Pigeons Outwit a Hawk.

The Southern Sportsman told recently about a flock of pigeons that measured brains with a hawk and came out on top in the contest. H. S. Edwards owned a flock of pigeons which one day were cut off from their cote by a large hawk. The pigeons knew that if the hawk once got above them one at least of their number would go to make the hawk a meal, and so up they flew in circles, perhaps hoping to go higher than the hawk. In the rising game they were no match for the hawk. The latter kept under the pigeons and leisurely followed their laborious movements.

Then came a curious and unexpected sight to Mr. Edwards. Every pigeon closed its wings, when they appeared to be the size of sparrows and down they came past the hawk at a terrific rate. That astonished the hawk. It actually dodged the dropping birds and missed half a dozen wing strokes before it got in full chase of them. When it got down to the barnyard, not a pigeon was in sight—some were in the cote, some in the porch, two in the wellhouse, and one was in the kitchen. The hawk had been outwitted completely. It is a question how the pigeons managed to check their fall, as they did not slacken up till they were about 16 or 20 feet above the ground, when they scattered in all directions to escape the hawk.

A Peculiar Cough.

At a recent meeting of one of the French societies a paper was read on what was diagnosed as a tonsilar cough. This cough is described as violent, spasmodic and painful. It was frequently accompanied by reflexes in the neighboring region, and particularly by a profuse watering of the eyes. All remedies ordinarily applied produced no effect whatever, and as there was no expectoration the origin of the cough has remained obscure. The trouble, however, is explained by familiarity with the structure of the tonsils. Several sets of nerves center and blend at and near the outer surface of the tonsils, where they form what is described under the name of tonsilar plexus. The tonsils are connected by muscles with the apparatus of the larynx, a fact which makes treatment of the tonsils complicated and difficult. It is a common practice to cut off the tonsils, but this has been attended with very grave results. The hearing is sometimes affected by this arrangement and the larynx is necessarily involved. The best surgeons are at present very careful how they perform any surgical operation on the throat or tongue, as it is a first past question that very few such operations are successful in the long run. Relief may be temporary relief, but it is almost invariably short lived.—New York Ledger.

Blue Tiles.

[illegible] Champion [illegible] blue tiles from sheet furnace slag [illegible] successfully carried on at the works of Corocha [illegible], Tuyo, about [illegible] Chile. [illegible] Russian in this time. The slag [illegible] according to this plan, special [illegible] the coldest furnace into a [illegible] molten few moments, [illegible] and from ladles into molds. [illegible] on a hearth which has a movable cover, and the molds being filled with slag, a cover is placed on them as well, each mold hearth. A very slight heat is kept up so that the slag is very slowly cooled, and when it appears black the molds are lifted from the hearth and the tiles are dumped into cold water. Slag in this manner, being [illegible] and portable, and [illegible] and durable. The slag [illegible] considerable amount of [illegible] well known that under certain circumstances it is impossible to produce tiles of this class [illegible] dimensions without [illegible] many hours in laughing.—New York Sun.

Mad Cassion.

"That man is a mad cassion," remarked a clerk at the city postoffice, "and one of a class who are in such a hurry for their letters that they cannot wait for them to be delivered in the regular way. They stand in line as every mail is being opened and want their letters immediately. As a rule they are a second rate kind of squares and have no office, and they are anxious about their letters for the reason that they expect fees or remittances in them. They come as regularly and as frequently as do the mails, never say a word and depart as soon as the mails are opened, and they feel that there is for them something for them only to come again at the next mail arrival."—Washington Star.

Our First Coins.

The first coins really deserving the ends of United States coinage were those of an inferior process in [illegible] Carro Champion, the [illegible] manufacturing [illegible] tiles from sheet furnace slag [illegible] successfully carried on at the works of Corocha [illegible], Tuyo, about [illegible] Chile. [illegible] Russian in this time. The slag [illegible] according to this plan, special [illegible] the coldest furnace into a [illegible]