

They Will Eat Ment and Have Been

Known to Hob Birds' Nests.

squirrels one sees everywhere in some

of our New England towns are an in

dication of a higher civilization. It is

certainly a pleasure to see these grace-

ful creatures running across trolley

tracks or over lawns unmolested. A

stranger would have a very high esti-

mate of the people of a city that could

draw to it these shy animals. Like

many rodents, however, gray squirrels

will eat meat on occasions. They will

even rob birds' nests. A friend on

whom I can rely told me of two or

It has been well said that the gray

A Naturalist's Theory as to How the Sound is Produced.

The Way an Old African Hunter Points Out the Monarch. It is disputed whether the snine's In discussing the question, "Which drumming-a curious noise, suggestive

is the king of beasts?" an old African of a miniature thrashing machine-is hunter says: made by the bird with its wings or by "Come with me to a desert pool some its tail or by both wings and tail. clear, moonlight night when the shad-Some recent observations incline me ows are deep and sharply cut and the strongly to believe that the tall plays. moon herself in the dry, cloudless air at any rate, the more important part. looks like a ball. All is nearly as During the performance the bird flies bright as day, only the light is silver, at a great height round and round in not gold. Sit down on that rock and a wide, sweeping circle. At intervals watch the thirsty/animals as they he makes a sudden and rapid descent, drink-buffalo, rhinoceros, antelope, holding his wings partly flexed and his quagga; occasionally, if the water is tall spread to its full extent. The outlarge, lions too. But what has frightermost tail feather on either side points ened the antelope and quagged that they outward at a greater angle than those throw their heads up for a second and adjoining it, so that when the bird is fade away into the shadows? The othwatched through a good field glass dayer beasts, too, are listening and now light shows between it and the next. leave the sides of the pond. Nothing and, if I am right in my view, the but the inevitable, irrepressible jackal, drumming sound is due to the rush of that gamin among wild things, remains air against this isolated feather. The in view. snipe's tail feathers seem so puny that "As yet your dull human cars have

it is at first difficult to believe that caught no sound, but very soon the they can produce so great a result. But heavy tread and low, rumbling note of if an outer one be taken-it is slightly an oncoming herd of elephants reach scimiter shaped, with the outer web you. They are at the water. The much reduced-and swung rapidly jackals have sat down with their tails through the air the drumming noise staight out behind them, but not anmay be distinctly heard, though it other creature is to be seen. The king seems but a very faint echo of the drinks. Not a sound is heard. He loud, throbbing hum that startles one squirts the water over his back, makes when it suddenly descends from an the whole pool muddy and retires solethereal height, and the small bird is emnly, leaving his subjects, who now descried, hardly more than a speck to gather round, to make the best of what the naked eye, circling round in wild he has fouled. career and now and then swooping

"This is the king in the opinion of beasts."

### THE DINNER TABLE.

#### The first printed English book ou Some Hints on How to Behave When angling was Dame Juliana Berner's Accidents Happen, "Book of St. Albans," which appeared

Accidents will happen. If one hapabout 1450, and contained a chapter pens to spill something he is unfortuentitled "A Treatyse on Fyshynnge nate, but a ready, earnest apology to With an Angle." the hostess is all that he can do to rem-Fly fishing must have been practiced edy the difficulty. A careful hostess much earlier than this, as nothing but will acknowledge the apology and ima gradual evolution could account for mediately change the subject. the complete list of flies for the fish-

This story is told of a hostess at ing months of the year which it gives. whose table a beautiful china cup was broken. "Never mind," she said pleasantiy. "They break so easily. See!" And she crushed one in her hand.

Her method was rather too elabo rate. It would have been quite as satisfactory to the offender and far more genteel had she said: "I hope you have received no injury. The cup doesn't matter in the least."

of the original inventor, so that the If a morsel of food drops from the time when fly fishing originated in fork to the tablecloth do not attempt British waters must remain uncertain. to remove it. If a guest drops a fork or a spoon he should let it lie. The today, and her twelve were the founhostess will provide another. dation of those of which Izaak Wal-

If anything distasteful be taken into ton said quaintly in 1653: "Thus have the mouth it may be removed on the you a jury of files, likely to betray corner of the napkin, when it can be and condemn all the trouts in the folded away or placed quietly on the river." plate.

If a bit of food falls on the waistcoat of a guest he should remove as much of it as he can quietly with the corner of his napkin.

# Damascus Swords.

along the Atlantic coast and frequently To the lovers of strange goods the in southern waters in great numbers bazaars of Damascus are far more are known as loggerheads. They comalluring than those of Cairo or of Conmonly attain a weight of 1,600 pounds, stantinople. The capacious chests of are rapfil swimmers and are often seen the merchants contain much that we

THE WATWA OF AFRICA. A THEATRICAL MUSEUM.

A Curlous Tribe, Low Down In the

Scale of Humanity.

a description of a tribe of natives

whom he found there, the Watwa,

"These natives," he says, "live in the swamps, their staple article of diet be-

ing fish and flour made from the seed

of the water lily, although during the

rains they grow patches of cassava

root and sweet potatoes at the edge

of the swamp. They smear their

bodies with mud to protect them from

mosquitoes and are extremely dirty

and evil smelling in consequence. They

are very low down in the scale of bu-

manity and have a bad reputation

among tribes living on the high ground,

which reputation they upheld during

our visit. We engaged several Watwa

natives as carriers, but they only came

to see what they could steal. One day

camp and left two Watwa to carry it

in while I went after a hartbeest, but

I never saw either men or buck again.

It was no use following them into the

swamps, as they knew every inch

of the ground and water. They had

small canoes hidden everywhere, and

immediately they crossed a stream

they sunk the canoe again where they

alone knew where to find it. Our boys

were afraid to follow them, as they

used poisoned arrows and sometimes

set polsoned stakes in the tracks lead-

DAME JULIANA BERNER.

She Was a Fifteenth Century Author-

ity on Fly Fishing.

To Dame Berner belongs the honor

of first telling that the salmon could

be caught with the fly. She says: "Al-

so ye may take hym, but it is seldom

seen with a dubbe at such times as

when he lepith in lyke fourme and

manere as ye do a trought or a gray-

complete than could have been that

Dame Berner's files will kill, trout

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ing to their haunts."

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Treasures of the Property Room of the Theatre Ffancals.

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Great passions will ever carry it over great upholstery if you give them their chance. To this day the only setting of the chief scene of "La Malade Imaginaire" at the Francais is an armchair. It is carried on by a couple of Inckeys, as though it had just been removed from a furniture van, and is planted right in the middle of the stage. That chair is the very one in which Moliere, playing the part of Argan in his own piece, suffered the first shock of the illness that carried him off. It is but one of the treasures of a house that is a perfect museum not only of historic properties, but of the whole art of the stage.

In the greenroom, as M. Delorme, its historian, has told us, in the committee room, in the office of the administrator, in the archives, in every part of the theater to which the public has no access, there is a prodigious mass of full length portraits, of medallions, of genre pictures, of engravings, drawings, marbles, bronzes, of statuettes These, with the works exhibited in the public rooms, form a unique collection whereof every plece belongs in some sort to the history of the house of Moliere

The museum of accessories is as rich in its way as the museum of painting and statuary. Here we may find the mandolin used in "The Barber of Se ville," an instrument of rare beauty of form, purity of tone and antiquity of make. Here, too, is the original gultar of "The Marriage of Figaro." When the piece came out in 1784 the mauagement thought it was so sure to fail that it was not worth while to buy a guitar for the hero. An instrument was accordingly hired at 10 francs a night. The piece ran for fifty nightsa "tremendous success" for that period -and in the excitement of this surprise the conditions on which the guitar had been obtained were totally for gotten until the owner presented his bill for 500 francs.-Richard Whiteing in Nineteenth Century.

# A PAPER OF TACKS.

You can't civilize the fellow who doesn't care.

The Jest advice some of us can give is, "Do as I don't."

The goodness of the untempted is as flat as eggs without salt.

The more brains under the hat the less jewels hanging to the clothes.

Some folks ought to take their consciences out once in awhile for exercise

Being ahead of time may spoil a minute; being behind time may waste a day.

Silence isn't always golden. The talker with something to say is worth a dozen keep stills.

The school is the present's birthplace of futures, and when we shorten its usefulness we rob ourselves and we steal from the future.-Hayfield Mower.

# Had Eaten the Details.

The editor of a country newspaper is often his own reportorial staff as well, and some of his experiences when out after news would make interesting reading. The editor of a flourishing journal in a northern California town recently called at the "home of the bride's parents" the day after the wedding. He was desirous of telling his renders all about the event and wished to give the young couple a good sendoff as well. The bride's mother met him.

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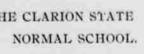
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three instances in Arlington, Mass., where gray squirrels had robbed robins' nests, having been caught in the very act. One winter day, in going along a wild mountain stream, I was attracted by a fresh gray squirrel track, and on following it found where the souirrel had killed and caten a mouse. He had evidently dug out the mouse, for I saw where he had dug snow and leaves away from the roots of some black

alders to some depth. Then, taking the mouse in his teeth, he had run a few feet to a knoll, the mouse's tail having left its print in the snow between the tracks of the squirrel, and enten it, leaving blood, hair and pieces of hone to tell of the feast.

> One time I gave a young woodchuck to an old Irishwoman, who fed the chuck on ham. Now, if a woodchuck would eat ham, why not a gray squir-rel eat mice or young birds? We have abundant proof that many flesh eaters will, on occasions, eat vegetable food as well as rodents eating flesh. Lovers of both souirrels and birds may find it

> possible to protect in some way the nests of thrushes, warblers, etc.-John Burroughs in Outing.

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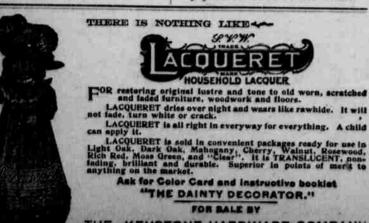
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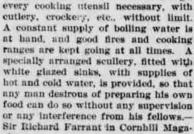
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enting or touching that which is to be

ventive is simply to wash the hands immediately and scrupulously before

# Turned the Tables

eaten.

Mr. Sharpe (old lawyer)-Beatrice, is it possible that, in spite of my positive orders to the contrary, you have been allowing that young Snoodle to persist in his attentions to you? Miss Beatrice-Father, I decline to answer that question! Mr. Sharpe-You do, hey? I'd like to know why. Miss Beatrice On the ground that the answer might incriminate me, and I'd like to see you get around that!-Chicago Tribune.

#### A Sensitive Conscience.

Carrio-Goodness, it's that horrid old bore, Wilkins. Tell him I have gone Belle--No. I won't tell a story out but I will say that you have not come back yet.

Her Secrets.

"Never tell a secret, dear. It would be a great breach of confidence." "What must I do with it, mamma?" "Well-bring it to me!"

Why Windmills Burned Down.

headlong downward and thrilling the

THE LITERARY DETECTIVE.

His Hunt Is One That Adds Spice to

His Rending.

There is a certain type of literary

man who seems content to take little

part in the struggle of letters beyond

and pouncing down on them every now

and then to accuse them of having

given a meaning to such and such a

word which that word should not pos-

sess. It is strange that the number of

these literary detectives is not larger,

for there are few more fascinating oc

cupations than this. It lends a spice

to one's reading. The dullest book be

comes as readable as the most deftly

written novel. Certain words have tak-

en to themselves meanings in the

course of time which they have no

right to possess. "Phenomenon" is a

very hardened offender. To use this

word as meaning something "strange"

instead of something "that appears

and is visible" is to insure arrest at the

hands of the detective. Lately the

word "temper" has been exposed.

Through long impunity it has come to

imply bad temper, whereas, if it had

its rights, it should mean just the re-

verse. We strongly advise every one

who desires a never failing source of

amusement to read the next novel he

takes up with the eye of the detective.

Starting with the easier words, like

"phenomenon." the novice may go on

from strength to strength until before

long nothing can escape him. The ex-

ercise, moreover, is not only a pleasure,

but a duty.-London Globe.

rge.

keeping an eye on his contemporaries

air with his weird music.-London Na-

ture.

Of the production of fire by the friction of wood against wood windmills of the old construction gave on a large scale some disastrous examples. When the force of the wind increased the miller was obliged to bring each of the sails in succession to the ground in order to unclothe it, but when sudden squalls came on this was impractica-

ble, and the mill in extreme cases ran away-that is, could not be stopped. Everything was now done to increase

the grip of the wooden brake round the great wheel on the driving shaft, and water was poured copiously over them, but in spite of all this flames would sometimes burst out from the intens friction and the mill be probably burned down as the result. The beau tiful machinery of the modern windmill, by which the miller controls the action of the sails from the interior of the building, has reduced this danger to a minimum.-Notes and Queries.

# Memory.

There are 100 different varieties of memory, and perhaps we cannot altogether choose which we will possess though every sort, when we have the germs of it, may be cultivated. To learn anything by heart the best plan is to read a sentence and repeat it without a book, then read the next sentence and repeat the two, and so on. Repetition is of great importance, "line upon line." More is learned and ner's. remembered by reading through one book twice than by reading two books snce. After a thing has been learned It must be recalled and gone over at

# Those Sweet Girls.

Drusilla-I did not see you at the Vanblunt reception last night, dear, Dorothy-No. I hoped to be able to go up to the last moment, but was prevented. Drusilla (sweetly)-Yes; I know the invitations were limited .- St. Louis Republic.

plaining that we lack time to do things.-Atchison Globe.

would buy were our purses longer. Old embroideries of wonderful colors, dellcate china, sliks of many hues, swords of cunning workmanship, all these lie plled beside us on the floor. It is but seldom that a really good specimen of the Damascus sword can be obtained. for the art of working and engraving steel is dead.

These swords were made of alternate layers of iron and steel, so finely tempered that the blade would bend to the hilt without breaking, with an edge so keen that no coat of mail could resist it, and a surface so highly polished that when a Moslem wished to rearrange his turban he used his sword for a looking glass.

### In the Great Western Wheat Belt

One square mile of wheat. Ever see it? Transcontinental trains used to stop in the Smoky Hill valley of Kansas to allow passengers a view of such a wonder. . It realized all the travelers' dreams of agricultural splendor. Hundreds such visions now mark the great grain area of the plains, but their beauty is none the less. Six hundred and forty acres of wealth! It shimmered beneath the perfect opalescent blue of the sky, the tall straws bending with their weight of grain. Standing on the seat of the reaper one might see in the distance a glimmer of green pastures and catch glimpses of rustling fields of corn, but here was the heart of summer .-- C. M. Harger in Serib

#### Justifying His Lecture.

A lecturer who had a very fine lecture on "The Decadence of Pure English" gave his address before a wo-man's club. At the close of the talk a intervals, or the impression will fade very much overdressed woman of the "fuss and feathers" type came up to him and said: "I did enjoy your talk ever and ever so much, and I agree with you that the English language is decading awfully. Hardly no one talks proper nowadays, and the land only knows what the next generation will talk like if nothing ain't done about it."

> There would not be so many open mouths if there were not so many open ears .- Hall.

waves.

n land floating as

Carnivorous by nature these huge tortoises feed on crabs and fish, especially on a large species of conch, which they break open with their massive jaws. The flesh of this terrapin is leathery and oily, with a strong smell of musk. Young specimens are more palatable and are often on sale in the

markets. A duck, as large as our goose, which is native of the shores of Tierra del Fuego and the Faikland isles is also called loggerhead, from its seeming stupidity and helplessness. In the West Indies this name is also

given to two or three sorts of fly catchers.

#### Protected the Judge.

After the jury in a Texas case had listened to the charge of the court and had gone to their room to deliberate upon the verdict, one of the twelve went right to the point by saying: "That thar Pike Muldrow orter be convicted an gen'ral principles. He's bad as they make 'em."

As the hum of approval went around weazened little juror said, "I heerd that Pike guy it out that he'd go gunnin' fur us, if we sent him up, jes soon's he got out, an' fur the jedge

"We must pertect the jedge," they agreed, and the verdict was "Not guilty."-Detroit Free Press.

#### A Peculiar Ornament

Berlin has probably one of the most peculiar ornaments for a reading room that has ever been seen in a similar position in a civilized country. This is a gravestone which stands, large and massive, in one corner of a small room. It is not only a gravestone, but is its legitimate position at the head of a grave. The history of its location in the house is interesting. It was not put up in the house, but the house was built around the stone. Its original position was in the burial grounds in the churchyard at St. Hedwig's.

If the people who know us best did not deceive us pretty often we should consider them disagreeable.-Puck.

"Good morning, Mrs. Jones." said the editor. "I've called to get some of the details of the wedding."

"Goodness," replied Mrs. Jones in dismay, "they're all gone. You ought to have come last night. They ate every scrap."-San Francisco Bulletin.

#### Bishop Brooks' Answer.

Bishop Phillips' Brooks never married, but at one time was very much admired, courted and annoyed by a wealthy maiden lady of New York. To her numerous communications, full of admiration and modest suggestions, she received no encouragement from Dr. Brooks. Recalling her advanced age, she grew desperate and offered. in addition to her heart and hand, all her wealth. In reply she received the following:

Madam-Your wealth give to the needy, your heart to the Lord and your hand to the man that asks for it.

#### Reasons Obvious

"We will sing 'Awake, Ye Saints,' immediately before the sermon tomorrow," announced the minister at choir practice on Saturday afternoon.

"Don't you think," Inquired the observant tenor, "that it would be more appropriate to sing it immediately after the sermon?"-New Orleans Picayune.

Cool.

Colonel Gruff-I understand my daughter is determined to marry you. Well, I want to say to you that she's crazy. Mr. Nervy-Ah, hereditary, 1 suppose!--Exchange.

Then He Went Home. He-I dreamed of you last night. Do you ever dream of me? She (suppressing a yawn)-No, but I'd like to very much.-Detroit Free Press.

We all spend too much time in com-

away.