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"Our Winged Friends."

An Essay Read Before the Pennsylvania Fruit Growers' Society at Harrisburg, January 18, 1882, by Simon P. Eby.

[Conclusion.] The wood-pecker family have been voted great scamps-fruit-stealing, sap-sucking rascals-a proper target for every idle boy, who could handle an old rusty gun, to blaze away at.

Of late years their usefulness has be come better understood and a law enacted to save them from total extermination. They are the police of the trunk and

scoody part of our timber, fruit and shade trees. In fact, to us, the red-headed woodpecker does not seem unlike a liveried policeman patrolling his beat, up and down and around the trunk, and out along the limbs of some old tree, tapping and rattling for concealed marauding insects, and dragging them from their hiding places

without mercy when discovered. We have frequently noticed the trunks of old apple trees punctured in a regular sucession of circles; or have seen spots as large as a hand where the bark seemed dead riddled like the bottom of a colander. all the work of this or a smaller speckled wood-pecker, known as the sap-sucker. in their efforts to dislodge the insects under

Shall these faithful servants be denied a few of the fruit of the trees they help to

save? A few years ago we observed several Scotch pines in one of our cemeteries treated in this manner, and the resinous sap exuding and filling the punctured circles. Surely, we thought, this time the bird could have been after no honest purpose, and deserved the bad name it bore. Behold, in the following spring one of the pines was dead; and taking a friend with us, we examined into the cause and found the inner bark of the upper part of the trunk and of some of the larger limbs reduced to the condition of fine sawdust, having been entirely eaten by worms. Here the borers had been too numerous or the tree too far gone. The other pines were no doubt saved by the timely inter-

ference of this much-slandered bird. Closely allied in habits of life to the wood-pecker are the titmice and chickadees, of which ornithologists report three as visitants to this country. They feed on insects and the eggs of moths deposited on

and in the crevices of the bark and in the buds of trees and shrubs. During breeding season they are busy through the whole day in capturing vast quantities of caterpillers, flies and grubs. It has been calculated," says Mr. Samon the average not less than five hundred

of these pests daily." round upon his perch, spies out every insect and secured it with a peck so rapid that it is hardly perceptible.'

Last but not least in our list come some of our best known and most reliable friends. Prominent among which are the brown thrush, or mocking bird, robin, catbird, black-bird, meadow-lark, chippingsparrow, song-sparrow and indigo-bird. These feed on small fruit, seeds and ber-

good they do, the balance would show largely in their favor. They compensate us in still another way they cheer us with their presence and songs; for amongst them are some of the

most talented musicians. Unlike the oriole and virco, which carol while they store, 137 North Queen street, Lancaster. when they address themselves to song. Ascending some elevated perch and concentrating all their vocal powers, they pour forth their strains of melody, as if it were to listening audience.

Mounted on the topmost spray of a neighboring tree or bush, the brown thrush welcomes the farmer planting seed at early morning with cries of "drop it, drop it, cover it up, cover it up. Pull it up, pull it up; see, see; there you have it, there you have it; work away, work away ; cover it up."

This bird, although often seen in the orchard and pasture field, generally builds his nest in the neighboring thicket and seems partial to sprout land, or woods having undergrowth,

A few years ago, we considered our-selves highly favored when a pair selected a small evergreen upon the lawn for their nesting place, and we gave strict orders for no one to go near while the work was progressing, but unfortunately some unknown enemy must have discoverd them, for one day we found the eggs broken and the nest descried.

Of the robin a writer in the Atlantic Monthly says: "I shall not ask pardon for singing bird, while others may surpass him in some particular qualities; the notes of the robin are all melodious, all delightful-loud without vociferation, mellow without monotony, fervent without ecstasy, and combining more mellowness of tone, plaintiveness, cheerfulness and propriety of execution than those of any other bird. Without his sweet notes the mornings would be like a vernal landscape without flowers, or a summer evening sky without tints.

After the noon-day heat has silenced the early performers, the song sparrow, chipping sparrow and indigo bird continue to sing at intervals during the greater part

The song sparrow has been assigned a high place among singing birds. His song is certainly very soft and sweet, without a harsh note in it. We hear it mostly from the hedge rows, and along the edges of

grain or pasture fields. The sprightly little indigo bird, selects the highest twig of some tall tree in the vicinity of his nest to pour out his noon-

Last and least is the chipping sparrow, greeting us from the fence posts, along the highways and country lanes, with its

peculiar but pleasant little song not unlike that of a summer locust. Having thus spoken in behalf of some of our "winged friends" as time would allow, leaving, however, many of them unmentioned, and many of the good things which might be said in their favor unsaid;

the next question naturally suggests itself: How can we best preserve these winged institutions, which have become interwoven with some of our earliest and happiest recollections of rural life, and hand them down to posterity unimpaired?

The woods, of course, have ever been the great nursery for birds. We do not mean the endless forests, which at one time covered this country, but belts of timber with plenty of undergrowth lying between farms, adjoining the cultivated land, and along the streams. These gave plenty of room and material for nests. were within convenient reach of the sunlight of the fields and the food there found; at the same time there was some protection from man against birds of prey.

As our woods are cleared away we should endeavor to provide other shelter; by saving the trees, wherever possible, upon the farm; by planting thickets of young timber in such places where the land cannot be profitably cultivated. Hedge rows become good nesting places for the smaller kinds of birds, and afford protection when pursued by hawks. Evergreens planted for ornament or protection oftentimes attract birds. The summer house or per building on the lawn or in the orchard is generally selected by the

robin for a nesting place. So the shrubbery and climbing vines around the house should be at the service of the chipping sparrow and warblers. The orchard of course we expect to have its full share of nests, and the elm, or weeping willow, or the old pear tree, to have one of its droop-ing limbs graced with an oriole's hammock. A row of boxes should be put up against the south or east side of the house for the martins; shelvings under the fore-bay for the swallow, and an opening in the upper part of the barn for them to pass in and out freely, should they fancy that part of the building. Such chimneys as are not used in the summer should be left uncovered for the chimney swallows. Boxes should be put up against the outbuildings, and on the sheltered side of trees, for the blue-bird and wren; so that the whims of these our good fairies may

be properly humored. When these accommodations are provided and the birds happily do come to occupy them, or some of them, do not in terfere with their housekeeping nor suffer anyone else to molest them, whether it be thoughtless man cr sneaking cat. Do not approch their nests unnecessarily nor allow anyone else to do so; remember this i: a tender point with all birds, and will cause them to change residence very soon. Do not allow the English sparrow to take possesion of the boxes and drive the others

One more suggestion and I am done. If there is no running water on your farm or in the vicinity, provide a place for the birds to drink, and where they can get soft material to build nests. Swallows and martins love to skim near the surface of the water and take an occasional dip. Robins and cat birds will help themselves at the water trough in the barn-yard, but the more shy birds, like the brown thrush, will not venture that far. Water should be kept for their use in a more secluded

place. A cheap bird fountain can be made with an old demijohn or carboy, which can be had at a drug or liquor store for a

Select a suitable shady spot frequented by the birds and where they will not be disturbed. Place a trough or other shallow vessel on the ground; drive stakes for the demijohn to rest upon in an inverted position so that its mouth will nearly touch the bottom of the trough and hold it in that position, then fill the demi-john and turn it upside down upon the stakes. The water will run out and keep the trough spartly filled until the supply in the demijohn is all used; on the same principle as a small bird fountain.

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TRAVELERS GUIDE,

ANCASTER AND MILLERSVILLE R.

Leave Millersville (lower end) at 5, 8, and 10

READING & COLUMBIA R. R. ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS

MONDAY, NOV. 7TH, 1881. NORTHWARD. A.M. P. M. P. M. A. M. 6:40 ... 2:30 7:30 7:50 ... 3:40 9:10 8:00 1:00 3:50 9:20 7:50 1:10 3:40 ... LEAVE. Quarryville Lancaster, King St...... Lancaster Columbia. ARRIVE. 90UTHWARD. 3:20 5.50 7:25 12:00 6:10 ... 9:35 2:10 8:25 9:27 2:10 8:13 5:15 9:37 8:25 5:25 10:37 9:55 6:30 Columbia.....

At Columbia with trains to and from York, Hanover, Gettysburg, Frederick and Balti-more. A. M. WILSON, Supt. DENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD-NEW SCHEDULE—On and after SUNDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1882, trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad will arrive at and leave the Lancaster and Philadelphia depots as follows: EASTWARD, Mail Express, 12:44 A.M. 2:55 A.W Leave Arrive Philad'a Lanc'ter WESTWARD, 4:30 A.M. 6:27 A.M Way Passenger, 430 A
News Express, 7:00
Mail Train No. 1, via Mt. Joy,
Mail Train No. 2, via Col'bia,
Sunday Mail, 7:00
Fast Line, 7:00
Frederick Accommodation,
Lancaster Accommodation,
Harrisburg Accommodation, 4:15
Harrisburg Kympess, 7:40
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Lancaster Accommodation,
Harrisburg Accommodation,
Columbia Accommodation,
Harrisburg Express, 5:40 7:35 "
Western Express, 9:00 "
Philadelphia Express, 11:30 "
225 A.W. Mail Train, No. 2, west, connecting at Lan 2 caster with Mail Train, No. 1, at 9:25 a.m., will run through to Hanover.

Frederick Accommodation, west, connecting at Lancaster with Fast Line, west, at 1:55, will run through to Frederick.

Harrisburg Express, west, at 5:40 p. m., has direct connections (without change of cars) to Columbia and York.

Fast Line, west, on Sunday, when flagged, will stopat Downingtown, Coatesville, Parkesburg, Mount Joy, Elizabethtown and Middle-own.

2:35 "

LEGAL NOTICES. ISTATE OF JOHN S. GABLE, LATE OF L'STATE OF JOHN'S. GABLE, LATE OF L'A the city of Lancaster, Pa., deceased.—Letters of administration, d. b. n., with the will annexed, on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the decedent will make the same known to him without delay.

HUGH S. GARA.
C. S. HOFFMAN.
dec28-6tdoaw
Residing in said city.

LISTATE OF JAMES PEOPLES, LATE OF

the city of Lancaster, deceased,—Letters
testamentary on said estate having been
granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having just claims
or demands against the same will present
them without delay for settlement at my residence, No. 24 West Vine street, Lancaster, Pa.

MARGARET E. PEOPLES,
ALEXANDER HARRIS, ESQ., Executrix.

Attorney. d28-8tdoaw LATE OF JOHN NIXDORF, LATE OF Lancaster city, Lancaster county, dec'd.
Letters of administration on said estate having

Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present ithem without delay for settlement to the undersigned, residing in Lancaster city.

BARBARA NIXDORF, FREDERICK NIXDORF, j9-6tdoaw* ESTATE OF WILLIAM MILLAR, LATE of the City of Lancaster, dec'd.—Letters testamentary on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted thereto are requested to make immediate settlement, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them without delay for settlement to the undersigned.

CATHARINE SCHWILKE,

W. LEAMAN. Executrix.

igned. W. LEAMAN, L'STATE OF WM. L. PEIPER LATE OF the City of Lancaster, deceased.—Letters of administration on said estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons in-debted thereto are requested to make imme-diate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same, will present them without delay for settlement to the under-

SILAS H. FORRY, York, Pa., JOHN D. SKILES, Lancaster

WM. AUG. ATLES, Attorney. dec21-6tdoaw&6tw GIFT DEAWINGS. COMMONWEALTH DISTRIBUTION CO. 40th Popular Monthly Drawing OF THE COMMONWEALTH DISTRIBUTION CO. in the City of Louisville; on TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st, 1882. These drawings occur monthly (Sundays excepted) under provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of Kentucky.
The United States Circuit Court on March 31, rendered the following decisions:
1st—That the Commonwealth Distribution

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2d—Its drawings are fair.

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