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HUNTING BIG EGGS.

HOW THE COLLECTOR GETS AND PRESERVES HIS SPECIMENS.

It is Necessary to Have Outfits as Extensive as Those of Hunters of Big Game—Some Particulars.

Those who think deer or mountain lion hunting to be hard work ought to try hunting hawks' nests for awhile and get a taste of the really strenuous life. Hawks nest all over the world, from the equator to the far north; they make up one of the largest and most widely known of any of the bird families. To them belong the great bald eagles and the tiny screech hawks everyone knows. But their habits are all different, so that methods which will result in the finding of one hawk's nest, says the Los Angeles Times, will take the hunter directly by the home of another species. The little sparrow hawk lays its eggs in a hollow tree, while the eagle builds a bulky nest of all sorts of sticks and places it in the very tip-top of the highest available tree.

The hawk hunter—who, by the way, calls himself an "ornithologist"—takes with him as much of an outfit as would a deer hunter. First of all, he wears a suit of duck or khaki, lemon, or preferably, forest green in color, and instead of the usual heavy shoes of a hunter, light leather creations which yield to every movement of the foot and cling so tenaciously to the bark of trees as would the barefoot. To aid him in climbing still further, he carries a pair of the "climbers" used by telephone and telegraph linemen. Added to this is a tin box having straps on each end so that it may be easily carried, and in which the eggs are carefully packed in cotton.

Entering the forest or the cliff-walled canyon, the modern hawk strikes out carefully, treading as silently as any deer hunter, searching the sides frequently with a field glass for the great birds he seeks. Hawks, eagles and most of the owls nest in early spring, from the first of February to the end of May, so that the collector must be afield early in order to get eggs in which incubation has not commenced. He scans the tops of trees or such likely places as he knows and, finding some great bulk of sticks looming darkly against the sun, he lets down his paraphernalia and ascends the tree. If the hawk be one of the large species known as humped hawks, a rap on the trunk of the tree will usually send the nesting bird in screaming flight from her home. With the smaller hawks this test does not apply, but the experienced hawk rarely climbs to a nest from which no bird can be induced to fly.

Once secured and brought safely home, the next thing for the "ornithologist" to do is to preserve the eggs. This he does by drilling a small hole in one side of the egg and removing the contents by means of a blowpipe. Instruments are manufactured for this purpose, and many are of intricate make for use when the eggs are valuable

and so far incubated as to be unsavable with the unsaid blowpipe. When the eggs are emptied of their contents, they are thoroughly dried with hot air and then laid carefully away in trays of cornmeal to become entirely dry in case the air has left any drops of moisture. In a day or two they are placed in their final nest of cotton in the drawer of a cabinet where many other hawk's eggs have preceded them. Each collection is catalogued, and the eggs are marked with a known symbol, so that not only may each set be distinguished from all the others, but each species may also be known by a glance at the egg and without reference to the printed catalogue.

Many thousands of dollars' worth of hawk's and other birds' eggs pass annually through the mails of this country. They are sent in exchange between collectors living in widely separated parts of America, and many come from Europe, where the study of birds' eggs and the sport of collecting them have been developed to a much greater extent than here.

A rare merlin found only in the northern part of Canada during the breeding season lays an egg worth \$15 to its fortunate finder, and not only this, but the merlin usually lays some three to five eggs in every nest, so that a "set" (as the full number of eggs laid by a bird is called) may be worth a neat sum to the hawk who finds it. But it is not for money that most of these men who have taken up this kind of sport go out; many of them are independently rich, others are in lucrative positions, but they take it up as a means of getting out into the world of the wild, and bring home the eggs as souvenirs of their trips. In time this has grown to be a regular study, until now almost all the large museums have a department devoted exclusively to the study of the eggs of birds, living and extinct.

An Exceptional Occupation.

A Parisian actor who formerly made a good income in his profession is now earning his living as a cab driver. He has taken this step to spite his divorced wife. Wherever he went she put a lien on his salary. The actor found that the only occupation in which his wife was helpless against him was cab driving, because he drew no wages and had to pay for the hire of the cab. He says he is making a good living and is quite happy.

Getting His Shape.

"Nolly—I hear your brother is wearing corsets, now?"

"Cholly—Oh, yes, he's trying to get in shape for the winter afternoon teas.—Yonkers Statesman.

William H. Crane, the actor, says he first learned what true love is by accidentally overhearing a brief conversation between a young man and a very pretty girl. "And you're sure you love me?" she said. "Love you?" echoed the young fellow. "Why, darling, while I was bidding you good-by on the porch last night your dog bit a large hole out of the cuff of my leg, and I never noticed it till I got home."

SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

Prof. Reichenbach is said to have proven that 20 persons in 100 can see, in the dark, colored rays from the human body and flashes from a magnet.

The "flicker" sometimes noticed in lightning proves to be due to the fact that several flashes—sometimes five or six—follow one path too rapidly to be separated by the eye. The trails shown in photography of very bright flashes are caused by incandescence produced in the air for a very brief period.

A new product of the electric furnace has been introduced in France under the designation catanite. It is a double carbide of barium and calcium, produced by M. J. Cartier, an electro-metallurgist of Mancieux, which decomposes on contact with water, like calcium carbide.

A stereoscopic star chart is the successful novelty of T. E. Heath, the English astronomer. The stars in a given section of the heavens are drawn from two points of view that are supposed to be 26 years apart, and under a large stereoscope the double view gives a rough but very instructive impression of the stars floating in space at an approximation to their relative distances, instead of as points against the dark background of the sky. The result is a most interesting one.

Electric waves and sensitive receivers offer a means of performing a variety of operations at a distance. Prof. E. D. Branly has been trying to attain such results, and has shown the Paris academy an apparatus by which he can start an electric motor, cause incandescent lamps to glow, and cause an explosion. These efforts may be produced or discontinued in any desired order, one after another. They were chosen arbitrarily for experiment, and it is possible to bring about at a distance other mechanical action or series of actions, or to work a complicated machine.

BITS BY THE BABES.

A little girl was called upon to recite her piece before an audience. When she reached the stage she stood there without saying a word. At length she exclaimed: "Papa knows it."

A four-year-old Brooklyn child was watching the cook shelling peas. She was noticed to be deeply interested in the process. Finally she looked up all of a sudden and said naively: "Oh, let me unbutton some of them."

"Mamma," said five-year-old Nellie. "I'd like to ask your advice about something." "What is it, dear?" queried her mother. "After I get through school, what would you advise me to do while I'm waiting to be married?" asked the little miss.

A little girl called at a grocery and asked for a quart of vinegar to be put in a gallon jug. This being done she asked for another quart to be put in the same vessel. "Why didn't you ask for half a gallon in the first place?" asked the grocer. "Because," answered the small shopper, "it's for two different persons."

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