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THE FORUM

A Few of Our Winter Birds.

La Grande, Jan. 5.—(To the Editor)
 "It is not an act of charity, to feed the birds at a season when even their great courage and energy often fail. Call it an act of friendship, and I will not dispute it; but, after all, it is a duty—the partial payment of a debt for the hundred joys which birds have added to our lives."—E. H. Baynes.

The juncos, or snow birds as they are generally called, are the commonest of the winter birds. They are smaller than the sparrow, with heads and collars, tiny white bills, cinnamon brown back, wings and tail. Their tails have outer white feathers visible only when they fly. Their breasts are gray and their sides washed with a cinnamon pink. These little birds are always grateful for crumbs during the severe weather and are also fond of bird seed. They nest high in the mountains or in the north, returning in flocks in the early fall to begin their work of consuming weed seed.

The cedar wax wings, a large flock of which was driven down from the mountains by the severe storms, are amongst the most beautiful of birds. Their general color is a fuffy suffused in places with pink, and their faces black with a flaming crest of buff. The ends of the wings are black inlaid with a mosaic pattern of red, yellow, and white. Their tails are black edged with yellow on the end and orange-red underneath. The flock can be recognized by its trilling whistle. They feed on frozen apples which are yet hanging on the trees, rose hips, mountain ash berries, and any other fruits they can find. In the summer they eat enormous amounts of canker worms and other destructive worms and insects.

The Grosbeaks, which also go in flocks, are about the size of robins. The male birds are an olive yellow with black head, gold crowns, large, heavy bills, black wings banded with white, and black tails yellow underneath.

The females are grayish with out the gold crown, and the white arranged in spots over the back. They eat box-elder seed, mountain ash berries, frozen apples, etc., and are very fond of sunflower and hemp seeds.

Other winter birds are the gold-

finches (wild canaries) which turn brownish in winter, flickers, song sparrows, robin, chickadees, kinglets, nuthatches, woodpeckers etc. All these birds are grateful for crumbs, suet and seed, and will amply repay the donor by their interesting company. Do not allow the English Sparrow to feed at your "lunch counter" for they will drive away the more interesting and worthy birds. Also do not feed the birds where they can become a prey of the neighbor's cat. The winter can never be lonesome with a varied flock of lively birds about the house and yard.

Some Queer Ones

Chicago wizard has run \$200 up to \$100,000 in wheat within a few weeks.

Operated on 131 times, St. Louis man spends time in hospitals sewing and crocheting.

Atrocious note: Somebody put a forged check for \$1,000 in Billy Sunday's trunk offering at Syracuse.

Ostrich at \$3 a portion New Year's eve delicacy in New York, as twenty of the birds were bought by hotels.

Mormon of old school, eighty-six, but never owner of a pair of socks, is survived in Denver by 278 descendants.

Autopsy of Oregon man necessary before estate could be settled, because he had included in will a \$10 gold piece he swallowed, and they had to get it.

The "watch wrist," new London ailment, due to wearing wrist watches. If woman throws out arm, elbow crooked and brings the back of the hand uppermost with a twist and jerk, she has it.

ALL GERMAN STATES HAVE AN INCOME TAX SYSTEM.

Prussian Method of Raising Revenue is the Most Complete.

Reports received in the United States that several of the German states are preparing to make considerable increases in their income tax levies have excited much interest, and fuller reports are eagerly awaited.

The German empire, as a whole, does not levy any income tax, but the twenty-six states which compose the empire all have either complete or partial income taxation. Their individual methods of making the levy, however, vary widely. Prussia, which includes more than half the total population of the empire, has one of the most complete systems.

The Prussian income tax is levied upon all Prussian subjects actually domiciled in Prussia, as well as on all other persons domiciled in Prussia, a residence of one year establishing domicile within the meaning of the tax law. It also includes corporations and co-operative societies except those whose activities are charitable, scientific or artistic exclusively. Certain members of the royal fami-

ly and of the nobility are exempt from the tax, as well as certain accredited diplomatic representatives. All incomes under 900 marks (about \$200) a year are also exempt, and there are various classes of income which are exempted, including that from foreign sources and military pay.

The Prussian income tax before the war amounted to \$37,822,000 a year, and this was divided among 18,850,291 persons. Baden in 1908 (the latest available figures) raised 15,000,500 marks (about \$3,900,000), or nearly 36 per cent of her total budget, from her income tax.

As a general rule, the smaller German states have depended more heavily upon the income tax than the larger, although Saxony raised in 1908 the sum of 51,575,000 marks (\$14,890,000), or 73 per cent of her budget, by this means. Bavaria's income tax, on the other hand, amounted to but 5.3 per cent of her revenues, raising only 4,930,000 marks (\$1,180,000).

PATENT OFFICE REVISES RULE

Practitioners and Inventing Public Consulted as to Changes.

The general rules of practice before the patent office, revised to date and effective on Jan. 1, received the hearty approval of Secretary of the Interior Lane on the recommendation of Thomas Ewing, commissioner of patents.

"The new rules," said Commissioner Ewing, "while elaborate and technical, make for brevity, simplification, speed and efficiency."

A year ago Commissioner Ewing appointed a committee to make a thorough revision of the rules of practice. No general revision of the rules had been made for several years.

After ten months of work the results were submitted to patent experts and patent attorneys throughout the country with the request that they give the patent office the benefit of their suggestions in respect of the proposed changes. Hundreds of suggestions were made, and all have been carefully analyzed and many of them incorporated in the new rules.

This was the first time in the history of the patent office that practitioners before the office and the inventing public ever were consulted concerning the formulation of the rules and practice.

APPLES ENOUGH FOR ALL.

New York Has 1,410,335 Barrels, and Other States Have an Abundance.

New York had almost exactly the same quantity of apples in cold storage at the beginning of the cold storage season of 1915 as were reported on the same date in 1914. The office of markets of the federal department of agriculture says, however, that there are 15 1/2 per cent more apples in storage in the whole country than on the same date one year ago.

New York reports 1,327,231 barrels and 249,313 boxes. At the rate of three boxes to a barrel this is a total of 1,410,335 barrels. No other state has half so many, those having the nearest in quantity being Illinois, Missouri and California. All of the far western states report apples only in boxes.

Humors of Indexing.
 Quite as bad as the cryptic alphabetical headings under which important subjects are sometimes hidden in an index are the delusive cross references that lead to nothing. The present writer, looking up the subject of silver plate in an index, read "silver plate, see gold plate," then "gold plate, see plate," then "plate, see hallmarking," then "hallmarking, see plate marks," and finally "plate marks, see silver plate," which brought him back to where he had started. The most curious freak of indexing in my experience, writes a correspondent, was detected in the course of revising and arranging a collection of obituary articles which had been neglected. I searched in vain for Queen Victoria in that index, though it was certain that her majesty's life was included in the collection. But neither under "Q" nor under "V" was it to be found. Finally it was discovered accidentally under "T"—"The Queen!"—London Chronicle.

The Soft Answer.

"Yes, I'll take Jim's note for a hundred any time," said a banker when an offer to sell a note to the bank was made.

"I want to warn you, though," said the man in whose favor the note had been drawn, "that Jim is a good promiser, but a poor payer. I don't want you to have anything against me because of this note."

"Jim's honest, and I'll take his note for a reasonable amount any time," said the banker. "I had some trouble with him once over an overdraft, and it turned out that the bank was at fault and that he had not actually overdrawn. I'll admit I was pretty nasty in my talk to him about it, because I was so sure the bank was right. The average man under those

conditions would have 'cussed' me out at least, but all Jim said, although he was madder than thunder, was, 'I don't see why your wife ever married you?'—Indianapolis News.

How the Milliner Got Even.

A local business man, who has a friend in a nearby town who is a milliner, told a story of how the latter once got "even" with one of the leading social lights of the place after she had tried to be unfair with him. The husband of the woman in question had had a bit of hard financial sledding, and during the "reconstruction" period she had to go light on clothes. So one day she had the milliner send up some of his best hats on approval, which he did. She sent them all back, but in a few days appeared on the street with a duplicate of the most expensive one of all, which she had evidently made herself. In that town there is a middle aged woman of uncertain mental qualities and unquestionable poverty who is more or less of a town character. To her the milliner gave the original of the duplicated hat, much to the discomfort of the social queen, who apparently saw the point.—New York Times.

The Capitol Dome.

The capitol dome at Washington is the only considerable dome of iron in the world. It is a vast hollow sphere weighing 8,000,300 pounds. How much is that? More than 4,000 tons, or almost the weight of 70,000 full grown persons, or about equal to 1,000 laden coal cars of four tons each, which, if strung out one behind the other, would occupy a mile and a half of track. On the very top of the dome the allegorical figure "America," weighing 13,985 pounds, lifts its proud head high in the air. The pressure of this dome and figure upon the piers and pilars is 14,477 pounds to the square foot. It would, however, require a pressure of 755,286 pounds to the square foot to crush the supports.

Home Is—

Where you wish you were about twenty times a day when you are away from it.

Where you got three square meals a day and didn't appreciate them.

Where you can use the shower bath any time you want it.

Where you can step across the hall wearing a Turkish towel and a cake of soap without fear of seven or eight people seeing you.

Where you don't have to dress for dinner.

Where you don't have to tip some one every two hours.

Where the view isn't much, but the food and beds and company and general environments have got it all over any other spot on the map.

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 New York Buckwheat

Pattison Brothers

First Leap Year Ball.

Silverton, Ore., Jan. 3.—The Moose lodge of this city, with a membership of 200, provided the young women of Silverton with the first leap year privileges in the way of a leap year ball on New Year's night. The ladies were charged the usual admission fee, while the men acted as wall flowers.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

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