

BY CARAVAN.

TRAVELING ON THE DESERT PLATEAUS OF PERSIA.

An Early Breakfast, Followed by a Long Ride Over the Desert—The Halt for the Night on a Plowed Field.

THIS caravan life has a subtle charm of its own when one is in perfect health and things go smoothly; and even when they do not, the minor discomforts of a nomad existence do not weigh heavily on nerves blunted by the open air and a certain amount of healthy fatigue.

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Mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system of entering it through the mucous surfaces. Articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians.

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Habits of the Secretary Bird.

As soon as the secretary bird, or snake eater, of South Africa, discovers a snake, it advances toward it, without hurry and without hesitation, and when within striking distance it immediately elevates its crest and the feathers of the neck, and, without losing any time, delivers a blow with its foot.

The fight is then virtually over, for if the secretary gets in a single blow the snake's back is broken, and the bird, like lightning, plants its foot firmly on the reptile's neck and head, pressing them into the ground, while it delivers the coup de grace with its beak, and then deliberately swallows the snake whole, beginning at the tail, and, just before the head disappears, giving it a parting rap on the ground.

But there is nothing refined about the secretary bird's appetite, for one writer says he found inside one three serpents "as long as his arm," eleven lizards seven inches long, twenty-one toises about two inches in diameter, besides a large quantity of grasshoppers and other insects.

The secretary bird is protected by the Cape authorities for the immense public benefit it confers in eating poisonous snakes, and a penalty is attached by law to its destruction.

Gulf Weed and its Inhabitants. The vegetation of the sea is limited to the brown masses of sargassum or "gulf weed," which is most abundant in or along the borders of the Gulf Stream and may be seen growing on the sheltered reefs about Nassau.

These little communities furnish a striking instance of the protective coloring of animals, a phenomenon of which there seem to be nearly as many examples as there are living things.

Queer Sects in Russia. M. Tsakni, a Russian writer, has published an interesting work entitled "Queer Religious Sects of Russia," from which it appears that there are not less than 15,000,000 followers of insane and cranky notions in the empire of the Czar.

Victims of a Curious Parasite. The natives of the west coast of Africa are subject to the attacks of one of the most remarkable parasites known to the scientific investigator—a colorless, threadlike worm about two inches in length, which effects only the eyeball and the surrounding parts.

A River Threatens a Town. The erratic Missouri River is threatening, and will most likely soon accomplish, the complete destruction of the town of East Afton, Mo., on the opposite bank from Afton, Kan.

The little village of Mystic, Conn., claims to have more rocking stones than any other town of its size in the country. Five perfect ones are numbered within its borders.

THE SILVER PURCHASE.

Under the Sherman Act 168,674,500 Ounces Have Been Bought and \$36,087,285 Coined. Director Preston of the mint has prepared for Secretary Carlisle a statement showing the amount and cost of the silver purchased under the Sherman law, the following extract from which he furnished the president:

YOUNG STEVENSON WEDS. Son of the Vice President Weds a Republican's Daughter. The marriage of Lewis Stevenson, only son and secretary of the Vice President, and Miss Helen Davis, both of Bloomington, Ill., was solemnized at the Second Presbyterian church that city, Thursday evening.

TWO CABINETS DESIGN. The French and Serbian Ministers Decide to Step Down. Owing to the rejection of the proposed income tax plan the Dupuy Cabinet, at Paris, resigned.

MARKETS.

Table with columns for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, RYE, FLOUR, BUTTER, CHEESE, EGGS, etc. listing prices per bushel or hundred.

Table with columns for LIVE CHICKENS, LIVE DUCKS, LIVE TURKEYS, DRESSED CHICKENS, etc. listing prices per pound.

Table with columns for FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, OATS, BUTTER, EGGS, etc. listing prices per bushel or hundred.

Table with columns for Prime Steers, Good butchers, Common, Bulls and dry cows, etc. listing prices per hundred.

Portuguese Characteristics.

The men of Portugal are as fond of show as are the women. Their fingers are nearly always loaded with rings, and about their bodies hang chains as thick as ropes, from which are suspended bunches of trinkets.

IF you wish the lightest, sweetest, finest cake, biscuit, bread and rolls, Royal Baking Powder is indispensable in their making.

In a World Where "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness" no Praise is Too Great for

SAPOLIO

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THE KIND THAT CURES. DANAN'S SARSAPARILLA. Kidney Trouble for 12 Years. Completely Cured.

THE WALL PAPER MERCHANT SMITH SELLS THE BEST WALL PAPER. 1,000,000 ACRES OF LAND FOR SALE BY THE STATE OF MINNESOTA.

Scrofula Cured. PIERRE. AGENTS WANTED ON SALARY.

to battle, and when these knights of the quill peacefully render up their fine, bureaucratic souls to God, I have no doubt that their spurs will be laid on their tombs.

DUDELEIGH—I gave myself away the other night. FENELON—Well, don't worry over it. You aren't out anything.

Do Not Be Deceived. Rising Sun Stove Polish. Do Not Be Deceived. Rising Sun Stove Polish.

"COLCHESTER" SPADING BOOT. For Farmers, Miners, etc. The Colchester Spading Boot.

THE WONDERFUL MECHANICAL SPELLER. BEAUTIFULLY FINISHED. The child's Best Teacher.

AN IDEAL FAMILY MEDICINE. For Indigestion, Biliousness, Headache, Constipation, Bad Circulation, Offensive Breath, and all disorders of the Stomach, Liver and Bowels.

PISO'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION. Consumptive and people who have weak lungs or Asthma, should use PISO'S Cure for Consumption.



IN MISERY WITH DYSPEPSIA. I was in misery with dyspepsia. Some times I had no appetite, and when I did eat I felt much distress for hours after.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures. I gained nine pounds, and am free from all my symptoms. I can eat a hearty meal with a good appetite.

"German Syrup". My acquaintance with Boschee's German Syrup was made about four years ago. I contracted a cold which resulted in a hoarseness and cough which disabled me from filling my pupil for a number of Saturdays.

WE CANNOT SPARE healthy flesh—nature never burdens the body with too much sound flesh. Loss of flesh usually indicates poor assimilation, which causes the loss of the best that is in food, the fat-forming element.

Prepared by Scott & Bowen, Chemists. New York. Sold by all druggists.