

SOME BIRD MIGRATIONS.

Instances of Prairie Chickens and Wild Turkeys Leaving Home for Strange Lands.

Game birds sometimes make extensive migrations, even though of a species not commonly migratory, states the New York Sun.

Prairie chickens, some years ago, flew northward from Illinois and the adjacent country, and thousands alighted in the limits of cities and towns in their path, notably in Detroit, Mich. Other thousands were drowned in Lake Superior while trying to fly across that lake. Others got over safely and took up their homes in the Canadian burned regions beyond the great lakes.

What induced these birds to migrate from a region where the race had been native beyond all memory of man has never been explained.

Wild turnkeys migrated in a similar manner from Michigan in the days when that game bird was abundant there. They had been hunted persistently for years, when suddenly they all disappeared.

They traveled due west, and it is on record that "the flock was a quarter of a mile wide, and was several hours in passing." Soon after that strange exodus wild turkeys appeared in great numbers in the far west in regions where they had never been before, and where their progeny is still abundant.

MOST VALUABLE GROUND.

City Lots in New York That Are Priced Higher Than Any Other in the World.

The highest priced land in the world is that bounded by Wall and Broad streets and Broadway, in lower New York city, says Success. A square foot of ground on a corner of Broadway and Wall street cannot be had for less than \$450. The most expensive land in London sells for \$300 a square foot. The average price of land in New York city's financial district is about \$175. Next in the scale comes the woman's shopping district, from Fourteenth to Twenty-third streets, on Sixth avenue, and from Thirty-fourth street to Forty-second street, on Broadway. Here land ranges all the way from \$60 to \$350 a square foot. On the northwest corner of Broadway and Thirty-fourth street the latter price was obtained. The real estate man who can tell the future movements of population on Manhattan is in a position to realize a fortune. The growth of Brooklyn and Jersey City has checked the movement of the population north, and it is said the most valuable land on Manhattan Island will always remain south of Central park. The lower half of the island will soon have nothing on it except office buildings, factories and tenement houses.

THE COWBOY TAUGHT HER.

Dashing Women Riders in the West Who Are at Home on the Bucking Bronchos.

It is from the cowboy that the western equestrienne has learned her most valuable lesson in riding. The cross-saddle and divided skirt have given her equal privileges, and she has not failed to take advantage of them. There has arisen in the west to-day a school of riders that probably cannot be equaled in the world, observes the Detroit Free Press. This school is made up of women who are to be found in every part of the great western cattle country. They are dashing, natural riders, who are as much at home in the saddle as the cowboy who ever donned a pair of "shaps." Many of them take part in the cattle round-ups, and some have even acquired fame as steer ropers and branders. To such women a bucking bronco has no terror. In-

stead, they regard a "tussle with one of these vicious animals as nothing short of good sport. They are seldom thrown, but if they are hurled from the back of a "bucker" they return to the saddle and never cease plying the quirt and spurs until they have reduced the "outlaw" to submission.

A WORD WANTED.

One That Will Express the Ever-Increasing Class of Words Named After Individuals.

A writer in the Spectator is hunting for a word and asks the readers of the Spectator to assist him. The word desired is one that will express the ever-increasing class of words that are named after some individual, e. g., "boycott," "macadamize," "doily," "mackintosh," "gamp," "peeler," "Robert," "Bobby," "Whitehead" (for a torpedo), etc.

Such words should be classified under a name by themselves. What should this word be? "Cognominals" has been suggested. A cognomen, however, is a surname, and such words are not always taken from the person's surname—"Bobby," for example, to indicate a policeman. "Onomatopoeic" and "aneronomatic" have also been suggested; but that would not include "gamp" or "Mrs. Grundy."

No exception can be taken to the term "anthroponomatic," so far as accuracy of description is concerned; but it is a terribly long word, and an apt short word is a desideratum.

A Wireless Piano.

A citizen of Bloomington, Ill., has invented a wireless piano. He first constructed a five-octave comb-reed of steel, placed it upon a bridge and soundboard and by degrees discovered a way to make a very fine harp note. He has been working for 18 years on his invention.

OLD PEOPLE WHO WORK.

World-Famed Celebrities Who Still Keep Busy Although Over the Fourscore.

It is needless to call upon history to prove the usefulness and richness that may attend the lives of those who have passed their three score years and ten, says Will Carleton's Magazine, Every Where. The venerable Gladstone did the thinking and much of the speaking for the government of one of the mightiest empires of the world, almost up to the day of his death. Pope Leo, at the age of 91, carries the burdens of a worldwide church, and Herbert Spencer at 81 reads and digests the news and literature of the world and re-creates therefrom an immortal philosophy. In our own land the sturdy Senator Morrill and Evarts, the jurist, worked out their problems of state and law almost up to the very hour when they were called to higher fields of effort; and to-day ex-Senator Bradbury, of Maine, aged 99, and Senator Pettus, of Alabama, at 81, are busy with the affairs of this world.

The venerable David Wark, the "father of the Canadian senate," performs the duties of his high office at the remarkable age of 97, and Verdi still composed music at the age of 87. There are few keener or more persistently active minds in the world of finance than that of Russell Sage, who recently celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday, while King Christian of Denmark actively administers the affairs of state at the age of 85, and Julia Ward Howe, though 83, writes books that sell, and gives lectures that people are eager to hear.

OKLOHOMAS CUT THEIR HAIR.

Young Men of the Tribe Are Fast Discarding Many of Their Aboriginal Ways.

The blending of the customs of the red men and the palefaces is dis-

passed in a report recently sent to Washington by Maj. George W. H. Stouch, United States army, the agent in charge of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indian reservation in Oklahoma. As the views of an authority on the subject, the report, reviewed by the Washington Star, throws interesting sidelights on what is really taking place in the amalgamation of the two races. Maj. Stouch says:

"Many of the older Indians adhere to their religious customs, yet they do not indulge in them to any alarming or detrimental extent. By moral suasion and friendly advice a number of the young Indians have been prevailed upon to discontinue the wearing of long hair.

"No strenuous effort has been put forth to induce the old Indians, who have worn long hair all their days, to shear their locks, as to compel them to cut their hair would be very bad policy and result in more harm than good. The loss of their hair would make the old fellows weak, humiliated and cowed characters out of what are now strong and leading spirits."

She Fears Cats.

For 21 years Lizzie Cunningham, of New York, dislocates her jaw every time a cat approaches her. When she was 16 years old she was attacked by a cat, and since then every time she sees a cat running toward her she opens her mouth to scream and is unable to close it again.

Russian Aeroplanes.

Aeroplanes, known as "Flying Dragons," are now in use in the Russian fleet. Several of these kites bound together can support a man in the air. Considerable heights are thus reached and the invention is admirably adapted for scouting.

INSURANCE IN SURGERY.

Plan Adopted by English People of Moderate Means Which Seems to Be Good.

In England people of moderate means are beginning to insure themselves against surgical operations. The plan is that subscribers who pay an annual fee shall be entitled either to free admittance to a hospital or nursing at home and free operation or to a fixed sum paid down to defray the cost of an operation if one becomes necessary. In England, as here, the cost of surgical repairs to the human body has become oppressively great to persons who just manage to pay their way. People who are obviously poor get a great deal of excellent surgical and medical treatment in hospitals and elsewhere for nothing, but for the next class above them a serious illness—especially if it involves an operation—is almost ruinous, says Harper's Weekly.

It would seem as if the time was near when societies for insurance against specialists might be profitably organized in the larger American cities. The specialist has come to be a very important—indeed, an indispensable—institution, especially to families in which there are children. The office of the family doctor has now become simplified to the task of coming in and telling the patient which specialist to go to. It is not that specialists charge too much, for their honorable services are above price. It is that landlord, butcher, baker, grocer, milkman, coalman, dentist and trained nurse do not leave you money enough to pay them appropriately. To subscribe a considerable sum annually and have all the repairs and desirable improvements made in one's family without further disbursement would be a comparatively simple way out of a troublesome predicament.

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