

The Feathered Kingdom.

In the wonderful economy of nature, what a great and important part is performed by birds!

Indeed, were it not for the birds, insects would destroy the whole vegetable kingdom which man must have to exist.

Birds are so distributed as to cover the entire face of the earth and water—wherever man can penetrate—from the porch of his door to the most desolate regions of the globe.

The great variety of substances on which birds feed, is very remarkable. From the honey in the flower to worms of the earth, they find sustenance.

But what would this earth be without the beauty and music of bird life! The Summer's sun would shine, but sadly silent, on a world without the accompaniment of the song and melody of the feathered warblers.

New WHEATS.—"Champion" was produced in 1875 by Mr. Pringle in his endeavors to unite the hardness of the Black Sea with the fine qualities of the Golden Drop.

AN ECCECENTIC EQUINE.—The Meriden, Connecticut Republican tells this story: "One cold morning lately, Dr. Wilson drove to a house on Crown St., and left his horse without hitching it."

A FAITHFUL DOG'S REWARD.—A gentleman who lives in Vernon county tells a remarkable story of the sagacity of a dog which accompanied him on his travels.

CHEAP AND SIMPLE VENTILATION.—Nail or screw a neat strip of wood, from one to two inches high, upon the window sill, just inside the sash, and extending entirely across from one side of the window frame to the other.

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THE CAPTURE OF HENAS.—The following mode of taming them is given by Arthur Conolly, in his "Overland Journal," in the words of an Afghan chief, the Shirkanoo Syad Daoud.

SENSIBLE ALMOST TO THE LAST.—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mulcahey lived on a farm. They were prepared to die, and had the reputation of being "close."

A PATERNAL GOVERNMENT.—The Wurttemberg Government erected, a few years ago, a number of dwellings for the men employed in its iron-works.

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LOWELL, while a most thorough gentleman, is moody and uncertain, and those who approach him are not always sure with what degree of cordiality they are to be received.

HOWELLS, editor of the Atlantic Monthly, has a shy way about him, and something of the delicacy and gentleness that mark his writings are visible also in his bearing and movements.

DR. HOLLAND, editor of Scribner's Monthly, is inclined to be severe and solemn. He has a pace like an Indian, and lank, black Indian's hair, and his countenance is seldom lighted up by a smile.

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