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The family kept a sharp lookout, and when he came along called him in.

The young lady modestly raised her skirts and showed the disabled member.

The young man looked at it and said:

"That certainly is quite serious."

"Well," said the young lady, "what shall I do?"

"If I were you," he said, "I would send for a physician."

"But can you not attend to it?" asked the girl.

"Not very well," answered the young man, "I am [illegible]"

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FLASHES OF FUN

"I couldn't get a seat in the cars today." "Oh, that's a complaint of long standing."—Judge.

Her Range.—Mrs. Knicker—What does she talk about? Mrs. Bocker—Bridge and Bridget.—Harper's Bazar.

"There's Madeline. She's beginning to show her age, isn't she?" "You mean she's beginning to hide it."—Harper's Bazar.

Tommy—Papa, what is a consulting physician? Papa—He is a doctor who is called in at the last moment to share the blame.—Life.

"Funniman has a dry sort of humor." "Yes, his jokes are enough to drive one to drink, if that's what you mean."—Town and Country.

Pupil—Do you believe in spelling reform? Teacher—In your case I do. About every other one of your words is spelled wrong.—Detroit Free Press.

"How fur is it ter de land er Content?" "It's 'cordin' ter how much faith you got. Ef you think you in it, dar you is. En ef you don't—well, it's ten mile furder on."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Do you think Miss Jones and Mr. Brown will marry?" "No; they've had a falling out." "How did it happen?" "They met one day when each was looking the other up in Bradstreet's."—Detroit Free Press.

"You haven't made any speeches lately." "No," answered Senator Sorghum. "It's more work than it used to be to make a speech. The public is getting so that it takes an orator seriously."—Washington Star.

Oldboy—I was run down by an automobile the other day. De Young—Were you hurt? Oldboy—Not until a fool bystander remarked that it was a shame to see an old man bowled over like that.—Chicago Daily News.

Pointing to her sons, Cornelia had just exclaimed, "These are my jewels!" "Then," replied the heartless janitor, "you'll have to keep them in the safe. As children, they ain't allowed in this apartment house."—Harper's Bazar.

Young Husband—It's very pretty, but don't you think it was extravagant to spend $28 on a ring? Young Wife—But you see, darling, I had already saved the $28 by getting a gown that was reduced from $88 to $60.—Brooklyn Life.

"Do you take any interest in rare and beautiful books?" "No," answered Mr. Cumrox; "I used to; but now if you subscribe to an expensive publication people think you did it to keep something out of print."—Washington Star.

Hicks—How do you happen to be going fishing on Friday? I thought you believed Friday was an unlucky day. Wicks—Well, I always have. But it occurred on me this morning that perhaps it would be unlucky for the fish.—Somerville Journal.

"You will understand, sir," Dr. Price-Price began, "that I cannot undertake to cure your case without a diagnosis." "That's all right," interrupted Nuritch, haughtily, "I s'pose that's the medical word for 'fee in advance.' Name yer figger!"—Philadelphia Press.

"What we want," said the reformer, "is a system by which the office seeks the man." "We've got it right here in Crimson Gulch," answered Piute Pete. "The whole sheriff's office was out last night huntin' the feller that got the wrong hoss."—Washington Star.

"Is Dr. Blank a homeopathist?" was asked of the porter who answered the ring of the door-bell. Hesitating for a moment, his African features lighting up, the porter replied: "No, sah; no, sah. Dr. Blank goes out an' treats patients right along, sah."—Ex.

"Terrence McCartey, do you swear that you know the applicant, Michael Murphy, who has made application for an increase of pension?" "You may well say that I do," said Terrence. "Me and him were shot in the same leg at Antietam."—Boston Herald.

"So the millionaires gave a mask ball? Was it a success?" "No, but it would have been a success save for Percy Lavender." "What did he do?" "Why, he went disguised as a process server, and all the millionaires jumped out of the windows."—Chicago Daily News.

A Chicago mother was trying to get her little boy to go to bed. "Run along, Johnny," she said, "and get into your bed. The little chickens have all gone to bed." "Yes, mother, I know," said the little tot, with a quivering lip; "but the old hen went to bed with 'em."—Judge.

Old Woman (awaiting magistrate's signature to her declaration that she has lost a pawn ticket)—An awkward thing, yer honor, to lose a pawn ticket. Police Superintendent—Sh-h-h! Old Woman (not to be suppressed)—Ahem! It's an awkward thing, yer honor, to lose a pawn ticket. Magistrate—My good woman, I never lost one. Old Woman—Ah! Sure, yer honor, some people are very careful.—Punch.

The department store salesman had taken twenty-nine rolls of dress goods from the shelf and was a trifle impatient. "Madame," he said, politely, "isn't there anything here which suits you?" "No," replied the fair shopper, "I guess I won't select the goods now. You see, I'm just looking for a friend." "There's another roll on the shelf," said the salesman; "I'll take it down if you think your friend is likely to be in it."—Puck.

CHANGES IN BIRDS' HABITS.

With New Conditions Come Adaptations Dictated by Reason.

Among the familiar examples of the changes in the habits of birds which have resulted from association with mankind are those of the chimney swift, or popularly named "chimney swallow," which formerly nested in the hollows of trees and now in all settled regions using the chimneys of the houses, and the barn and eave swallows, the former originally nesting in caves and now building on the beams and rafters of barns, and the latter, once a cliff-dweller, now attaching its curious mud tenement under the shelter of the eaves of barns and dwellings.

In a series of interesting notes in the Auk on the changes in the habits of birds George F. Breninger records having observed in Mexico the old and the new way of swallow-nesting. In the ancient town of Tuxpan he found numerous instances of barn swallows nesting in the living-rooms, and in the unsettled portions of the State of Chihuahua, 100 miles back from the railroad on one of the large haciendas—a region devoid of the time-honored adobes—barn swallows still nested on the rocks.

Mr. Breninger notes other changes in the nesting habits due to the removal of large timber. There is, for example, the Lucy's warbler, which normally nests in natural cavities in the trunks of trees, most commonly in the mesquite, but in the vicinity of Tucson, where the larger trees have been cut away, the warblers have in some instances had recourse to rebuilding their nests in the abandoned nests of other species, and, most curious of all, among the small limbs of a mesquite tree.

In timbered countries the flickers cut holes in the trunks of trees for their nests. In some sections, where the large trees have been removed and the flickers have no longer such nesting sites, they have taken to the telegraph poles. "Along the railroad between Benson and Bisbee, Ariz.," writes Mr. Breninger, "the telegraph poles and fence posts show evidence of the work of woodpeckers, all by the Texan woodpecker. Throughout this region trees are few and the woodpeckers are forced to use anything that is dead and large enough to permit of a nesting cavity being excavated in it. Dead stalks of the century plant are often used. About Phoenix, Ariz., this woodpecker is common. Timber to their needs is still in abundance and the poles along the railroads and elsewhere are untouched. In some parts of Mexico the work of woodpeckers on telegraph poles has reached the stage of a nuisance and a source of much outlay of money to keep the line in repair. Over a piece of road running between San Luis Potosi and Tampico the nuisance has become so great that the management threatened to dip the poles in a solution of creosote."—Forest and Stream.

Insistent Politeness.

Good-tempered, kind-hearted, and liked even by the Russians, is the description which the author of "With Russian, Japanese and Chunchuse" applies to the Japanese soldier. He also gives an illustration of the determination of the Japanese, even when the object is courtesy.

When, after the Battle of Tashihchia, the Russian garrison evacuated Niuchwang by order of General Kuropatkin, the Japanese were not long in taking command of the place. Two scouts were the first to enter the town. They rode straight to the civil administration buildings. There, in one of the smaller rooms, they came upon a Russian soldier who had managed to get left behind his brothers-in-arms. He slowly rose from behind some furniture and faced his captors. They smiled amiably at him, and, reassured, he pulled off his cap and commenced to fan himself with it.

Now it is a common custom for the Japanese soldier, in war and peace, to carry about with him in the hot weather a small fan. On this occasion a fan was forthcoming, and handed to the Russian.

He refused to take it, preferring to use the cap.

Still with an amiable smile on his face, one of the Japanese, a short man with abnormally broad shoulders, again proffered the rejected fan with the left hand, at the same time covering him with a revolver.

The captive took the gift without further reluctance and fanned himself with vigor. It cooled him far more than the cap.

Bird Surgeons.

Certain birds seem to possess a remarkable instinct for surgery. The woodcock, the partridge and some others are said to be able to dress their wounds with considerable skill. A naturalist observes that he has shot several woodcock that were recovering from wounds previously received. In every instance he found the injury neatly dressed with down plucked from the stems of feathers and skillfully arranged over the wound, evidently by the long beak of the bird. In other cases ligatures had been applied to wounded or broken limbs.

A Good Thing.

"This is an interesting clock, Miss," said the salesman, "you really should have one, especially if you're bothered with tiresome callers."

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No part of the body is beyond the reach of this powerful poison. No matter how pure the blood may be, when the virus of Contagious Blood Poison enters, the entire circulation becomes corrupted, the humiliating symptoms begin to appear, and the sufferer finds himself diseased from head to foot with the vilest and most destructive of all poisons. Usually the first symptom is a small sore or ulcer, so insignificant that it rarely ever excites suspicion, but in a short while the skin breaks out in a red rash, the glands of the groin swell, the throat and mouth ulcerate, the hair and eye-brows come out, and often the body is covered with copper-colored spots, pustular eruptions and sores.

There is hardly any limit to the ravages of Contagious Blood Poison; if it is not driven from the blood it affects the nerves, attacks the bones, and in extreme cases causes tumors to form on the brain, producing insanity and death. No other disease is so highly contagious; many an innocent person has become infected by using the same toilet articles, handling the clothing, by a friendly handshake or the kiss of affection from one afflicted. But no matter how the disease is contracted, the sufferer feels the humiliation and degradation that accompany the vile disorder.

Dear Sirs:—I had a friend who had a bad case of Contagious Blood Poison and was in a terrible condition. He tried all the medicines he could hear of, but nothing did him any good. He went to Hot Springs but it was like the other treatments he had used, and he was in despair of a cure when he heard of S. S. S. After taking it for awhile the sores all healed, his hair stopped falling out, and, continuing with it, he soon found himself cured entirely of this hideous disease. JOHN LESLIE, Rockford, Ill. 719 W. State St.

I was afflicted with Blood Poison, and the best doctors did me no good, though I took their treatment faithfully. In fact I seemed to get worse all the while. I took almost every so-called blood remedy, but they did not seem to reach the disease, and had no effect whatever, I was disheartened, for it seemed that I would never be cured. At the advice of a friend I then took S. S. S. and began to improve. I continued the medicine, and it cured me completely. W. R. NEWMAN. Hamlet, N. C.

Mercury and Potash are commonly used in the treatment of Contagious Blood Poison, but these minerals cannot cure the disease—they merely mask it in the system. All external evidences may disappear for awhile, but the treacherous poison is at work on the internal members and tissues, and when these minerals are left off the disease returns worse than before, because the entire system has been weakened and damaged by the strong action of the Mercury and Potash. There is but one certain, reliable cure for Contagious Blood Poison, and that is S. S. S., the great vegetable blood purifier. It attacks the disease in the right way by going down into the blood, neutralizing and forcing out every particle of the poison. It makes the blood pure and rich, strengthens the different parts of the body, tones up the system, and cures this humiliating and destructive disorder permanently.

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Afraid of the Smell.

Bill—Although birds are credited with a sense of smell, an English expert finds turkeys indifferent to all odors.

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