

How Buzzards Kill Snakes.

"I once observed," said Lamont Gibson to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat man, "what was to me a new and interesting sight—that of a half-dozen buzzards killing a snake. It was years ago, when I lived as a boy down on a farm near Sheboygan, Ill. One June morning I sat on a rail fence under a walnut tree, overlooking a field of growing wheat, when I observed high in the air two or three buzzards sailing about, just as lazy and delightfully smooth as one could imagine, around and around in a circle. It was not long until several more arrived and then I counted a half dozen. They drew nearer from over a patch of woods and dropped near the ground in the next field. Here they circled about, every now and then swooping close to the earth, and all at once arose with a great, black, wriggling cord that I at once imagined must be a snake. The buzzard dropped the snake from about fifteen feet up and then dropped right after it and brought it up again. I jumped from the fence and ran across the field over near where the battle, somewhat lopsidedly, was progressing."

The half dozen buzzards were close together, taking turns about at the snake, carrying it aloft and then dropping it with a deadly thud. I thought at the time that a snake could not stand many falls like that, and so I grabbed a stick and ran near to where it last fell. My approach scared them away. One bird, however, made a swoop and gathered the snake by the back, but the beak grip was not strong enough and the serpent fell to the ground. I reached there before the bird could swoop again, and stood guard over the remains. The snake was stunned to death. It was considerably torn—a great, long black snake fully five feet in length and one and a half inches in thickness. I added a few blows with my club for assurance sake and then walked away to see if the buzzards would return. They had ascended high into the air, but they were still over the spot, circling about, awaiting my departure. I drew off and sat down by the fence. Then they came down. One seized the reptile and sailed away, closely followed by the other five. It was a battle of birds then, and in the scrummage the reptile was frequently dropped. The contest continued far over the fields and out of my vision."

Clever Surgery.

William Frey, who resides on Washington avenue, Newport, Ky., has a ten year old daughter who was afflicted with a compound club foot. The bones were twisted and the foot turned to such an angle that the girl walked on the side of her ankle and the toes pointed directly up. A local surgeon was asked to do something. He opened the foot and removed the bones, leaving a large hole in the foot. To remedy this the surgeon killed a large chicken, and taking the thigh bones sawed them to fit the spaces left by the removal of the foot bones. Antiseptics were applied, the incision closed and sewed up, and after the foot had been placed in proper position it was made firm by splints and left alone. The other day the splints were removed, when it was found the chicken bones had grown to the human bone, and the foot is now both slightly and useful. It is said to be the first case of the kind on record.—St. Louis Republic.

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LUMPY JAW IN CATTLE.

Doctor De Salmon, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture, returned to Washington from Chicago, when he concluded the experiments which had been in progress in that city to test the effect of treatment of lumpy jaw in cattle. Eighty-five cattle were slaughtered, all of which had been affected with this disease, and sixty-eight were found to be completely cured.

This is even better than the showing made when the first lot of 100 animals were killed, which showed sixty-three per cent. of cures. Secretary Rusk stated that this completes the test and demonstrated the perfect success of the experiment, which, he says, will prove of incalculable benefit to the stock growers.—New York News.

DISCARD THE USE OF THE WHIP.

It is a noticeable fact that the most successful drivers of trotting horses seldom use the whip. Even when hard-fought races are on and sensational finishes are made the extreme limit of speed is secured without the use of the lash.

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PARK AND GARDEN NOTES.

Thunbergia makes a fine appearance in hanging baskets.

Good words are said for both the Kans and Lovett raspberries.

Great claims continue to be made for the "all-head" early cabbage.

The tent caterpillar and fall web worm can easily be destroyed by spraying.

From the Southern and Middle States come good reports of the Elberta peach.

Dwarf apple trees are obtained by grafting upon the Paradise and Doucian stock.

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Special farming is more profitable than general farming, as the latter divides the attention.

The principal objection to using pellets for hatching is that often they do not make good mothers.

Ducklings are easier fed than chickens, as almost anything agrees with them, provided it is sweet and sound.

The housewife may grow her parsley in a box in a warm cellar window; it grows readily and requires but little heat.

An advantage with ducklings over any other kind of young poultry is that they will thrive much better under confinement.

In many cases if the soft messes were baked and then crumbled fine before feeding the young chickens would thrive better.

The sooner now the hens can be induced to sit the better the opportunity for profit, both with the young chickens and the matured fowls.

Meat is needed only when the fowls are confined so that they cannot get insect food. When they have a good range feeding meat is rarely necessary.

Do not attempt too many poultry breeds at once unless you are prepared to keep them separate; promiscuous crossing does not pay even on the farm.

Much of the farmer's success depends on his wife. She should be his confidant in his business affairs, and her comfort should be a constant consideration.

Before going into duck raising too largely, look after the market for them, as in some localities it is difficult to sell them at a fair price, especially young ones.

Many stock growers are now feeding split corn, by which is meant corn on the ear, split into slivers lengthwise of the cob, thus utilizing the whole corn product of fodder, grain and cob.

Co-operative insect warfare is suggested by one who believes in the feasibility of a community obtaining some man who knows something about insects, who should spray the orchards and look after insect pests.

Young blackberry shoots ought to be summer pruned when about four feet high, to encourage the growth of laterals, which in turn may be cut back when about eighteen inches in length, all of which will produce a stocky bush.

"Success With Flowers" says: "The red spider will not flourish in a room whose air is kept properly moist. Moisture is his especial aversion. The only thing that will put him to rout is water applied freely and frequently. Be sure to see that it gets to all parts of the plant and especially the under side of the leaves."

Fashions in Sailedes.

"The mania for committing suicide is spreading to an alarming extent," remarked a Johns Hopkins professor a few days since. "I recall reading a prediction," he continued, "that between the years 1885 and 1895 such an epidemic, if you call it that, would prevail owing to the planetary influences, and the facts seem to bear it out, whether the prediction was based on supposititious grounds, or as a result of astronomical research. History tells us that at an early period in France so prevalent was the idea of self-destruction that the Government issued a decree that after a certain time the body of any man or woman guilty of taking his or her life should be hanged in a public place and designated as that of a cowardly criminal. The result of the edict was that thereafter the suicidal mania became unfashionable, and deaths from this cause were few and far between. It would appear to me, reviewing the history of the last few years, that some legislation of the sort must be enacted in America."—Baltimore Herald.

The seed should be put in by the first of February and placed in a south window. There they will germinate and make rapid growth if care is taken to remove them to a warm place during cold nights. In the first warm spell after the second leaves appear they should be transplanted to larger dishes, setting

During the years that Henry VIII reigned 72,000 thieves were hanged.

A Young Orange Tree's Big Fruit.

The capabilities of the Ojai valley in regard to citrus fruits cannot be better illustrated than by viewing a box of Washington navel oranges left at the World's Fair, has made a notable discovery near Rawlings, Wyoming. He has uncovered a box of petrified palm trees, and yesterday shipped 4000 pounds of the find to Cheyenne. The specimens are rare and beautiful. Pieces for the display found near here will include flat rocks carrying prehistoric skeletons of birds and animals.—Chicago Herald.

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