

PRETTIEST BIRD IN WORLD

Quezal of South Guatemala Takes Beauty Prize Among Feathered Creatures.

What is considered the most beautiful bird in the world is the quezal, of Guatemala.

The quezal was the royal bird of the ancient Aztecs, and its plumes were used to decorate the head-dresses and cloaks of their kings.

It is the hardest of all birds to prepare for mounting, for its skin is as tender as so much tissue paper.

Up to 1860, naturalists did not know where the quezal was to be found.

MONEY THAT WENT BEGGING

One of the Most Curious Cases in the History of the Chancery Courts.

Perhaps there is no more curious chapter in the history of the chancery courts than that of a claim to a small estate abroad, but he did not have the money to pay the claim agency to make a search.

Protection.

"Women who are alone in a flat all day take many precautions to insure safety," a gas collector said.

"It's all right, Central. It's only the gas man."

"Of course, she was under no obligations to explain that cryptic allusion to myself, but she did it voluntarily."

"Every time the doorbell rings when I am here alone," she said, "I take the receiver off the hook and leave the telephone open before I go to the door, so that if I should have occasion to scream they could hear me at headquarters and send somebody to my assistance."

"To utilize the telephone company as a private detective bureau struck me as nervy, but I have since learned that a lot of lone women resort to that plan with satisfaction to all concerned."

Motors in West Africa.

The policy of developing southern Nigeria by means of road-making has resulted in the existence of several hundred miles of roads suitable for mechanical transport.

The Finish.

She—Mary wouldn't work for \$5 a week and now she is working for a dollar.

HOW DUTCH FARMERS LIVE

Cattle Invariably Are Housed Under the Same Roof as the Family.

The typical Dutch farmhouse is square, one-storied, with a pyramid-shaped roof. The space between the apex of the roof and the ceiling of the dwelling part is generally used as a storehouse for winter food for the cattle.

The cheesemaker's family sleeps in beds built in cupboard-like recesses in the wall and as far from the window as possible.

WAS AFRAID OF EXCITEMENT

Reasons Advanced by Man Who Wanted to Get Off Bond of Mail Contractor.

The departments in Washington receive some queer letters. Below is given verbatim a letter received last November by the bureau that has charge of the bonds of mail contractors, from a man who wished to get off a bond. It is unique.

"I risk my life to go to the lecture this fall I have done all I can for you office men at the White house. So I work like if you office men Wood get me out of trouble so I cod Reed I want Work one Day for 13 years on count of Palpitation of the Heart.

Don't Be a Dowdy.

The best-dressed woman is not necessarily the one who spends the most money. Time, thought, and taste tell to the advantage of dress.

Charity Box.

Take an old trunk or large box and rail it your charity box. Into it put all the articles with which you have finished—pictures, magazines, books to read and old ones for scrap books.

Missing the Point.

Representative Bucker of Colorado, apropos of a tariff argument about sugar, said to a Washington correspondent: "Oh, well, those men don't see my point. They miss my point as badly as the old lady missed her son's."

Everybody Pretty Green.

"It's no wonder that Cain turned out so badly."

TRUE VALUE OF OUR LIFE

Some Great Emergency Furnishes the Test Which Makes Clear the Real Valuation.

There is so much for us to do, so many wrongs to be made right and so many evils to be remedied that a consideration of the petty bickerings of life is far beneath our notice.

The terrible test of some great emergency, however, makes clear life's true values. The greatest success that can be attained, the largest fortunes that can be attained, the highest station that can be achieved are as nothing in the closing hours of a man's life.

SAVED FROM SHARK'S JAWS

Varacious Account of the Experience of a Wrecked Passenger on the Atlantic.

"They were telling stories in the smoke room. 'I'll tell you how I was once saved from a shark,' said a stranger, who had listened with growing interest.

"An idea struck me, and I rushed down to where my machine was stored. I hurriedly removed the front wheel and then took off the tire. I took my pump and blew up the tube until it was the size of a life-buoy.

An Appreciation.

We wish to thank our congressmen for a nifty package of garden seeds sent from Washington for our special use. It is nice to be thus remembered by one who is far away in a strange land, and it beats a picture postcard forty ways.

Customs of Other Days.

Drinking tricks figured in diplomacy in the time of Henry VIII. Mrs. Henry Cust quotes the king's challenge to Hubertus, the representative of the Palgrave Frederick. He sent for two huge goblets, filled with wine and beer respectively, and gave the envoy his choice for a "drinking out" test.

Domestic Science.

The Chicago woman who advertised for a domestic, and offered a weekly auto ride as one of the inducements, got but one reply. She was requested to send a photograph of the chauffeur so that it could be determined whether the place was as attractive as desired.

Mother's Diagnosis.

Speaking of mothers, a Squirrel Hill matron is an object of considerable solicitude just now on the part of a couple of young Pittsburgers, although she doesn't know it.

GREAT POWER OF THE LION

Only When Seen in the Wilderness Can One Realize What a Great Beast He Is.

"A very large lion I killed stood three feet and nine inches at the withers and of course carried his head higher than that," writes Stewart Edward White in the American Magazine.

"He weighed just under 600 pounds, or as much as four well-grown specimens of our own 'mountain lion' I tell you this that you may realize, as I did not see the size to which a wild lion grows.

BODY AS WELL AS BRAIN

Aim of Modern Educators Now is to Promote the Health of the Child.

It is no longer sufficient that school shall not interfere with the health of the child; it must positively promote it, asserts Dr. Woods Hutchinson.

Jungle's Low Comedian.

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Tailors as Literary Men.

One does not look for literary men among tailors, but none the less the trade can claim some illustrious names. John Stow, the antiquary and author of the "Survey of London," for instance, began life as a tailor, and another famous tailoring antiquary was John Speed, one of our early map makers and member of the Society of Antiquaries.

Pride of the Tenements.

The social worker's fifth floor protege, on the occasion of the former's third visit, said: "When you come again won't you please carry a box of paints or an easel or something like that to make folks think you are an artist?"

CHART OF ILLIMITABLE VOID

Remarkable Five-Acre Sectional Map of the Sky at Harvard University.

This seems to be an age of great things. To talk of billions no longer occasions a shiver of incredulous admiration. One of the wonders at Harvard university today is a five-acre sectional map of just plain sky and constellations.

In a scholarly annual report the director of the observatory calls attention to the fact that during the past year 3,756 photographs of stars were made by the observatory.

In the study of the stars at the Harvard observatory there is something more than mere love of knowledge or tender sentiment. Even the slow-paced walk of lovers under the arching Cambridge elms has no more of witchery and romance about it than the wonders of scientific research stored away in the college observatory, which with its various stations has already become the shrine of modern astronomers.

DYING BEQUEST OF SOLDIER

Shared Brother Might Have Foolish Sentiment About Making Use of Gift.

During the latter part of the Civil War Basil Gildersleeve lay one day apparently at the point of death, surrounded by several members of his family.

Tale of the Sea.

Seafaring people can generally quote plenty of instances to show how ill luck dogs a captain once it has claimed him. I know of many such (writes 'H. W. '), but the most curious case is connected with a small island or large rock in the Mediterranean. There was, or was, according to report, a man living on it.

Staying Power of Irish Butter.

Irish butter, which is engaging the attention of the house of lords, has staying powers. In 1906 some men cutting turf near Killucan found a tub containing about two hundredweight of butter buried deep in a bog.

In the Prohibition State.

"Got any gasoline, mister?" asked Dubbleigh, drawing up alongside of a Maine garage.

FATHER ROUSED THE BOY

Follows Doctor's Advice and Casts the Lure That Tempts Fleeting Ambition.

"The boy is all right," said the doctor, "but you want to talk to him and rouse his ambition. Promise him that you will take him somewhere when he recovers sufficiently to go out—a vaudeville show, for instance; talk to him about playing with the boys; there are lots of ways in which you can interest him."

"Come, Tommy, cheer up, my boy; wouldn't you like to go and play with your schoolmates?"

"A faint smile stole over the boy's face, but that was all. 'Stop, sir,' said the father; 'I'll rouse him. See here, Tommy,' he asked, addressing the boy, 'wouldn't you like to go out and throw a stone through Mother Bibb's candy shop window?'"

PLEASED WITH HIS PROGRESS

Pursuit of the Affections of the Widow Shy Was Not Exactly Smooth, However.

"Tck!—yassah! Blegged to you for de terrygation ash; and I's pufferash'n' mighty fine in muh love for 'd' wid de Widdler Shy. At de first, de lady took and put chase to me wid a shotgun when I mentioned muh attitude to 'd's her. Bless goodness!—'twuznet' loaded, but she done rammed me wit it as I salled over de fence and like to uh-broke de spine ob muh back. De time she flung hot watah on me she sho' scalded me good and plenty; but I got well after a while, den, as de faithful allus does.

Wouldn't War on the Ministry.

There are some drawbacks to the teaching of language by sound, especially where the younger school element is being instructed by that system. In one of the first grade classes of the Greenwood school lately the Hand of Mercy slogan into the young brains. One clause of the "revolve" is an injunction to be "kind to all harmless living creatures."

Water for Nervousness.

A trained nurse says: "If people would only drink more water they would not be so nervous." Nearly every doctor will recommend a woman who is suffering from nervous prostration or nervous exhaustion to drink lots of water between meals, but many women who do not come under a doctor's care would look better and feel better if they would drink at least a quart of water in the course of the day.

Women Anxious to Serve.

More than twice as many women as could be used applied for enlistment in the Women's Sick and Wounded Convoy corps, the newest adjunct to the British army. The corps takes part in practice drills, makes its own camp, does stretcher work and otherwise gets practical training for the regular service.

Chambermaid Must.

"Why do you object to hotel orchestras?"