

BANDON RECORDER.

THE LONG TAILED TROGON

A Most Gorgeous Bird in the National Emblem of Guatemala. By far the most interesting bird emblem of a modern state is that of the republic of Guatemala. It has been adopted as the national crest for so long that, partly through the taste for stamp collecting, the existence of one of the rarest and most beautiful of the bird creation has been made far more widely known than it otherwise would have been.

Gibraltar's Story.

In 1704 the rock of Gibraltar fell into the hands of the British by assault. The Prince of Hesse-Darmstadt commanded the troops and Sir George Rooke the fleet, and in the remarkably short time of four days the stronghold surrendered. Many times the Spaniards attempted to get back the key to the Mediterranean, but without success, though on one occasion they got 500 men within the fort, but failed to re-entrance it. In 1726 it was in the mind of ministers to give back the rock to Spain, but so great an agitation arose against such a step that it was abandoned.

Wonderful Little Padlock and Chain. In a curious old book entitled "The Wonders and Curiosities of London" there are the following particulars concerning a minute padlock: In the twentieth year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth Mark Scarlot, a blacksmith, made a lock consisting of eleven pieces of steel, iron and brass, all of which, together with the key, weighed but a small fraction over one grain.

New England Peanut Brittle. Boll one and a half pounds of brown sugar, a half pint of New Orleans molasses, a half teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a half pint of water to the "hard ball" degree. Then add a pint of small peanuts and continue the boiling until it cracks easily if put in cold water.

Growth of Our Language. To give some idea of the tremendous growth of the English language it may be mentioned that the words and phrases under the letter "A" have increased since the middle of the nineteenth century from 7,000 to nearly 60,000. So enormous indeed has been the growth of the English language that it would be practically impossible for the most learned man to be acquainted with every word.

Adam's Birthday. Formerly Oct. 23 was regarded as Adam's birthday. Theologians of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries wasted much scholarship in efforts to settle both the manner and the date of creation. Dr. John Lightfoot, vice-chancellor of Cambridge, a Hebrew scholar of European reputation, published a statement to the effect that, after years of research, he had succeeded in discovering the precise moment when the earth "rose out of chaos" and man made his appearance upon it.

As Jack Saw It. Jack, who is five years old, came home one day last week crying that another boy had hit him. "Why didn't you hit him back?" he was asked. "I did," he answered. "I hit him back first."—New York Times.

Just For a Lark. Rabbit Hunter—Do you like birds? Blrd Hunter—Sure! I love 'em! Rabbit Hunter—Then eat my rabbit for a lark.—Harvard Lampoon.

POLLY LARKIN.

According to Ernest P. Bicknell, general superintendent of the Chicago Bureau of Charities, poor cooking and untidy housekeeping were the underlying cause of the separation of four hundred couples in Chicago last year. He stated that the four hundred cases to which he referred were those that actually came under his notice in the pursuance of his official duties.

"Esther D—" sends a letter to the question box that she is about to move out of the State, and she has many books and magazines that she does not know what to do with, and wants me to suggest a way of getting rid of them that will give others enjoyment. Send them to the Presidio for the soldiers, to the Almshouse, the Old Peoples' Home, the Sailors' Home, the City and County Hospital, orphan asylums, etc.

I recall an incident of one man, a typical specimen of the non-provider. He was a widower for the second time, death having mercifully claimed the first, when her strength failed her and she could no longer make the living. The divorce court freed the second, and she left him with a large family ranging like steps up to fourteen years, the latter having cast his fortune with strangers rather than remain under the parental roof.

Durable Submarine Cable. A test has just been made on a section of the ocean cable between Cienfuegos and Santiago, Cuba, to determine the question of durability of an India rubber coated submarine cable. The line was manufactured in 1873 and laid in 1881. The section tested was picked up in 1350 fathoms of water and was found to be in perfect electrical condition, the copper conductor not having suffered during its twenty years' submergence from the attacks of any sulphur in the rubber coating.

The Czar's Kitchen in St. Petersburg is said to outvie in magnificence even that of the most lavish of American millionaires. Not only are the walls and ceiling of black marble covered with valuable ornaments, but many of the kitchen and pans, which originally belonged to the Empress Catherine, are of solid gold. The kitchen staffs on a par with the general magnificence. The head chef, who receives a princely salary, is assisted by about 270 persons.

Charles Henry Gibbs, keeper of the "bug light" at Nantucket, annually about July 30th receives a check for \$1, his yearly salary. This old lighthouse has been put out of action by shifting sands on the south side of Nantucket harbor, but the Government allows this aged mariner to live in it and pays him the smallest of Federal salaries.

Canada's forests are found to be equal to supplying the world with pulp wood alone for 840 years on the basis of 1,500,000 tons of manufactured pulp a year.

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BRIEF REVIEW.

How Snakes Fascinate. The cobra of the Cape fascinates birds by coiling itself on a branch, erecting its head and swinging to and fro. "Sundowner" states that the snake will go on "fascinating" and keeping the bird twittering and unable to leave the tree in which it is "for hours," and that if the bird is driven away it comes back. This may be a "yarn." But from the curious fascination which non-terrifying objects, such as "lark glitter," have for some birds, and their apparent inability to resist hovering power of the serpent may be conjectured.

Buchanan's Birthplace. Within the walls of a log hut located formerly in what is known as Stony Battery, a few miles from here, in Franklin county, says a Merceburg correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, was born on April 23, 1791, the boy who became the fifteenth President of the United States—James Buchanan.

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Cat Forty-two Years Old. Herr Pohl, president of the German Society for the Protection of Cats, has just published the results of his investigation in regard to the age which it is possible for these animals to attain.

Fish Destroy Lotus Beds. The beautiful Egyptian lotus beds which for the past quarter of a century have lined the extreme westerly shores of Lake Erie from Monroe, Mich., to Point Place are threatened with complete annihilation by fish.

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Li Hung Chang has not been dead long enough to have his "last words" published for the edification of mankind, so that the tale told by Dr. Robert Collman, Jr., of Philadelphia is entitled to whatever assurance of contradiction or embellishment is conferred by priority of publication. Dr. Collman, who is now visiting Philadelphia, is private secretary to Prince Su, lord high chamberlain to the emperor of China, and was one of the physicians who attended Li Hung Chang during that great viceroy's last illness. The night before Li Hung Chang died Collman and Velde made their usual evening visit. They had been dining at their club and wore dress clothes. The sick man surveyed their costumes with a twinkle in his eyes and remarked: "Ah, evening dress! Have you come to dine with me?"

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

Cost of England's Wars. If we consider total expenditure, the South African war is the most expensive war that England has ever waged, with the single exception of the twenty-three years' war with France (1793-1815), the great cost of which was nearly four times that of the South African war. The Boer war, however, will have cost over twice as much as the war with the American colonies, two and a half times as much as the Seven Years' war, more than three times the cost of the Crimean war and four to fifty times that of any of the other wars.

The Paper of Today. Only paper of the very best quality is now made from rags, the bulk of that employed for newspaper and book work being manufactured from wood pulp. Other materials are also coming into use to meet the enormous demand for paper, and plants which were at one time supposed to be of no economic importance are contributing their fiber to the manufacture. Among the new materials may be named bagasse, the refuse of the sugar mills, formerly a waste product save that it was employed for fuel. Rice straw, long only used as bedding for cattle, is also enlisted in the service of the paper maker.

Useful Light. Stationed off the island of Islay, on the west coast of Scotland, at the Outer rock, there is an interesting and novel lightship, which is described in Cassell's Magazine.

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The Hand That Used to Spank My Pa. When I go down to grandma's where there's always lots of cake and pie, I spread my bread with jelly there. And stuff up till I nearly die! The greatest fun you ever saw is sliding from their steep roofed shed. And the hand that used to spank my pa is the hand that pats me on the head.

A Vanishing People. Mr. Peary says that the tribe of Eskimos living on the shore of Whale sound, in Greenland, are the most northerly people in the world. Their isolation has differentiated them from all other races. They do not exceed 200 in number and are being destroyed by an unknown disease which appears to be a slow malignant fever. Lieutenant Peary became personally known to every man, woman and child belonging to this remote and perishing community of human beings.

Deep. "I don't see why you call him greedy when he gave you his nice large apple to divide." "That's just it. Of course I had to give him the biggest piece."

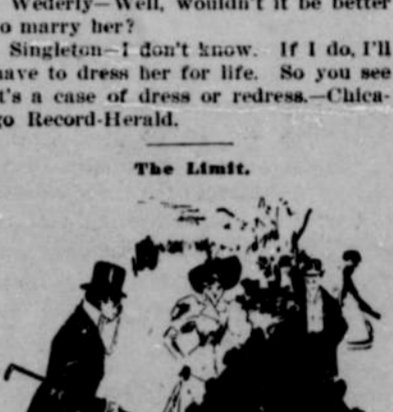
We see others as they are; not ourselves as we should like to be.—Saturday Evening Post.

HUMOR OF THE HOUR

In Year and Yet So Far. It was recently in a well known club-room. The party numbered a dozen, all prominent locally and some whose fame is more than local. A good spirit prevailed because none but the best of spirits had been flowing, and the spirit manifested itself in a brilliancy of speech that bubbled from every one present to such an extent that an impromptu toastmaster was chosen to keep it in curb by having each speak in turn.

So up rose Mr. Toastmaster and, casting his eye about the board, let it rest upon the man the fountain of whose eloquence was first to be let loose. "Gentlemen," said the toastmaster, "as becomes the occasion I will introduce the wittiest man first, Mr.—(pause). "Gentlemen, I take pleasure in introducing to you one whose name is a household word in Buffalo"—(pause and embarrassment). "Gentlemen, it affords me great pleasure to introduce a man whose name stands for civic pride and all that is best in this community"—(pause and embarrassment). "Gentlemen, the man I am about to call upon first is known to me for the past twenty years and to some of you perhaps longer. I will not dwell upon his qualities, his talent. They have made him famous. You all know to whom I refer. The man whose name rushes to all our lips"—(a long pause). "I refer to the third gentleman on my right." And as the toastmaster sat down amid an uproar he said to his neighbor, "I'll be hanged but his name wouldn't come!"—Buffalo Evening Times.

It Would Seem So. Singleton—I'm between his Satanical majesty and the deep sea this morning. Wederly—How's that? Singleton—Miss Willing threatens me with a breach of promise suit if I don't marry her. Wederly—Well, wouldn't it be better to marry her? Singleton—I don't know. If I do, I'll have to dress her for life. So you see it's a case of dress or redress.—Chicago Record-Herald.



She—Ah, men don't know what women have to bear! They suffer in silence. He—I know. That's their greatest suffering.

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FIRST VIEW OF WHITE MEN

The Rifle and Burning Glass Observed the Indians. It is small wonder that the first view of a white man created terror among the superstitious Indians. A striking instance of this occurred when the Wallawalla Indians first saw Captain Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Thinking to propitiate the savages and allay their fears of the white men, he planned to visit a village of the Wallawallas before the arrival of the rest of his party.

With this end in view, he set out to cross the Columbia river in a canoe, taking three men with him. On the way he shot a crane and a duck, both of which fell near him. He landed before five wigwams placed close to each other, but not a person was visible, and the doors, which were of mat, were closed. Holding his pipe in hand, as an indication of good will, he pushed aside one of the doors and entered the lodge.

Inside were thirty men, women and children huddled together in terror. He went to them, shook each by the hand and said some friendly words, expressing by word and manner his kindly feeling. Their apprehensions were allayed until he took out his burning glass and lighted his pipe by the rays of the sun. Consternation again prevailed, and what might have occurred but for the timely arrival of two chiefs who knew the white men cannot be told.

It seems that the Indians had not seen Captain Clark, but they had seen the white crane which he had shot fall just before his appearance. They had also seen the duck fall at his shot. They connected the fall of the birds with his advent and thought he had fallen from the clouds.

The sound of the rifle, which they had never before heard, they believed was a signal to announce the white man's coming. Small wonder, then, that their hardly allayed fears were again aroused when he brought down fire from heaven by means of his burning glass.—Youth's Companion.

POULTRY POINTERS.

Large roosters with small hens is a very poor combination. Scalded milk and cooked rice will often stop diarrhea in fowls. Indigestion, one of the worst diseases among poultry, is often caused by sour, moldy food. Eggs intended to be hatched in an incubator should never be allowed to become chilled. In order to have poultry tender and juicy they must be fattened quickly. Two weeks of good feeding are usually sufficient. Use plenty of lime in the poultry house. It will kill lice, is a good disinfectant, will purify the air, it destroys vermin and prevents gapes. One of the best ways of feeding oats to poultry is to put them in a tub at night, pour scalding water over them, let them stand until morning and feed them warm. When the fowls are closely confined or when the ground is covered with snow, they must have bulky food. Cut clover hay well steamed is good, as are also cabbage leaves.

Some of Burns' Phrases. Here are a few specimens of Burns' happy phrases: "The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley;" "The fear of hell 's the hangman's whip, to hand the wretch in order;" "But pleasures are like popples spread; you seize the flower, its bloom is shed;" "Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us to see ourselves as ithers see us;" "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn;" "Nursing her wrath to keep it warm;" "The mirth and fun grew fast and furious;" "What's done we partly may compute, but know not what's resisted;" "Princes and lords are but the breath of kings;" "The rank is but the guinea stamp; a man's a man for that."

Removing Tumors Early. If it were generally known among intelligent people that great numbers of innocent tumors sooner or later become malignant and that malignant tumors often simulate benign tumors and remain quiescent for a great while, the sufferers would unhesitatingly consent to the removal of these morbid growths in their inception, long before the possible advent of serious mischief, or when the cure might be effected by minor operations which would leave the smallest scars, especially in such parts as the face, neck, arms or hands.

The Rubber. "I made an angel cake that was elegant and one that was awful," said Maud. "This is the third, and it will decide as to whether or not I can be considered an expert." "I could tell this was the rubber," said Harry as he tried the cake. "It tastes like it."

Instancing. "I didn't ring your fare up yet," said the conductor, holding out his hand. "Oh, that's all right," whispered the passenger who was trying to evade paying. "Just keep it in your pocket. I won't tell the company."—Chicago News.

Mercenary. "But you don't think he's mercenary, papa?" "Why, yes, I do. I'm afraid he regards marriage as a get rich quick scheme!"—Puck.

No Comparison. First Boy—My mamma belongs to one of the first families. Second Boy—Poo! That's nothing. Mine belongs to one of the last families.—Life.

Good Scheme. "To what do you attribute the curative properties of your springs?" asked a visitor at a health resort. "Well," answered the proprietor thoughtfully, "I guess the advertising I've done has had something to do with it."

Natural Sequence. "He seems down on everybody these days. What's the matter, do you think?" "Oh, he's down on his luck."