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Notwithstanding the spasmodic attempts that have been made from time to time during the last century to naturalize foreign game in this country, we have had no reliable record until recently, that a single variety had ever been acclimated, or found to be self-supporting. We are now, however, told that the English partridge, which Mr. Pierre Lorillard has introduced into his magnificent game preserves at Jobstown, N. J., have not only bred and increased, but have scattered over the country for miles around. It is also found, on inquiry, that these birds have wintered well, and that the English pheasants with which the preserves are most liberally stocked have, after repeated failures, begun to accustom themselves to their new home in Jerseyland.

Mr. Pierre Lorillard has been experimenting on a very large scale, and we believe that this is the first time that any attempt has been made to naturalize foreign game where a very heavy expenditure has been employed, and the experiment, after repeated failures, carried on with an outlook of ultimate success. About 15 years ago Mr. Lorillard purchased several farms in the northern part of Burlington County, N. J. It was the first step in creating the Ranococas Stud Farm, which has since become world-famous. From time to time he added to his possessions, until now he owns some 1,600 acres of fine pasture land as there is in the country. In 1879 the 3 game preserves were made. These lie almost in the center of the estate, and contain 100, 40, and 25 acres, respectively, the smaller ones being in reality "game harbors."

The 100-acre tract, prior to its present use, was a roughly cultivated farm with some low, wet places. On it there was a piece of timber covering 10 acres, and, besides, about 12 acres were grown up with scrub oaks, cedars, locusts, and scattered brush. Mr. Lorillard inclosed this tract with a picket fence 8 feet high, topped with wire netting and 2 strands of barbed wire. The fence was sunk 2 feet below the surface of the ground to prevent vermin from tunneling. It was finished in 1883. In the autumn of 1879, 500 quail were put out, but as they did not have sufficient cover or protection all were soon killed. In 1880 a gamekeeper was appointed, and a house for his use was built inside the inclosure. An incubator on a very large scale and all the artificial arrangements and appliances necessary for the purpose of raising and protecting the game were supplied. All the drains running through the preserve were cut to occasion the accumulation of moisture. A series of 3 ponds was artificially arranged, chiefly supplied with water pumped by a large windmill from a stream near by, and also from an artesian well. About 13,000 young trees, locusts, etc., were set out to afford sufficient cover. A large house was built of wire-netting, walled with an inside netting of twine, the latter so arranged on the inside to be 6 inches from the wire, thus preventing injury to such birds as might fly against the sides and roof. This house was built especially for the English partridges. Inside there is a dense growth of shrubbery, while the building itself is situated in a labyrinth of vines, which were arranged and set out under Mr. Lorillard's personal direction. The first consignment of English partridges soon disappeared. They were most probably killed by vermin or hawks. At all events, a raid was instituted against the pirates of the land and air, which, having been vigorously kept up ever since, has resulted in the killing of about 500 cats, 80 minks, 150 weasels, 100 opossums, and 500 hawks. Over 200 hawks were shot this spring. They are nailed to a tree near the entrance gate, entirely covering the trunk far up into the branches.

The first lot of English pheasants also proved a failure, as they, too, soon disappeared. One hundred pair of pinnated grouse (prairie chickens) were then obtained at a cost of \$7 a pair, and these followed the partridges and pheasants; the countrymen who watched with wonder the establishing of the preserve, "Guess they look out for th' Pines," which, by the way, is the orthodox Mecca in South Jersey for every restless creature of fur, feather, or epidemid. As far as is known, not one chicken was ever seen after it left the preserve. Several more consignments of quail, consisting of lots from 250 to 1,000, have been liberated in the preserve, and these, and the subsequent lots of English pheasants and partridges, have thrived splendidly. Not much shooting is allowed, the score for last season standing: Quail, 916; English pheasants, 54; English partridges, 10; rabbits, 28; wild ducks, 21; English snipe, 1. Total haul, 1,030.

It will be seen that the killing of the foreign game was very limited. Only a few of Mr. Lorillard's friends enjoyed the sport, and then only a couple of hours at a time were devoted to shooting. The partridges were protected by Mr. Lorillard's orders, but on grand occasions each visitor was permitted to kill a brace of pheasants.—(Philadelphia Record.)

"Deppin sugar" is a Western term for kissing.

Rules for Writers

The business of health, for a literary man, seems to me to depend largely upon sleep. He should have enough sleep, and sleep well. He should avoid whatever injures sleep. This means that the brain should not be excited or even worked hard for six hours before bedtime. Young men can disregard this rule, and do; but as one grows older he finds it wiser to throw his work upon the morning hours. If he can spend the afternoon, or even the evening, in the open air, his chances of sleep are better. The evening occupation, according to me, should be light and pleasant, as music, a novel, reading aloud, conversation, the theater, or watching the stars from the piazza. Of course, different men make and need different rules. I take nine hours for sleep in every twenty-four, and do not object to ten.

I accepted very early in life, Bulwer's estimate that three hours a day is as large an average of desk work as a man of letters should try for. I have, in old newspaper days, written for twelve consecutive hours, but this is only a tour de force, and in the long run you waste strength, if you do not hold, every day, quite closely to the average.

As men live with the telegraph and telephone interrupting when they choose, and this fool that comes in when they choose, so: "I do not want to interrupt you; I will only take a moment," the great difficulty is to hold your three hours without a break. If a man has broken my mirror, I do not thank him for leaving the pieces next to each other; he has spoiled it, and he may carry them ten miles apart if he chooses. So, if a fool comes in and breaks my time into two, he may stay if he wants to. He is none the less a fool. What I want for work is unbroken time. This is best secured early in the morning.

I believe in breakfast very thoroughly, and in having a good breakfast. I have lived in Paris a month at a time, and detest the French practice of substituting for breakfast a cup of coffee, with or without an egg. Breakfast is a meal at which much time may be spent with great advantage. People are not apt to come to it so regularly, and you may profit by the intermission to read your newspaper and lecture on its contents. No harm in spending an hour at the table.

After breakfast do not go to work for an hour. Walk out in the garden, lie on your back on a sofa and read; in general, "loaf" for that hour, and bid the servant keep everybody out who rings the bell, and work steadily till your day's stint is done. If you have had half an hour for breakfast, you can make two and a half now.

This business of writing is the most exhausting known to man. You should, therefore, steadily feed the machine with fuel. I find it a good habit to have standing on the stove a cup of warm milk, just tinged in color with coffee. In the days of my buoyant youth I said: "Of the color of the cheek of a brunette in Seville." I had then never seen a brunette in Seville, but I have since, and I can testify that the description was good. Beef tea answers well; a bowl of chowder quite as well as either. Indeed, good clam chowder is probably the form of nourishment which most quickly and easily comes to the restoration and refreshment of the brain of man.

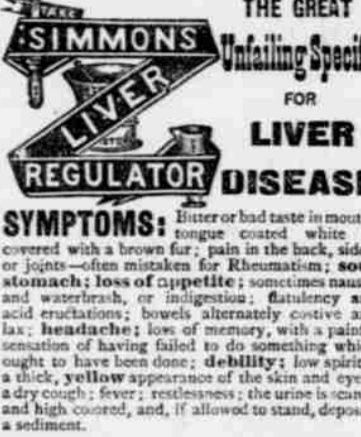
If this bowl of coffee, or chowder, or soup, is counted as one meal, the workman who wishes to keep in order will have five meals a day, besides the morning cup of coffee, or coffee colored with milk, which he has before breakfast. Breakfast is one; this extended lunch is another; dinner is the third, say at half after two; tea is the fourth, at six or seven o'clock P. M.; and what is too apt to be forgotten, a sufficient supper just before bedtime, is the fifth. This last may be as light as you medical gentlemen please, but let it be sufficient. A few oysters, a slice of hot toast, clam chowder again, or a bowl of soup. Never go to bed in any danger of being hungry.—(Rev. E. E. Hall, in Herald of Health.)

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