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Protecting African Birds.

The French have decided to take steps to preserve and increase the birds whose plumage has long been a great source of commerce in the region of the upper Niger, a little south of the desert of Sahara.

This part of the western Soudan is included in the French province of the upper Senegal and Niger. It is the region that for many generations sent by camel across the Sahara to the European markets the feathers of the ostrich and heron.

Today the steamboat and the railroad tap this region, though they do not penetrate it. They have killed the desert caravan trade, and ostrich feathers and heron plumes now take the steam route to the Atlantic. But the quantity of these prized commodities sent to the Niger for shipment has been gradually decreasing, and the French decided to look into the matter. The natives kill the animals to get the feathers, and it was feared that the birds were being annihilated.

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The source of most of the supply of feathers is the vast area south of the great northern bend of the Niger, which, up to this time, has been one of the large unexplored regions. It is still a big white space on our maps but it will be so no longer as soon as Dr. J. Decorse prepares his map material for publication. He was sent there to study the bird question, and has traversed the region in all directions. It is another instance of the spread of geographical knowledge through commercial effort.

Dr. Decorse was sent there by the governor of the upper Senegal and Niger in October, 1905, and he has only recently emerged from it. He found there the Tuaregs and other Mohammedan natives who in days gone by would have killed any white man at sight, though they collected feathers to adorn the costumes of the women of the white race. But they have been so cowed by the news of French supremacy in all the surrounding regions that they offered him no harm, though he and his small party wandered through their country for about a year and a half.

His mission has achieved results of much economic importance. He says the natives are rapidly exterminating the birds that have so long yielded them a golden harvest. He advises radical measures to prevent their extinction and small French posts through the country to enforce the proposed regulations.

He suggests that the hunting of the plumed heron be entirely interdicted for two years and that to increase the supply reservations be established within which the natives shall never be permitted to hunt this bird.

He found the wild ostrich is still very abundant, though the numbers have been greatly reduced. He advises that the government establish stations to the west of the Niger for the domestication of the animal, just as has been done on a large scale in South Africa. The territories within the Niger bend are not yet sufficiently organized for the starting of ostrich ranches, and the region he recommends for the experiment is west of the Niger, between Faguibiao on the north and Farimake on the south. His plans, presented to the government in great detail, are based upon the idea that the ranches should be kept in their natural state as nearly as possible.

Dr. Decorse says that the wild ostrich in the French possessions is sure to be exterminated if it continues to be killed to obtain its plumage. Paris, the greatest of ostrich feather markets, will have to depend on foreign sources of supply unless the bird is domesticated in the French domain. He asks for three years in which to give a fair trial to the project.

The government has decided to supply funds for a thorough test of the question whether the ostrich can be successfully domesticated in the French Soudan. Dr. Decorse will have charge of the work. The feather trade of Paris, and especially the Syndica des Plumassiers, is following the enterprise with the greatest interest.—New York Sun.

The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration, seems to be between 50 and 60; the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged; carelessness then being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by J. C. Perry, druggist. 50c

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Feasibility of a Parcels Post.

The minute Postmaster General Meyer had expressed himself as seriously considering the feasibility of adding a parcels post to the post-office service with a limit of ten pounds weight on packages carried there was a rush of arguments from certain quarters to show why such a service would be impracticable in the United States, although every other country could use it.

The central assertion on which the arguments depended was that distances were too great in the United States. It was claimed that with a uniform postage rate depending on weight alone the government would lose all the profitable short-distance matter and be compelled to carry all the long-distance matter at a loss, which the critics did not hesitate to estimate, in advance of any information as to the exact plan of the department, at a minimum of \$150,000,000 a year.

It may or may not be the case that a thorough parcels post system would have to modify to some extent the method so successfully employed in European countries. But here are some facts as to what the government finds itself able to do today in the way of giving parcels service to and from foreign countries, which bear on the problem.

Packages may now be sent to most of the South and Central American countries, to Germany, Great Britain, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Belgium, and to Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Korea and many Chinese cities at the rate of 12 cents a pound. For the majority of these countries the maximum weight is 11 pounds, and to none is the permitted

weight less than four pounds a pound. The packages may be three feet six inches in length or six feet in length and girth combined.

This service is given, even though domestic parcels cannot exceed four pounds in weight and cost a cent a ounce or 16 cents a pound. At the cheaper foreign rate packages may be carried the full length of the United States and then to a foreign country.

And even more striking discrimination against domestic service is to be found in the case of matter classified as "commercial paper," including deeds, invoices, manuscript, etc. etc. This can be sent abroad at the rate of 1 cent for two ounces, while at home it costs full letter postage rates of 2 cents an ounce, just four times as much.

Apparently there would be no real danger of immediate ruin should the government try to experiment at home with the service it now give to foreign countries.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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