

NIGHT AND MORNING.

The evening songs of the birds are still: The twilight steals o'er the field and hill...

Our Young Folks.

The Serenade.

A youth went out to serenade The lady he loved best, And passed beneath the mansion's shade...

Country boys at the age of fifteen average about one inch taller and seven pounds heavier than city boys of the same age.

CAT AND CHICKENS.—A correspondent, writing from Decorah, Iowa, vouches for the truthfulness of the following narrative...

One by one, Tom lifted each chick out of the basket and placed it on his own bed in the kitchen corner. When the old folks returned what was their surprise to see their pet cat curled up and surrounded by the contented orphan brood.

SPANING A PROFESSOR.—True as the proverb is which asserts that "A good beginning makes a good ending," yet it does not deny that, in exceptional cases, there may be a good ending to that which began badly.

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The Highest of Waterfalls.

Some years ago Niagara was supposed to be the most magnificent waterfall in the world, but recent African explorers discovered that the falls on the river Zambesi, known as the Victoria, are even more wonderful than the famous American waterfall.

And of the Mormons.

The legislation of the last Congress to check the growth of Mormonism has been ineffectual. The commissioners appointed to carry out the law went to work zealously, but polygamy and other unpopular practices still flourish in spite of the ban put upon them by the Federal Government.

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ject is known down to the roots. Yet West Point costs the nation but a trifling sum compared with the splendid results and the kind of officers it develops.

Jottings.

—The fourth son of the more than millionaire young George Vanderbilt is ambitious of journalistic renown. —German wine-growers are beginning to dread the competition from California.

Two Leading Tobacco Markets of Virginia.

A correspondent of a journal writing from Lynchburg thus speaks of its Tobacco market in comparison with that of Danville: Lynchburg is recognized as one of the leading Tobacco marts, with Danville in close proximity, and its rival.

Claims.

The claims of tobacco dealers which are payable in money, cannot be settled before an appropriation of Congress is obtained. The manufacturers are reaping the harvest first. Their claims are paid in stamps, and as soon as a claim is passed a requisition is given for stamps upon the Collector in the district where the manufacturer resides.

Hints on Aviculture.

In a mixed aviary there should be a mixed supply of food, comprising every kind of nourishment given to birds in confinement. They can then pick and choose for themselves, taking only what best suits their taste and their stomachs.

Several baths, too, there should be in different parts of the aviary, to prevent quarrels for the privilege of bathing; besides which quarrels the first comer, in his strength and his joy, often splashes out nearly all the water in the bath, leaving only low tide for the second visitor.

Wanted to be Certain.

"What are you butting your head against that wall for?" asked the mayor of an old negro. "Ter see whud'er or not I use asleep, sah!"

Warming His Ears.

Late one evening an omnibus was rumbling down 5th avenue, New York. A handsome young lady, modestly attired, sat near the door.

Bleaching Agents.

BLEACHING AGENTS are usually good disinfectants; that which can so disturb an organic compound as to destroy its color is capable of either arresting or completing the decomposition that produce vile odors and are produced by organic germs or ferments.

Home Economies.

GLOVE POWDER.—The glove powder so generally used to prevent injury from perspiration is of value; but common corn starch rubbed thoroughly over the hands before putting on the gloves, will answer this purpose.

To MAKE A GLOSS UPON SHIRTS.—To secure a gloss when ironing shirts, take of raw starch one ounce; gum arabic, one drachm; white of an egg or albumen, half an ounce; soluble glass, quarter of an ounce; water, q. s.

The craze for Japanese fans with which to decorate the home still exists, and many pretty things are made with them. They are also much used as a foundation for framing cabinet photographs. One side of the fan should be pasted over with some rich shade of satin, such as Napoleon blue, cardinal, peacock green or old gold.

Darning.

Trace a suitable design upon pink paper muslin, tack its wrong side uppermost upon the paper muslin, and thread a long lace needle with the embroidery cotton or silk. Fill in all the centres of the leaves or flowers by darning the silks in and out of the honeycombs, and work spots all over the net.

Malaria.

The worst forms of malaria are found in our close bed-rooms, our filthy back yards, stables, sinks, drains, etc. We make the worst climate known in ordinary society. Our habits produce more disease than the old-fashioned malaria.

The Field of Science.

Nearly all the myths as to the origin of fire represent it as stolen from the gods, sometimes by a bird, sometimes by an animal, sometimes by a man. In several of these legends the stolen fire is hidden in wood, whence it may be brought out by rubbing.

A French investigator, who has a taste for the curious in science, has recently made a series of experiments to test the strength of insects as compared with the strength of other creatures. He finds that, in proportion to its size, a bee can pull thirty times as much as a horse.

The staining of bricks is effected by melting one ounce of glue in a gallon of water, then adding a piece of alum as large as an egg, one-half pound of Venetian red and one pound of Spanish brown; redness or darkness is increased by using more red or brown. For coloring black, heat the bricks and dip in fluid asphaltum or in a hot mixture of linseed oil and asphalt.

DEPTHS OF THE ATLANTIC.—Another French expedition has started, in the steamer Talisman, to explore the depths of the Atlantic. It will begin with the coast of Morocco and the vicinity of the Canary islands, and will go thence to the Cape Verd island, the red-coral fisheries of San Jago, and the desert islands of Bracco and Raza, which are frequented by saurians that are found nowhere else, and will pay particular attention to the Sargasso sea and its fauns.

OIL OF THE TROUBLED WATER.—The efficiency of oil to temper the rage of the waves in a storm at sea is now generally recognized, and it is becoming the practice for vessels to take oil with them to be used in cases of extremity. The ship Glamorganshire was recently saved in a tempest by the timely use of oil; while a powerful steamer, the Navarre, neglecting it, was swept by the waves and went down in the North sea, on the 6th day of March, with those on board.

Wonders of the Sun.

The sun is one of those innumerable and mundane spheres which God has placed above us, and presuming the light of the sun is only as much as the light of the little dog star, we must consider that this small star is 135,000,000,000 miles away from us, as far as we can learn, but yet the sun is 862,000 miles in diameter, equal to thousands of earths. How exact this measure is we have no way of proving, more than by telling the exact distance of it from the earth, which is said to be 95,000,000 miles.

Sorrow.

Sorrow seems sent for our instruction, as we darken the cages of birds when we would teach them to sing.—Richter. An exchange says clergymen would make good brakemen on our railroads, because they have done a good deal of coupling.