

TRAPS AND SNARES.

CONTRIVANCES THAT SHOW WHAT A GENIUS THE YANKEE IS.

Would Call Most of the Inventions Aburdities, and Yet They Are Useful—Devices For Poisoning Pests—Traps of Many Kinds.

American invention has given birth to no end of freaks, which have been patented at the patent office in order that they may not perish. Some of the most of them are devices for entrapping beasts, bugs, fishes and even human beings.

What, for example, could be funnier than the notion of using imitation flowers with poisoned honey to attract noxious insects? The artificial blossoms, containing a small quantity of sugary liquid properly prepared, are to be fastened to twigs. Months of destructive species sip the deadly nectar and die. A more elaborate device of a similar description is intended for the protection of apple trees. It is a tin can covered as to its upper half with luminous lint. On the outside of the lower half apple blossoms are represented with the same sort of paint. Inside of the receptacle is a small quantity of cider. The tin is to be hung on a branch of an apple tree at night. Insects, attracted by the pictured flowers, light upon the can, and the smell of the cider induces them to enter through holes provided for that purpose. They then drop down into the tin and are drowned.

Yet it is not always easy to distinguish between a crank idea and a useful discovery. The poisoned counterfeit flowers above described are said to work very well. Many years ago a man got a patent for a method of killing insects on trees by inclosing the whole in a sort of balloon of canvas, into which an asphyxiating gas was to be pumped for the purpose of suffocating the insects. Everybody thought he was a lunatic. But now that his patent has been taken out the merits of the plan have been fully appreciated, and its adoption is alleged to have saved the orange growing industry in California. Several kinds of luminous baits for fish have been patented. One of these is a tin of hollow glass coated on the inside partly with a solution of gold or silver, and partly with luminous paint. The result is a very brilliant object in the water, calculated to attract any voracious creature with fins. Another interesting contrivance is for making frog legs more seductive. The jerking of the legs is accomplished by a device causing the frog's legs to move as if he were swimming.

Contrivances for catching insects are more numerous than any others. One of them is a fumace for slaughtering potato bugs. To begin with, a deep and wide furrow is to be plowed all around the infested field. Through this trench a smooth log is dragged to make the surface hard and smooth. The bugs in migrating to other grounds are unable to scale the trench, and the fumace, which is a cylinder of iron filled with kerosene, is drawn along the furrow and destroys them. Other odd devices are contrivances intended to be inserted in the joints of ant holes and to be fired, thus communicating stifling vapors to the subterranean chambers, also many kinds of lamps for attracting and burning up the moths of various worms in cotton fields. There is a toy pistol for insects, which smokes them in when hegger is pulled.

An ingenious westerner has invented a trap for catching the hornfly which such an enemy to cattle in some parts of the country. It consists most importantly of a great frame to which brush is attached in such a manner that when a beast walks through, eager as they always are to scratch themselves, the brush will be scraped from their bodies and the branches. Finally the frame is raised up by means of doors, and the captured insects are destroyed. Nearly everybody has heard of the gold tape-trap, which the patient swallow. The bug trap are of several varieties, some of them being intended to afford attractive hiding places for these blood-suckers and to be burned or scalded out afterward.

Much ingenuity has been expended on rat-traps. Some of them are so elaborate that no full written rodent would near them. One requires Mr. Rat to come in through a door, which drops behind and makes him a prisoner. Seeing a bright light above, he ascends a flight of little steps and trots across a plank that is so nicely adjusted as to balance that his weight causes it to tip and throw him into a tank of water. Another contrivance consists of a double chamber. One chamber has a hole, through which Mr. Rat sees to or three imitation rats facing him. To join them, he runs around the chamber, gets into the other chamber and is caught.

There are a number of devices which employ mirrors for the purpose of luring the rat to his fate. He mounts on top of a barrel and sees a toadsome fellow of cheese. As he approaches it he holds another rodent—in reality his own reflection—in a piece of looking glass—coming from the cheese from the opposite direction. He makes a dash to get there first, and a pivoted board tips him into the tank, which is half full of water. Rats will swim for a long time, so one humanitarian has invented a water trap with little shelves around the edge and just above the surface. On the shelves are placed small lead weights, with fishhooks hanging from them. The captured rat in trying to escape grasps one of the hooks, gets it fastened in his mouth, dislodges the weight of lead and is carried to the bottom by the latter.

Sparrow traps are of many different kinds. Most of them invite the birds to walk in through a door which drops behind them, making them prisoners. Then next seen in the restaurants, they are recorded on toast.—Philadelphia Times.

Children Cry for

Obituary.

Mrs. Katie Kehm Smith was born in the state of Iowa, April 23, 1868. She spent her girlhood in that state, and became a very successful school teacher. Coming to the Pacific Coast about five years ago, she taught school at New Era, Oregon, where she remained a year and became greatly attached to her pupils.

She went to Puget Sound in 1892, where she met Mr. D. W. Smith, of Port Townsend, whom she afterwards married. They then moved to Oregon and made their home opposite Rock Island, and Mrs. Smith spent her leisure time in beautifying the home where she could draw inspiration for her chosen work.

In 1891, she was elected assistant secretary of the Oregon State Secular Union. In 1893 she was elected secretary and commissioned lecturer. January 29, 1893, she organized the First Secular church of Portland, and shortly after, its Secular Sunday school. She lectured each week for the society for nearly two years. She was known throughout the United States as the founder of the "Oregon system" of secular churches and Sunday schools. She also prepared the original lesson leaves for the secular Sunday schools of the state.

She resigned, about June, 1895, as secretary of the State Secular Union, but retained her connection with the society as a commissioned lecturer for the Silverton Secular church, before which she lectured regularly during the first-half of the present year.

Mrs. Smith left her home, near this city—known to many as "Castle Kehm"—on the 28th day of June for a two months' lecture tour in eastern Oregon. About the 8th of August, she was attacked with a fever resulting in a lingering illness, which, while considered dangerous, was not expected to terminate fatally until the very last. She died at John Day, Grant county, on September 18, after having been tenderly attended by her husband and friends and given the best medical aid to be found in that region. Her remains were buried September 21st at Wagner, Oregon. The simple ritual of the Secular Union was read by Mr. Carl Wagner, who afterwards delivered an address, relating to the life of the deceased leader, who had won the love and esteem of all who had seen and heard her in that part of the state.

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C. D. McFarlin, of North Plough, on Coos bay, will commence harvesting his cranberry crop the last of this month, at which time he will employ about 60 Indians, and from present appearance will have about 1000 bushels, which should average from \$4 to \$5 a bushel.

Patronize home industry. The Oregon City Steam Laundry does better work than the Chinese or Portland laundries. Geo. P. Bradford, the new manager, is a practical laundry man, having had charge of the best laundries on the Sound before coming here.

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"Mrs. Tipps." Chicago has a federation of women's clubs numbering 23 organizations. One of these is called the Olio club and is interested in almost everything under the sun. It has a peculiar rule to the effect that the president may address any member whose name she forgets as "Mrs. Tipps."—Chicago Correspondent.

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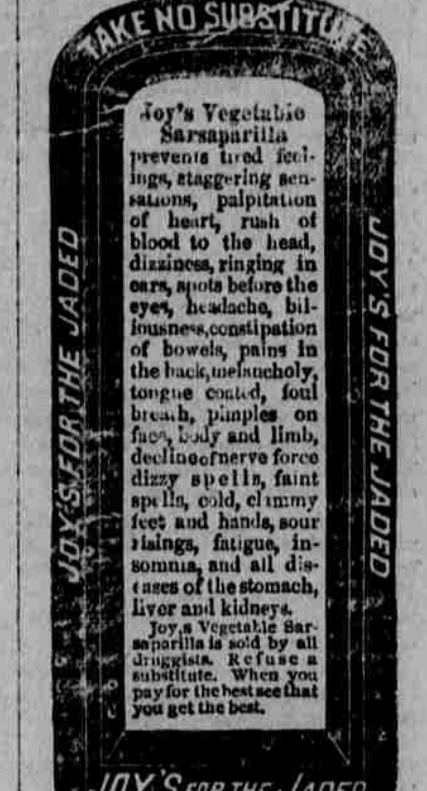
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