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Wife Offers to Hire Her Convicted Husband

Wentworth, N. C., Aug. 13.—Early today a jury in the Superior Court convicted J. W. Slaughter, formerly Chief of Police of Draper, of the murder of Thomas Weaver last February, and the verdict carried a sentence of two years in prison.

INSECT TRAVELERS.

Moths, Butterflies and Beetles Make Long Distance Journeys.

Mr. William Evans, a Scottish naturalist, who has made a lifelong study of the fauna of Scotland, obtained from a dozen Scottish lighthouses 241 species of insects, which include two butterflies, 159 moths, eighteen caddis flies and lacewings, forty diptera, ten beetles and a dozen other species.

In his records Mr. Evans calls attention to several other extraordinary flights of insects. Thus, the "painted lady," or thistle butterfly (Pyrausta cardui), has been known to cross the Alps; the red admiral butterfly (Vanessa atalanta) has landed in numbers on the deck of a vessel 500 miles from the coast of England; the common white butterfly (Danaus archippus), abundant everywhere in the United States, is said to make the 2,000 mile journey from California to the Hawaiian Islands and has gradually progressed by way of the south sea islands as far as Australia.

A death's head moth has boarded a steamer 200 miles off the Cape Verde islands. Clouds of ladybirds miles in extent, so that they resembled smoke from a steamer, have been seen at sea. A swarm of locusts that passed over the Red sea in 1880 is said to have extended over 2,000 square miles, and it was estimated to weigh 42,850,000,000 tons!

SLOW ACTING NERVES.

Earthworms and Clams In No Danger of the Strenuous Life.

The common earthworm has two sorts of nerves.

One of these is a thread running lengthwise of the body between the places where head and tail would be if the creature had either. This nerve has only one use—to carry the signal to shorten up.

So when the worm, keeping underground by day, comes by night half-way out of its hole and suspects, though he cannot see, the early bird looking for breakfast, whisk goes the signal along the nerve thread, one end of the body flattens out and locks fast in the burrow, and the rest pulls into safety.

This sort of nerve carries a message at the rate of a yard and a half a second, or about seventy times more slowly than our own do.

The other sort of nerve takes care of the crawling. Signals along these nerves travel only an inch a second. If our inner telegrams were sent as slowly, it would be a whole minute from the time the pitcher threw the ball till the batter started to swing his club at it.

Yet, as the simpler creatures go, the earthworm is not especially sluggish. The fresh water clam, for instance, gets word from one part of its body to another at only half the earthworm's rate. So it is 2,400 times slower than a man.—Edwin Tenney Brewster in St. Nicholas.

Photographs on Living Leaves.

A process of taking a photograph on the leaf of a plant is described in an article by Dr. Hans Molisch in Die Umschau, a translation of which appears in the Scientific American. Briefly, the process is as follows:

Fasten a negative with strong contrasts to a very smooth, thin, hairless growing leaf, such as the Indian cress, scarlet runner or nasturtium, and leave it exposed to strong sunlight for several hours. Then cut the leaf from the plant, steep it in boiling water for half a minute, then immerse it in warm 80 per cent alcohol. After a little time the leaf, now white, is immersed in a dilute tincture of iodine. The result is a positive photograph, often of surprising sharpness.

Capable of Correcting the Dictionary.

It is futile to attempt to instruct the forward youth of this our day. One who sat at lunch with us the other day remarked in the course of a narrative, "and then the poor fellow sat and wrang his hands."

"There is no such word as 'wring,'" said we.

"There wasn't before I spoke, perhaps," said he, "but there is now."—Philadelphia Ledger.

He Needed It.

She—Do you really love me? He (a modest clerk, with still more modest salary)—Yes, dear, with all my heart. She—Swear it to me by something sacred, by something that you could not possibly renounce. He—Well, then, Mathilde, I swear it to you by my salary.—London Tit-Bits.

Graded Down.

Great is America! People of means may hear the world's greatest voices for \$10; those in moderate circumstances may obtain phonographic records of the same voices for \$2.50, while the very poor can see the same singers act in the movies for a dime.—Life.

No Flowers in 'Em.

Mrs. Flatbush—She has no artistic tastes.

Mrs. Bensonhurst—Why not? "Just look at all those empty cans in her backyard. Not a flower in one of 'em!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Know the true value of time. Snatch, seize and enjoy every moment of it.—Lord Chesterfield.

ARCADE

"Pekinese Poodle" in "The Moral Fabric."

It is a matter of note that the movie patron is beginning more and more to relish philosophy as spice for his entertainment; and the number of plays having moral lessons in "little packages for the audience to take home," as H. A. du Souchet used to say, is increasing by leaps and bounds.

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