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## COLOR SENSE IN ANIMALS.

Possessed to High Degree by Some, Especially by Birds.

A hypothesis that the sense of colors is possessed to a high degree by animals and especially by birds furnished a basis for some of the most beautiful and fecund of the Darwinian theories of sexual selection. No Darwinist doubts that the brilliant colors of male birds are to attract the attention of the female birds, and this presupposes naturally on the part of these birds a fine sense of color.

Wallace has asserted that to the fact that certain plants bear fruit of brilliant colors is due their preservation; the animals, attracted by these colors, break the fruits from the trees or plants, carry them off and thus indirectly assist in the dissemination of the seeds which they contain over large tracts of land. And this function of selection on the part of animals presupposes in them a certain sense of color. Still, scientific documents in support of these hypotheses are rare.

Dahl, alluding to the scarcity of them in an article in a recent number of the Naturwissenschaftliche Wochenschrift, relates some interesting experiments which he made with a monkey. He colored some sweets with a certain colored dye and some bitter substances with that of another color and declares that after a few attempts the monkey learned to leave without even tasting these articles of food colored with the dye which indicated bitter-tasting substances and seized at once upon those which indicated sweets.

Varying the experiments sufficiently, he found that the monkey distinguished all the different colors readily save only dark blue. Dahl calls attention to the fact that Mayer has stated that many savage tribes cannot distinguish dark blue from black and that even children do not distinguish this color until later than all others.—Scientific American.

## Cast Steel.

The first steel castings made in this country were railroad-crossing frogs, made in 1867 from crucible steel of about the same hardness as tool steel, with a smooth surface, but honey-combed throughout, and far from perfect. The improved Bessemer processes were not in successful use until fifteen or twenty years later.

Now almost any shape which can be in gray or malleable iron can be made in cast steel. For large and small marine castings, and in car and locomotive work, cast steel is taking the place of cast, malleable, and wrought iron, for many large and small parts from couplers, journal boxes and wheels to rods, truck frames, and locomotive frames.

The bulk of the cranberries of this country comes from the part of eastern Massachusetts which lies near Cape Cod.

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Another motto for the packer: Omnia possumus omnes (We all can do everything).—Punch.

A Dry Dock.—"What is a drydock?" a lady asked of Mark Twain. "A thirsty physician," replied the humorist.

A Hypocrite.—Teacher—Johnny, what is a hypocrite? Johnny—A boy who comes to school with a smile on his face.

"Did you run across anybody in that automobile tour?" "We ran 'em down first and then ran across 'em."—Baltimore American.

"Senator, a political job is pretty hard to work, isn't it?" "Not very," replied Senator Badger, "but getting it is. —Milwaukee Sentinel.

Relative Necessities.—"Is it necessary to enclose stamps?" asked the poet. "More necessary, even, than to enclose poetry," responded the editor.

The Happy Man.—Pessimist—You haven't had all that you wanted in life, have you? Optimist—No; but I haven't had all that I didn't want, either.

General Uncle—I will make you a monthly allowance, but understand me, I will pay no debts! Nephew—All right, uncle. Neither will I.—Tales.

Tommy—Pa, what is the Isthmus of Panama? Pa—The Isthmus of Panama, Tommy, is a narrow strip of land connecting Central America with the United States Treasury.—Life.

Where It Would Do Most Good.—Tailor—Well, my little man, will you have the shoulders padded? Bertie—Naw. If you're going to put any padding in the suit put it in the pants.

What, Indeed!—Sarah Gamp (announcing the happy event)—Please, sir, it's a little girl. Absent-minded Father (looking up from his writing)—Eh? Oh—ah—ask her what she wants, will you?

"But," protested Mrs. Newliwed, "I don't see why you ask 25 cents a half peck for your beans. The other man only wanted 15 cents." "Yes'm," replied the huckster; "but these here beans o' mine is all hand-picked."—The Grocer.

"Here! you, sir," cried the irate old gentleman, "didn't I tell you never to enter this house again?" "No, sir," replied his daughter's persistent suitor, "You said not to 'cross your threshold,' so I climbed in the window."—Philadelphia Press.

"Young Jollem always says the right thing, doesn't he? He never seems at a loss for the proper reply." "Well, I saw him nonplussed once." "How was that?" "Miss Keene asked him if he thought she looked as old as she was."—Cleveland Leader.

Definition.—May—Girls, what do the papers mean when they talk of the seat of war? Ella—I don't know any more than I do what a standing army is for! Belle—Why, how ignorant you are, dears. The seat of war is for the standing army to sit down on when it gets tired.

Her Father—But, sir, you are not the sort of man I should like for a son-in-law. Young Man—Oh, that's all right. You are not the sort of man I should like for a father-in-law, but I'm not going to make your daughter miserable for life by refusing to marry her on that account.—Chicago Daily News.

"I suppose," said the old-time friend, "that your folks no longer feel that anxiety about social matters that they once experienced." "Yes, they do," answered Mr. Cumrox; "mother an' the girls are now as busy keepin' other women out of society as they once were gettin' in themselves."—Washington Star.

## Old But Persistent Errors.

Everywhere one hears, "I seen Jim yesterday and he told me he done well at that job." The people who may be broadly characterized as the "I seen I done" tribe pervade everything and seem to include nearly everybody.

When it comes to verbs like "lie, lay, lain," and "lay, laid, laid," or "sit, sat, sat," and "set, set, set," the best of us are liable to error, and mistakes are pardonable. But what excuse can anybody find for confusing "see, saw, seen," or "do, did, done"? It is the first verb which suffers the more for those who do not say "I seen him yesterday," whereas even those who say "I done it yesterday" never fall into the absurdity of "I do it yesterday."—Chicago Journal.

## Profiles.

The idea of profile likenesses was discovered purely through chance. In 330 B. C. Antigonus had his picture drawn, and as he had only one eye, a profile view was made to conceal this deformity.

If all the people were candidates we could get along easier with them.

# CONTAGIOUS BLOOD POISON

## HUMILIATING—VILE—DESTRUCTIVE

The very name, Contagious Blood Poison, suggests contamination and dread. It is the worst disease the world has ever known; responsible for more unhappiness and sorrow than all others combined. Nobody knows anything about the origin of this loathsome trouble, but as far back as history goes it has been regarded the greatest curse of mankind.

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.

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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## Not Superstitious

"Buck" Kilgore, of Texas, who once kicked open the door of the House of Representatives when Speaker Reed had all doors locked to prevent the minority from leaving the floor and thus escape a vote, was noted for his indifference to forms and rules. Speaker Reed, annoyed by members bringing lighted cigars upon the floor of the House just before opening time, had signs conspicuously posted as follows: "No smoking on the floor of the House."

One day just before convening the House his eagle eye detected Kilgore nonchalantly puffing away at a fat cigar. Calling a page, he told him to give his compliments to the gentleman from Texas and ask him if he had not seen the signs. After a while the page returned and seated himself without reporting to the Speaker, and Mr. Reed was irritated to see the gentleman from Texas continue his smoke. With a frown he summoned the page and asked: "Did you tell the gentleman from Texas what I said?" "I did," replied the page. "What did he say?" asked Reed. "Well-er," stammered the page, "he said to give his compliments to you and tell you he did not believe in signs."

## "Without."

The German girl who presided over the soda fountain in Heckelmeyer's drug store was accustomed to patrons who did not know their own minds, and her habit of thought was difficult to change.

"I'd like a glass of plain soda," said a stout man, entering one day in evident haste as well as thirst.

"You have vanilla, or you have lemon?" tranquilly inquired the young woman.

"I want plain soda—without sirup. Didn't you understand me?" asked the stout man, testily.

"Yes," and the placid German face did not change in expression or color. "But what kind of sirup you want him mitout? Mitout vanilla, or mitout lemon?"

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