

SINGING CRICKETS.

They Are Kept in Cages Like Canary Birds in Japan.

Selling crickets is a lucrative business in Japan, where the insects are valued for their songs and kept in cages like canary birds.

The singers are collected from the fields in September, before laying time. They are taken from the grass and shut up in glass jars.

The young come forth in March. The loss of eggs is about 10 per cent. The male is the singer. He only is an object of commerce.

FISH AND THEIR FOOD.

Queer Ways by Which Some of the Toothless Species Get a Meal.

The curious ways in which fishes eat form quite a study. Some fishes have teeth and some have none at all. In some the teeth are found upon the tongue.

No there are all sorts of methods for those regularly toothless, and the fishes which have teeth show almost as great a diversity in the number, style and arrangement of them.

The carp's teeth are set back in the pharynx, so that it actually masticates its food in its throat.

its stomach and working with a peculiar centralised motion, which makes them do as good service as if they numbered hundreds.

An Anodyne.

"An anodyne," patiently explained a well known physician to a woman patient, "is a delusion. And medicine that soothes pain has this drawback—it relieves the attack, but the next attack comes on much sooner.

The woman pondered a bit. "I know just what you mean, doctor," she said. "I've noticed it about Henry, my husband, you know. A doctor prescribed whisky for his cough.

Wasted Effort.

"Now, waiter," said the new-customer in a certain restaurant of the less fashionable type. "I want an oyster stew, and I want you to give the cook particular directions.

FATE OF OLD BOOTY.

The Only Judicially Accepted Ghost Story on Record.

Stromboli, the island volcano, known as the lighthouse of the Mediterranean, which is in violent eruption, once figured in a court of law in connection with one of the most circumstantial ghost stories on record.

The words were admitted, but for the defense it was proved that May 15, 1887, the day of old Booty's death, the captain, with a large party of friends, went ashore at Stromboli to shoot rabbits.

In addition to the testimony of Captain Barnaby and his friends, old Booty's clothes were brought into court and identified by several witnesses as being similar to those worn by the foremost man who ran into the crater.

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Family Complications.

Many ingenious complications in genealogy have been compiled, but the following one has the merit of being definite as to time, place and people. It concerns a family living at Faversham, in Kent, in February, 1700.

Paternal Germany.

A government, says a writer in the Twentieth Century Magazine, which tells you how to carry your umbrella, which forbids ladies who wear long hats to enter railway trains, which fines you if you throw cigar stubs or papers on the street, which does not permit your children to make a noise so that others are disturbed—such a government does restrict individual liberty.

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