

THE LONG TAILED TROGON

A Most Gorgeous Bird Is the National Emblem of Guatemala.

By far the most interesting bird emblem of a modern state is that of the republic of Guatemala. It has been adopted as the national crest for so long that, partly through the taste for stamp collecting, the existence of one of the rarest and most beautiful of the bird creation has been made far more widely known than it otherwise would have been.

Gibraltar's Story.

In 1704 the rock of Gibraltar fell into the hands of the British by assault. The Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt commanded the troops and Sir George Rooke the fleet, and in the remarkably short time of four days the stronghold surrendered. Many times the Spaniards attempted to get back the key to the Mediterranean, but without success, though on one occasion they got 500 men within the fort, but failed to re-entrench it.

Wonderful Little Padlock and Chain. In a curious old book entitled "The Wonders and Curiosities of London" there are the following particulars concerning a minute padlock: In the twentieth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth Mark Scariot, a blacksmith, made a lock consisting of eleven pieces of steel, iron and brass, all of which, together with the key, weighed but a small fraction over one grain.

New England Peanut Brittle. Boil one and a half pounds of brown sugar, a half pint of New Orleans molasses, a half teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a half pint of water to the "hard ball" degree. Then add a pint of small peanuts and continue the boiling until it cracks easily if put in cold water.

Growth of Our Language. To give some idea of the tremendous growth of the English language it may be mentioned that the words and phrases under the letter "A" have increased since the middle of the nineteenth century from 7,000 to nearly 60,000.

A Life Sentence. "Would you call stealing a kiss larceny?" queried the inexperienced young man. "I suppose so," replied the married man, who was hustling from dawn to dusk to support his family.

As Jack Saw It. Jack, who is five years old, came home one day last week crying that another boy had hit him. "Why didn't you hit him back?" he was asked.

It is not the loudest church bell that brings the most money to the collection box.—Washington Post.

Centre Reporter, \$1.00 per year, in advance.

THE RED BONES.

Peculiar Class of People Who Live in South Carolina.

"Have you ever heard of a class of people called 'red bones'?" said a South Carolina man to a reporter the other evening. "They are the most peculiar people in the United States. No one living absolutely knows the race from which they sprang or from whence the original settlers came. They live very nearly on the boundary line between South Carolina and Georgia, in the northwestern part of the first named state. They are very channish, mix very little with people not of their race and in a manner are quite thrifty. In slavery times they owned slaves, visited the several summer resorts of the southern mountains and in a way put on quite a little style. While I have nothing but supposition to guide me, I am of the opinion that they are descendants of the Basques of southern France. They do not lack courage, for a company of them served in Hampton's legion during the civil war and bore themselves bravely at the first Manassas. Their skin is of a swarthy red, resembling that of the Indian, but at that point all resemblance ceases, except it be that they are very hot of temper. I have often wondered why the ethnologists of this country have not studied these people. Surely a monograph on them would be highly interesting."—Washington Star.

A Critical Moment.

A man may be as cool as an icicle under extraordinary circumstances of danger or excitement. He may preserve an even mind when a ghost comes into his room at midnight. He may assume command and act nobly and well when the ship is sinking. But let that man, let any man, upset his inkstand, and he springs to his feet, makes a desperate grasp for the inkstand and knocks it half way across the table, claws after his papers and swoops them through the sable puddle to save them, tears his white handkerchief from his pocket and mops up the ink with it and after he has smeared the table, his hands and his trousers with ink as far as it could be made to go discovers that early in the engagement he knocked the inkstand clear off the table and it has been draining its life ink away all that time in the center of the only light figure in the pattern of the carpet. Then he wonders why a man always makes a fool of himself when he upsets a bottle of ink. He doesn't know why. Nobody knows why. But every time it is so. If you don't believe it, try it.

Silkworms That Die.

The silkworm story is a twice told tale. Everybody knows how the green, wriggling creature, fed fat on mulberry leaves, spins himself a shining shroud, out of which he will come with wings—that is, if he comes out at all. For the most part he does not. The cocoon meant for reeling are killed until the dormant life goes out entirely. The largest and fairest are saved for seed. Out of them come the moths that lay eggs for a new generation. From 300 to 600 is the usual number. The eggs, called grain, are subject to a fungus that does not destroy their vitality, but makes worms hatched from them unhealthy. They toil not, neither do they spin. Instead they die, weak and languid, to the disgust of the growers and the depletion of their pockets.

Danger in Raw Salads.

"It has generally been conceded," says the Sanitary Inspector, "that there is quite an element of danger in the consumption of raw salad plants which have been grown upon soil that is possibly infected with disease germs which may be present as the result of the application of stable manure to the soil. All such salad plants should be carefully washed with an abundance of water. A writer in Pollicino, an Italian journal, concludes as the result of his experiments that such salad plants may be effectually sterilized, so far as disease germs are concerned, by immersing them a half an hour in a 3 per cent solution of tartaric acid."

Wherein Snakes Excel.

Sir Richard Owen said: "It is true the serpent has no limbs, yet it can outclimb the monkey, outswim the fish, outpace the jerron, and suddenly loosing the close coils of its crouching spiral, it can spring into the air and seize the bird upon the wing; thus all these creatures fall its prey. The serpent has neither hands nor talons, yet it can outwrestle the athlete and crush the tiger in the embrace of its ponderous overlapping folds. Far from licking up its food as it glides along, the serpent lifts up its crushed prey and presents it, grasped in the death coil as in a hand, to the gaping, slime dropping mouth."

A Short Sermon.

It is reported that a young man, being examined preparatory to joining the church, was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" "Under nobody's preaching," was the prompt reply. "I was converted under my mother's practicing."

Another Way of Expressing It.

"When Mrs. Parvenu was poor, they used to say she was a great talker, but since she became rich it is different." "Indeed! What do they say now?" "They say she is a brilliant conversationalist."

Held Up.

Gladys—Did he get on his knees when he proposed to you? Marle—No; I was already on them.—Smart Set.

An infant's vest at 25 cents that is a stunner—Garman's.

HE REFUSED TO SELL.

Turner and His Great Picture, "The Building of Carthage."

When Turner exhibited his great picture, "The Building of Carthage," he was disappointed because it had not been sold at once at the private view and angry with the press for criticising it severely. Sir Robert Peel called upon him. "Mr. Turner," said he, "I admire your 'Carthage' so much that I want to buy it. I am told you want 500 guineas for it." "Yes," said Turner; "it was 500 guineas, but today it's 600."

"Well," said Sir Robert, "I did not come prepared to give 600, and I must think it over. At the same time it seems to me that the change is an extraordinary piece of business on your part." "Do as you please," said Turner. "Do as you please." After a few days Sir Robert called again upon the great painter. "Mr. Turner," he began, "although I thought it a very extraordinary thing for you to raise your price, I shall be proud to buy that picture, and I am prepared to give you the 600 guineas."

Foreing the Pace. George Gordon, an old Scotchman of miserly habits, was dying. A neighbor who was on friendly terms with the old man's relatives agreed to call on the minister and beg him to try to induce the old fellow to make a will. The minister consented and at length persuaded the miser to allow a lawyer to be sent for.

By the time he arrived the old man was rapidly sinking, but the will was smartly drawn up and duly awaited his signature. He was propped up in bed and managed to write "George Gor—." Then he fell back exhausted.

"D' Goddie, 'd," referring to the next letter of the signature. The old man glared up wrathfully. "Dee!" he snapped. "I'll dee when I'm ready, ye avaricious wretch!"

Somebody Lied.

A certain woman has a husband who has done such a thing as to forget to do what his wife had requested. The other evening about 5 o'clock he came home, and she went at him. "John," she said, "did you tell that expressman to come here this afternoon?" "Yes, Mary," he answered meekly. "Well, he hasn't come."

"Is that so?" "Yes, it is. Now, how do you account for it?" John gave the matter a few moments' consideration. "Well, my dear," he said finally, "either he's lying or I am, and to relieve us both from your suspicions I'll just step down to his place and see what's the matter." And the charitable John went to see the expressman.

A Gustatory Gem.

The chef was ignorant of the presence of the cannibal king, who eyed him critically, while a sunny smile danced merrily over his dimpled features. Suddenly the chef became aware of his presence and said as he most artistically saluted: "I would have your majesty know that I have just created a formula for a soup that shall win an instant immortality." "And what may it be?" asked the monarch impatiently. "I never was an expert in the art of guessing, and I would know the name of your new delectation."

And the chef, appreciating the king's interest and his own importance, saluted again and replied: "Mock missionary."—New York Times.

A Bull For a God.

The ancient Egyptians believed that the spirit of their greatest god, Osiris, dwelt among them in the form of a pure white bull marked by a certain sign. Herodotus mentions two of these signs—a black eagle on the back and a black forehead with a square of white in its center. These creatures when found were worshipped during life and mummified after death. The New York Historical society has one of these "bull gods," a fine mummy from the temple of Serapis.

Hopeful.

There was a very small audience present, and it was rapidly dwindling away. On the stage the hero and heroine are holding a rendezvous. Hero to Heroine—Are we alone? Heroine (thinking of the audience)—Not yet. There are two fellows near the door who look as if they might be able to sit through another act.

Their Tale of Bliss.

Georgiana—Julia and Jack don't stay out of their new country place at all. George—Why? "Oh, they want to be in town all the time to tell everybody how much they like it out in the country."—Life.

Just For a Lark.

Rabbit Hunter—Do you like birds? Bird Hunter—Sure! I love 'em! Rabbit Hunter—Then eat my rabbit for a lark.—Harvard Lampoon.

The martyrs to vice far exceed the martyrs to virtue, both in endurance and number.—Colton.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That sundry citizens of the county of Centre will present their petition to the court of sessions of Centre county, on Tuesday, the 7th day of February, at ten o'clock, a. m. representing that the Bellefonte, Aaronsburg and Youngstown Turnpike Road Company, extending eastward through the Township of Potter, and village of Spring Mills, through the Township of Haines Township, through the village of Aaronsburg, and through the Township of Spring Mills, to become a public road, free from tolls and tollage, and praying the Court to appoint a jury of five reputable citizens under the provisions of the Act of Assembly, approved the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1867, and its several supplements, said jury to view and condemn said Turnpike Road, public use, free from tolls and tollage, and to assess the damages to which the owners of said Turnpike may be entitled. N. B. SPANGLER, January 8, 1902. Atty. for petitioners.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Letters of Stover, late of Gregg township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. M. L. RISHEL, Administrator, Farmers Mills, Pa., January 15, 1902.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—LETTERS of Administration on the estate of Samuel Long, late of Gregg township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. LEWIS KORMAN, Administrator, Penna Cave.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Susan Golden, late of Gregg township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned, he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement. W. M. CONYER, Executor, Spring Mills, Pa., 20607

FOR RENT.—The undersigned offers his property, located one-fourth mile east of Centre Hall, for rent. Property consists of dwelling house, stable, slaughter house, meat room, ice house 16x18, two acres of ground, and good fruit. N. M. CONYER, Centre Hall, Pa., Dec. 11, 1902.

LOST.—A red heifer, aged about eighteen months, has horns and hog ring in one ear. The same strayed from the premises of the undersigned during the first part of November, or thereabouts. NEWTON YARNELL, Linden Hall, Pa.

HOUSE AND LOT AT PRIVATE SALE.—A house and lot at Centre Hall. The property consists of five acres, and upon which is erected a good dwelling house, stable, outhouses, buildings, also two gardens and a fruit tree. It is a very desirable home. MRS. W. W. ROYER, Centre Hill, Pa., 20607

TAX NOTICE.—The undersigned, tax collector of the District of Centre, will call on the taxpayers in his district between this and the middle of January, and require all persons in arrears to be ready for settlement. A. P. HOYERMAN, December 10, 1902.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing hay, straw, fodder, implements, etc., or receiving from my premises any such goods, etc., or purchasing the grain in the ground on the farm occupied by J. C. Runkle, during the past two years, as all such property is owned by the undersigned. J. C. DALE, Centre Hall, Pa., December 9, 1902.

NOTICE OF INVALIDITY OF A NOTE.—All persons are hereby notified of the invalidity of a certain note given by me dated November, 1902, and made payable to A. L. Lingle, in the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars. A payment of one hundred dollars has been made on the note, leaving a balance of seventy-five dollars, which sum I refuse to pay unless compelled to do so by law, as I have not received value for said note. A. C. CONFER, Beech, Pa., December 9, 1902.

FOR SALE.—Millheim threshing machine, complete; windmill and two-horse chopper. E. C. HARTER, Spring Mills, Pa.

WAGON FOR SALE.—A new one-horse wagon, box and coil, complete, cheap.—\$30.00 cash. JOHN I. MCLENNAN, Centre Hall, Pa., January 8, 1902, M.

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