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Perish all that fears the light; Whether losing, whether winning Trust in God and do the right. Trust no party, church, or faction,

Trust no "leaders" in the fight, But in every word and acti Trust in God and do the right. Trust no forms of guilty passion, Flends can look like angels bright

Trust no custom, school, or fashion Trust in God and do the right. Some will hate thee, some will love thee Some will flatter, some will slight: Cease from man, and look above thee, Trust in God and do the right

Simple rule and safest guiding, Inward peace and inward light : Star upon our path abiding, Trust in God and do the right.

# MISCELLANEOUS.

#### THE HABITS OF FISH. A Lecture delivered by Robert L. Pell, Pres

ident of the American Institute, at the W ALL PAPER :- As the Spring opens, housekeepers will be looking around for Wall Paper, where a good supply can be found and cheap. This can be done at Farmers' Club. The Trout—The Carp—The Goldfish—The Sunfish—The Pike—The Yellow Perch— The Striped Bass—The Shad.

Fishes are vertebrate oviparous creatures, having a heart consisting of one ventricle and one auricle. They are capable of the carp. I have noticed that by a proper he will eat his own progeny. As food he breathing water, their air-bladders perform- diet I can increase the intensity of their is considered more wholesome than any ing the duties of lungs, and the gills of respiration. The water, taken in their improve the rotundity of their form and breeds but once a year. I have noticed mouth, instead of entering the stomach, add much to their size; and what is more one remarkable peculiarity connected with passes through the gill apertures and es- surprising than all, those characters be- this fish, and that is that if a dozen are capes, leaving behind the air contained in come hereditary in their offspring. it, to act upon the blood. Fish are about the same specific gravity as the element ican Carp, though they will not intermingle | caught, being, like the most men, unwilin which they live, but by means of their with either of the other varieties, European ling to receive the experience of their combladders, which they can dilate or contract at will, they vary their gravity, and descend or rise with the same ease that a bird does by expanding or contracting its wings, and are able to pass through the water with great rapidity, using as propellers members called pectoral, ventral, dorsal, and caudal fins. The bodies of a large portion of fish are covered with scales, and their teeth are chase them if they happen to come too a pond but did not put any fish in it, and the organs of prehension.

country, for years have been studying and experimenting to discover some composition or article for roofing, which would resist the ficial and fed by springs; they are, with two their gill covers, elevating their fins, &c. shiners, trout and sea-bass, without my ble seat of justice, like the Asiatic rock of exceptions, fourteen feet deep, and con- THE PIKE (Esox Lucius) .- I have a large agency, and all within two years. Where Gibraltar ; while the eternal streams of justain forty-five varieties of fresh and salt water fish ; a portion of which, together abound to so great an extent, that I might doubted agents, and it is to them Lake Erie ley flow meandering at your feet." with their habits, I intend to describe, and supply half-a-dozen families the year round is indebted for the herring, striped rock will commence with that most highly prized from it. They are the most notoriously and white sea-bass, and other fine fish. by sportsmen, the Trout (Salmo Fario). THE TROUT is the only fish that comes in and goes out of season with the deer; he grows rapidly, and dies early after reaching his full growth. The female spawns in October-at a different time from nearly with me as docile as docs, and will assem- fish. all other fish; after which both male and ble in numbers, when the small fry are fed female become lean, weak and unwholesome eating, and, if examined closely, will be found covered with a species, of cloveshaped insects, which appear to suck their substance from them; and they continue sick until warm weather, when they rub the insects off on the gravel, and immediately grow strong. The female is the best for the table. She may be known by her small head and deep body. Fish are always in season when their heads are so small as to be disproportioned to the size of their body. The trout is less oily and rich than the salmon; the female is much brighter and more beautiful than the male; they swim rapidly, and often leap, like the salmon, to a great height, when ascending streams. When I first stocked my troutpond, I placed fifteen hundred in it, and was accustomed to feed them with anglaworms, rose buds, crickets, grasshoppers, &c., which they attacked with great voracity to the amusement of those looking on. They grow much more rapidly in ponds than in their native streams, from the fact that they are better fed and not compelled to exercise. Trout are the only fish known to me that possess a voice, which is perceived by pressing, when they emit a murmuring sound, and tremble all over. THE CARP (Cyprinus Carpio) .- Of this delicious fish I have a great abundance; having obtained my original stock from Captain Robinson, of Newburgh, fourteen years since. They breed twice each year, producing about forty thousand each time and grow to the length of fifteen inches. pating, put on in December last, has I have seen them on the banks of Lake Como, in Italy, weighing one hundred and seventy-five pounds; I feed them with bread,

up in great numbers at the ringing of a venomus as that of a serpent, and very difbell, and will eat out of my hand, and ficult to cure. Pickerel are particularly permit me to stir them around without fond of frogs as food, but the frog always showing the least fear. They are very makes battle when the pickerel approach, tenacious of life, and live a long time out | and will sometimes mount upon his head, of the water. I have crossed them with where they become very troublesome custhe gold fish, or Chinese carp, and produced tomers, placing their foreclaws in the cora variety of colors. As soon as the ice ner of each eye, and clinging with their forms in the fall, they disappear in the mud, hind legs. If this position is well taken and as they are not afterwards seen, prob- it is utterly impossible for the pickerel to ably remain dormant in our cold climate all disencumber himself, until the frog is wilwinter.

are cultivated with great attention, and to the shore to permit him to leap upon it. constitute a part of the revenue of the no- Pickerel grow faster than any other fish in bility. There is no reason why they might my ponds, making eight inches the first not be made profitable here. Fish are like year, ten the second, fourteen the third, hens, in one respect, that is, they never and twenty the fourth. I am convinced deposite all their spawn at one time, but that an acre pond, well stocked with pickat several periods, weeks often intervening | erel would vield more profit than a ten acre according to its maturity.

OR GOLDEN CARP, are the most beautiful long time after being taken from the water and interesting fish in my waters, where and will snap at any object presented. It they are only kept as ornaments, as they attains a great age and immense size if unare not celebrated for their qualities as food. molested and well fed. The extreme elegance of their form and scaly dress, and the agility and grace with is a bold fish of prey, and like the pickerel which they move through their native ele- has a large mouth, well filled with teeth, a ment, cause them to be ranked among the hog back, armed with two strong, sharp most charming pets. They are always the fins, which make him a formidable prey first on hand at the ringing of the bell, and for other fish. His outer covering consists are even more gentle and confiding than of hard, thick scales. Like the pickerel color, change their external characteristics, other fish. His growth is slow, and he

habits with one exception, and that is they nearly the whole year, and grow under build nests in the gravel to deposit their favorable auspices to a large size and elevigilance, and cannot be induced to leave known throughout Europe and this country, voracious fish in our fresh water ponds, and will devour young ducks, geese, rats, serpents and frogs; they have an amazing number of teeth, which they use in a scientific manner. These ferocious fish have become to seize upon them, which they accomplish in a masterly style. Some naturalists declare that this fish is of a spontaneous generation, deriving its origin from a weed known as the pickerel weed, and that pickerel are only found where this weed is known to exist. The fact probably is, that the weed as well as the pickerel spawn attached to it, are carried from pond to pond by the heron, or some fish hawk, attached accidentally to their legs, or eaten as food and ejected. I have studied their habits with great. interest, and find they retire in pairs, about the 1st of April, and after swimming together, without touching each other, for a day or so, the female deposits her spawn in shallow places, upon aquatic grass, and the male following, fecundates them with milt, which he deposits over them; after having completed this interesting operation, they pass on and give themselves no solicitude as to the future result of their labors, but when the small fry make their appearance, the parents devour them with great goux and apparent satisfaction. I have known a pickerel to swallow partially a fish too large for his throat and to carry it thus in his mouth, until the portion swallowed was digested; he will likewise eat poisonous substances wihout injury to himself, having within him some antidote, with which to counteract its evil effects .-They never swim in schools as many other fish do, but keep aloof from each other and like to be solitary and alone; they are not easily alarmed, and will never run from a often stand unmoved until I put my hand

ling to depart, which he usually consents to In Prussia, Germany and Saxony, carp do when the fish approaches near enough lot under ordinary cultivation. They are THE GOLD FISH, (Cygrinus Auratus.) remarkably tenaceous of life, and live a

THE YELLOW PERCH (Perca Flavescens) found in a hole, they will all bite, one after THE SUN FISH are known as the Amer- the other, and allow themselves to be or Chinese, which they much resemble in panions. They are gregarious during ova, on which they watch with unceasing gant proportions. This fish is universally even for food; when the other fish are eat- and the remarkable manner in which its ing bread in their immediate vicinity, they eggs have been distributed has led to curious appear to be unconscious of the fact, and hypotheses. Some years since I constructed near their sacred charge, showing every you may imagine my surprise when I found I have eight ponds on my farm, all arti- indication of extreme anger, by distending therein perch, sun-fish, eels, bullheads,

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and sometimes Indian meal. They come in want of food. Their bite is almost as with his tail. This operation is performed with great rapidity and in the most scientific manner possible, so much so that no trace of the fish is left behind to indicate that the gravel has been moved. This may justly challenge the admiration of all beholders.

### (To be Continued.)

DESTROYING THE ROMANCE. A capital story is told of a young fellow, who, one Sunday, strolled into a village church, and, during the service, was electrified by the sparkle of a pair of brilliant black eyes, which were riveted upon his face. After the service, he saw the posessor of the witching orbs leave the church alone; and emboldened by her glances, he ventured to follow her, his heart aching with rapture. He saw her look behind, and fancied she evinced some emotion at him. He then guickened his pace, and she actually slackened hers, as if to let him come up with her; but we will permit the young gentleman to tell the rest in his own

"Noble young creature," thought I; her artless and warm heart is superior to the bonds of custom."

"I reached within a stone's throw of her." she suddenly halted, and turned her face owards me. My heart swelled to bursting. reached the spot were she stood. She began to speak, and I took off my hat as if doing reverence to an angel.

" Are you a peddler ?" "No, my dear girl that is not my occu-

pation.' "Well, I don't know,' continued she,

not very bashfully, and eyeing me very sternly, "I thought when I saw you in the meeting-house, that you looked like the pedler who passed off a pewter half dollar on me about three weeks ago; and so I was determined to keep an eye on you. Brother John has got home now, and he says if ie catches the feller he'll wring his neck for him; and I ain't sure but you're the good-for-nothing rascal, after all."

### BURSTS OF ELOQUENCE.

One of our exchange papers gathers up the following bursts of eloquence which it says were delivered before a court of Justice in this state :

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Third-It is durable. It is not injured by atmospheric changes, having been tested for several years by the Patentee, at Syracuse, New York. Fourth-It is cheap. Roofs will be put on

for about half the cost of tin, and will last much longer.

Fifth-Repairs are easily and cheaply made. Sixth-It is sufficiently elastic to entirely resist the expansion and contraction by heat and cold, and will remain perfect and solid in the warmest and coldest weather.

Seventh-It is adapted to all kinds of roofs, either flat or steep. Eighth-It is valuable for repairing old

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pond devoted to this fish, in which they did they come from? Birds were the un-They have distributed the eel throughout the known world, and frequently carry them alive, as it is well known that the gastric juice of birds is not sufficiently

> I have known perch to die in my pond from the bursting of their sound or air bladders, caused by loitering in shallow water for prev during an intensely hot day in August, and have in some instances saved their lives, when the bladder protruded from their mouths, by plunging them in cold water, the affect of which was a sudden condensation of the air.

THE STRIPED BASS (Perca Lahax) is a sea fish chiefly found near the mouths of rivers and arms of the sea, were they remain more constantly than any other ocean fish. They are readily known from the fact that they have eight parallel lines on the sides, like narrow tape; the scales are very large and lustrous, resembling metal; the eves are white, head long, and underjaw projects beyond the upper; it is beyond doubt the most beautiful of all our native fishes. I have been enabled, after many fruitless attempts, to breed this magnificent fish in fresh water, where they have now became abundant; he is a bold biting fish, except in winter, when he becomes very abstemious, and will only bite in the middle of the day, when the weather is moderate, and continues to take the hook until the mulberry trees blossom. The day before you intend to fish on bass, sink a glass bottle in the vicinity of their haunts with small fish in it, covered with a piece of pierced parchment or linen cloth ; this will attract them in large numbers, and by dropping your line in its vicinity, baited with similar small fish, you may take many of them. They spawn throughout March; the female followed by the male, opens a shadow, as most fish invariably will; they furrow in the gravel, and deposits her spawn ; the male follows, ejecting milt upon in the water, and will dart at it boldly, if it, and at the same time covers the furrow ments get your wife's opinion.

Another western orator commenced his strong to destroy the life of this serpent harangue with-' The important crisis which were about to have arriven, have arroven.

Another. 'The Court will please to observe that the gentleman from the East has given them a very learned speech. He has roamed with old Romulus; Soaked with old Socrates; Ripped with Euripides, and Canted with old Cantharides-but what, your honor, what does he know about the laws of Wisconsin ?'

A young lawyer in one of our own Courts, commenced his defense as follows: - May it please your honor, the Deluge has passed over the earth, the Ark has rested upon the mountain, and the Rainbow of Justice shines as beautifully upon my colored client, as it does upon any one inthe court, including the jury.'

A Blue Bird in a Bottle .- The West Roxbury (Mass.) Gazette gives the following item :

"One of our neighbors happening to have a large bottle, bethought himself of placing it in the branches of a tree near his house for the birds to build in. After a short time the members of the family perceived a pair of blue birds continually, day after day, flying about and coming up to the mouth of the bottle, as if endeavoring to get in. After this had lasted about a week, the gentleman one day took a hammer up to the tree to knock off the neck of the bottle, so that these birds might enter, when upon so doing a blue bird fiew out. The poor prisoner had undoubtedly succeeded in making his way in, but from the slippery ascent to the neck had been unable to escape, and had probably been supported there by his two outside brethren."

Before you make important engage-