THE INSTINCT OF MIGRATION.—If the young of our migratory birds are taken from their nest and reared by hand they become perfectly contented in confinement, and do not pine for a freedom which they have never known. They make no effort to escape from their cages and seem to enjoy in full measure the happiness of mere animal life, with all wants supplied. But as the season for the migration of each species approaches a strange restlessness is manifested by the caged bird, which was before so contented, although the cage is well supplied with its favorite food, and it is kept in a warm room. This restlessness increases until the bird spends several successive nights beating against the wires of its cage in a vain endeavor to get away. After its relatives have all sought their southern homes its quiet and content gradually return, so that it is to more troubled by this blind impulse to escape. This manifestation of the migratory instinct, where the example of others of the species, a diminished food supply, or the discomforts of a reduced temperature could have no influence, have been observed in the bobolink, oriole, catbird, bluebird, house wren, finch, grass finch, song sparrow, and several others, and it indicates an inherited organization in which the migratory impulse is fixed as a habit that no temporary change of external conditions can eradicate.—[Science News.

A PRINCESS WHO DARED.—Princess Adelgunde of Braganza, daughter of the late Don Miguel, the unsuccessful and banished pretender of the Portuguese throne, has just done a rather daring thing. The sentence of perpetual banishment was not only pronounced upon Don Miguel, but also upon all his children. Princess Adelgunde, however, was so determined to see her father's native country that she contrived to obtain an English passport for her confidential maid, in which document she herself was described as the attendant of the personated English lady' and in the character of a female de chambre travelled undetected through Portugal. At Lisbon the two took up their quarters at a hotel, and visited all the palaces and galleries of the city, ending the escapade by a call on the Countess de Redmba, an old and trusted friend of the family. They quitted the country in safety, the Princess' family knowing nothing about her journey until they received a letter posted at Lisbon and describing her exploit as "the result of the natural instinct of a Portuguese woman."

An Extensive House.

Thompson, DeHart & Co., of this city, are making extensive enlargements in their already extensive business. Their new wharf on foot of Taylor street, which was lately constructed, has not proved of sufficient capacity for their storage, and they are now extending it as far into the river as the authorities will permit, and hereafter ships will land and unload at the wharf of the firm. Thompson, DeHart & Co. received an immense assortment of wagon material, spokes, felloes, hubs, etc., and thousands of dollars worth of oak, hickory and other seasoned timbers, were received by the same firm by the vessel mentioned. Their warehouse is piled full of wagon material, and it is perfectly bewildering to walk through and see the large assortment, and the care with which it is arranged. In the basement of the whar fthe firm have arranged for bins for coal, as they have been appointed agents for the Carbon Hill Coal Company, and intend to put coal on the market here, so as to make it as cheap as wood. Thompson, De Hart & Co., carry the largest stock of shelf and heavy hardware in Portland, in addition to their wagon material, and seasoned lumber trade. The firm has built for itself a splendid reputation as honorable business men, and are a credit to any community.—*Evening Telegram.*

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