

**HERE BIRDS FIND SANCTUARY**

Area in Delta of Yukon River, Valuable for Other Purposes, is Now Profitably Employed.

The most important, and by far the largest in extent, of our national "refuges" for the preservation of wild birds is a vast area in the delta of the Yukon river, proclaimed as such by an edict from the White House just ten years ago.

It is an area approximately equal to Massachusetts, and the most valuable feather species concerned are wild geese and wild ducks, which breed there in countless numbers.

There is found the proper home of the "emperor" goose, the "white-fronted" goose, and many species of ducks which are sought as game in other latitudes.

The region is known as "tundra country"—devoid of trees, swampy, with many lakes, and of no possible usefulness for agriculture or any other purpose. If, however, the wildfowl are there safeguarded on their breeding grounds, it will be a permanent source of game and food supply for Alaska and the entire Pacific coast.

In order that this may come to pass, it is necessary that the birds shall be protected during the mating season against the wholesale slaughter which formerly was conducted by pot-hunters and alleged sportsmen from year to year—a method commonly adopted being to drive the helpless creatures into pens built for the purpose, where they were ruthlessly murdered.

**LAUGHED AT TIME'S PASSAGE**

Blue Delft Saucer, Long Sunk in Ocean, Benefited by Century Immersion in Ocean.

The net of a fishing smack off Eymouth, Berwickshire, England, brought to the top of the sea recently a long dead memory. A blue delft saucer, deeply incrustated with barnacles, lay among the flopping fish in the net, and it bore a picture of one of the old British coasting and sailing vessels, with the words "Eclipse, Ldn. and Edinboro, Shipping Coy."

Now, the Eclipse was lost at sea 100 years ago. No one survived, no bodies were thrown up, no wreckage definitely identified with the lost schooner was ever washed against known shores.

Yet, over a century later, a china saucer is recovered! Its blue, according to reports, had taken on a wonderfully deep shade, tinged with green, and was very beautiful.

The London and Edinburgh Shipping company bought the relic for about \$50 of our money and gave that sum to the British Red Cross. The saucer was sent to the British museum.

**"Imka."**  
"Imka" is the name by which the Y. M. C. A. is known in Czecho-Slovakia, for "Imka" is the reasonable pronunciation of those four letters in the language of the mid-European land. The Imka is very popular. When the republic of Czecho-Slovakia was established, its citizens who had returned from fighting with the allies urged that the Imka, with its canteens, hut service, athletics and recreation, be invited to come with them. The invitation was given and now the Imka has been developed on an army basis with centers in ten towns and is contemplating establishing a center in the famous coal mine region of Teschen, which is the bone of contention between the new republic and the Poles. As this new republic is said to hold the world's record for literacy, only 1 per cent being unable to read or write, the American "Y" secretaries find splendid co-operation in their activities.

**Shark Meat is Tasty.**  
Shark meat is delicate in flavor and texture, and sharks are plentiful in certain parts of Florida, but the fishermen do not catch them because they are not salable.

The home demonstration agent of Monroe county, Florida, decided last winter on an effort to establish in favor this fish now under the ban. At her request a fisherman caught one, but warned her that no one would eat it. Undismayed, she invited a large company of women to a home economics luncheon, at which was served a fish salad.

When all had tasted the salad she asked for a vote as to how many liked and wanted the recipe. Without exception the women voted their hearty approval, and thus proved to themselves that the prejudice was without foundation.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Plea for Dogs.**  
The first week that Representative Venable of Mississippi was in congress a couple of years ago he made a hundred-and-fifty-word speech about a dog he used to own, and he still is getting letters telling him what a fine speech it was. The speech was a plea for preparedness, in which he pointed out that little dogs always are in hot water, but that mastiffs have only a minimum of difficulties and can enjoy afternoon siestas and such.

**Unmedaled Heroes.**  
Among the heroes of the war is the man who uncomplainingly goes without the things to which he has been accustomed in order that he may quietly do his bit. Only a comparatively few of them ever get into the limelight, but in the scheme of patriotism they share honors with those who wear the uniforms and shoulder the muskets.—Berkshire Eagle.

**SIMPLE MATTER TO EXPLAIN**

As It Happened, However, It Was Rather Embarrassing to One Idle Student.

Professor Gurney was one of the most genial instructors and the most skillful of disciplinarians. As a teacher Gurney was always kind and courteous, but nevertheless a terror to drones and evildoers.

For example, take the case of a student who was afterward a distinguished professor in the medical school. We were reading Cicero's Epistles. In the lesson for the day he was describing a scene in court, when it was evident that in the morning before the witnesses came in they had been subpoenaed and instructed what to testify. I will call the student Drake. He had not looked at his lesson, and when called upon began to translate until he came to this passage.

He could make nothing of it, but looked up with a helpless air and said, "I don't think I understand this passage." Gurney bowed, and with the utmost suavity said: "It means, Mr. Drake, that they had learned their lesson before they came in in the morning."

As that was exactly what it did mean, the fellows set up a shout and Drake dropped into his seat.—Harvard Graduates' Magazine.

**DETERMINED TO ENJOY MEAL**

Ten-Year-Old Was Going to Eat in Comfort if It Cost Him His Savings.

The Lane family decided to help out the mother of the family by decreasing the amount of table linen in the weekly washing. Each member who spilled something on the cloth was required to cover it with a piece of money—of the exact size of the spot. Twice ten-year-old Fred was compelled to hand in a quarter from his paper money. Then one day he came home from the store with his pocket jingling full of money.

At the very beginning of the meal he dropped a bit of gravy. Soon afterward a piece of tomato followed the gravy. Still he showed no concern. His older sister reminded him of the agreement. "Oh, I guess I'll wait until I'm through," was his calm rejoinder.

Every one was surprised because on other occasions he had showed much concern over his accidents. But when he produced a pocketful of pennies at the close of the meal and announced that he had come prepared to enjoy a meal once again, everyone understood.—Indianapolis News.

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