

Ostrich Farms In Arizona

It is said that more than half the ostriches now in the United States are the progeny of a single pair owned in Arizona in 1891. From this fact one may judge how young the industry of raising these birds is in this country. There are now over 2,200 ostriches on farms in Arizona, California, Florida and Kansas. About three-quarters of them are in Arizona. There is a curious story connected with the breeding of many of these large feathered animals from one pair. It was in the year 1888 that Arizona first saw ostriches. A troop of thirteen were brought to the territory from California, and the number proved unlucky. The flock included two old birds and eleven young ones. The men who took them from the railroad station to the ranch which formed their destination knew nothing about ostriches, and their chief aim was to prevent them from escaping. To make sure they would not get away they not only put a canvas over the wagon, but hoods over the heads of the birds. It was a very hot day, and ten of the young birds died of suffocation before they had been taken five miles on their journey. To make the breeding project still more difficult of execution it happened that before the old pair could make their nest the female bird died from an accident. Then the flock was reduced to the old male bird and a young female. Ostriches are not like smaller birds. A single season does not suffice for their development. It takes about four years for the male bird to come to maturity and about three and a half years for the female. So it was not till 1891 that the first ostrich was hatched in Arizona. In the fifteen years intervening since that time over 1,000 birds have come from that single pair and their descendants. All lined up in a row or by companies



PLUCKING A HOODED OSTRICH.

they would make a formidable looking army, as an ostrich stands about eight feet high and sometimes attains a height of ten or eleven feet. There are now six ostrich farms in Arizona, while the industry of raising ostriches is becoming an important one in the four states already mentioned. As ostrich feathers sell for as high as \$146 per pound, the pluckings from the big birds form a product of considerable value annually.

The ostrich is a very interesting creature, and its habits are often curious in the extreme. The ostrich nest is a round hole in the ground which the male scoops out with his feet. It may happen that his mate will not take to the nest at once, but will lay her first eggs on the ground. In that case Mr. Ostrich goes about collecting them and places them in the nest. After a few hints of this kind Mrs. Ostrich makes up her mind to lay in the home prepared for her occupation. In hatching the eggs the male plays an important part. He shares with his mate the duty of sitting on the eggs, and they work on night and day shifts, so to speak. Mr. Ostrich covering the eggs from about 5 o'clock in the evening to 8 or half past 8 in the morning. The female covers them during the day, but her turn is not so long as that of the male bird. Scientists explain this arrangement on the theory that the male, being black, is not so easily seen at night as the female, which is nearly the color of sand and therefore better adapted to sitting on the eggs during the daytime in the desert. Of course on a ranch the same reasons for day and night shifts do not exist, but the birds do not take this into consideration and follow the instincts of their race. On some ranches the birds are not allowed the privilege of hatching the eggs, the latter being placed in incubators and carefully attended until the artificial hatching takes place.

The plucking season is an interesting one on an ostrich farm. An ostrich is plucked the first time when six months old and every eight months thereafter, but only wing and tail feathers are removed. One row of the largest quill feathers in the wing is cut with pruning shears. When he is wanted for plucking the ostrich is driven into a pen about four feet high, open at one end and closed with a door at the other. A hood is placed over his head, and he stands facing the closed door. The plucker stands behind him to do his work and is perfectly secure from kicks, because the big bird always strikes in front and does not know how to hit any one who is behind him.

CLARA MORRIS, WRITER.

Woman Who Has Won Success as Actress and Author.

It is seldom that a person achieves any great success in more than one profession. Miss Clara Morris may properly be numbered among the comparatively few. Recognized as one of the most talented emotional actresses of the American stage, she has developed no mean ability as a writer. When ill health compelled Miss Morris to retire from the mimic world and she took up the pen, the stage going public, or a large proportion of it, at first read her magazine articles for old associations' sake. She was a brilliant actress—therefore she might have something interesting to say. Miss Morris did not disappoint her readers.



Copyright, 1906, by Vander Weyde. MISS CLARA MORRIS.

She did have something interesting to say and she had a very interesting way of saying it.

Born in Toronto, Canada, in 1849, her childhood was spent in Cleveland, O. She began her stage career in the Academy of Music, that city, in 1861. Her advancement from an artistic viewpoint was rapid, but for many years her salary was a small one, and it was with difficulty that she supported her mother and herself. In Cleveland, Cincinnati and with Daly's Fifth Avenue company, New York, she met nearly all of the prominent stars of the American stage and many from England who came to this country.

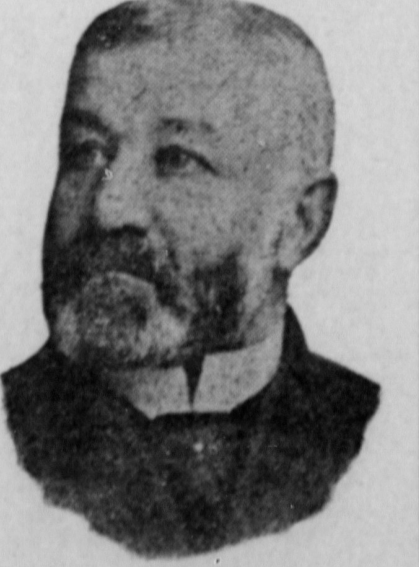
Leading an exemplary life herself, she finds much good in the lives of others to describe or about which to relate incidents. Miss Morris married Frederick C. Harriott in 1874, and they have a pretty home at Riverdale-on-the-Hudson. Besides contributing to magazines and newspapers, Miss Morris has written several novels.

"I shall never forget my excitement," says Miss Morris, in speaking of her childhood, "when mother brought home to me a cheap copy of Shakespeare's works. The print was so small that it was necessary to employ a magnifying glass to read it, and the paper was of the cheapest and thinnest quality. But it was precious gold to me and is today, for I have the volume yet."

CROKER OF GLENCAIRN.

The Ex-Tammany Chieftain and His Irish Home.

Richard Croker, the ex-Tammany chief, says he expects to come to America in 1908 and cast a vote for William J. Bryan for president. He met Mr. Bryan during the latter's visit in Ireland and though he once opposed the noted Nebraskan's ideas is now an enthusiastic advocate of his nomination by the Democratic party for a third time in the next national campaign. He disclaims any intention of resuming activity in politics in this country, however. It is five years since he left the United States to reside abroad, and he has only returned for brief visits in connection with deaths in his family.



RICHARD CROKER.

He has spent a great deal of money recently in the improvement of Glencairn castle, his Irish estate. A new Yorker who visited him at Glencairn a short time ago described the former Tammany chieftain as lamenting that on revisiting the United States he would find so many of his friends of a lifetime dead. He was sauntering about the grounds of his castle in a sack coat and knickerbockers, his favorite colic at his heels. He had a big watering pot with him, with which he was refreshing the beds of flowers on his lawn. Everywhere within the castle were vases filled with flowers. The castle has a tall tower from the flagstaff of which the stars and stripes are usually flying. The stables are very elaborately furnished, and in the center of the yard is a marble statue of the famous horse, Dobbin, on which Mr. Croker is said to have won about \$100,000.

Raid Social Clubs.

In connection with the Sunday-closing crusade at Altoona, an onslaught has been started on the social clubs that flourish in Blair county.

The crusade is the result of vigorous newspaper agitation against the clubs. It is declared that there are no fewer than fifty of them in the county, and the police say that the resorts are responsible for more drunkenness than the licensed hotels. Judge Bell recently stated that if those clubs were brought before him he would take drastic action.

The Man with the Frozen Frown

Have you ever seen him? The deep wrinkles of worry worn deep in the forehead. Such a man is often called "a crab" "an old snapping turtle," and other equally uncomplimentary names. We should always feel charitable toward sour looking people. They do not frown without cause. In ninety cases out of a hundred the nerves are at fault. The blood is impoverished and unable to supply nutrition to the nerves. Vinca is the one safe and prompt remedy for people whose nerves are weak and unstrung.

ANNUAL Butter Contest

To the farmer bringing in the largest amount of Butter during the month of August:

- \$2.50 for Largest Amount.
- \$1.50 for 2nd Largest Amount.
- \$1.00 for 3rd " "

For Good Bread use "King Midas" Flour.

E. T. ROAN GROCERIES, Bellefonte, Penna.

LEGAL NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the First and Final account of L. T. Munson, guardian of J. P. Gephart, late of Bellefonte, deceased will be presented to the Court for Confirmation on Wednesday, August 22, 1906. And unless exceptions be filed thereto on or before the 2nd day of the term, the same will be confirmed.

A. B. KIMFORD, Prothonotary.

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

State Highway Department, Harrisburg, Pa.

Sealed proposals will be received by the State Highway Department of Pennsylvania, under the Act approved May 1st, 1905, for the construction of 5,237 feet of road, extending from the Borough line of Phillipsburg, at Front street and Ninth street, to the Clearfield County Line at Troy Bridge; also for the construction of 3,086 feet of road extending from the railroad crossing at Sandy Ridge, to a point on the Osceola Road, near the property of George Proutz in Rush township, in the county of Centre. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of the County Commissioners, Bellefonte, Pa., and at the office of the State Highway Department, Harrisburg, Pa. Bidding blanks will be furnished by the State Highway Department upon request. Bids must be endorsed "Proposals for Reconstruction of Road in Rush Township, Centre County," and received at the office of the State Highway Department not later than August 25th, 1906.

JOSEPH W. HUNTER, State Highway Commissioner.

PAINS IN THE BACK

are the first signs of Kidney trouble. Thousands have kidney trouble and do not know it. When the kidneys become affected they in turn will affect the Nerves, causing Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Restlessness and Irritability; too frequent or infrequent Urination; Excessive, Scanty or Painful Urinary Passages. For these disorders take

Krine's Kidney Pills

They are almost specific in their action in restoring these organs to their normal condition; they remove the poisons from the blood, and cheerfulness and good health return. One month's treatment one dollar at Krumine's Pharmacy; and if you are not benefited ask for your money back, and you will get it.

W. H. MUSSER, General Insurance Agent

Notary Public and Pension Attorney.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

S. E. GOSS, FIRE, LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

REPRESENTS SOME OF THE BEST STOCK COMPANIES.

2nd Floor Bush Arcade. Bellefonte, Pa.

HARRY FENLON

Successor to Frederick K. Foster and Wm. Burnside

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT AND TORNADO

INSURANCE

BONDS of every description

TEMPLE COURT, BELLEFONTE, PA.

Jno. F. Gray & Son Insurance

Successors to GRANT HOOVER.

This agency represents the largest Fire Insurance Companies in the world. We are prepared to write large lines at any time.

—ALSO—

Life and Accident Insurance, and Surety Bonds.

Call on or address us at Crider's Stone Bldg., Bellefonte.

A. E. SCHAD

BOTH TELEPHONES.

Fine Sanitary Plumbing, Gas Fitting, Furnace, Steam and Hot Water Heating.

Slating, Tin Roofing, Spouting,

All kinds of Tinware made to order.

Estimates Cheerfully Furnished

Eagle Block, Bellefonte, Pa.

Centre County Banking Co.

Corner High and Spring Streets.

RECEIVE DEPOSITS; DISCOUNT NOTES.

J. M. SHUGGERT, Cashier

Bellefonte Trust Co.

Successors to JACKSON, HASTINGS & Co.

Capital \$125,000; Surplus \$10,000.

OFFICERS: J. L. Spangler, President; Ross O. Hickok, Vice President; John P. Harris, Treasurer; Isaac Mitchell, Asst. Treas.

DIRECTORS: J. Henry Cochran, A. C. Mingle; J. L. Spangler, Claude Cooke; C. T. Gerberich, Ross O. Hickok; John P. Harris.

Interest paid on time deposits. Collections made on all points on favorable terms. Acts as Administrator, Guardian, Assignee, Receiver and Trustee. Prompt attention given to all banking matters entrusted to it.

NATIONAL CIGAR STANDS

The Best Cigars Are Now Sold in Drug Stores

This statement is revolutionary, but it is the truth—verified already by hundreds of thousands of discriminating smokers throughout the country.

Two thousand druggists who own cigar stands, weary of paying high prices for uncertain cigars in uncertain condition, have wrought a revolution in the cigar trade by the simple expedient of pooling their buying power.

Think what this means! Two thousand druggists—as the National Cigar Stands Co.—buy as one. It is the greatest cigar outlet on earth. It buys in million lots; it owns its own brands; it can, and does, control entire factories. It cuts out all jobbers' profits and puts cigars into the stores of its members nearer to the actual cost of production than has ever been thought possible.

All stores in the National Cigar Stands organization—the undersigned among them—have a miniature capitol in the window. Look for this sign and when you've found it—go in and ask for a

Black and White

(Perfecto or Bouquet Size) 5 cents each

You will not need to smoke many to determine who gets the greatest benefit of this enormous concentration of buying power. "Black and White" is better quality than any cigar store has heretofore sold at three for a quarter. Specially built National cigar cases insure every cigar reaching the smoker in prime condition.

It isn't a National Cigar Stand unless the National's emblem is in the window

Green's Pharmacy Co., Distributer,

BELLEFONTE, PA.