How the Officers of the Smithsonian Institution Combat Foes.

Bugs are a source of much anxiety and annoyance to the curators of birds and mammals at the Smithsonian institution and in the National museum. If given a chance they would gobble up the dead and stuffed creatures, not even sparing the bones and the beaks. Accordingly. those in charge have to be perpetually on the alert to combat these small but not contemptible foes.

If a stuffed "specimen" is thoroughly poisoned with arsenic when it is prepared there is little or no danger that it will ever be attacked, but the collections in charge of Secretary Langley are gathered together from all parts of the world and very many of the contributions are not properly protected in this respect. This is true particularly of those which come from the tropics, where peppers and pungent spices are considered sufficient for purposes of preservation.

So they are for awhile, and then, the spices having lost their strength, the enemy begins to get in its work. Not only does this happen with stuffed birds and beasts, but the skeletons that reach the institution with the flesh roughly chopped off them and folded up in the smallest possible compass for transportation are frequently so poorly protected by poisoning that inaggots get at them and eat the ligaments which join the bones so as to seriously injure their usefulness

Three kinds of insects threaten the stuffed collections. One is the familiar moth, which eats the feathers or hair down to the skin and leaves unsightly bald patches. Another is the "dermestes," or common "lard beetle," which attacks and eats holes in the fatty skins. But worse than either of these is the "anthrinus" - a beetle about the size of a No. 8 shot, and so small therefore that it does not render itself evident and is not readily found when sought for. It is very fond of anything horny, and,

getting a chance at a bird, it will begin by eating off the covering of the bill, denuding the legs afterward and chewing up the shafts of the bigger feathers. If it has an opportunity, it will regularly honeycomb the horns of animals fres-

coed for museum purposes. Of course it is understood that these three bugs do all the damage in the larva stage of their being-that is, while they are yet worms. Another sort of insect gets into empty eggs and eats up the lining membranes, where careless collectors have left them inside, as they should not do, but it cannot injure the shells and does no harm, except to make

The best remedy, or preventive, known is bisulphide of carbon; but it has so horrible a smell that Curator Ridgway will not use it for keeping the birds under his charge. He prefers to employ the next best thing, which is naphtholine, a product of coal tar. A handful of crystals of it will kill a case full of insects It has the disadvantage of irritating the breathing passages, producing a chronic catarrh. Curator of Mammals True prefers the offensive bisulphide of carbon.

A great many things besides beasts and birds at the National museum have to be protected from insects: for example, the costumes of all nations and other dry goods of every kind, which afford an agreeable diet for devouring bugs. It is no small task to protect these perishable articles from the attacks of many legged scavengers with stomachs for anything short of metal and no respect for the most sacred of curios. - Washington Star

ache. A certain wise physician classes headaches among the ailments which have baffled his profession. At a medical meeting a member said: "Did any of you ever cure a headache? I never did." Several doctors having mentioned their treatment, he replied: "Oh, you only relieved it. I can do that But have you ever cured it?"

No one could answer yes. The shops contain nostrums enough, but did any one ever find himself more than temporarily relieved by them?

Nature, unaided, sometimes effects a permanent cure by the changes which the system undergoes in the process of time. Persons who have been subject to headache are often more or less fully relieved after about the age of fifty. This is perhaps a result of the shrinkage of the brain and the hardening of the tissues, which begins at about that period. Changes in one's condition or habits, or in climate, may sometimes effect a cure by removing the disturbing cause .-Youth's Companion.

"And do they wear them on their thumbs?" "Yes. miss. and they are right pretty.

too. A jeweler's clerk was displaying his new stock of thumb rings.

"May I try one on?" "Certainly," he replied, and stooped

low over the pink tipped fingers, slipping on a tiny circlet of pearls. "It doesn't look so bad, after all," said "You see the band is so narrow

and the pearls so small that the effect is not awkward, as I expected it would be. Ill take that one. The advent of this unique little ornament is greeted with rather more favor than was at first expected by the jewel-

ers.-New York Letter. A Narrow Escape from the Gallows. James Johnston, who murdered his wife and four children at Ballarat, and was condemned to death, was respited by telegram ten minutes before the time of execution on the ground of insanity.

Two doctors obtained access to him at midnight and gave a certificate of lunacy, which was telegraphed to the governor at 3 o'clock in the morning by the medical board examining.-London Tit-

Mand-is it true that you are in love with Mr. Bullion? Clara-Mercy no. I'm only engaged to him. - New York Weekly

#### MARRIED BY SQUIRES.

JUSTICES WHO TIE THE KNOT FOR LOVING COUPLES.

Funny Stories Gathered in Justices' Offices-Young People Prefer a Civil Marriage Because It Is Free from Formality and Is Less Expensive.

Hundreds of couples are each year united by the justices of the peace of St. Louis. It is almost surprising to what extent people seek this form of civil mar-The two hearts that are made to beat as one by a suave justice are by no means always those of giddy young elopers, as the general public believes.

What is the reason that so many people prefer a court marriage to a religious one?" was asked Squire Frank Spaulding.

"I think that in the majority of cases it is because it is so free from formality. There is no time lost in making the couple man and wife. The form prescribed by the statute does not take more than half a minute to go through with. Nearly all the people united by the magistrates are poor and unable and unwilling to go to the expense of buying an extensive wedding outfit. They need the money to provide for their own immediate wants. Then a great number of people are bashful and do not like to stand up in front of a crowd and be married. They can go before a magistrate and be united in the presence of only two or three persons.'

"Do they always have money for the fee?" "In nearly every case. When they

haven't I always make it my duty to marry them anyway." "What do they usually give to the magistrate?"

Oh, it varies. The law prescribes a fee, but people give different prices. Usually it is five dollars. About a year ago a woman brought a young fellow in here. They had a license, and he was half scared to death, while she was calm and businesslike. He didn't say a word while she explained to me what was wanted. I made them man and wife. She then reached down into a pocket in her dress, pulled out a roll of bills and handed me five dollars. . She then gave her husband a five dollar note, saying. 'Go on out and treat the squire.' I've always wondered what kind of a life that poor man's leading now, for it was evident that his wife was the head of the

DIDN'T WANT TO BE MARRIED. 'When I was with Squire Taft at Eleventh and Franklin avenue, we used to have a great many ludicrous incidents. We had so many marriages there that the place got to be known as the 'marriage corner.' One day an intelligent looking young couple came in. They had heard that the place was where they should go to get marriage licenses. They didn't know anything about that part of the programme. The clerk directed them to the recorder's office. They went and secured the license, and probably thinking it was necessary to go through some additional formality came back to our office. Squire Taft was busy trying a case, and at once got down off the bench. He knew nothing of the preceding visit, and at once proceeded to go through the ceremony.

"As soon as he pronounced them man and wife the young girl threw up her hands and fell into a chair in dismay. 'Great God! what will my mother say? This is a Protestant marriage!' she cried. She was a devont Catholic, and thought she was only going through part of the We are often asked for a cure for headdo it, they were married that night by a

Catholic priest." "Do you have many runaway couples. call upon you?" was asked.

"Not as many as the public generally imagine. They are generally from out of the city, and are tired and weary with the journey and excitement when they arrive. Several years ago a couple went into Squire Taft's office. He was out. and they sat down on a bench to rest They had made a long journey, and the first thing the groom did was to go to sleep. The little girl at last gave in too. She leaned her head upon his breast, and both were in the deepest kind of slumber when the squire came in. No one liked to wake them, but finally we made enough noise to arouse

"A minute later they had been pronounced man and wife. The groom laughed merrily over his falling asleep, and at the conclusion of the ceremony said, 'I don't know which refreshed me the most, going to sleep or getting mar-

FUNNY INCIDENTS. 'The funniest incident I know of was the groom that forgot his bride's first It wasn't long before we had that fixed, however, and they went on their way rejoicing.

"Have you ever followed up the afterlives of couples you have married?"

'No: but about half of them follow me up. The general impression of the poorer classes is that a man who can marry them can also unmarry them. ! should say that fully five out of every ten couples I marry come around again and want a divorce. Then in a great many cases when the couple have a quarrel the husband tears up the marriage certificate and tells his wife they are no longer wedded. The wife generally comes around to see me and I give

her a new one. "I remember a couple I married a short time ago. They went off on a bridal

short time ago. They went off on a bridal trip to Illinois, and had a quarrel about two days after the marriage. The husband left, vowing he was coming back and get the marriage certificate, and by tearing it up break off the marriage. The wife telegraphed to me not to give him the certificate. They made up later and are now living happily together.

"Squire Taft used to make kiss the bride part of the ceremony. One day a young fellow and a woman of about sixty came in, and when, after the ceremony, the squire said. Kiss the bride, she revolted. 'I'm too old for that, she said. The squire insisted that it was part of the ceremony and she was not married unless it was done, so she finally yielded."—St. Louis Republic.

A CHILD IN THE LIONS' GAGE.

Awful Ordeal of a Lion Keeper in the Employ of the Khedive of Egypt. "When Ismail Pasha, the extravagant khedive of Egypt, reigned over that historical land," said an acquaintance of the potorious ruler, "he had in his garden a large cage of African lions. Noble brutes they were, and until the event of which I speak I never tired of looking at them. One day, while walking with his highness in the garden, the keeper, accompanied by a pretty little girl, entered, carrying a basket of meat for the

"The khedive and I walked toward the cage to watch the beasts eat. They were hungry, and pounced upon their food with a ravenous fury that chilled me. Standing close by the cage, with her hands resting on the bars, was the little child, her long golden hair at times blown by the breeze inside the in-

" 'Why do you permit your daughter to go so near the hons? the khedive asked of the keeper.

" 'Oh,' replied the keeper, 'they are so accustomed to her they would not harm

" 'Then open the door and put her inside, said the khedive.

"My blood froze at the command, for command it was I tried to speak, but could not. I was unable even to move. The keeper, with the submissiveness of those who know their lives will pay forfeit if they disobey their ruler, made with his eyes an appeal for mercy. But, seeing none in the khedive's face, he kissed the little one tenderly, lifted her up, opened the door, placed her inside and, as the door swung to, he turned his face away and groaned. The little one, though she dld not stir,' seemed not

The lions appeared surprised, and as the largest and fiercest rose and walked toward her I thought I should choke. Happily the father did not see the beast.

"The khedive alone was unmoved, and stood gazing at the scene calmly and with the curious smile I had so often seen play upon his features when watching the dance of a ballet. The lion went up to the child, smelled of her, looked at her for fully half a minute, then lay down at her feet and beat the floor with his tail. Another lion approached. The first one gave an ominous growl and the second lion went back. The others crouched low, and each second I expected them to spring, but they did not. This continued, I think, about five minntes, the big lion never taking his eyes from the girl and ceaslessly lashing the

"The khedive by this time was evidently satisfied, and turned to the keeper and commanded him to thrust a live lamb into the cage through another door. With a celerity I have never seen equaled, the keeper caught a straying lamb and obeyed. As he did so, every lion sprang upon the lamb.

'Take out the child,' the khedive commanded, and scarce had the words scaped him ere the keeper, who had aleady run to that end of the cage, jerked out and clasped her in his arms. The which is in every other Sarsaparilla than khedive laughed, tossed the keeper a -Chicago Post.

There are 14,000 bakers in London, of whom 5,000 are foreigners, mostly Gersupport of the state of the sta hands from four dollars to five dollars a spells. She writes: "While in that dangerous week, third hands from two dollars to condition I saw some of the testimonials conbree dollars a week. The hours of labor and on Saturdays from twenty to twen- strength and have not felt so well in years." shas their own foremen.

The majority of the bakehouses are miserable finderground cellars, overrun with roaches, mice and other vermin. The cellars are so ill ventilated and so unhealthy that the bakers are subject to a number of special discusses, all of which may be communicated to the conwhich may be communicated to the consinners of the bread they make, for they are mostly diseases of the skin, and the stark naked from their waists up, and there is generally no accommodation of any kind for washing except in the kneading tubs.-New York Recorder.

The Prescience of Fame. The prescience of fame is very infre-The village gazes in wonder at the return of the famous man who was born on the farm under the hill, and whose latent greatness nobody suspected: while the youth who printed verses in the corner of the county paper, and drew the fascinated glances of palpitating maidens in the meeting house, and seemed to the farmers to have associated himself at once with Shakespeare and Tupper and the great literary or "littery folks," never emerges from the poet's department in the paper in which unconciously and forever he has been cornered. It would be a grim Puritan jest if that department had been named from the corner of the famous dead in West-minster abbey.—George William Curtis in Harper's,

A Soft Answer.

Francois is an excellent servant, and alwayssits up for his master. One night Viscount de B-, Francois' master, came home from his club at 3 o'clock in the morning. He found his faithful valet in the bedroom, reclining fast asleep on the sofa near the fire. Instead of waking him, he quietly undressed and got into bed. Ten minutes afterward Francois awoke and exclaimed: "Past 3 o'clock and the beast hasn't come in yet!" The viscount raised his head and said, in a very gentle voice: "You may go to bed, Francois; the beast has got back to its lair."-L'Univers.

A professor of Yale has confessed to a superstition. It consists of putting on and taking off his clothes in a regular way. The right shoe, the right leg of his trousers, the right sleeve to shirt or cost, are always put on first, because of a foolish idea that somehow or other mishaps would follow favoring the left shoes, sleeves and legs in such a way.

She Is Turning to Bone

Mrs. Mollie Hughes, a highly respected widow lady, living near Camerville, Ida., is afflicted with a unique and most dis-tressing disease. Little by little the flesh of her entire body is turning to solid bone. or in other words she is becoming ossified. The disease was first noticed in 1886 when Mrs. Hughes was Miss Duychink, of Can-yon Rapids. At that time only a single finger was affected. Within a month after the time when Miss Duychink first noticed the numbness and stiffness of the finger it had been accidentally broken off while she was asleep.

The incident gave the girl no pain, there being neither blood, nerves or flesh left in the diseased member, but it excited the alarm of the family, who called in a physician. The broken stump of the finger was amputated back to where the living flesh set on, and everything was thought to be all right. Soon the flesh, muscles, arteries. veins and nerves on her hands, fingers and arms became as hard and feelingless as the support. finger had been before it was broken off.

Next the awful malady extended to the elbows, the forearms becoming as white and clear as alabaster. Within the year the toes and the end of the nose and ear tips showed a like color and rigidness. The process of ossification has now been going on nearly five years, and the attending physicians says that it is only a matter of time when the entire body of the poor vic-tim will be a solid bone. It is a rare disease, and the pathology of it is little under stood.—St. Louis Republic.

Paraffine from Peat.

Brazil is the distillation of paroffine from a peculiar kind of peat, which is found in cents a month. great beds. This peat is rich in paraffine, and the distilled product is used in the manufacture of candles. Some of the beds have been worked to great depth, but there is no evidence of the exhaustion of the supply.-New York Journal.

An Agusta (Me.) druggist owns a cat which can tell the difference between a one dollar bill and a five dollar bill, and drinks her milk through a straw.

Memorial Day has been observed with increased impressiveness ever since 1868, and the day is a legal holiday in most of the northern states east of the Mississippi

30, 1889, the day of the centennial anniver-sary celebration. They amounted to

while walking in the woods near his home lay down to rest in the shade of the roots of a large overturned tree. Workmen, not knowing of his presence, chopped the trunk from the roots, which when released flew back into place, im prisoning Holt beneath them. He was dead before he could be released.

The May musical festival at Lincoln, Neb., was by the unanimous request of the Oratorio society conducted by Mrs. V. M. Raymond. For the past five years she has trained all the choruse

pen the door, snatched the little one feeble people should take, as the inferral potant of, is under certain conditions known to be coin, and, taking my arm, walked on." emaclating. J. V. S. on the contrary is purely vegetable and stimulates digestion and creats new blood, the very thing for old, delicate of broken down people. It builds them up prolongs their lives. A case in point:

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