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In short, these Pacific Coast excursions offer an unusually good chance to see our western country in a comprehensive manner.

If you desire to go only as far as Colorado, there are excursion rates in effect to that section and return, all summer long, specially reduced June 30 to July 4, August 12 and 13, and August 30 to September 4. Extension trips to Ogden or Salt Lake and return at low cost also.

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## OWL COURTSHIPS

Show a Devotion Rarely Met Among More Favored Creatures.

Very funny it is, from the human point of view, to witness the love-making of a couple of owls on a moonlight night, as they sit together on the coping of an old wall, or on the horizontal limb of some giant of the forest. Perched on the same bough, or the same wall or ruin, the lady owl, though usually much bigger and stronger than her mate looks the picture of demure coyness, if a little excited inwardly, like a girl at her first ball.

But the male owl, says the Pall Mall Magazine, is very much in earnest; for a moment or two he remains quite still, then he puffs out all his feathers, bows, and utters a softened scream, followed by a modified hiss that is full of tender meaning, and then he nudges her with his wing; she opens her big eyes very wide, and gives him a side-long glance that may be a hint, for, horrible to relate, from the depths of his interior he instantly brings up a half-digested mouse; and, although she is full of similar rodents and stag beetles as she can comfortably hold, she opens her mouth and accepts the fragrant gift with a murmur of satisfaction that speaks volumes of love and thanks. Then, when the dainty morsel has been disposed of, they caress each other tenderly for a moment or two, and then sit closely pressed to each other's side while the process of assimilation is perfected, after which they simultaneously flit away into the moonlight on noiseless wing in search of further prey.

Not only do the owls guard each other with a devotion that is rarely met with among more favored creatures, they positively idolize their ill-favored offspring, for whose sake they willingly risk not only liberty, but life. A young owl is not an attractive looking object from our point of view, but in its father's and mother's eyes it is perfection, and the way they wait on it, cuddle and caress it, feed it and keep it clean, must be seen to be believed.

## Among the Pigmies.

Though it was a dangerous undertaking for the African explorers to travel through the land of the pigmies, there must have been a huge interest in observing the ways of these little imps, who were generally struck spell-bound at the sight of the white men. Mr. Lloyd, writing in Chambers's Journal, says he was twenty days walking through the great forest inhabited by the pigmies, a forest so dark that in many places it was impossible to read, even at noonday. The pigmies were fairly intelligent, and peacefully disposed, although their arrows were tipped with deadly poison. They had a frightened appearance, and covered their faces, like shy children, when spoken to. The forest was alive with elephants, leopards, wild pigs, buffaloes, and antelopes. After leaving the forest Mr. Lloyd came to one place where he took the opportunity of screwing together the bicycle which he had brought with him. A spin on the machine brought out thousands of men, women, and children from their villages, and they danced and yelled with delight at seeing, as they expressed it, a European riding a snake.

## Whittier Color Blind.

"Mr. Whittier greatly surprised me by confessing that he was quite color blind," says the Bookman. "He exemplified his condition by saying that if I came to Amesbury I should be scandalized by one of his carpets. It appeared that he was never permitted by the guardian goddess of his hearth to go 'shopping' for himself, but that once, being in Boston, and needing a carpet, he had ventured to go to a store and buy what he had thought to be a very nice, quiet article, precisely suited to adorn a Quaker home. When he arrived at Amesbury home was a universal shout of horror for what had struck Mr. Whittier as a particularly soft combination of browns and grays proved, to normal eyes, to be a loud pattern of bright red roses on a field of the crudest cabbage green. When he had told me this, it was then easy to observe that the fulness and brilliancy of his wonderful eyes had something which was not entirely normal about them."

## His Bible Verse a Hint.

Hugh Montgomery, whose father owns a large ranch in the fertile San Joaquin Valley, California, went to San Francisco and paid a brief visit at the house of a clerical uncle.

This divine, who is one of the best and most hospitable of men, follows the custom of having prayers before breakfast. In connection with this service each member of the family circle is expected to recite a verse of Scripture. Hugh, who has habitually a very healthy appetite, became decidedly sharp set before the amen was said. When his turn came to recite a verse he significantly repeated the familiar words:

"How man's hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, while I perish of hunger?"

The reverend uncle listened with twinkling eyes and there was a speedy adjournment to a well-spread table.

## Birds and Bills.

"There is something wrong with this bill," said the young married man to the milliner who has imported Parisian prices as well as styles.

"It is correct in every item," after looking it over.

"Eight dollars for that bird, no bigger than my fist?"

"Yes, sir, and cheap at that."

"All right, madam, I'll settle, but it's robbery. We had our first anniversary yesterday and I bought a ten pound turkey for \$1.25."—Detroit Free Press.

## Well Qualified.

"Mr. Blankson," said the lawyer, turning to the man who had been drawn as a juror, this is a case in which—by the way, Mr. Blankson, have you ever been a witness before an investigating committee?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well take him, Your Honor. He doesn't know anything about this case—or anything else."—Chicago Tribune.

## A Complete Cure.

"Of what did the faith curer cure you?" asked the sceptic.

"Of my faith," said the former devotee.—Boston Herald.

## GOOD THEY'RE SMALL.

If Ants Were Larger They Would Undoubtedly Own the Earth.

If ants were large enough they would rule the earth. As it is, they predominate the politics of their own spheres, and have many human characteristics.

The longest time for which an ant sleeps is three and a half hours. On awakening, they stretch their legs, yawn, and then carefully clean themselves, by applying their legs to their mouths and rubbing them over their bodies, very much in the style of a cat washing her face, after which they comb and brush their heads and bodies with the natural comb which nature gives them.

The most remarkable thing about this is that almost every necessity for which we are obliged in our case to employ more or less complicated mechanical contrivances is provided for by the physical structure of the ants.

Ants clean themselves both before and after sleep, and also after eating. Frequently one ant will lick and brush another all over, limb by limb, the ant operated on sprawling on her back, relaxing her muscles and abandoning herself to the enjoyment of the operation.

They are great hunters, attacking snakes, lizards, rats, mice, centipedes and beetles.

They even kill the great African python. It is said that if a python has killed an animal, he does not gorge himself with it until he has made a wide circuit and satisfied himself that there are no driver ants in the neighborhood. If, however, he meets with any, he abandons his prey to them, and discreetly retires. A certain species actually keep cows—in other words, plant lice. When the ants are hungry they actually milk the aphids by tapping them briskly on the sides of the abdomen with their antennae till the fluid exudes, when it is at once sucked up by the ants.

They shut them up in cowhouses and use them for days.

Ants act as soldiers in a very real way, and it is no stretch of the language to call them pitched battles between ants of the same species, and raids of one species upon the nests of another, sometimes to carry off the larvae and pupae as food (a modified form of cannibalism), and sometimes to supply their own nests with slaves.

Certain ants are agricultural, and allow art rice to grow up in a circle round their nests, while every other plant is carefully cut down as fast as it appears. They sow the crop regularly, tend it, and harvest it. When the seeds fall they are carried into the nest, and the stubble is cleared away. When the grain in the nests gets damped by rain these ants carry it out into the open to dry.

## New Rural Mail System.

The United States postoffice department has officially adopted and commenced to operate a postal wagon, which is intended to replace the majority of the star route postoffices in the United States. The star route offices are those which are called fourth-class postoffices, and the postmasters in charge of these have been paid a percentage on the postal business they transacted. As fast as possible these wagons will be introduced throughout the United States. Each state will be divided into circuits, these circuits being of the length that a wagon can cover in a day. The postal clerks in charge of these wagons issue money orders, register letters and transact a general postal business. The mail is delivered either at the houses of the people along the route or placed in what is called a rural free delivery box near a residence. The postal clerk has one key to this box and the occupants of the residence the other. In this way the postoffice comes to the peo-



COLLECTING MAIL ON COUNTRY ROAD, instead of their going to the postoffice.

The inventor of this postoffice wagon is Edwin W. Shriver of Westminster, Md., who was for years a purser on the Iron Steamboat line between New York and Long Branch. Mr. Shriver has been appointed postal clerk of the wagon which began operation last Monday.

It is estimated by the postoffice department that about 40,000 of the minor rural postoffices will be done away with by the use of these wagons.

## Compiling a Dictionary.

Nearly everyone has had the bright idea that it must be a tremendous amount of work to get up a dictionary, but few have any notion of the real size of the task. When Johnson got his famous dictionary started he calculated that, with six assistants, he could complete the task in three years. It took him nine years instead. He received the small recompense of \$7,500, and had to pay his assistants out of that.

Webster worked 24 years before his dictionary made its bow to the world. Webster was very particular in his definitions, and so painstaking that it was a wonder he completed the work when he did.

The words which give the compiler of a dictionary the most trouble are the little one-syllable Saxon words. Their history extends back into the Saxon period, and their meaning has become twisted in many directions. Words with pedigrees are the hardest to trace.

When a new dictionary is projected one man is selected as editor-in-chief and he appoints his subeditors. Then appeals are sent out to literary people in general for voluntary contributions in the nature of rare and curious words. There are over 1,000 people who have offered their services in the case of a dictionary now making. They are to read standard works, ancient and modern, in the search for curious words, their origin and meaning. These words, written on slips of paper, are filed in thousands of pigeon-holes. Over six tons of clips have been put away. This means 6,000,000 words. But only 1,000,000 will be printed. The amount of work necessary to properly set these is evident.

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