believe that the matrimonial advertisement originated with the modern Sunday newspaper should consult the Ipswich Journal of August 21 1802, which contains this advertisement:

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How a Philadelphia Man Falls.

One of the best of recent stories at the expense of the average inhabitant of the Quaker city is told by Lew Dockstader.

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"'That was a pretty bad fall you had,' said I. 'Aren't you hurt?'

"'Nop,' said the man.

"'I can't understand it,' said I. 'A fall like that would have killed anybody else.'

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A RATTLING TIME.

Given a Stick and a Picket Fence the Boy Is Bound to Have It.

"Every middle-aged man of sound memory who was brought up in town," said Mr. Gratebar, "will recall the fact that when he was a boy he found great delight in rattling a stick along the picket fences. This amusement of childhood, like many others of that period of life, appears to have been transmitted from generation to generation without material change. The strings of spools and the soldier hats and so on of the children of to-day are substantially like those of their forefathers. But it might seem to some that this succession is in danger of being broken. In many suburban towns and villages there is now no picket fence. The modern sprit says lawns, and so there are many places where the houses are as if in parks, and where the younger children might not know a picket fence if they should see one. I have two children, for instance, who I am quite sure have never enjoyed the felicity of rattling a hard stick against the resounding pickets. It might indeed seem, under such circumstances, that this is one of the enjoyments of childhood which in some families might be lost altogether; that one could scarcely expect the children of these children who have never rattled pickets to think of it themselves; but I cannot believe this. I believe, rather, that if in their youth the children of these children should come upon a town where picket fences still remained they would pick up the hardest stick and go quite naturally and very gleefully rattling it along the pickets; for I cannot believe that a habit grounded for centuries in the human race can be utterly lost by its lapse in a single generation.—N. Y. Sun.

ECCENTRICITIES OF GENIUS.

Queer Doings and Ideas of Some of the World's Greatest Men and Women.

We often hear people offering objections to certain of their acquaintances because they are "queer." Eccentricity, however, is oftener allied to genius than not, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. Among the musicians there have been found some of the most whimsical of men.

Haydn could not compose satisfactorily to himself without first having put on his best suit of clothes and powdered his hair. Nor could he get his ideas in form until he had placed upon his finger a diamond ring presented to him by Frederick II. Another composer, Sacchini by name, declared that he never had any moments of inspiration excepting when his two pet cats were sitting upon his shoulders. In other lines than music we find that Tycho de Brahe, the celebrated astronomer of the sixteenth century, dropped to the ground whenever he caught sight of a hare or a fox. Ladislaus, king of Poland, took to flight as soon as he saw an apple. Henry III., king of England, could not bear to be in a room where there was a cat, even though he might not see it. Erasmus, of Rotterdam, one of the most enlightened men of the period, was thrown into a fever at the sight of a fish. Bacon, the great English chancellor, fainted while gazing at an eclipse of the moon. John II., grand duke of Moscow, fell into a swoon at the sight of a woman—surely the strangest peculiarity ever noticed in a man.

Chevalier de Guise was similarly affected by the sight of a rose, even without smelling its fragrance. Maria de Medici, the wife of Louis XIII., fond as she was of flowers, generally speaking, could not disguise her repugnance to roses, even painted ones.

TYPICAL AMERICAN STUDENTS.

Two Unidealized Statues on Exhibition in Boston. The Discussions of Each.

Two interesting statues, the result of much hard work, were put on exhibition in Boston recently. One was that of a young man and the other that of a girl. They were designed to represent the American college student, not the ideal American student of either sex, but the actual typical student, the measurements used having been the average, or mean, of development of students from various parts of the country. The statues are described by the Rochester Post and Express as representing "fairly well built young persons, symmetrically developed and without serious physical defects." The figures have an easy pose, standing firmly and gracefully. The faces, which were modeled after composite photographs made from the students from whom the measurements were taken, are handsome and thoughtful, with a marked air of refinement. The face of the young man is the handsomer of the two, but that of the young woman is nearest the classic standard. In the former's figure there are some marked departures from the standard. The hands and knees are large, while the wrists are small. The height of the male is five feet eight inches and of the female five feet three inches. The male represents a weight of one hundred and thirty-eight and one-half pounds and the female one hundred and fifteen pounds. Each figure represents measurements taken from forty-two leading parts of the body and these show the average development of each sex at the age of twenty-one years. It is worthy of note that the typical American student has a better physical development than that of the British or German, as is shown by comparison with measurements made recently in those countries.

DANDIES IN THE ARMY.

German Soldiers Who Bedeck Themselves with Finery.

Referring to the recent order of the German emperor with regard to the dandyfied irregularities which had become common in the German army, says the London Globe, a correspondent at Berlin calls our attention to the fact that the kaiser himself is not altogether free from affectation of this kind, inasmuch as he himself sets the fashion of "bangle" wearing. In most of the many portraits of the kaiser the bangle is brought into special prominence by the position of the arm. But though addicted to the bangle, he never condescended to the earring, which formerly was very commonly worn among his officers.

In the time of Frederick William II., when the German army was resting on the laurels of the great Frederick, dandies flourished in great numbers among the officers, in spite of severe official condemnations of foppery. The monstrosities and extravagances differed but slightly from those of to-day—sharp-pointed toes, ridiculously high collars and short overcoats without seams. Latter-day exquisites have also adopted the plan of crowding on the finger as many rings as possible—he who can carry the largest number on the ring fingers and at the same time bend his finger being considered to have the blnest blood.

Caste in India.

Some idea of the extent and petty distinctions of caste in India can be obtained from a few figures like the following from the last census: Over one thousand three hundred divisions of caste are named, while over seven thousand are not specified; five hundred and twenty-one kinds of Brahmins. A single division of the merchant class has four hundred and eleven subdivisions, while the outcast numbers hundreds of classes.

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Who are these men, young and old, who clamor for patronage at the close of a performance?

You have a carriage. They rush to call it. Half a dozen rush to call the one carriage. Some one of them gets it, says a New York correspondent of the Boston Globe. They simultaneously rush to the open door. They are in your way; they embarrass your movements; each extends a hand for a dime and the one who gets it is cursed by the others.

Who are these who stand on bleak corners, handing circulars, programmes? Who are these who come to the house door when the shades of night have closed comfort and domesticity within, and, ringing, ask enough with which to buy a night's shelter? Who are these that timidly and with faint heart, late at night, sidle up to passers along the streets and ask for help?

Sometimes they are dead beats. Sometimes they are condensed offense, stenchful and infamous, but oftener, and indeed oftener than you think or imagine, they are men driven by extremity of distress and by a perfect regiment of woe to that last resort, their wits. They are at their wits' end for a fire, for a bath, for a bit of bread, for an unbroken shoe, for a moment's comfort.

You turn them from your door. The police moves them on; the societies with long names and deep pockets take time to "consider" their cases.

Who wonders that the prisons are full?

And yet, with an immensity of territory yet to be occupied, tilled and made productive, with opportunities for work in humble lines greater than ever before, with a land whose needs demand clear heads, stout hearts and willing hands, there come into this country every year hundreds of thousands of babies without the faintest natural endowment for work of any kind, save that which is known as the work of their wits.

They come into families where the mother is worn out and the father worked out. Neither has time to train the children in the way they should go. The father plods along, dies and is forgotten. The mother fades away, the girls get married and the boys drift from one field to another until finally they join the great army of ragamuffins, living by their wits and preying on their kind.

MOURNING CLOTHES IN RUSSIA

White Worn Instead of the Depressing Black.

Russia is far ahead of every other country of Europe, except Denmark, in one thing, at least; that is in the matter of mourning clothes. Beautiful and rich as is the mourning of to-day, there is something fearfully depressing about the costume of unmitigated woe which casts a gloom over everybody. How much more becoming white would be—white crape and white henrietta! How fetching a pretty young widow would be in white weeds, exclaims the Commercial Gazette, with a long cream-colored crape veil hanging down her back and a bunch of deep purple violets nestling on her bodice. White mourning has been introduced into Denmark by the czarina and has already been adopted by the English princess, who, it is hoped, will transplant the custom on English soil. The czarina recently wore a gown of cream-colored silk warp henrietta. A fold of white crepe half a yard wide trims the Russian skirt around the bottom, and bands of it ornament the bodice and form the collar and cuffs. Her small bonnet is of dull-finished white silk, entirely concealed by her long white crape veil, which falls down her back. White undressed mousquetaire gloves, heavily stiched, were worn with it and her majesty carried a translucent parasol entirely made of sheer white crape.

MISSING LINKS.

SOUTH AMERICANS get brandy from watermelon juice.

THERE never was such a person as Pope Joan, the so-called female pontiff.

THE worth of a ton of diamonds at the present day is estimated at $85,000,000.

THE mountaineers of West Virginia have a superstition that to see a milk white deer is the unfailing sign of a speedy death.

CHEHALIS county, Wash., has 30,000,000 feet of standing timber, the largest amount of any county in that heavily timbered state.

IN the poorhouse of Cass county, Mich., a man was received the other day. He was given a bath and said it had been his first in thirty years.

CENTRAL PARK, New York, contains 862 acres; Phœnix park, Dublin, 1,760 acres; Hyde park, London, 400 acres; Yellowstone national park, 2,280,000 acres.

NEWSPAPER PICKINGS.

HIGHLY COMMENDED.—Uncle—"Well, Fritz, do you like your new teacher?" Fritz—"Oh, very much; he is ill one day out of three."—Seifenblasen.

HOTEL CLERK (Chicago)—"Sir, you are leaving without your board bill!" Guest—"Of course I am! Don't take me for a freight train, do you?"—Atlanta Constitution.

SCHOOLMASTER—"Why was it that his great discovery was not properly appreciated until long after Columbus was dead?" Nineteenth Century Schoolboy—"Because he didn't advertise, sir."—Tid-Bits.

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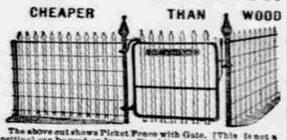

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Entomology as a hobby is now widely pursued by young people and as a department of natural history is more attractive, says the Youth's Companion. But the biologic study of insects, though of the first importance to the economic entomologist, is to him only the first step.

The life history of a given pest known, he aims to devise some means to control it. Some of the achievements in this line are, in a general way, well known.

The Colorado potato-beetle is practically under the thumb of paris green. The codling-moth, whose larva infests our apples, is readily controlled by spraying the trees with the same poison at the proper season. So with many other pests of the farmer and fruit-grower. But, as Prof. Riley estimates that one-tenth of our agricultural products is annually ruined by insects, it is evident that plenty of work remains to be done in the direction.

The total annual loss from insects in the United States is placed by the best entomological authorities at about $350,000,000. As the entomologists of the various state agricultural experiment stations and of the national department of agriculture pursue their investigations further this enormous loss will be greatly reduced.

When their labors become better known and appreciated their opportunities for work, as well as the means at their disposal, will be increased. Many more hands and brains will be needed to do