

SPARROWS KILL A POLECAT.

The Ferocious Little Birds Riddle the Animal's Hide With Their Bills.

"You have often heard of the ferocity of birds, no doubt," said William Anderson, a hardy old woodsman who lives on the lower Ohio, reports the Louisville Post, "but I doubt if you ever heard of birds attacking and killing an animal that one would imagine could whip three or four fierce cubs. While hunting down in the flats near the mouth of Green river several years ago I saw a large and fierce skunk beat an ignominious retreat after trying in vain to best several English sparrows and later, when the skunk had screeched his courage up to the sticking point again, I saw those same insignificant-looking little birds tear the animal to shreds. When my attention was first attracted the sparrows were flying from one side of the thicket to the other, twittering like mad. When I went to learn the cause the skunk, badly frightened, was dodging from one side to the other of a log, trying to escape the savage attacks of the feathered tribe. The birds didn't mind me, but kept dashing their little bills into the skunk's well-punctured hide. When the skunk started across an open space to the cover of nearby driftwood his tormentors pounced upon him and riddled the poor cat's hide."

NO PATRIOTISM IN CHINA.

This Was Made Manifest in the War with Japan.

As for the patriotism of the Chinese, if it ever existed, it is unquestionably a thing of the past, says the Illustrated American. At the time of the war with Japan, China had two squadrons, the main or northern squadron, with headquarters at Port Arthur and Weihaiwei, and the southern squadron, composed of fine Armstrong cruisers, of gunboats and torpedo boats. As it was clear that the Japanese would carry the war into Manchuria and toward the Gulf of Petchili, the southern squadron was ordered to proceed northward and to reinforce the northern fleet. Far from obeying, the commanding admiral and his officers decided that, being a great deal safer in the south, they would quietly remain there, and go up a river, the entrance of which could be defended by torpedo mines, which they hurried to lay. Why, in the name of Confucius, should they have exposed themselves for the sake of defending the northern provinces? About the same time the Chinese government being in need of money to carry on the war decided that a small tax would be imposed upon the tea plantations, most of whose proprietors are wealthy, or at least well-to-do people. But these patriotic citizens, in order to avoid paying that small tax, begged the foreign merchants to take the plantations in their names!

DEPOSIT OF DIAMONDS.

Valuable Gems Found Associated with Tin Ore in Australia.

An interesting occurrence of tin ore and diamonds, which is believed to be unique, is described in the recently issued report of the department of mines and agriculture of New South Wales for 1896. Gravel containing cassiterite in workable quantities, together with diamonds, was discovered last year at Boggy camp, 15 miles west of Tingha, which has been for some time a productive tin field. The pay streak at Boggy camp, which is from 30 to 50 feet deep, averages from two to seven feet in thickness, the width of the lead not yet having been ascertained. One load of gravel yielded 515 stones of 184 karats aggregate weight and 42 loads furnished 600 karats of diamonds and tinstone at the rate of 13 pounds per load. The pay streak is a quartz pebble drift underlying a large hill of basalt. E. F. Pittman, the government geologist who examined the occurrence, considers that the basalt filled what was originally an oval-shaped depression. The gravel rests on granite, and granite can be traced entirely around the basalt. The diamonds are white and of good quality, and it is thought that when the gravel is drained the district will make a considerable production.

TO SURPASS NIAGARA.

An English Paper's Account of an American Project.

Big as the Niagara scheme is, work has just commenced upon a still larger scheme of water power development near Massena, on the St. Lawrence river, United States of America, says Chambers' Journal. It is intended to develop here 150,000 horse power by taking advantage of the difference in level between the St. Lawrence river and the Grass river, flowing nearly parallel to it at a distance of 3 1/2 miles. A big canal is to be cut across the intervening plateau, and a fall of water 50 feet in height thus obtained on the banks of the Grass river. The latter river will itself form the "fall race" of the power station. This scheme dwarfs the Niagara one, since not only do the plans provide for a greater amount of power, but man is going to do what nature has done for him at Niagara—namely, provide the waterfall. The necessary capital for carrying out this scheme has been provided, work has been commenced, and it is hoped that some of the turbines and dynamo will be working by December, 1898. If no unforeseen difficulty occur, and if this scheme be completed by the date named, it will certainly form one of the most remarkable achievements of the century.

Queer Greetings.

A South Sea islander greets a friend by flinging a jar of water over his head. In Russia it is correct for gentlemen to press the foreheads of ladies whom they know intimately with their lips; and in Germany and other continental nations kissing between men is by no means uncommon.

ECCENTRIC WESTERNER.

His Neighbors Had Aptly Named Him "Old Comparison."

The people around the little mountain town, says the Yakima (Wash.) Herald, called him "Old Comparison," and I knew in a general way why the sobriquet had been given him, but I did not, during my month's stay, have an opportunity to test it, though I had speaking acquaintance with him. One day I was passing his house, and he was sitting on the steps of the little fire-clad porch in front. "Good-morning," I said. "It's a lovely day." "Finer'n silk," he responded. "How are you this morning?" "Friskier'n a colt." "How's your wife?" "Pearter'n a pullet." "The weather is very hot and dry for this season, don't you think?" "Hotter'n a run hoss and drier'n a clean shirt." "I suppose you went to the wedding last night in the meeting house? A pretty bride, I thought." "Purrier'n a speckled dog." "The young man is very rich, I hear." "Richer'n a fertilizer a foot thick." "By the way, are you willing to sell me those sawlogs Brown couldn't take off your hands?" "Willier'n a girl to get spliced." "When can I see them?" "Quicker'n a lamb can shake his tail." And the old man grabbed his hat and stick and led the way to the river, offering no remark, but answering all questions as usual.

SWEETS IN QUEEN BESS' TIME.

Odd Names of Some Old Time Delicacies.

During the Elizabethan period there grew up in England a great national liking for sweet things. Not merely was this seen in the general taste for sugar confection, but it was manifested in the general demand for sweet wines, the rich sherries, the charneec, the sack, the sugary almond-flavored sopsosset, and other drinks of the same class. In drinking, as in eating, the increase of appetite for sugar grew by what it fed on. Though no a sweetmeat in the strict sense of the term, "sack-posset" so largely represented the taste of that time for sweetness and flavor that the recipe of Sir Fleetwood Shepherd, given by Mr. Howard Staunton in his Shakespeare notes, is worth quoting: "To make a sack-posset. Take two quarts of pure good cream and a quarter of a pound of the best almonds. Stamp them in the cream and boil with amber and musk therein. Then take a pint of sack in a basin and set it on a chafin dish till it be blood-warm. Then take the yolks of 12 eggs, with four of their whites, and beat them well together; and so put the eggs into the sack. Then stir all together over the coals till it is as thick as you would have it. If you now take some amber and musk and grind the same quite small with sugar and strech this on top of your posset, I promise you that it shall have a most delicate and pleasant taste." There was another mixture of the same class called "rambooz," made of eggs, ale, wine and sugar.

THE STINGIEST MAN.

How the Mean Man Managed to Save His Money.

"Yes, he was a mean man," said a visitor to a St. Louis host the other day, according to the Sunday Republic. "How? Tell me about it," questioned the host. "Well, this man I speak of was the champion stingy man of our country. He kept a good-sized wooden ring in his pocket, and when he went to the store to buy eggs he would try every one of those eggs in the ring. If they were small enough to go through the ring he would not take them. He bought nothing but large eggs, you see. He believed in getting everything possible for his money. "I never heard of such a thing," ejaculated the St. Louis man. "Of course you didn't," said the visitor. "Nobody else ever heard of such meanness. Why, he used to give his children a nickel apiece to go to bed without their suppers. The next morning he would charge them a nickel apiece for their breakfasts. Saving game, wasn't it?" "Say, that's a fish story!" shouted the St. Louis man, indignantly.

IT WAS ABOUT A DOG.

An Apparently Earnest Argument with a Continuous Begging.

The man who was waiting for a train and had nothing to do with an hour walked down the avenue to see what he could see, says the New York Sun. On a corner stood four young men engaged in apparently earnest argument. The tall, slender one in a light coat wagged a long forefinger at the others collectively, and said: "Now, you take a dawg." "Do' wan' no dog," put in one of the others. "Wha' kin' dog?" asked another. The tall one straightened up, wobbled a bit, and returned to the argument. "You take a dawg," he said. "Whozh dog?" asked one of the other three. The man waiting for a train walked on out of hearing. He made several blocks down the avenue and then turned back. The four young men still stood on the corner, and as he came near he heard the tall one say: "Now, you take a dawg." "Yellow dog?" asked one of the others. "Wha'd take a dog for?" asked another. The man walked on quickly, and as he passed out of sound the last he heard was: "You take a dawg." Perhaps by now the argument has reached specifications.



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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Tillamook County, executor of the last will and testament of Marshal K. Pettin deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present the same to me, properly verified as by law required, at the bank of O. R. & N. Co. at Tillamook City, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof, to wit: Dated this 15th day of September 1898. H. F. GODSPEDER, Executor of last will and testament of Marshal K. Pettin, deceased.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, November 11th, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3rd, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, LUTHER J. FLETCHER, of Dayton, county of Yamhill, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 205, for the purchase of the E 1/4 of E 1/4 of Section No. 21 in Township No. 2 S., Range No. 7 W., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Saturday, the 28th day of January, 1899. He names as witnesses: Albert E. Cook, of McMinnville, Oregon; Yamhill county, Oregon; Riley G. Smith, of Dayton, Yamhill county, Oregon; James B. Mellett, of Dayton, Yamhill county, Oregon; John W. Fishburn, of Dayton, Yamhill county, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 28th day of December, 1898. CHAS. B. MOORES, Register.

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