

EUROPEAN CUCKOO IS LAZY

Lays Its Eggs in Neighbor's Nest—
Young Brought Up by Foster
Parents.

For hundreds of years the cuckoo has been one of the birds considered most interesting and mentioned most often in European literature. This is partly because of its unusual note expressed, as the rhetoricians have it, onomatopoeically in its name, which is a direct expression of the sound of its song, but also because of its singular domestic habits. The European cuckoo is, in fact, morally depraved. If we may consider animals to have any sort of a conscience. Instead of building its own nest and incubating its own young, as is the highly proper habit of birds in general, it lays its eggs in the nest of a neighbor of different species. When the young cuckoo hatches beneath the brooding wings of its foster mother, it proceeds to kick out its smaller and weaker foster brothers and sisters of the original brood or else the unhatched eggs. The foster parents, strange to say, instead of resenting this unwarranted intrusion in their domestic affairs, appear to reconcile themselves to the situation willy-nilly, and proceed to feed the greedy stranger which has murdered their own offspring, and this with devoted care.

We are happy to say that this monstrous habit is peculiar to the European cuckoo as a general rule. The American cuckoo, both of the black-billed and yellow-billed species, usually build a nest of sorts rudely constructed of sticks and look after their own young, though occasionally they are known to follow the sneaking habits of their Old World cousins by laying an egg in the nest of a smaller bird.—Review of Reviews.

Growing Grapes on Sand.

A sand dune is about the last place on earth one would expect to see as the base for a vineyard, yet such an extraordinary sight is presented in parts of southern France. In the neighborhood of Biarritz there may be seen flourishing vineyards that grow on the dunes of quartz sand cast up by the ocean and driven by the winds. These vineyards are protected by palisades and produce great quantities of excellent grapes. They are a modern outgrowth of the ancient Brittany shore vineyards, in which the plants were simply buried in the warm sand and the grapes were developed almost on the surface of the soil. At that time no means had been devised to protect the vines, and when the wind overwhelmed them with sand the plants were removed to another locality, from which practice arose a local law that treated vineyards as movable property.

Invisible Light for Signaling.

The use of invisible light for signaling purposes was recently demonstrated before the Physical Society of London. The first machine shown, it appears, was a signaling lamp that gave a beam of light so narrow that in many circumstances it would insure secrecy. When it becomes desirable, in warfare, to avoid showing any light whatever filters are employed to cut out the visible spectrum. By day a deep red filter, transmitting only the extreme red rays of light, is placed in front of the lamp. The light is invisible to the observer unless he has a similar red screen to cut out the daylight. With the screen he can see enough to read signals at a distance of six miles. By night a screen is used that transmits only the ultra-violet rays of light.

In His Element.

A gentleman rancher fell in love with a society girl from the East who was visiting at the adjacent ranch. It was decided to have the wedding in a little town nearby. Many fashionable folks came to attend. The foreman of the groom's ranch was to be head usher. The evening of the wedding found him on hand very ill at ease in a dress suit. His duties were explained to him and he was told that it was important to seat the friends of the groom on one side of the church, the friends of the bride on the other. On hearing this he cheered up visibly and sent for his revolver. The groom asked him what on earth that meant.

"Why," said the foreman, "I see you expect a fight."

Size of the Ostrich.

When the baby ostrich emerges from his shell to view the world he is no tiny specimen, but is quite as big as a full-grown American hen. During the early months of his life he grows at a tremendous rate, averaging a full foot a month. At one he finds him, at the age of six months, six feet tall. This, you will realize, is taller than the average man.

Often the ostrich grows to a height beyond that of the common Indian pony or polo pony. When fully grown the ostrich weighs from 150 to 400 pounds, depending on its breeding and handling. It is, of course, the long legs of the ostrich which extend his height. They are very strong and swift for sprinting.

In the Dark.

There were three at the little table in the cafe, a girl and two men. Suddenly the lights went out and the girl drew back quickly.

An instant later there was the smack of a compound kiss. As the lights went up each man was seen smiling complacently.

"I thought I heard a kiss," said the girl, "but nobody kissed me."

Then the men glared at each other and flushed.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Public Forum

Editor Malheur Enterprise: Our true wisdom is in our ideals. Practical judgments shift from age to age, but principles abide, and more stable even than principles are motives which simplify and enoble life. I suppose that is why the image of Christ has grown not less, but more distinct in the consciousness of the races in the tragic day on which he died upon the cross. Our true wisdom is in our ideals.

Let not my pen be stirred by emotion, because emotion is, I know, something that vanishes like the bubbling of water, but be it rather calm and appeal to sound reasoning, for only through calm reasoning are we able to reach the firm belief and higher aspiration. Let me bold enough and sufficiently courageous to appeal directly to your heart, openly and frankly, with the idea which I have in mind.

Perchance, my glance fell upon an article in an evening paper which states that a certain candidate for president wants to revert to the pre-war internationalism, he wants to drift back with Europe into the old rivalries, jealous suspicions, and racial animosities, he wants a world torn by the conflicts of self-centered nationalism. He would employ the influence and example of the United States to discourage international co-operation, to abandon the hopeful possibilities of conference and common effort; to discredit the great attempt which is being made for a substitution of reason and law as the controlling factors in world affairs.

A wonderful age is that of today, not because of its great achievements of material progress in one country or another, but because of its awakening tide of internationalism. No country can now hold aloof from the affairs of the world. It is the spirit of internationalism which will bring "The reconciliation of the peoples, the burying of the old hatchets, the wiping out of old villainies, and the cooperating in a much closer vision of mutual help, under the direction of some sort of League of Nations, made democratic and powerful by the free consent and ardent impulses of the common folk."

This spirit of Internationalism swallows up all different nationalities and races into one big union,

where alone we find the progress and advancement of human kind. It is in this union of the world's people, regardless of nationalities, races and language, where lies the only road to freedom, righteousness and love. Narrow provincialism and national hatred have reached the time to be buried under a white tomb, where are all the relics of the older centuries such as suspicion, hatred, domination of races and intensification of national egotism.

But now behold, the dawn of a new civilization is approaching on both the eastern and western, northern and southern horizons, with scarlet rays which indicate the revolutionary hope. Thus our heart is again brightened as by the rising sun. It is the hope of the union of the world's people. Should you ask me what the union of the world's people means? My answer will be brief and simple, but it

will be emphatic as the demand. It is the union of the world's Christians under the banner of "Evangelism of the World in this generation."

I must acknowledge, my fellow citizens, because of the fact that I am an American citizen by choice, that I have neither the sweet accent nor the rhetoric eloquence of the English language as most of you have. But my friends I know that I have one thing in common with you (as well as thousands of others in my position) and that is the spirit of cooperation for the highest things of life, the things that will bring peace on earth, good will to men. Thus we do not need to stick on the old idea of nationalism nor on different religious ideas, but work together to make this world better and more rational, and this will mean Christian union

in spirit. Let the old cunning strategy of diplomats and militants scheme on down into the tomb. We will have this world saved from the downfall by this Christian union of the people. And what a great and mighty thing it will be when the Christians of America, Asia and Europe unite under the motto of World Brotherhood. Now is our time to unite and work actively, to stand for this great challenge, to bring peace on earth, good will to men of all nations.

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Serious.

"Your wife is looking well!"

"Yes. Just fancy. When I took her to the sanatorium she was so bad that I wouldn't risk buying a return ticket!"—Stockholm Sundags Nisse.

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