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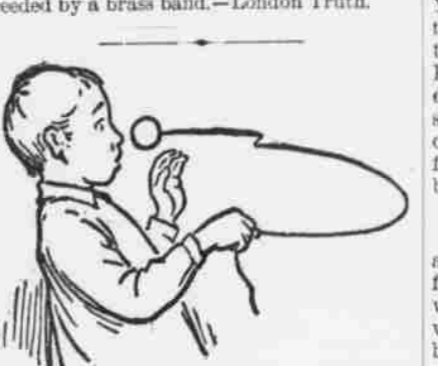
The Quetzal is Featured on Postage Stamps, but Seldom Seen Alive. "What do you call those birds?" asked a visitor to the store of a well known downtown taxidermist, pointing to a couple of feathered creatures, bound separately in paper, with the tails and heads protruding, and showing a gorgeous plumage. They were dried and ready for stuffing. The body of each, including the head, was, perhaps, five inches long, but, throwing the tail into the measurement, either bird would have required a four foot tape to connect the point of its beak with the tip of its longest tail feather. One of the birds had two long feathers in its tail, and the other had two shorter ones; but nature, as if to compensate for this disparity of plumage, had given the bird, that would otherwise have been clearly at a disadvantage, a third and middle feather that was very long indeed. Crests adorned the heads, and white cotton had been stuffed into the eye cavities.

"This," said the dealer tenderly, taking one of them up in his hand, "is the quetzal, or bird of liberty of Guatemala. It is to be found only in a small portion of the country, and is now very rarely seen at all. A gentleman who was recently in Central America managed to secure this pair, and left them with me to be dressed and mounted, and the people down there being able only to dry and preserve them, the eagle is to Guatemala what the eagle is to the United States of America—its national bird. Its picture, rather distorted, is stamped on many of Guatemala's coins, and engraved on all the postage stamps of that country. Whether it took its name from the ancient capital, or the old metropolis was called after it, is a question not fully settled; but quetzal is the title of both. The quetzal has, as you must perceive, great personal advantages over the eagle, even in its wild state, and we are all familiar with the bedraggled appearance of the caged eagle.

"Now, the quetzal is never caged longer than a few hours. It is truly a bird of liberty, and it dies almost immediately when captured. Its pride in its rear feathers is evidently dearer than its love for life. When one of them accidentally gets soiled or broken the bird goes to its nest, sits down and dries. If it is caught in a trap it is always found dead, and when the young birds are taken from the nest they die at once. Occasionally a quetzal has been captured, and in a few seconds restored to liberty, and the contamination of the hand could not be removed with the grasp, and it dropped lifeless to the earth before it had flown many yards. They are brought down for mercantile purposes, when the opportunity presents itself, with very small shot fired at long range. The quetzal builds a round roofed nest, like the home of the wren, only instead of one hole there are two, directly opposite each other. Thus the bird avoids the tail breaking necessity of turning around to make its exit. It goes in at one side and out at the other, and the long feathers, which were gently in the air, at resting time are slowly and cautiously drawn after it."

An American Quack Abroad.

Brighton has recently enjoyed the presence of a quack who, according to his own account, has left it £7,000 richer than when he came, and who certainly has managed to make a very considerable sum of money from the credulous. The quack is understood to have begun life in America. He pitched his show on a piece of ground in the North Road, Brighton, which is usually let for shows. His charge for extracting a tooth (without pain) was a shilling, and four shillings for seeing a patient; for this the patient was rubbed behind a rug held up by two of the lookers on, and supplied with a bottle of medicine and a bottle of liniment. The latter had a very strong smell, some say of turpentine, others of eucalyptus. The quack explained that the liniment was derived from flowers of the prairie, which had been dipped in a mysterious well in Mexico. The practitioner has now departed, but it does not say much for the common sense of Brighton that he should have resorted so rich a harvest there. When he was not drawing teeth or rubbing patients he used to drive about in a gold chariot drawn by four horses and preceded by a brass band.—London Truth.



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BROOM MAKING.

AN INDUSTRY WHERE THE SMALL CAPITALIST HOLDS HIS OWN.

The Broom Center of the Country. Growth of a Broom Factory—The Trade in New York City—A Trick of the Trade.

There is one industry in the country in which the small capitalists have been able to hold their own against the wealthier men in it, and that is the industry of broom making. It is a business in which a journeyman of skill and prudence can hope to establish himself, if he wishes, within a very few years after he has learned his trade. The process of broom making is simple, and yet it is such that machinery has never been devised for turning out a completed broom, and, beyond the sum necessary to erect such an establishment as will permit of a certain division of the labor, an abundance of capital is of no special advantage.

The broom center of the country is in New York state, the largest establishments and the best workmen being located in the Mohawk valley. The time was when the Mohawk valley was the great broom corn raising center of the country, too, but the less tough and stringy and more succulent and profitable cabbage has driven the wavy green tassels of broom corn from the flats which were once their favorite growing place. It was because of the prolific yield of corn there in former years that the trade of making brooms became so well established.

A BROOM FACTORY. The growth of a broom factory is interesting. A young man of economical habits learns the trade, and, having learned it well, is able to do the equivalent of turning out from 100 to 125 or 150 complete brooms a day. As a matter of fact, in well regulated shops no man makes a complete broom, but only one part of it, but the journeyman having learned his trade well can do enough work, usually at piece prices to earn from \$3 to \$3 a day. Out of this he ought to save \$20 before he starts in trade for himself.

With this sum he can buy enough machinery at a cost of \$150 and stock to set from three to five men at work and keep them going until returns come in from the sales. That is a very modest capital, but since the machinery costs so little, men have started on \$300, and even less, and made notable successes as the trade goes. Second hand tools can be had sometimes for \$60 or \$80, a couple of bales of corn would cost perhaps \$35, 500 handles \$6.50 more, and other supplies \$25, and then the man is ready to set up shop and make all the brooms his neighbors can use, at least.

The trade in New York city calls for about 150,000 dozen brooms a year. The majority of them are made in Amsterdam and other towns along the Mohawk river. Many come from Jersey, however. The factories are unpretentious wooden buildings. Steam power in the larger factories is used in stitching the broom and in winding the wire around the corn where it is secured to the handle. The largest factory in the business, according to a New York dealer, turns out 1,000 brooms a day, or twice as many as the New York city trade demands. In such a factory a man's work is equivalent to the making of from 200 to 250 brooms a day, according to the quality of the brooms.

Of the trade in the corn a dealer said: "The manufacturers buy their corn in the west. Kansas corn has the best reputation in this market, but Missouri, Nebraska and Illinois raise a great deal. The crop was very small in Kansas this year, and Illinois did better than any other state. An ordinary crop is 300 to 400 bushels to the acre. If a farmer gets 500 bushels he pays off some of his mortgage, and when the crop reaches 600 bushels he buys a new silk dress for his wife and a piano for his daughter. And yet there is not such a terrible profit in it. It brings all the way from \$80 to \$100 a ton in New York, the ordinary brooms requiring stock that now sells for from \$100 to \$120 a ton. It costs \$25 a ton to get it here from Kansas and \$15 from Illinois. The middle man out there must have his commission, and so must the New York merchant. If a farmer receives \$20 an acre for his crop he is doing well; still that is better than wheat at sixty cents a bushel.

BROOM CORN IN BALES. "The corn comes to this market in bales averaging 300 pounds each. The corn from the prairies is baled with lath and wire, but some Ohio corn comes here with very liberal chinks of wood to keep the bales from tumbling to pieces. The wood sells at the same price as the corn, if the buyer doesn't notice it. Sometimes the prairie farmer gets even with the Ohio man by dropping a sod or two into the bunch.

"The corn on the average will make 1,000 brooms to the ton, although in some fancy brands of extra heavy brooms as much as fifty pounds is used for a dozen brooms. In the parlor brooms sold at the groceries two to two and one-quarter pounds are used.

There is quite an export trade in broom corn in ordinary times and in brooms in other times. With low prices on the corn the corn is shipped, but when the broom makers have a spurt, as they sometimes do, and flood the market, no broom trust having yet been formed, brooms are sold so low as to enable merchants to send them to Cuba and South America. Very little broom corn is ordinarily sent to Europe, the fields of southern France and of Italy supplying the European market.

"What is the trick in this trade, if there be tricks in all trades?" was asked of a dealer in broom corn. "The trick is in making poor corn look like good. The best article has a healthy green color, like well cured timothy hay. That color indicates toughness, with proper flexibility. The cheap stuff, worth \$50 a ton, is of a sickly yellow or lemon color. Nothing is easier than to give to the yellow corn a bath in a green dye, so as to give it the appearance of first color corn until after it is sold. Manufacturers who use only the uncolored corn assert that the doctored stuff has Paris green in it, and that when the untidy housewife takes a broom splint to try her cake or pick her teeth, she is trying with a deadly poison. The men who make the dye say it is a harmless vegetable compound. People who will use broom corn splints for such purposes may, perhaps, be frightened from an untidy habit by fear of poison, but no one has yet been recorded who has been poisoned by a broom splint."—New York Sun.

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A MYSTERY.

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I am not aiming to convince mental babies, as indeed that would be fruitless without the necessary cultured intellect that makes logic applicable. Force, brilliancy and originality even are no weapons to attack a slave with. For many centuries the medical art was hedged about by a proscriptive taboo which it, as yet, has not survived. The brand for murdering truth is the penalty of imbecility stamped upon the mental caliber of the average individual—in relation to medicine and medicine men. The sun of the nineteenth century has not yet dawned upon his intellectual horizon. He, together with his kind, medicine man, still laborates in the good old days of the dark ages, when it was bad form to be inquisitive. He still "believes" in bleeding, blistering, vomiting, purging and sweating. He loves copious doses of horse medicine. He delights in nuxvomita and calomel and carbolic acid. They are considered indispensable; no well-regulated family, with plucky intellects and abundant development, considers itself safe without these family larks. These do not wish to convert; they are the Big Van Winkles that will continue to slumber through this and probably through the next century. They play no role in the world's history. They have they die. No movement marks their forgotten sepulcher. Humanity was not enriched by their entrance; it has lost nothing by their exit. They are difficult to see, and when they are seen, they die. The ebb and tide of opinions they have inherited from their anthropomorphic ancestry. No, it is not to these I wish to address myself, but to the thinking ones, whom a thought does not throw into an epileptic paroxysm, who love knowledge for its own sake; who are willing to investigate the truth or falsity of any proposition, and who consequently will stand by their own convictions. To these I will endeavor with pleasure any question not sufficiently clear in book, which will be sent free to any address.

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