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### GOOD IN SPIDERS.

They Don't Bite and Do Kill Many Injurious Insects.

I think it can be said that there never has been one absolutely authentic case of spider bite. The so called spider bites received occasionally, and generally in early summer, often in bed, are inflicted by certain blood-sucking insects of several species, large and small. The mandibles of the average sized spiders are hardly powerful enough to pierce the human skin, and all of the poison contained in an arachnid's glands injected into the flesh of a human being will not make as much fuss as a respectable bee sting. Moreover, spiders are not mammal bloodsuckers and wouldn't bite if they could. So much for the negative qualities of spiders.

If it were not for the spiders we should all promptly starve to death. Perhaps this is a little startling; it is none the less true. To enlarge upon it, certain spiders prey upon certain caterpillars, regularly inhabit their abodes and kill so many of them that often whole colonies of the insects are wiped out of existence. These caterpillars normally feed upon the leaves of trees, bushes and shrubs, frequently entirely denuding a plant. If they were plentiful enough to exhaust their common food they would turn to the woods and grasses. Without check of any kind they would overrun the earth and destroy every green and growing thing. The spiders beautifully preserve the balance of nature.—S. F. Aaron in Collier's.

### The Moods of Musicians.

Before the moods of genius the world must ever bow in awe, for it is not to the wayward wanderings from the normal that inspiration itself is due? says a writer in London Lady. The gloomy moods of Beethoven are traditional, but every time they enveloped his spirit there flowed from his pen the most noble of scores. Turning to Schubert, we find that it was in the gay moods of the German that his genius worked. Under their sway the "Serenade" and many other immortal themes were penned on a tavern table, any scraps of paper being used that came to hand. Paganini was so wholly the victim of moods that it was no unusual thing for an audience to wait in vain for his contribution to a concert program. When due to appear some fantasy of the moment would impel him to remain in his poverty stricken room, grimly toying with the instrument which should have been moving his hearers to tears.

### Common to the Kind.

"How do you recognize an infant industry?" inquired an English tourist of a colonial politician. "The most infanta," answered the politician. "It is recognized by the amount of noise it makes when it wants to be noticed."—London Telegraph.

### TRIAL BY RICE.

The Way Suspected Criminals in Bengal Are Treated.

They have peculiar methods of trying suspects in Bengal. One of these is called "trial by rice," says a writer in the Wide World Magazine. After a priest had been consulted as to an auspicious day every person suspected and those who were usually near the place at night were ordered to be present at 10 o'clock that morning. On that date all turned up. First the people were made to sit in a semicircle, and a "plate" a square of plantain leaf was set before each. Then a priest walked up and down chanting and scattering flowers. These said flowers, by the way, must be picked by a Brahman and they must be those which are facing the sun. This ceremony over, one of the clerks went to each man and gave him about two ounces of dry raw rice and told him to chew it to a pulp. Then commenced what looked like a chewing match. After about ten minutes had elapsed they were told to stop and eject it into the plantain leaf. All did so easily with the exception of three men. In the case of these three the chewed rice had in two cases become slightly moistened, but not sufficiently so to allow of its being easily ejected, and they had much ado to get rid of it. The third man had chewed his into flour, and it came out as such, perfectly dry. One of these three men promptly commenced to cry and begged for mercy, confessing everything and stating that man No. 3, who had acted as a kind of sour mill, was the chief instigator. It is a curious fact that fear, arising from an evil conscience, prevents saliva coming to the mouth, with the result described.

### A Nation of Borrowers.

Another appears, from a consular report, to be a place of universal borrowing. "Neither the Arab nor the Swahili," says the report, "has the slightest idea of thrift. The former, when he has sold his clove, immediately spends the proceeds in entertaining or in the purchase of European articles for which he has little or no use. He then mortgages his property at a ruinous rate of interest or sells his next year's crop in advance at a price which would hardly pay for its harvesting, with the inevitable result that he is always up to his eyes in debt. The Swahili, if he happens to be out of debt at the beginning of the month, spends all his pay within a few days in food or native dances and has to beg, borrow or steal sufficient to maintain himself for the rest of the month. The money lender is in both cases the Indian, and the interest which he charges varies from 20 up to 200 per cent."

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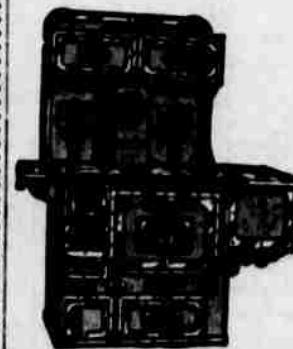
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